

Village of Clinton Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Update

What We Heard

During Engagement Round 2

June 2025



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1 INTRODUCTION

The following What We Heard report provides the Village of Clinton with insights from the second round of engagement undertaken for the Village's Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw (ZBL) review project, which took place in June 2025. It includes key themes from the engagement, an overview of the process, and next steps, supplemented by appendices with comments gathered during the engagement sessions, and materials used during the engagement.

1.1 About the Project

The Village of Clinton is undertaking a renewal of the <u>Official Community Plan</u> (OCP) and <u>Zoning Bylaw</u> (ZBL), and review of the <u>Development Approval Process</u> (DAPR) to guide the future of Clinton. These projects have the opportunity to foster a positive social, economic, and environmental impact on how Clinton grows and changes over time.

- Legislated under the Local Government Act, the OCP is the Village's most important bylaw which establishes objectives and guidelines to inform decision making about the future development and land use within the municipal boundaries. The OCP also acts to guide the provisions of municipal services and facilities, housing, environmental matters, utilities, and transportation systems over the coming decades. It is intended to illustrate the vision and priorities of a community; as such, its development provides an important opportunity to involve residents in visioning, to collectively generate a forward-thinking and adaptable plan for the future.
- The ZBL is an implementation tool for the Village's OCP, adopted as bylaw, that sets out regulations for lands and development within the municipal boundaries. Unlike OCPs, ZBLs provide more specific regulations that govern land use at the individual property level. They are not designed to be high-level or conceptual, but to provide the specific parameters that existing and future development must meet. They are a key tool in implementing the community's vision outlined in the OCP. It is important that ZBLs align with the OCP's land use framework to support the effective and coordinated delivery of the community's vision. An overly prescriptive or restrictive ZBL can often result in additional staff time processing rezonings, confusion in the development community, and development that limits growth.
- The Development Approvals Process is the path that proposals for development projects go
 through the Village's review process before approval. As part of this project, we will be looking at
 the approvals process with the aim of streamlining the approval procedure, creating clear process
 flow charts for staff and applicants, updating application forms, streamlining the referral process
 where possible, reviewing development fees, creating a clear approval framework, and updating
 internal document templates.



2 PROCESS

2.1 Community Engagement

As described in Appendix A, community engagement for Round 2 of the OCP and ZBL took place in June 2025. This included one in-person open house (June 19th), seven pop-ups over three days (June 17, 18, and 19), one impacted residents meeting for property owners of lands in the Agricultural Land Reserve, and an online form to capture any other comments. Approximately 86 people were engaged in the various events during Round 2.

Activities during Round 2 were designed to inform community members about the role of an OCP and ZBL, outline key changes that will be coming in the drafts, discuss a variety of other topics that are still in the early stages of being considered, and capture public feedback. Advertising for these events was done through individual mail-outs to all community members, posters hung throughout Clinton, the Village message board, and social media posts. Property owners located in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) also had invitations to attend the ALR meeting hand-delivered to their homes. In addition, many community organizations and representatives from different groups were emailed directly by the Village and encouraged to participate.

2.2 Meetings and Interviews

In addition to the community engagement events described above, meetings and interviews were held and will continue to be scheduled with different planning partners such as Government of BC ministries and agencies (e.g.: Interior Health, Ministry of Transportation and Transport, Agricultural Land Commission (ALC)), the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), and local First Nations.



3 KEY THEMES FROM THE ENGAGEMENT

The following were key themes heard during Round 2 of engagement.

3.1 Affordability

During many of the discussions throughout the engagement process, comments and concerns were either directly or indirectly tied to residents wanting to see changes that would decrease their cost of living. For example, there were conversations about types of housing including RV trailers, Sea Cans, and tents, all which were then connected back to those options not having any "buildings" value which would limit property owners' property tax assessment. Property tax, and taxes in general, was a very common topic of conversation and many residents expressed continued concern that their property taxes and overall cost of living were increasing to a worrying level.

3.1.a Housing types

To increase affordability, participants supported the introduction of secondary suites and accessory dwelling units, as well as prefabricated homes, if they were constructed using climate appropriate materials and generally fire safe. BNBs and vacation rentals were also supported, with several residents indicating they wanted property owners to have options to increase their incomes and help pay their bills.

3.1.b Storage

Those engaged were supportive of Sea Cans being permitted for storage, if they were brought into the community and maintained to a safe and visually appealing standard. There was also some consideration identified for visibility of sea cans from the highway, to maintain the heritage aesthetic of the community.

