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# WELCOME

## COMMUNITY PLAN PROJECT

Join us at one of these upcoming events

### BOOK A CHAT

**RADIUM HOT SPRINGS CENTRE**

August 21 from 11 AM - 2 PM

Join our team for a one on one chat. Book your spot on our website!

### COMMUNITY BBQ

**RADIUM HOT SPRINGS CENTRE**

August 21 from 5 - 7 PM

Join us for some food and discuss the Village's future! Please RSVP online.

### COFFEE CHATS

**AT THE BIG HORN CAFE**

August 22 from 9 - 11 AM Drop-in

Share your ideas for the future of Radium Hot Springs and enjoy a free coffee on us!

### MARKET ON MAIN

**ON MAIN STREET WEST**

August 23 from 4 - 8 PM

Drop by the project table at the market to share your ideas and learn more about community planning.

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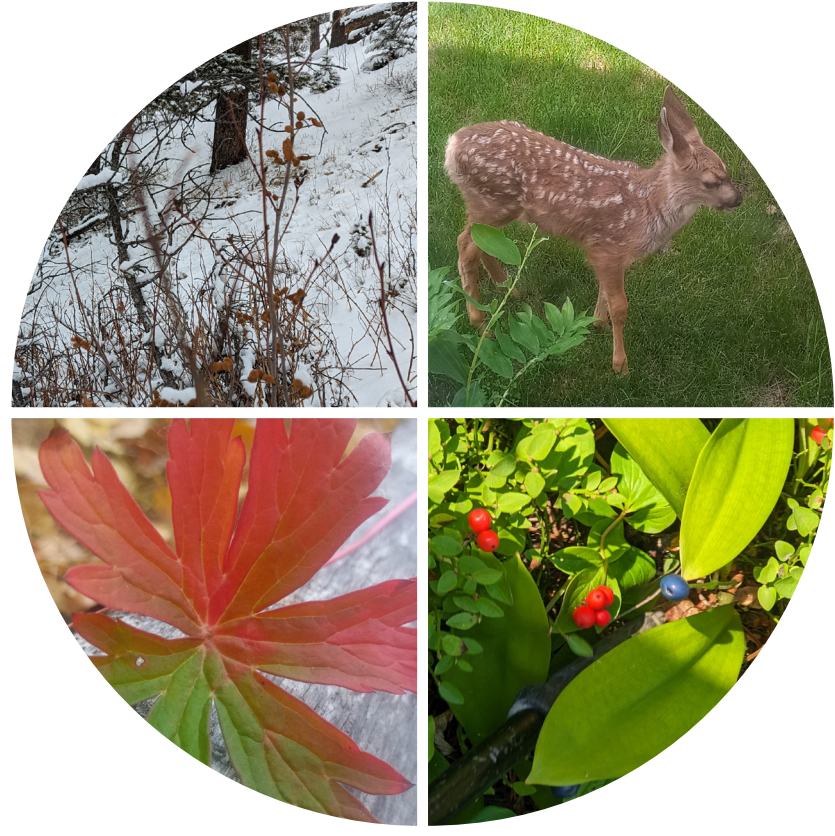


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## YEAR ROUND VILLAGE



**What We heard:** During engagement in May 2024, citizens expressed a strong desire to have a year-round Village, including year-round businesses that can thrive and provide the necessary goods and services for the Village’s population. To become a year-round Village, businesses need people (for customers and employees), and people need housing (that’s affordable). A comprehensive strategy is necessary.

### STRATEGIES



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#### LIMIT SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS

**Background:** short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) limit the availability of dwellings for full-time residents and increase housing prices. There are approximately 110 existing registered STVRs in the Village. Placing some limits on STVRs could assist with housing affordability and increase the number of homes available to permanent residents.

**Proposed solutions:**

- Limit the location of STVRs to specific areas
- Limit the total number (i.e. a cap)
- “Grandfather” existing STVRs



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#### CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

**Background:** housing affordability is one of the main barriers to gaining more permanent year-round residents in the Village.

**Proposed solutions:**

- Upzoning residential land (i.e. increase density)
- Application fee reductions
- Priority queuing for affordable housing projects
- Village investment in affordable housing
- Village infrastructure investment (e.g. street upgrades, more parking)



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#### ENCOURAGE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS

**Background:** Mixed-use developments provide both housing and commercial uses (e.g. stores, offices, and other businesses) within a single building. They add people to the population, better support businesses, and use land and infrastructure more efficiently.

