



WELCOME

To the Regional District of Nanaimo
Electoral Area 'A' OCP Review,
Visioning Workshop

December 6, 2008



Vision 2033

- What I love about Area A
- What I want more of by 2033
- What would the “best future” look like?

Ideas, Phrases, Priorities (not Poetry)



Agenda

- 9:30 Welcome, Housekeeping
- 9:45 Presentation by Greg Keller
 - process and principles
 - community mapping results
 - visioning (what is it, why do we need it)
- 10:00 **Round 1** of discussion - brainstorming
- 10:45 **Round 2** of discussion - pick a topic area
- 11:30 Lunch break**
- 12:00 **Round 3** of discussion – pick new topic, build up
- 12:45 **Round 4** of discussion - finish your 1st topic area
- 1:15 Report back from all topic areas
- 1:30 Discussion
- 2:00 Closing



Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan Review

Sustainability Principles
Workshop Results



Common Themes

- Sense of Place
 - Complexity
 - Equity
 - Ecological Integrity
 - Participation
 - Efficiency
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Sense of Place

What the Community Said

Surroundings allow us to live in
harmony with nature

Enhance signage of
historical/ ecological sites

Educate, reinforce and
preserve local history

Knowing your neighbours

Preserve small community feel

Sense of community

Preserve local history and rural character



Sense of Place

What the Community Said

Strong farming

Sustaining water – river,
oceans – lakes, aquifer

Self-sufficiency

Ability to live and work in the community

Sustainable logging

Regulate the size of property
and number of houses per lot
to sustain rural community
feel.

Maintain functioning rural landscapes



Sense of Place

What the Community Said

Safe place founded on the knowledge that individuals are cared for

Protect and keep local schools to give children a sense of place

Parks playground

Venues for youth and seniors

No widening highways

Build safe sidewalks to maintain a healthy community

Build an active community that connects people



Draft Principles – Sense of Place

1. Preserve local history and rural character.
2. Maintain functioning rural landscapes.
3. Build an active community that connects people.

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Complexity

What the Community Said

Harmony and balance whilst meeting shared needs.

Model human communities on the complexity and diversity of the whole.

Decisions need to consider unexpected and or unintended effects.

Future planning must consider the complexity of the impact of peak oil and climate change and thereby plan for a changing paradigm (more personal food production, alternative transportation to car, etc.).

Recognize nature's unpredictability, and prepare for natural disasters.

Our ecosystems are stable when diverse and complex.

Adapt to nature's complexity, diversity, and unpredictability



Complexity

What the Community Said

Triple bottom line accounting

Economic, social and environmental factors are interdependent and must be considered together.

Responsible evaluation of all factors by criteria (standards) independent of any one group's interests.

Agriculture and forestry need encouragement. They need access to the best market.

Controlled growth allowing for preservation of the environment and the rural nature of the area outside of the village.

Economic, social, and environmental factors are interdependent and must be considered together.



Complexity

What the Community Said

Future generations will be affected by our actions.

How sustainable is our current situation?

Future generations will need to be self-sustaining

Consider the needs of future generations in today's decisions



Draft Principles – Complexity

1. Adapt to nature's complexity, diversity, and unpredictability.
2. Economic, social, and environmental factors are interdependent and must be considered together.
3. Consider the needs of future generations in today's decisions.

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Equity

What the Community Said

Recognize that the community includes all levels of economic diversity when making decisions on community planning.

Young people – opportunity to put down roots.

Residents interests to be given at least as much weight as developers

Keeping our children in Cedar – keeping it affordable for them to live here.

Recognize the diverse income levels that exist in electoral Area A when making decisions. There is very low to medium to high incomes all within the community.

Include all levels of economic diversity in community planning

Respect the community's diversity



Equity

What the Community Said

Alternative transportation options to be given equal status

Paved road shoulders

Develop walking and biking trails

Provide more liveable space in areas that are not farm land

Develop a safe healthy community for all residents



Draft Principles – Equity

1. Respect the community's diversity
2. Develop a safe healthy community for all residents

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Ecological Integrity

What the Community Said

Don't permit development that threatens essential water quality and quantity needs of the region

Preservation of biodiversity

Become a model for ecological integrity.

Reduce the impact of human activities on the environment. Save the world!