3.1.c Paved parking lots

The topic of paved parking lots was also discussed and residents connected it directly to reducing affordability. With that lens, those engaged generally did not support the Village requiring paved parking lots. If the Village proceeded with a regulation to require paving of parking lots, the Village was encouraged to give sufficient notice to allow property owners to plan for the paving, or have the Village coordinate a paving company to do multiple properties and offer a discounted rate to property owners who pave during that time.

3.1.d Food security and local food production

Many residents expressed interest in growing and selling food within the community. There was general support for increased flexibility to allow greenhouses, farm stands, and food vendors where appropriate. This would support residents who would like to grow or produce their own food for personal use, or to sell as a source of additional income.

3.2 Land use and zoning clarity

One of the key change topics discussed was the concept of identifying future land use through the OCP and using the ZBL to capture existing uses to provide flexibility and encourage future change, which



residents were supportive of. This approach would allow the Village to reinforcing a commercial character along the Highway, in alignment with the community's value expressed in Round 1 of engagement. The topic of allowing multiple different uses on a single parcel, in a mixed-use fashion, was also presented to those engaged and was well supported.

There was also support from residents for the ZBL to distinguish between permitted Principal Uses and Secondary Uses in each zone, which will provide greater clarity for users of the bylaw and residents.

3.3 Support for a new Agricultural Zone

During all engagements, residents shared support for the new Agricultural Zone. There was appreciation for the Village's efforts to increase clarity and transparency about the ALR regulations and develop any tools or communications that would continue to help residents and applicants understand what is permitted in the ALR and the approval process applicants would need to go through for any new developments on their properties.

Some residents requested that the Village develop the new Agriculture zone, and any other rural e zones, to align with TNRD's agriculture and rural zones to minimize confusion and increase "fairness" across jurisdictions.

3.4 Employment opportunities and flexible workspaces

Residents expressed support for expanding employment opportunities within the community. There was general agreement that allowing office spaces on the block running parallel to the main commercial highway would provide more flexibility for businesses and professionals. Business owners also indicated support for allowing a commercial storefront with the ability to live on the same property.

3.5 Access to childcare facilities

There was general support for permitting daycares across the Village in all zones. Residents indicated that childcare is important for parents to participate in the workforce and is a way to attract and retain younger families in the community.



4 NEXT STEPS

All information gathered during the second round of engagement will be reviewed by the Project Team: Village of Clinton and Stantec Consulting, as well as presented to the Village of Clinton Mayor and Council for their reference before the formal OCP and ZBL adoption process.

Key themes and specific feedback shared will be used to identify and propose amendments to the OCP and ZBL during upcoming stages of the project. While some of the feedback goes beyond the scope of the OCP and ZBL, the Village is committed to considering how all input may inform future projects and initiatives.

Develop the Draft Zoning Bylaw

June - October 2025

Using the information gathered during this round of engagement, we will be preparing revisions for the Draft OCP and Zoning Bylaw, to be completed by August.

Engagement Round 3

August 2025

The purpose of Round 3 of engagement is to share the Draft OCP and Draft Zoning Bylaw, showcasing how feedback gathered during the previous two rounds of engagement shaped what is proposed, and gather feedback that can be used to finalize the bylaws. During this time, Stantec will hold in-person events and meetings to discuss the Draft OCP and ZBL gather community comments, prior to final revisions and Council consideration in the fall.

Council Adoption Process

Fall/ Winter 2025

In this final phase of the project, Stantec will support Village staff to prepare the Council Report to approve the Final OCP, Zoning Bylaw, Development Approvals Review Process updates, and Implementation Plan. Participants and other interested and impacted parties will be notified of the Council Meeting and Public Hearing in Fall 2025.



Appendix A

Engagement Details

APPENDIX A ENGAGEMENT DETAILS

A.1 Why?

Round 2 of engagement was designed to share key changes coming to the OCP with the community and discuss them, gathering any questions or concerns so they can be adequately considered in the preparation of the draft bylaws.

A.2 When?

Over the course of three days, June 17-19, 2025, the following engagement events were hosted. Feedback shared was recorded in real-time through sticky notes and facilitator note-taking. Residents who could not attend were encouraged to complete the online comment form which asked the same questions as the display boards. Key themes heard in the survey are discussed in this report.

Community pop-up events

Several pop-up events were held around town to inform residents about the project and solicit feedback about key topic areas. Each of the pop-ups included a limited number of display boards to help inform the community about the proposed changes, with one or more facilitators in attendance to discuss the topics, answer questions, and gather feedback. In total, approximately 37 people were engaged through the pop-up events.

