

Oct 3, 2021

Dear Lasqueti LTC,

After reading the OCP in the Oct 4 agenda in detail, I offer the following suggestions to improve clarity and consistency. I realize that the timeframe is tight on the current schedule. To help, I have separated my suggestions into three parts (i) typos, grammar and placement of objectives/policies, (ii) minor content-related suggestions, and (iii) more significant content-related suggestions.

Section numbers refer to the OCP draft in the Oct 4 LTC meeting agenda.

**(i) Typos, grammar and placement of objectives/policies**

1. Section 4.1.8 Climate Change Policies: move the descriptive text to following the main Climate Change heading, just before the section 4.1.7 heading.
2. Section 4.2.3 Natural Resources, General Advocacy Policy c: typos: (i) remove “*a*” after “*identify*”, and (ii) there are two periods at the end of the sentence.
3. Section 4.2.12 Cultural Resources Policies, Policy a: typo: missing “*of*” after “*significance*”.
4. Section 4.2.13 Cultural Resources Advocacy Policies, Advocacy Policy d: missing period at the end of the sentence.
5. Section 4.3.3 Community Stewardship, Advocacy Policy i: move to the Resilience section.
6. Section 4.4.4 General Transportation Objective a: Move to the Ferry Service section.
7. Section 4.4.5 General Transportation Policy b: Move to the Ferry Service section.
8. Section 4.4.5 General Transportation Objective b: Move to the Road System section.
9. Section 4.4.10 Communications Objective b: Move to Section 4.4.1 General Objectives since this is about the nature of services in general.
10. Section 5.1.4 Commercial and Industrial Objectives a-c: punctuation typo: there is a semi-colon at the end of each objective instead of a period.

## **(ii) Minor content-related suggestions**

11. Define the following terms in the glossary (Section 2.11 Definitions). I have included some suggestions for definitions, but those are only meant to help initiate discussion.
  - *Heritage sheep*: clarify that this refers to the settler heritage of Lasqueti, and not the natural/ecological heritage, indigenous heritage or heritage breeds. For example “*Local, free-roaming sheep that form part of the settler heritage of Lasqueti.*”.
  - *Exotic species*: “*A plant or animal species living outside its native distributional range, but which has arrived there by human activity, directly or indirectly, and either deliberately or accidentally. Exotic species are not always considered a nuisance or invasive.*”
  - *Feral*: “*An animal or plant that lives in the wild but is descended from domesticated specimens.*”
12. Add at the start of Section 2.11 (Definitions) a statement such as “*The meaning of terms used in this document, but not defined in this section, will be based on the <name of dictionary>*”.
13. Section 4.1.8 Climate Change, Policy f: change “*slash burning*” to something more general, such as “*outdoor debris burning*”.
14. Section 4.3.2 Community Stewardship, General Policies, Policy b: change the phrase “*access to a development*” to “*access to the foreshore*”.
15. Section 4.3.3 Community Stewardship, Advocacy Policies f and g: nearly identical; remove the former.
16. Section 4.3.3, Community Stewardship, Advocacy Policy h and Section 4.3.5 Human Resources Advocacy Policy a: nearly identical; move the former to the Human Resources section and remove the latter.
17. Section 4.3.3 Community Stewardship, Advocacy Policy j and Section 4.3.10 Food Advocacy Policy a: nearly identical; move the former to the Food section and remove the latter.
18. Garbage Disposal section (4.4.13 and 4.4.14): Rename main heading and sub-section heading to “*Waste Management*”, since the policies and objectives are also about recycling and the Free Store.
19. Section 4.4.13 Garbage Disposal Objectives c and d: Move to Section 4.4.1 General Objectives since these refer to services in general.
20. Residential Land Use section (in section 5.1): Remove the sentence below the heading since it is the same as Objective 5.1.1(c).

**(iii) More significant content-related suggestions**

21. Section 4.4.3 Community Services, General Advocacy Policy f: Should be a Policy, as the qathet Regional District is guided by the OCP in the same way as the Islands Trust.
22. Section 4.4.7 Boats and Maritime Vessel Policy a: This does not seem to be still relevant (and seems to be left over from previous OCP reviews), given that there is a public barge ramp. Replace with a Policy such as:  
  
*a. Because barge service is essential to the community for transferring goods and materials to and from Lasqueti Island, maintain the existing public barge ramp accessible to all barge operators.*
23. Section 4.4.14 Garbage Disposal Advocacy Policies b and c: Should be Policies, as the qathet Regional District is guided by the OCP in the same way as the Islands Trust.
24. Crown lands. In the Oct 4 LTC agenda, staff recommend deleting the following from the Aug 2021 draft of the OCP, based on feedback from the Province:
  - a. Section 3.5, Crown Lands, Objective 4: *To take into account the conservation values on Crown Lands as the primary consideration in decision making.*
  - b. Section 3.2, Natural Resources, Advocacy Policy 8: *The Province is requested to designate all unencumbered Crown land on Lasqueti in a formal protected status.*

Although the Province may not respond to this Objective and Advocacy Policy, these were supported by the public during the LCA OCP Review Steering Committee process. As a reflection of community aspirations and wishes, the OCP objectives should not be filtered by current Provincial positions.

Note that conservation could include status as a Conservancy, co-managed with First Nations, and so conservation is compatible with reconciliation.

I suggest that both of the above be retained in the OCP under sections 5.4.1 Crown Lands Objectives and 5.4.3 Crown Lands General Advocacy Policies, respectively.

Sincerely,  
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