# Re: OMRA/KVNA Meeting with OCP Team 17-March-2021

**David Jenkins** 

Tue 2021-03-30 8:39 AM

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### Danielle / Robert

Following up on our March 17th meeting, below are some comments to reinforce the points we discussed.

### **Neighbourhood Associations**

- We jointly see NAs as a cooperative relationship that will help bring focus to City OCP initiatives on at the community level.
- We recognize that the City is rethinking the role of NAs and are very willing to work with you in refining how they can work better for both parties.

### **Suburban Housing Mix**

- We agree that the impact of COVID on housing demand in the suburbs both in quantity and mix - is an evolving situation.
- However, WFH was already a significant trend prior to the pandemic and appreciate that the OCP process is closely monitoring this to evaluate if adjustments are required in terms of housing mix and the need for local commercial services.
- The need for 'Aging-in-Place' is becoming more important, both in terms of healthcare and sense of community for our aging population. This has implications for:
  - Housing design & functionality
  - Potential 'communal/collective' living arrangements
  - Access to primary healthcare within suburban areas

#### **VIllage Centres**

- We agree that more needs to be done to find the right balance between VCs as commercial (transactional) and community (relational) areas.
  - Role of community schools?
  - Incorporation of open green spaces?
  - Community services health, libraries, meeting spaces?
- We agreed that this needs its own discussion and are happy to work with you.

#### **Transportation Infrastructure**

- With Thomson Flats and the SPR Phase2 off the table, solutions for congestion getting out of the Upper Mission are still urgently needed.
  - Is the Okaview/Frost Road intersection project still a potential?

• The Transportation Master Plan will deal with specific projects and this will be forwarded to them for more discussion.

Again, we appreciate the time and attention you gave us during the meeting: we look forward to working with you on the implementation of the OCP in our communities.

# **David Jenkins Board Member**



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On Mar 18, 2021, 16:16 -0700, Robert Miles

, wrote:

Thanks David, it was a pleasure meeting with you and the other representatives from OMRA and KVNA. I look forward to your feedback and if there's any additional information you need, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards,

Robert

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Danielle / Robert,

On behalf of OMRA/KVNA, thank you for meeting with us yesterday: your explanation of the OCP intent and process and the discussion of the issues we had raised in our discussion paper were very helpful. I believe both parties demonstrated that a strong partnership relationship between the City and NAs will be mutually beneficial.

Over the next few days we will go over out notes and come back to you with a refinement of our thoughts on moving ahead.

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