# VILLAGE OF BELCARRA OCP REVIEW

## OCP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING #3

APRIL 6 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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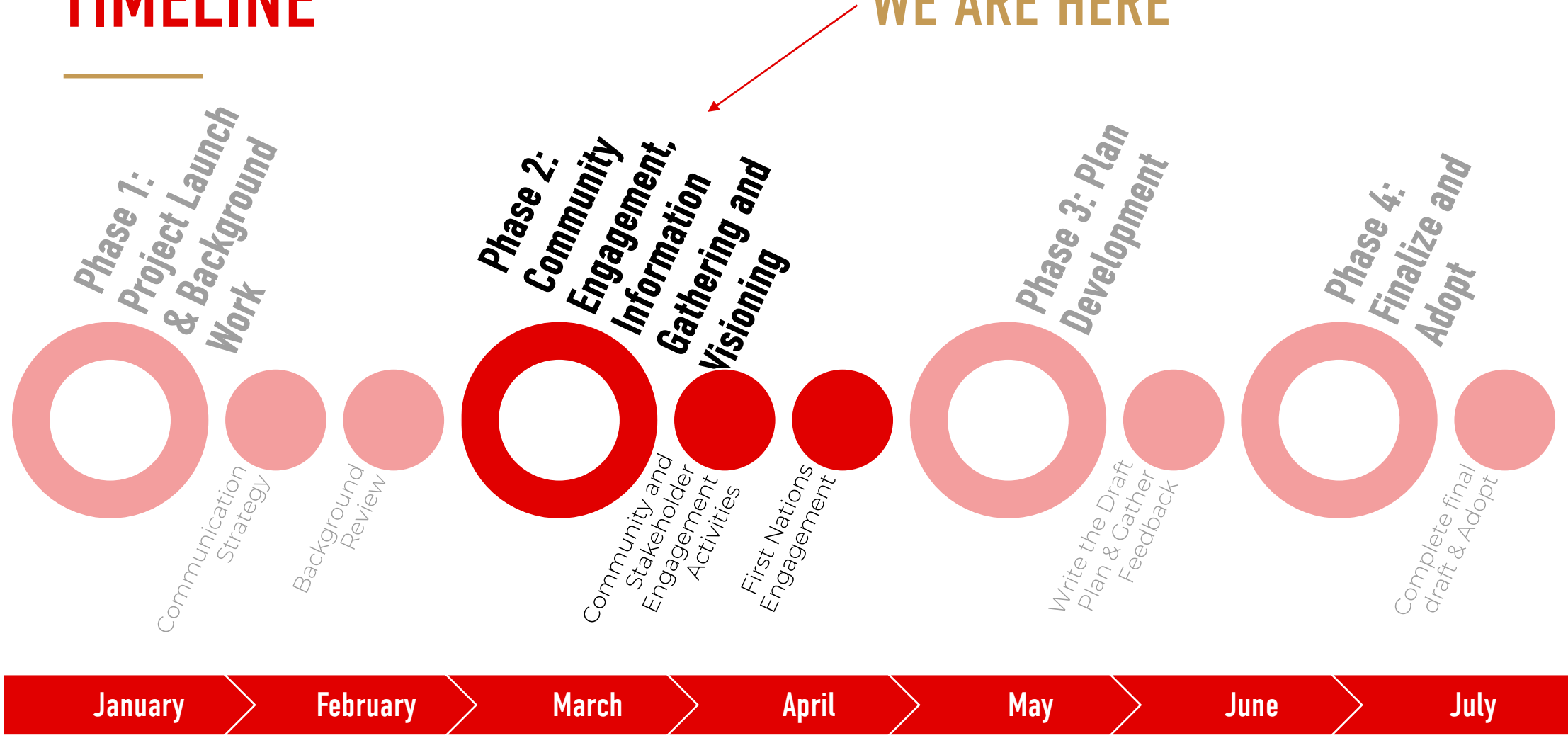
# WELCOME!

# AGENDA

## APRIL 6, 2022 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

1. Stakeholder Engagement Update
2. Community Survey Results
3. Virtual Open House Feedback
4. Research Teams Presentations
5. Next Steps
6. Adjournment

# TIMELINE

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# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

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## STAKEHOLDERS WE HAVE MET WITH:

- Metro Vancouver Planning Department
- Metro Vancouver Parks Department
- Sasamat Outdoor Centre
- City of Port Moody
- Sasamat Fire Department
- Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce
- TransLink

## STAKEHOLDERS WE HAVE EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO AND ARE COORDINATING MEETINGS WITH:

- Tsliel-Waututh Nation
- BC Hydro
- Community Recreation Association
- Lower Mainland Local Government

The Village of Anmore thanked us for extending an offer to meet, but has no comments at this time.

