

# AREA E COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



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## Official Community Plan, Community Specific Policies

- Recognizes that the character of Queen's Bay will remain primarily Rural Residential and Agricultural.
- Recognizes the importance of heritage sites, such as St. Francis Woods.
- Recognizes the slide hazard associated with lands south of Queen's Bay along Highway 31 and will direct future development patterns accordingly.
- Recognizes that the waters of Kootenay Lake are licensed for domestic water consumption and that Queen's Bay is a valued location for swimming and other water based recreational activities; and therefore encourages the RDCK support effective enforcement against the dumping of all grey water from pleasure craft on Kootenay Lake.

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- Encourages RDCK to support the development and implementation of a community wildfire interface plan.
- Acknowledges the rural residential character of the community and the desire to maintain low density and large lot sizes.
- Recognizes the value of agriculture and the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and supports small scale agricultural development in keeping with the environmental values of the area.
- Recognizes that the various recreational trails located on Crown land adjacent to the community are valued by residents and encourages that these lands be retained in an undeveloped state.
- Recognizes that the foreshore of Kootenay Lake at the foot of Wharf Road as a public access point as well as a valuable recreational site for the community.



## Discussion Questions

1. What are the elements of your community that matter most to you and that you would not want to see changed?
2. What are the issues or concerns you have now?
3. Is there anything you want to know more about with respect to land use planning?
4. What actions would you want the RDCK to take after this meeting with respect to zoning, if any?



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## Official Community Plan, Community Specific Policies

- Recognizes that the character of Balfour will remain a mix of Suburban Residential, Civic and Commercial within the town site and a mix of lot sizes and uses throughout the rest of the community reflective of its nature as a terminus for the Kootenay Lake Ferry.
- Recognizes the public and private interests in the Balfour Golf Club as a significant community asset.
- Recognizes the importance of transportation and tourism to the local Balfour economy and the need to support the services and businesses required to support these endeavors.
- Recognizes the slide hazard associated with lands north of Balfour along Highway 31 and will direct future development patterns accordingly.
- Supports a reduction in setback from a public road for lots between the foreshore of Kootenay Lake and Highway 31 to assist in re-directing development away from this important community asset and in recognition of existing small lots.
- Encourages the consolidation of lots to address existing and future servicing concerns within the town site and along the foreshore of Kootenay Lake.
- Encourages the reclamation of the Wilson Street gravel pit north of the town site once all materials have been extracted for future community or residential use.



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- Supports the establishment of Balfour Beach Regional Park as an important and valued community asset and encourages collaboration with community members on how to address community specific concerns with regard to public use of the area.
- Encourages the remediation of the former Regional District of Central Kootenay Transfer Station.
- Recognizes the Balfour Wharf on Lower Wharf Road as a significant community asset.
- Encourages the establishment and maintenance of landscape buffering of multi-family and tourist commercial developments adjacent to agricultural lands.
- Recognizes that the character of development north of Upper Balfour Road as Rural Residential and Agricultural.
- Recognizes Grandview Properties as a significant phased development unique to the western boundary of the community of Balfour.
- Recognizes the importance of motorized access to Crown lands for recreational pursuits.
- Supports increased access to Kootenay Lake for boat launching and/or other recreational activities (such as fishing, picnicking and swimming).
- Encourages increasing the amount of land used for agricultural production.
- Recognizes the importance of heritage sites, such as the oldest Anglican Church in the West Kootenay, St. Michaels and All Angels (AD 1892), Old Balfour School and the Balfour Cemetery on Queen's Bay Road.





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