**Proposed solutions:**

- Application fee reductions & priority queuing
- Village land acquisition for mixed-use
- Village infrastructure investment in key areas



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#### CREATE COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

**Background:** A linked community-wide pathway system is a key means of creating geographic and social connectivity that contribute to a desire for people to stay year-round.

**Proposed solutions:**

- Continue to improve north-south connections and highway pathway to hot pools
- Work with stratas on connectivity
- Continue to improve pathways, wayfinding and recreation opportunities.







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## SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS



We heard from you during the May 2024 engagement some concerns and varying opinions on short-term vacation rentals.



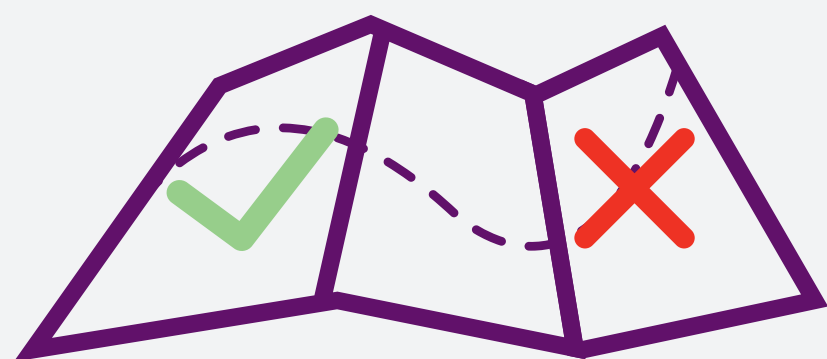
### CURRENT STATE

- Approximately 110 STVR business licenses (renewed yearly)
- Current Rules: Business license required. Must comply with building code. No other rules or restrictions.

### POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR REGULATIONS

1. Restrict new STVRs + "grandfather" existing ones
2. Restrict to specific locations
3. Restrict the total number of STVRs
4. Prohibit all STVRs + no "grandfather" clause

### POTENTIAL WAYS TO RESTRICT LOCATION



- Only Hwy 93 (hotel area)
- Only on Commercial Zoned Land
- Other location(s)?

### POTENTIAL WAYS TO RESTRICT TOTAL NUMBER



- 110 total (i.e. only what's existing)
- Existing +25
- Existing +50
- Other?





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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES



We heard from you during the May 2024 engagement and we've summarized citizen feedback into the following draft guiding principles. What do you think of the guiding principles?



### QUALITY OF LIFE

The peaceful, quiet, slow-paced living offers a strong sense of community to those that call Radium Hot Springs home. Simply having time to slow down and connect is Radium Hot Springs' unique superpower. Building a year-round community where residents can thrive will continue to build a diverse and sustainable Village for everyone to enjoy.



### LOCAL AMENITIES AND SERVICES

Access to essential services within a close-knit community setting is important to residents. The presence of local businesses and unique dining experiences available year-round enhances our sense of community, our local economy, and our charm for residents and for visitors.



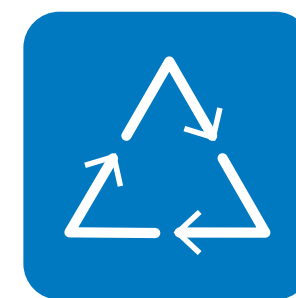
### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & WILDLIFE

Spectacular vistas, wetlands, forests, and abundant wildlife enhance our community's tranquil living. We respect the natural environment and all it supports including wildlife, ecosystems, clean air and water.



### HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

We value the abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities like biking, hiking, paddling, skiing and golfing. Easy access to green spaces, parks and recreation facilities within and near Radium Hot Springs enhances our quality of life and attracts visitors that contribute to our local economy. A variety of cultural and recreational events foster community engagement and enjoyment.



### BALANCED, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Balance growth and tourism with environmental conservation and community needs to maintain our small Village feel. We support sustainable development practices like energy efficiency, renewable energy systems, waste management, and transportation infrastructure improvements.



### ACCESS TO HOUSING

We value diverse housing options for those who choose to live here. Residents, tourists, retirees, local employees, families and youth are all able to find a place to live that is affordable and safe.