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# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

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- Available online between February 21 and March 15
- 111 total responses out of 643 residents (2016 Census) – 17.2% participation rate!
- Age of Respondents:
  - 34% of respondents are 65 to 74 years of age
  - 29% of respondents are between 55 and 64 years of age
- Years in Belcarra:
  - 27% of respondents have lived in Belcarra for over 40 years
  - 34% of respondents have lived in Belcarra between 20 and 30 years

# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE WHERE YOU LIVE?

- Bedwell Bay (37%)
- Belcarra Bay (14%)
- Main Ave (10%)
- Coombe Lane (6%)
- Whiskey Cove (6%)
- Belcarra Bay Road (5%)
- Farrer Cove (4%)
- Turtlehead (4%)
- Other or N/A (8%)
- Belcarra (2%)
- Robson Rd (2%)
- Marine Ave (1%)
- Midden Rd (1%)
- Twin Islands (1%)

# WHAT ARE 3 WORDS YOU WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE BELCARRA TODAY?

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# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

| Natural Surroundings (37%) | Rural Setting (18%) | Sense of Community (16%) | Peaceful Environment (16%) | Access to Nature (13%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| • Ocean<br>• Forest<br>• Wildlife<br>• Scenery/views | • Remote location<br>• Quaint<br>• Small-town feel<br>• Country atmosphere | • Friendly<br>• Safe<br>• Small population | • Quiet<br>• Tranquil<br>• Private | • Parks and trails<br>• Waterfront access<br>• Outdoor recreation |

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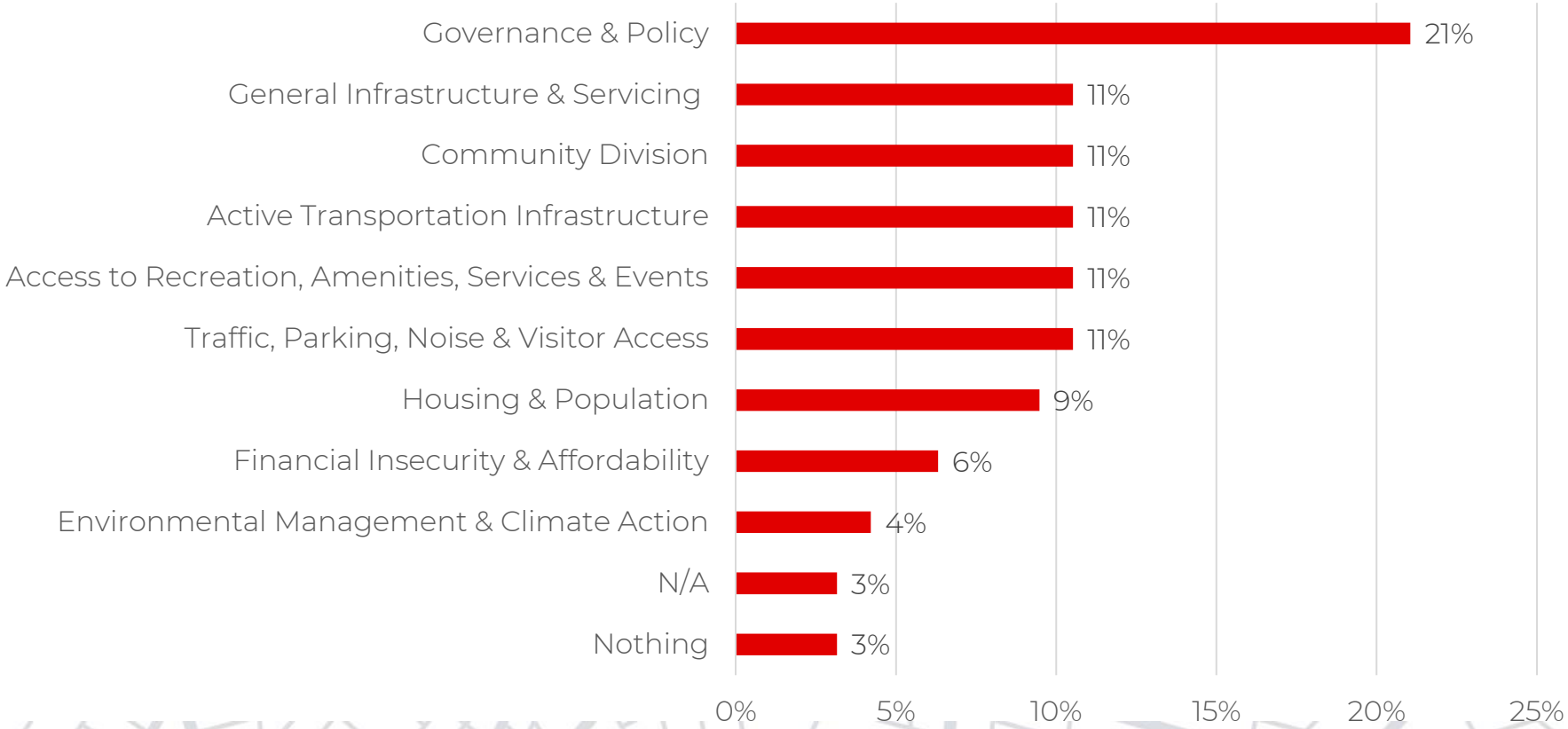
# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD CHANGE ABOUT BELCARRA?