Live in harmony with nature

Protect all our water resources

Encourage personal responsibility

Commit to environmental stewardship and conservation



Ecological Integrity

What the Community Said

Incorporate rigorous precautionary principles
in the OCP/ RGS

Seriously recognizing the
wealth of nature i.e. make the
environment as important as
the economy

Maintain the UCB to reflect the ecosystems
and habitat that provide

Allow the free flow of water systems

Nature has intrinsic value



Draft Principles – Ecological Integrity

1. Commit to environmental stewardship and conservation.
2. Nature has intrinsic value

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Participation

What the Community Said

Develop an open communication between the RDN and the local community.

Work towards our local community having a stronger voice.

More local power to local people.

Encourage participation of community groups.

All inclusive, interest focussed, open and safe.

Participation must be meaningful

Encourage and facilitate participation by all stakeholders



Participation

What the Community Said

The facts and nothing but
the facts and NO fibs

Full participation can only be accomplished if all
involved are in possession of all the facts – i.e.
no hidden agendas

Process must be recorded
and auditable to the OCP
outcome.

Provide full information to the public before
decisions are made.

Transparency and clarity of process



Draft Principles – Participation

1. Encourage and facilitate participation by all stakeholders.
2. Transparency and clarity of process

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Efficiency

What the Community Said

Promote active, healthy and creative living

Encourage efficient use of water resources

Efficient transportation

Support best practices for development

Reduce external inputs.
Increase local production

Provide services in an efficient and cost effective manner.



Efficiency

What the Community Said

Getting off the grid and/or adding to the grid

Support local food production.

Use local resources first.

Support best practices for development.

Community exchange network for local small producers

Local market for area products – accessible and sheltered

Support and strengthen the local economy.



Efficiency

What the Community Said

Promote active, healthy and creative living.

Integrate: bike, air, water, road, light rail transit, and bus.

Reduce reliance on the automobile

Emphasize the importance of rail nodes.

Develop an internal transportation network that connects to external networks.

Support a wide range of transportation and mobility options.



Draft Principles – Efficiency

1. Provide services in an efficient and cost effective manner.
2. Support and strengthen the local economy.
3. Support a wide range of transportation and mobility options.

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Community Visioning





Community Vision

Brings citizens together to develop a shared image of what they want their community to become.

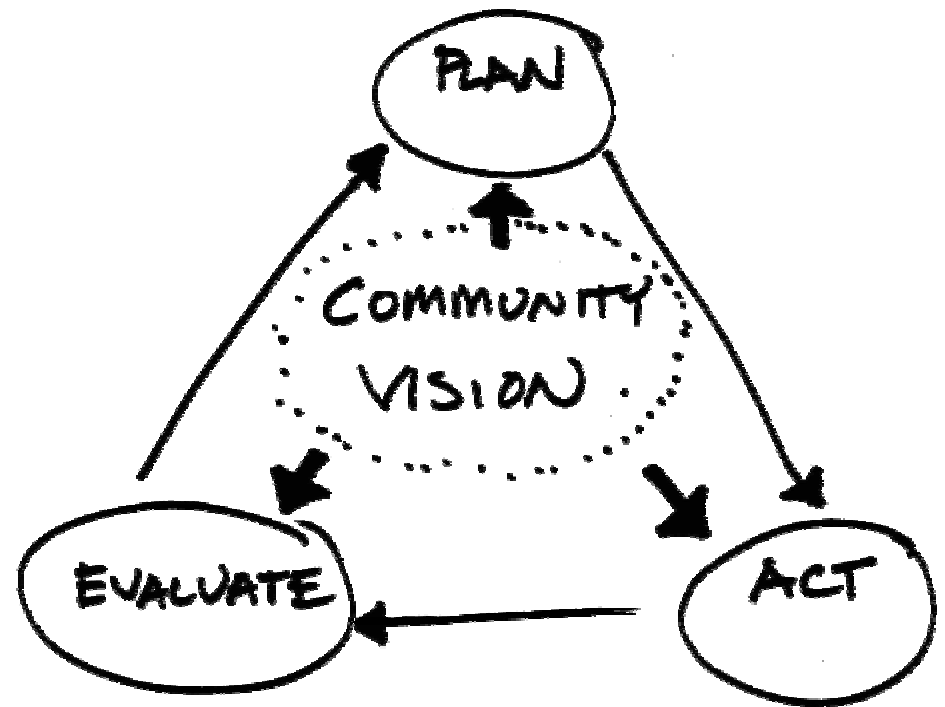


Area A – Voted Best Place to Live in 2033



Community Vision

- Involves everyone
- Compelling future image of the community
- Attainable
- Expresses values & future hopes
- Implementable
- Regularly used and shared





Example Vision Statement Hornby Island, BC

Hornby Islander's have envisioned a future based on our community strengths and our desire to remain a diverse, sustainable and viable community. Central to this vision are the values that we share as a community ...





