

Silverton OCP & Zoning Update Survey

Silverton is small, your voice isn't - Help Shape the Future of Silverton

The Village of Silverton is updating its **Official Community Plan (OCP)** and **Zoning Bylaw**. These documents guide where housing can be built, how businesses operate, how we protect the lake, and how our village grows over the next 20 years.

Silverton has changed since the plans were written over 15 years. This update ensures the community's current values, needs, and priorities are reflected moving forward.

You do not need planning knowledge to complete this survey. We are looking for your lived experience and honest opinions. There are no right or wrong answers.

Please answer thoughtfully and include comments wherever you can. Every response is read and considered. In a large city one survey is just a statistic, but in Silverton, it helps shape real decisions.

Completed surveys can be dropped off or mailed to the Village office: 421 Lake Ave., Silverton, BC, V0G 1S0.

Or scan it and email it to us at: info@silverton.ca

Thank you – your voice is part of the plan.

General Information: All survey responses are anonymous, but we'd still like to know a bit about you.

1. What is your age?
 - Under 18
 - 18-29
 - 30-44
 - 45-65
 - 65+
2. How long have you been connected to Silverton?
 - Less than a year
 - 1-5 years
 - 6-10 years
 - 11-20 years
 - 21-50 years
 - 50 years +
3. Which best describes you?
Check all that apply
 - I live in Silverton year-round
 - I live in Silverton seasonally
 - I own property in Silverton but live elsewhere
 - I work in Silverton
 - I regularly visit Silverton
4. *IF* you live in Silverton, what is your current housing arrangement?
 - Homeowner
 - Year-round renter
 - Seasonal renter
 - Temporary
 - Looking for housing in Silverton
5. *IF* you live in Silverton, what is your household type?
 - Live alone
 - Couple
 - Family with children
 - Multi-generational household
 - Roommates
 - Other

Dreaming & Scheming: The OCP is a plan for Silverton's future.

Help us envision what that looks like to you.

6. Looking at the next 20 years, what priorities should the updated OCP focus on for Silverton?

Please pick your top 5

- Protecting village character
 - Housing options
 - Housing affordability
 - Emergency preparedness & safety
 - Local business retention & attraction
 - Parks/trails/recreation
 - Tourism
 - Civil infrastructure (water/roads/boat launch, etc)
 - Community buildings (Memorial Hall, Gallery, arena)
 - Heritage preservation
 - Environmental protection
 - Energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction
 - Arts, culture & community events
 - Transportation & walkability
 - Health services
 - Family support (day care, family-friendly activities, etc)
7. The 2010 OCP's vision statement was developed for Silverton in 2032, emphasizing a transition to an eco-tourism friendly community with diverse housing, green spaces, safe roads and walkways and sustainable economic development opportunities. Does this vision still reflect Silverton's direction today?

8. What housing types are most needed in Silverton over the next 20 years?

Please pick up to 3

- Year-round rentals
- Secondary suites
- Carriage/laneway homes
- Family housing
- Small multi-unit (duplex/fourplex)
- Live/work (home occupations)
- Housing for seniors
- Supportive/special needs housing
- Short-term rentals/seasonal/tourist accommodations
- No additional housing needed

9. What should new developments in Silverton look like?

Please pick up to 3

- Maintain heritage style buildings
- Similar size to existing homes
- Allow modern architecture
- Allow multi-unit housing
- Stronger design guidelines needed for a cohesive village look
- Mixed use, such as a storefront with a residence above or behind

10. In your own words, what opportunities could growth bring to Silverton?

11. If new developments were to happen, where in Silverton should they go?

12. If you've ever tried to do a project in Silverton (renovation, addition, new build, etc), what was the biggest barrier?

13. When the Village plans improvement projects, what matters most to you?

Please pick up to 3

- Keep taxes low / affordability
- Reliability and safety first
- Environmental protection
- Accessibility for seniors and people with disabilities
- Supporting tourism and local business
- Climate resilience (fire/flood/heat)

14. Silverton should develop a strategy to support attracting new businesses and employment to the area.

- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- No opinion

15. What additional businesses or employment opportunities would you like to see in Silverton? If any.

16. How should the Village manage short-term rentals in Silverton (ie: Airbnb/visitor rentals)?

Please pick one

- Encourage them – they support tourism
- Allow but regulate
- Limit the number allowed
- Discourage them altogether
- No opinion

17. Have short-term rentals in Silverton affected you or someone you know?

Check all that apply

- Harder to find housing
- Noise issues
- Parking issues
- No impact
- Positive impact (family visits, income, tourism)

18. What transportation improvements are most needed in Silverton?

Please pick up to 3

- Sidewalks
- Safer highway crossings
- Traffic calming (slower speeds)
- Parking
- Trails and walking paths
- Accessibility improvements
- Bike routes

19. What issues, if any, affect your enjoyment of living/visiting in Silverton?

Check all that apply

- Noise
- Air quality – smoke from wildfires or woodfire in homes, road dust
- Insufficient parking – do you have to drive around to find a spot?
- Unsightly properties with excess junk/vehicles stored
- Traffic speeds
- Conflicts between visitors and residents
- Derelict/unsafe buildings or properties
- No issues

20. What emergency risks for Silverton concern you the most?

Please pick up to 3

- Wildfire
- Smoke/air quality
- Flooding
- Landslides/rockfall
- Clean water supply
- Extreme heat
- Power outages
- Other
- No concern at all

21. Which environmental or recreational priorities matter most to you?

Please pick up to 3

- Protecting Slocan Lake water quality
- Public lakefront access
- Beaches and swimming areas
- Trails and walking paths
- Natural hazard preparedness
- Community garden/food security
- Air/noise/light impacts from village life

22. Which community amenities in Silverton should be protected or enhanced in the next 20 years?

Please pick up to 3

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat launch | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor workout gym |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silverton Gallery | <input type="checkbox"/> Finland Cabin outdoor museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curling arena | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor mining equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dewis Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Firesmart community garden |

23. If you could add any amenity or community service to improve the quality of life for Silvertonians, what would it be?

24. What makes Silverton feel like Silverton to you?

25. Anything else you want us to know about the OCP and Zoning update?