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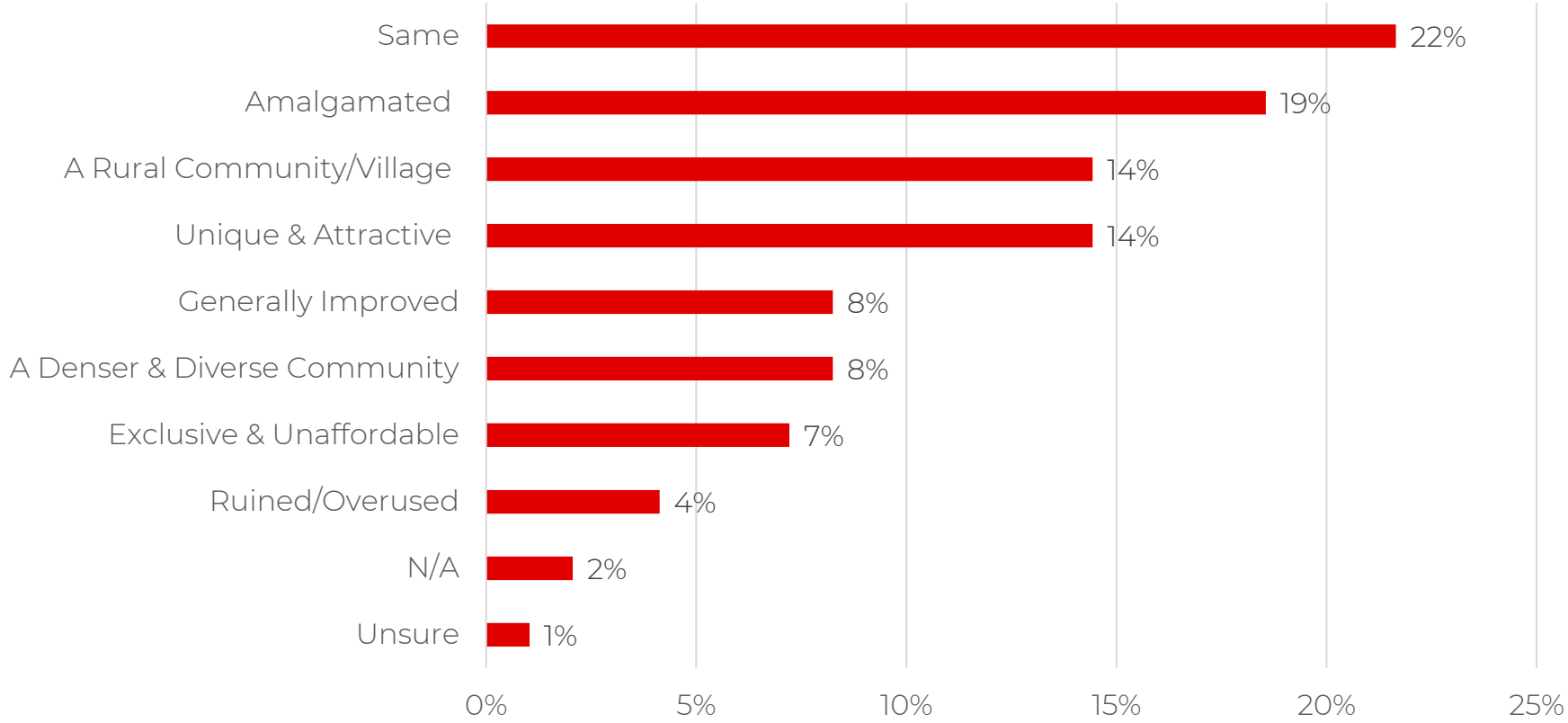