Example Vision Statement

Ajax, Ontario

*A vibrant and caring
community*

- *where people and history
connect.*

*Surrounded by natural
beauty*

- *where open spaces and
unique landscapes set us
apart*

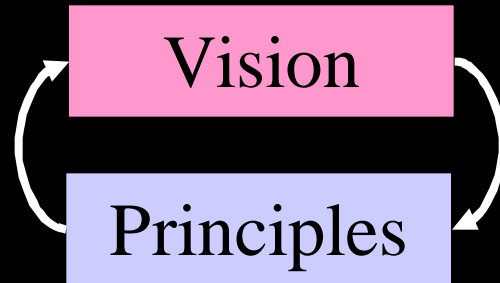
Rich in opportunity

- *where ideas and
innovation flourish*



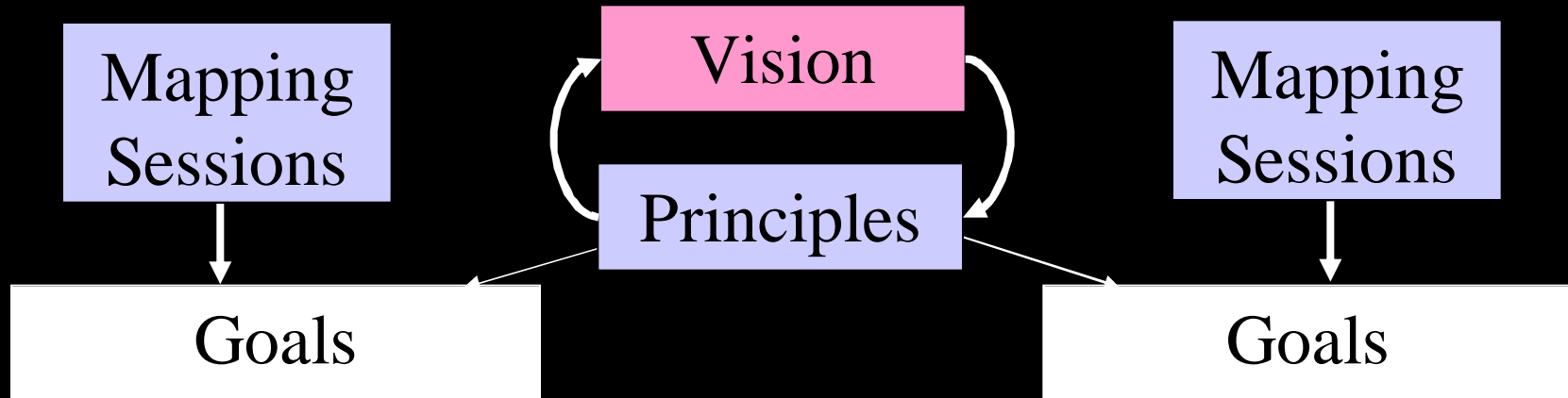


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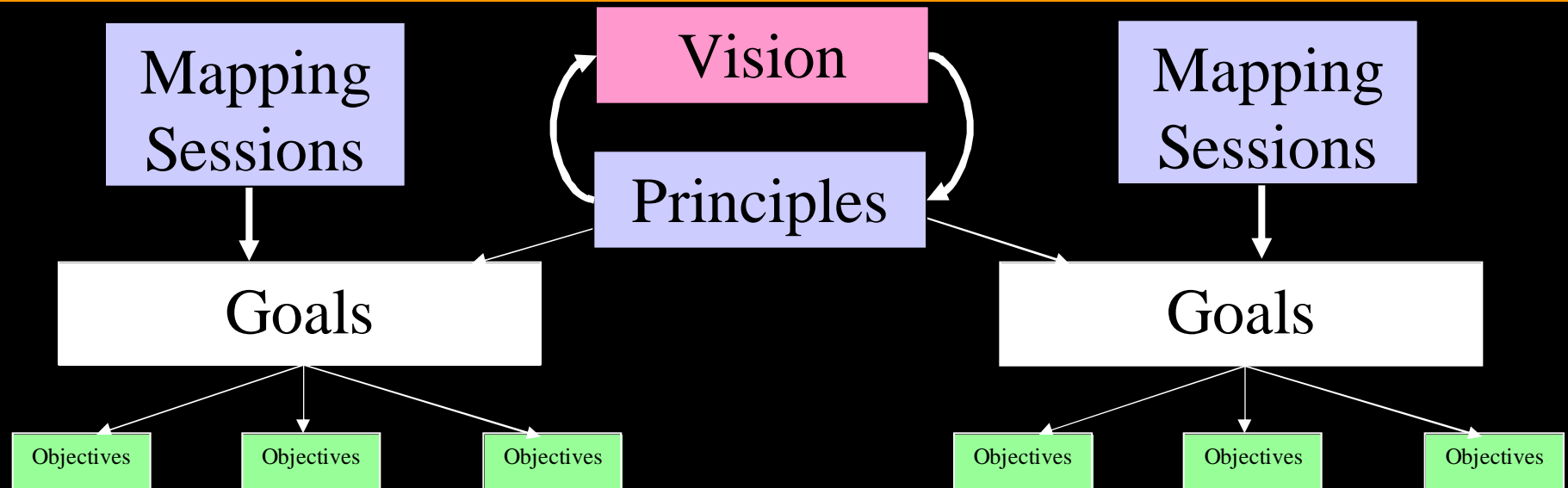


