



February 24th, 2010

Re: Request for Participation in the **Speaking Our Minds: An OCP Discussion Forum.**

| Dear Clearwater resident / organization

The Council of the District of Clearwater has appointed members to sit on the District's Official Community Plan Steering Committee, and appointed Focus Corporation to guide the OCP Process. Over the next few weeks the Committee members, in partnership with Focus Corporation will be engaging residents and organizations of Clearwater in developing an Official Community Plan (OCP) for the District of Clearwater.

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a "vision" developed by the community to manage the social, economic, environmental and physical future of an area by guiding land use, development and transportation activities. The plan will provide a unified approach to achieving goals, and will ensure an even brighter future for the residents and businesses of Clearwater.

From 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm on the evening of March 17th, 2010 the Official Community Plan Steering Committee will be hosting an event called **Speaking Our Minds: An OCP Discussion Session** at Clearwater Secondary School. This event offers residents and organizations the opportunity to have a one-on-one discussion with members of the OCP Steering Committee and pass on any suggestions and concerns associated with the OCP. Interested parties are asked to prepare a discussion paper for Steering Committee members to consider. The paper can be presented at the March 17th event and should take 15 minutes or less to present. Some issues that you or your organization may want to touch upon include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Housing
- Sustainability
- Environment
- Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Community Economic Development
- Land Use
- Growth Management
- Health and Quality of Life
- Transportation
- Food Security

As a community member/organization with a particular interest in these topics we wanted to make sure that you are aware of the opportunity to participate in this event. If you or your organization is interested in attending the discussion session, or have any questions please contact OCP Steering Committee member Linda Selbee at 674-3717 or alselbee@telus.net. Alternately, you can visit Linda at Home Hardware and sign up on the sheet located at the front of the store.

*** Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided for all discussion groups***

On behalf of the Official Community Plan Steering Committee, I would like to thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and cooperation towards this important local process.

Sincerely,

Clearwater OCP Steering Committee
District of Clearwater

For more information on the Clearwater OCP review process please visit us online at www.districtofclearwater.com/development-services/official-community-plan