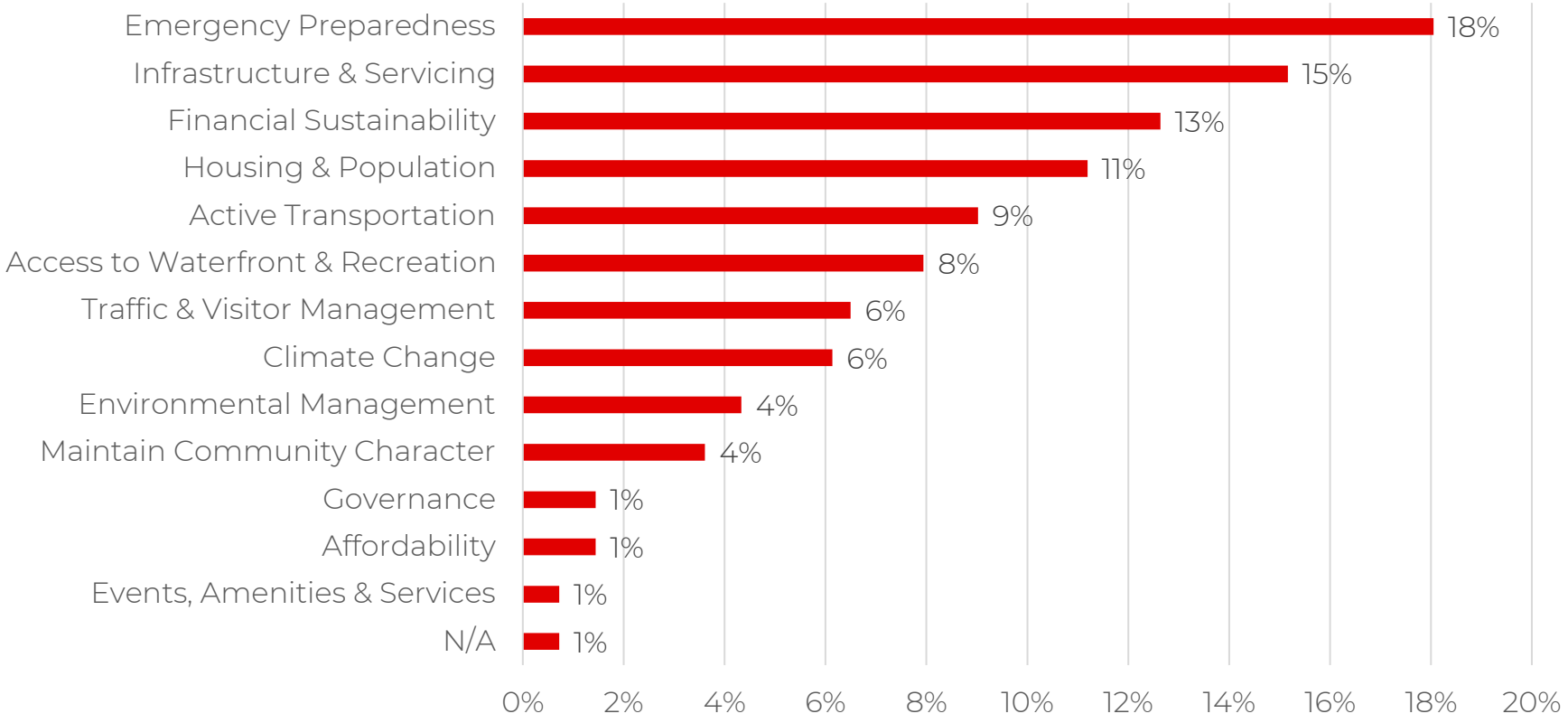
# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## IN 20 YEARS, BELCARRA WILL BE...



# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## WHAT 3 EMERGING PRIORITIES SHOULD BELCARRA BE PLANNING FOR?

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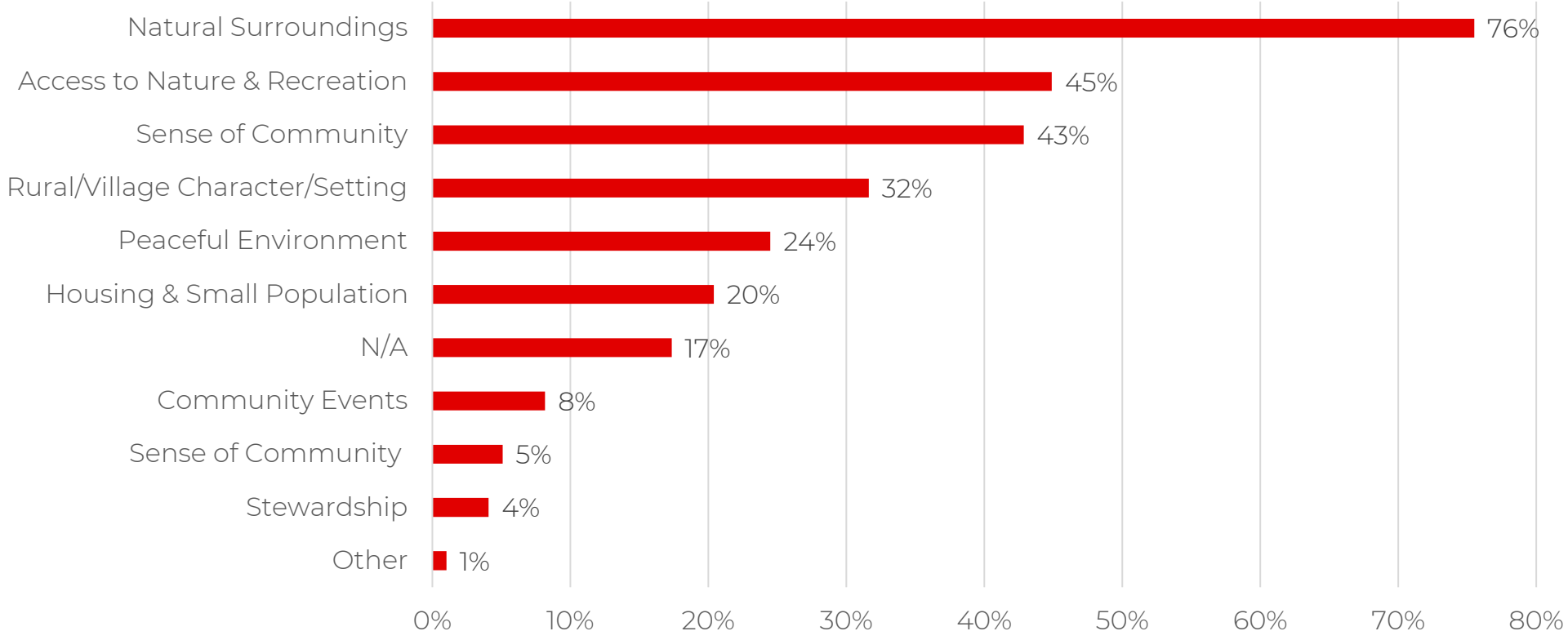
# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## WHAT SPECIFIC ATTRIBUTES MAKE UP BELCARRA'S COMMUNITY CHARACTER?