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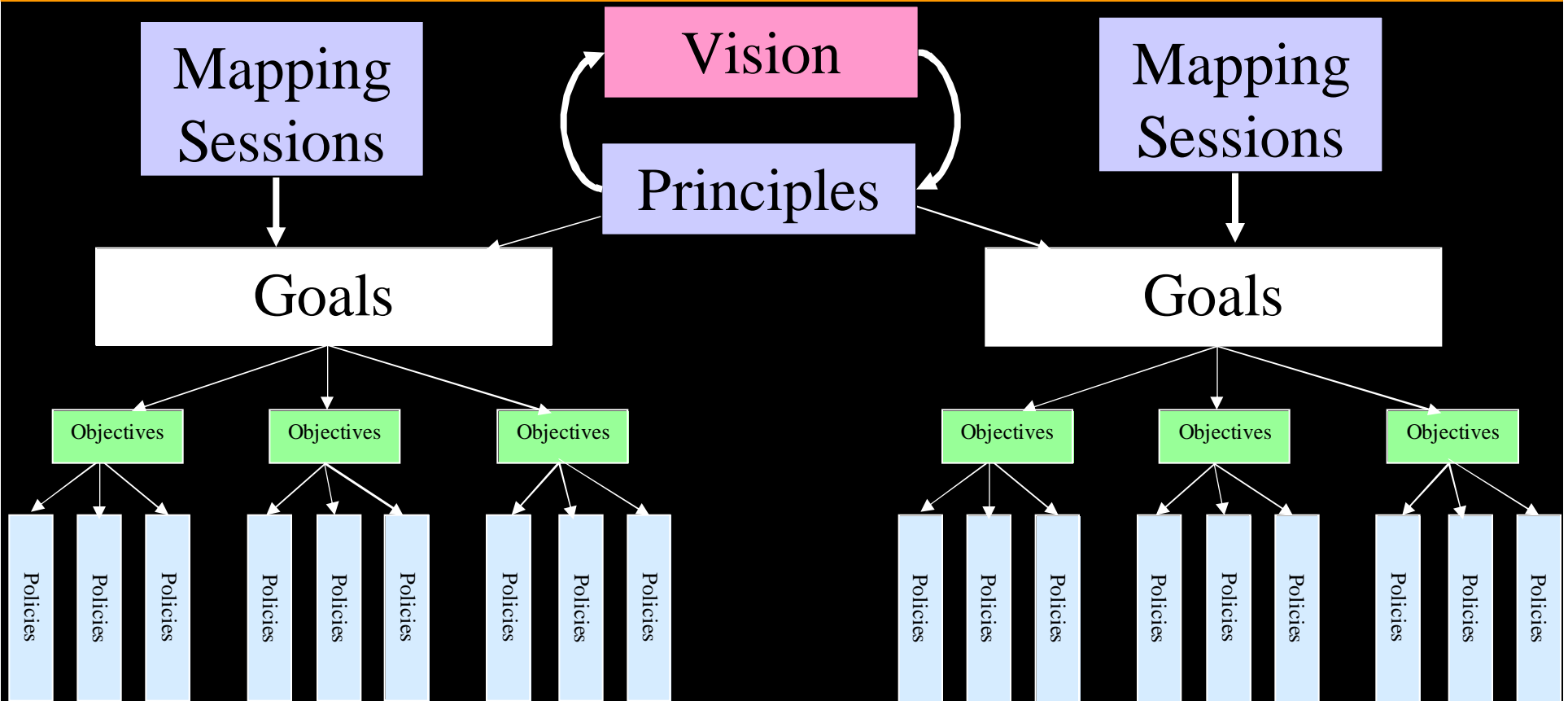