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- 3 Thurs, June 19th | 9:30-11am | Post Office
- 6 Wed, June 18th | 10am-12pm | Post Office
- 9 Thurs, June 19th | 11:30-1pm | Hunnies
- 6 Wed, June 18th | 1-2:30pm | Village Office
- 1 Thurs, June 19th | 2-3:30pm | Library
- 3 Wed, June 18th | 3-4:30pm | Cariboo Lodge Pub
- 4 Misc. community discussions

ALR Property Owner Meeting | Thurs, June 19 5-6pm | The Junction Coffee House

In order to engage directly with property owners/ residents living within or in proximity to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), a specific meeting was held to provide information about this topic. Residents were notified through personal invitations to attend this meeting. 15 people attended the meeting.

Drop-in open house | Thurs, June 19 7-9pm | Memorial Hall

This was the main public engagement event, which was held in a drop-in format. Attendees were guided through information at their leisure and encouraged to discuss each of the topics with members of the Project Team around tables and display boards showcasing background information. Representatives



from the Village and Project Team were present to discuss topics, answer questions, and gather feedback. Light refreshments were also provided for attendees. A total of 34 people attended the event.



A.3 Who?

In total, 86 people participated in the in-person engagement activities and 1 comment form was submitted online. Throughout the engagement, participants included elected officials, municipal staff, local business owners, and residents of various ages.

A.4 Comments

A.4.a Online Comment Form

For those unable to attend one of the engagement events, or who wanted to provide additional feedback outside of those events, an online comment form was advertised. Only one comment form was submitted online, the responses of which have been included below.



Q1. Do you have any additional thoughts to share on the proposed community vision?

I think it is really important that homeowners with the appropriate amount of land are permitted to keep livestock (possibly excluding cattle in the residential areas). This should be regardless of if the property is zoned residential, rural, or agricultural. I am supportive of daycare being permitted in all zones and believe it is important that we make it easy for small businesses to start up. I support some densification such as carriage homes and rental suites.

Q2. Do you have any thoughts on any of the key ZBL changes listed above you think should be considered?

It's important that business owners can still live in their businesses in the back not just as a grandfathered in policy.

A.4.b All other comments

All other comments gathered during the engagement events were captured through sticky notes for full transparency to participants, and to allow all participants to view and consider others' comments regardless of what event they attended. A copy of all comments has been provided in Appendix B: Display Boards with Comments.

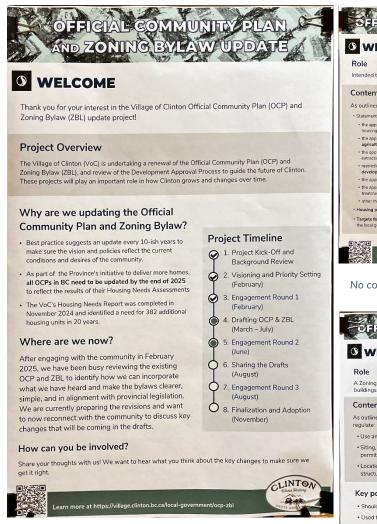


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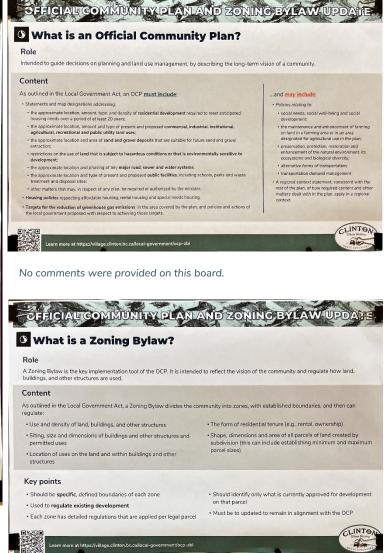
APPENDIX B DISPLAY BOARDS WITH COMMENTS

B.1 Display Boards with Comments

The following comments were captured during the in-person engagement sessions by facilitators or participants. All comments listed below have been transcribed exactly as written with only minor edits included for clarification purposes.