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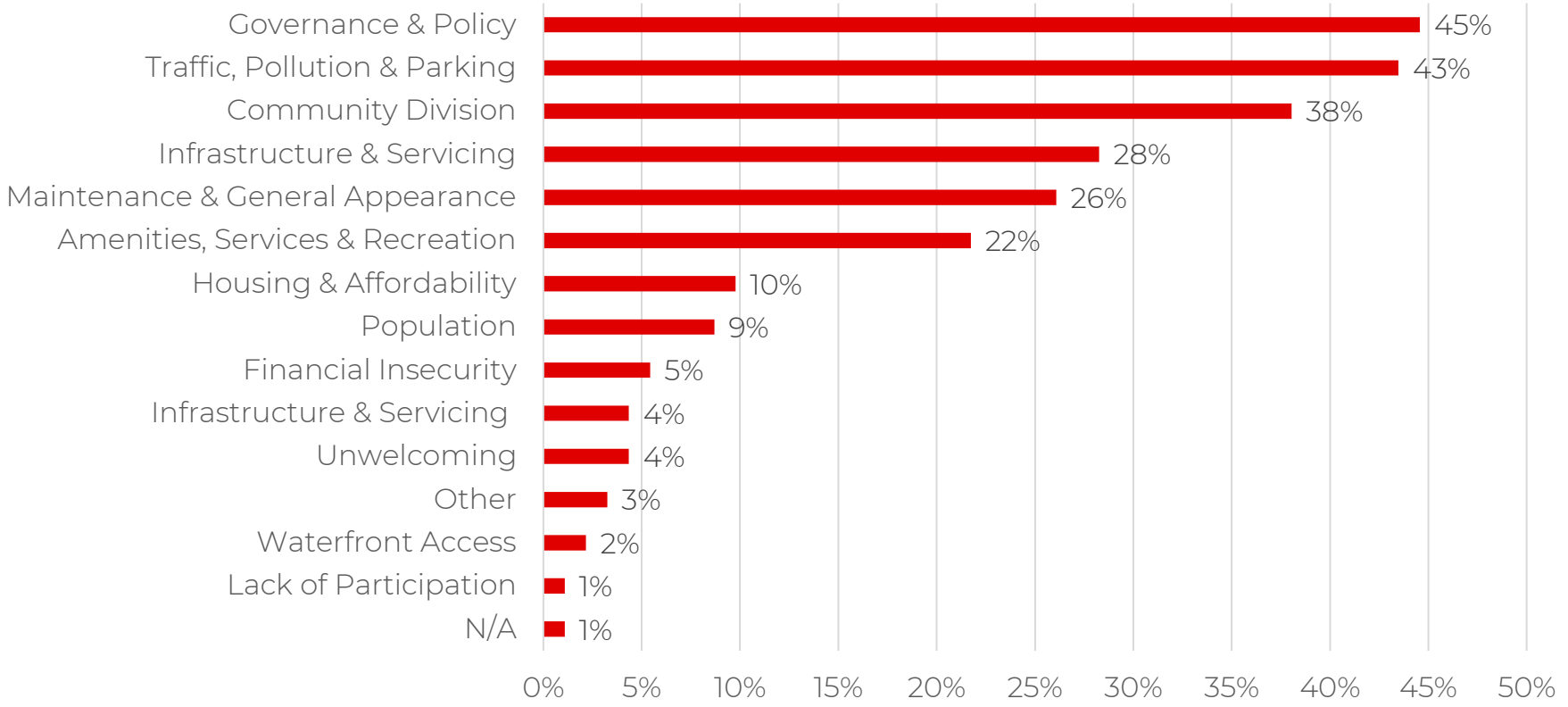
# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## IS THERE ANYTHING THAT DETRACTS FROM BELCARRA'S COMMUNITY CHARACTER?

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# VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE FEEDBACK

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- Held on March 10 (6 – 8 pm)
- 51 participants in attendance including Councillors, Committee members, members of staff, and community residents
- Overview presentation on the OCP planning process and Belcarra's existing OCP
- Small breakout room discussions on the following questions:
    1. When you think about Belcarra 20 years from now, what does your ideal community look like?
    2. What needs to change about Belcarra today for your ideal to become a reality? Why?
    3. What emerging priorities should the OCP address? Why?

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. When you think about Belcarra 20 years from now, what does your ideal community look like?

| Community Ideal | Comments |
|---|---|
| Housing & Affordability | • Housing variety for different income levels and demographic needs<br>• Some densification through subdivision of larger properties |
| Infrastructure, Servicing & Emergency Preparedness | • Improved community access<br>• Upgraded services and utilities<br>• Adequate water supply and stormwater drainage |
| Diverse & Equitable Community | • Diverse population<br>• Cohesive community<br>• Community events and activities |
| Recreation & Commercial Investments | • Upgraded recreational facility<br>• Improved waterfront and parkland access<br>• More commercial uses |
| Active Transportation | • Improved trail network<br>• Improved pedestrian and cyclist safety |
| Protected Environment & Climate Change Action | • Forested<br>• Carbon neutral community<br>• Environmentally sensitive development |
| Rural | • Maintain rural character, avoid densification |
| Financial Sustainability | • Local employment opportunities<br>• Varied revenue generation |

