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How has public feedback contributed to the first draft of the updated OCP?

Phase 2 Engagement in 2023

What we heard from you in 2023 **directly led to the vision statement, values, and guiding principles** that form the foundation of the draft OCP.

These structured the entirety of the policies because they were used to come up with a list of **policy objectives** (goals). You'll find elements of the vision, values, and principles throughout the draft OCP's objectives.

Many **priorities** and specific **ideas** were recorded during this consultation (see the 2023 What We Heard report) and were studied and included, where feasible. **Affordable housing, climate action, transit, food security, and arts & culture stood out as your top priorities.**

Phase 3 Engagement in 2024

The results of the three policy intentions surveys clearly indicated what your **top priorities** are, what policy ideas you are less comfortable with, as well as **valuable feedback on the wording you would like the OCP to use**. We were able to analyze recurring topics and ideas in your comments beyond those that were in our sample policies. For example, many of you wrote about the importance of reducing conflict with bears, being fiscally responsible, protecting and securing our water supply, and many more. **You'll find these ideas reflected in various areas throughout the draft OCP policies.**

The three open house events are where we gathered the most ideas. Countless ideas were recorded (see page 10 of the 2024 What We Heard report). The community especially emphasized affordable housing, transit improvements, walkability, and protecting the city against wildfire risk and gentrification alike (protecting neighbourhood character and heritage). Comments included promoting zoning flexibility, ensuring quality drinking water supplies, the need for more work on urban trees, public washrooms, and more public space. **You'll find your ideas reflected throughout the OCP's policies.**

The four **workshops on land use** that were held contributed to confirming and nuancing the proposal for **neighbourhood mixed-use hubs**. **Community members supported the idea**, but asked us to **limit disruptiveness**, ensure that this initiative favours small, neighbourhood-serving businesses, and that we prioritize the need to create housing.