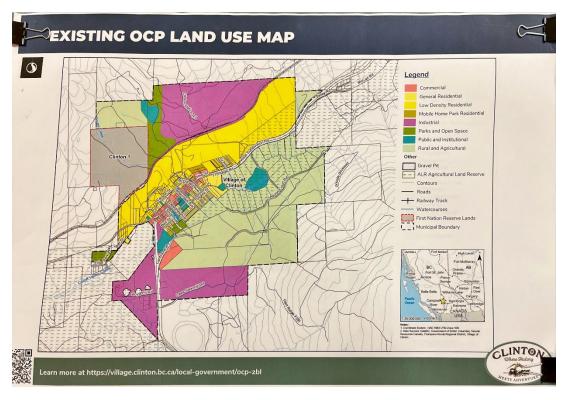


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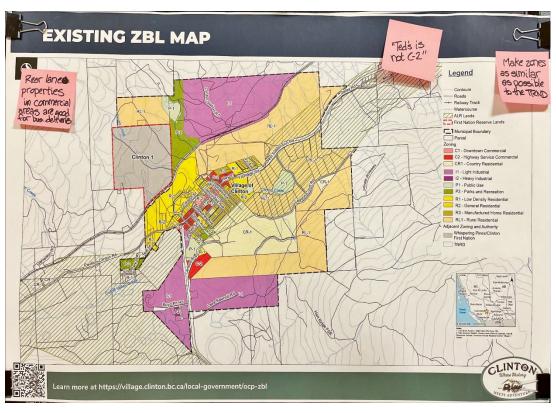


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- Rear lane properties in commercial areas are good for business deliveries.
- "Ted's property" is not C-2.
- Make zones as similar as possible to the TNRD's similar zones.



Mey change: Updated OCP elements

Vision

Clinton is a close-knit, lively, rural community located in the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation that prioritizes community well-being through quality of life, socialization, affordability, and proximity to nature.

Showcasing its Cariboo Gold Rush heritage through its visual character, Clinton offers residents of all ages a wide range of services, amenities, and community events, while maintaining its small-town character.

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Community Context

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- · Priorities and values
- Goals

Land Use Designations

- Land use designations and their policies
- · Land use context
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Key Policy Areas

Policies not related to specific land use areas

- Housing
- · Economic Development
- Servicing Infrastructure
- · Transportation and Mobility
- · Social Well-Being
- Natural Environment
- · Climate Change

What we heard during Round 1 of engagement...

Small town character

- · Tight-knit community
- Affordability
- · Proximity to nature
- Visual heritage
- Visual heritage Enhanced development
- · Amenities and services
- Revitalization
- · Housing options
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- · Age-friendly
- · Access to health care
- Youth and seniors
- Socialization



Learn more at https://village.clinton.bc.ca/local-government/ocp-zbl

No comments were provided on this board.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ZONING BYLAW UPDATE

Mey change: Clarify the intent and focus of land use areas

Purpose

Clarify what the preferred, future use of lands are without unintentionally limiting their existing capabilities.

Key changes

- Illustrate the community vision by showcasing the preferred, future use of land within the Official Community Plan's land use designation map and text.
- Assign zoning for parcels based on their existing uses, as done through the Zoning Bylaw.
- Add a purpose statement to each zone to clarify its purpose.
- Separate potential uses in each zone into "Principal" and "Secondary Use"

Implementation

Governance

Guidelines

Implementation Plan

Development Permit Area

 Example: Commercial areas would have traditionally commercial use (retail/ restaurant/ hotel/ etc.) as Principal Uses and supportive uses such as residences or storage as Secondary Uses.

Priorities

Preserve land for its highest and best use.

Direct uses to areas in where they can succeed and be supported through compatibility with surrounding uses, visibility, and access.

Support redevelopment that aligns with the vision by helping applicants more easily understand what the preferred use of different areas in the community are and aligning the OCP and ZBL in ways that allows more supportive rezone processes.

Allow flexibility for property owners to adapt to change by allowing a range of different land uses on their parcels.

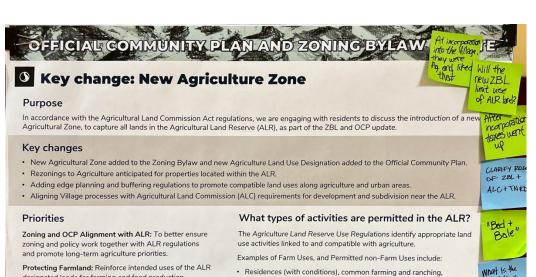
Minimize non-conformance issues by rezoning properties to reflect their existing use, rather than their preferred use unless specifically intended to do so. For example, residential properties in commercial areas will be zoned as residential, to reflect their current use, and shown as commercial in the OCP to illustrate a preferred future use. If/ when an owner would like to redevelop the parcel for commercial use, they will be supported in doing that.



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No comments were provided on this board.