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# KEY TAKEAWAYS

2. What needs to change about Belcarra today for your ideal to become a reality? Why?

| Areas of Change | Comments |
|---|---|
| Subdivision & Housing Options | • Housing diversity to support different demographic groups and improve affordability<br>• Zoning changes to permit subdivision of large properties |
| Environmental Management & Climate Change Preparedness | • Increase awareness and education<br>• Protect natural habitat and wildlife<br>• Support environmental programs<br>• Reduce community's carbon footprint |
| Local Transportation & Community Access | • Road safety improvements and connection to Farrer Cove<br>• Pedestrian and cycling network improvements<br>• Better community access for emergency preparedness and fire evacuation |
| Community Amenities, Services & Recreation | • Improve community access to waterfront<br>• Partnerships with local businesses to provide amenities and services<br>• Invest in community facilities (tennis court, indoor gym) |
| Governance, Citizen Involvement & Community-Building | • More opportunities for community engagement<br>• Support for referendums for big decisions<br>• Address community divide |
| Financial Sustainability | • Increase tax base<br>• Explore alternatives for revenue generation |
| Cross-jurisdictional Collaboration | • Partnerships and collaboration with other communities, First Nations, park authority, etc.<br>• Explore options for ecotourism |
| Community Character | • Protect existing community character<br>• Maintain a quiet, rural, small-town atmosphere |
| Infrastructure & Servicing | • Water supply for fire protection<br>• Waste management<br>• Fire hall upgrades |

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

3. What emerging priorities should the OCP address? Why?

| Emerging Priority | Comments |
|---|---|
| Infrastructure & Servicing | • Road maintenance and safety<br>• Improved community access<br>• Water supply for fire protection<br>• General infrastructure upgrades |
| Emergency Preparedness | • Fire prevention planning, wildfire response plan<br>• Evacuation plan |
| Community Building & Engagement | • More community events and engagement opportunities<br>• Address community divide |
| Financial Sustainability | • Funding for projects<br>• Increase revenue generation, tax base<br>• Improve affordability |
| Active Transportation | • Pedestrian safety<br>• Sidewalk and walking route improvements<br>• Multi-use pathways, separated bicycle lanes |
| Subdivision & Housing Options | • Reduce minimum lot size requirements to permit subdivision<br>• Increase density and diversity of housing options<br>• Housing for aging population (e.g., apartments) |
| Commercial Opportunities | • Commercial services: general store, café, restaurants, community centre<br>• Potential locations near Village Hall and recreational facilities |
| Waterfront Access | • Shared docks for community members |
| Cross-jurisdictional Collaboration | • Partnerships with neighbouring communities |
| Environmental Management & Climate Action | • Manage invasive species<br>• Protect riparian habitat |

# RESEARCH TEAM PRESENTATIONS

# OCP REVIEW COMMITTEE RESEARCH TEAMS

- Monthly Presentations
  - How is this issue addressed in the existing OCP?
  - How do other communities address this issue in their OCPs?
  - What policies/tactics from other communities might be applicable to Belcarra? Why?
  - Final Thoughts and Recommendations
  - Resources
- Template to guide your research

# OCP REVIEW COMMITTEE RESEARCH TEAMS

- The previous month's theme was **Environment and Climate Change**

| Wildfire Safety | Environmental Integrity, Habitat Restoration and Invasive Species | Climate Change and Emission Reduction Strategies |
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| Devlin, Ian | Degraaf, Paul | Carlsen, Larry |
| Drew, Ralph | Pope, Mary-Ann | Drake, Jol |
| McRae, Tracy | Rietchel, Sandra | Ferris, Kevin |
| Ruzycki, Janet | Yin, Angela | |

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# WILDFIRE SAFETY

# ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY, HABITAT RESTORATION AND INVASIVE SPECIES

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND EMISSION REDUCTION STRATEGIES

# OCP REVIEW COMMITTEE RESEARCH TEAMS

- This month's theme is **Transportation, Trails, and Tourism**

| Active Transportation and Trails (Walking, Cycling and Recreation) | Tourism Promotion and Management | Traffic and Parking |
|---|---|---|
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# NEXT STEPS

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- Complete Initial Round of Stakeholder Engagement
- Define Belcarra's Community Character
- Draft a Community Vision and OCP Goals
- Draft the new OCP policies April - June

- Next OCP Review Committee Meeting: May 4 @ 7pm
  - Research Team Presentations

# THANK YOU!
# QUESTIONS?

# ADJOURNMENT