· Residences (with conditions), common farming and ranching.

equestrian facilities, wineries & cideries, seasonal agri-tourism

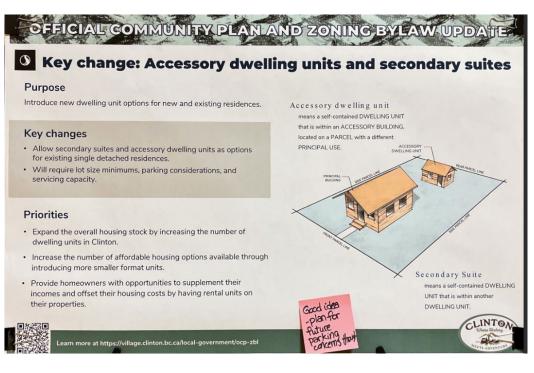
activities, conservation & passive recreation lands, pet kennels and

- At incorporation into the Village, they were zoned Agriculture and liked that.
- After incorporation, taxes went up.
- What is the impact/tax implications of this change?
- Will the new ZBL limit use of ALR land?
- Clarify role of ZBL and ALC and TNRD
- [Would like to see] "bed and bale"s permitted
- Bed and breakfasts

implications of

this change

Bed and Breakfast • Want more information about the



Good idea, plan for future parking concerns though



designated lands for farming and food production.

Providing Clearer Guidelines: Help landowners and

residents understand what is permitted on ALR land.

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What are your thoughts on these topics?



Green stickers were used to indicate support, yellow stickers were used to indicate items where more regulations would be required or where participants were unsure, and red stickers were used to indicate disagreement.

1 FOIDENCES				KE SIVENITAL				
	Support	Unsure	Disagree		Support	Unsure	Disagree	
Reinforcing commercial character along highway	3	1		Mobile vendors in all zones	4	1		
 Mainstreet looking good, not just commercial 				 Farmers market kiosks permitted 	2			
 Derelict commercial properties, regulation and 				 Location of accessory structures on properties 		1		
enforcement				 Shed should be able to go anywhere on 				
Paved parking lots		1	7	property				
 Help coordinate multiple sites getting it done at a 				BC Housing and step-up housing				
discount				Safe places for different income families	1			
 Home timeframes on when it will be required in the future 				Not allowing dwelling in travel trailers, with enforcement	1			
Keeping of livestock	6		2	Vacation rentals are fine				
Horses and size of properties	1	1		With sufficient parking	1			
 Livestock guardian dog is allowed under Right to 				BNB should be permitted	1	1		
Farm in the ALR but nowhere else				Walking paths to Hugo Sub + Valley				
Greater range of housing types	2			Keeping of fridge/ freezers outside, attract bears				
Pre-fabricated homes	5			o Incentives for bear-proofing residences				
Sea Cans on properties	6	4	2	Traffic and speed calming	1	2		
 Don't want them looking junky 	3			Derelict residential properties				
o Regulation for Sea Cans across town				Rural character				
 Sea Cans at back of property 				Limit gas stations	4			
Multi-use (multiple principal uses on a property)	4			More all-season recreation (e.g., splash parks,				
Daycare in all zones	4			outdoor rinks, parks, amenities)				
Smaller lot sizes for more housing diversity	2		1	Enforcement	1			
Types of fencing permitted (e.g., deer fencing)	1			 Of rental properties 				
 Should allow higher fences 				Blueprints/ site plans for municipal connection				
 Tall fence to keep bears and cougars out 			2	infrastructure				
Office spaces in residential areas	4	1		Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in commercial				
Greenhouses permitted as food security tool	1			zones				





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Which elements of the key changes shared do you support?

- Support for rural and agricultural identity.
- Any options to support affordability is good.
- Clarifying home-based businesses in commercial zones.

Are there other key changes you'd like to see?

- Attracting new residents, industries, businesses and employment.
- FireSmart in OCP, fire safe building materials.
- Retired folks' skills training for youth.
- Volunteering, more jobs.
- Destination of history, historic resources, tour of historic homes, heritage designation or historic properties.
- "At 70 Mile House" book.
- Speed limits –issues with pedestrians and seniors.
- Arts and culture, beautification and architectural style, look at Barkerville as an example (e.g., murals, art centre).
- Responsible garbage pick-up for folks without cars.
- Sharing fruit from fruit-bearing trees in the fall, will help avoid bear conflicts.
- Fear of increasing property taxes.
- Housing standards that are suitable for this climate.
- Community Forst isn't reinvesting or accountable to the community.
- Sunshade is needed for summer, stop cutting down trees.
- Protect the environment.
- Want to see a new bicycle pop-up shop for bicycle repairs.