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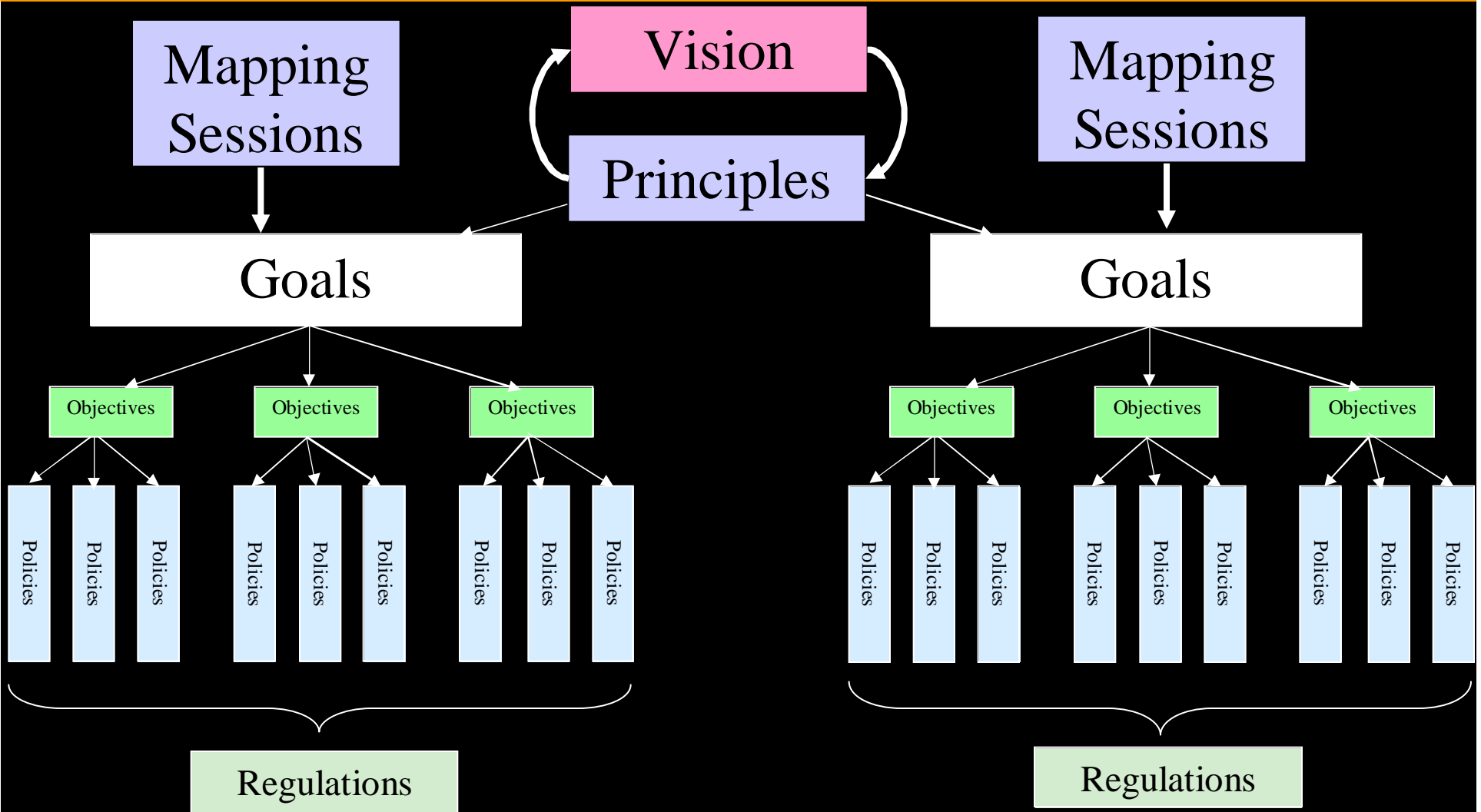


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Principles to Policy – Area A OCP





Community Visioning

Purpose:

To engage and involve local citizens in the development of a **community vision** that will guide the development and implementation of the OCP

Community Visioning

- Coffee table conversations
- 6-8 people per table
- 6 topics
- Change tables twice
- Table designates a “host”
- Report back at end
- Compare across 2 tables





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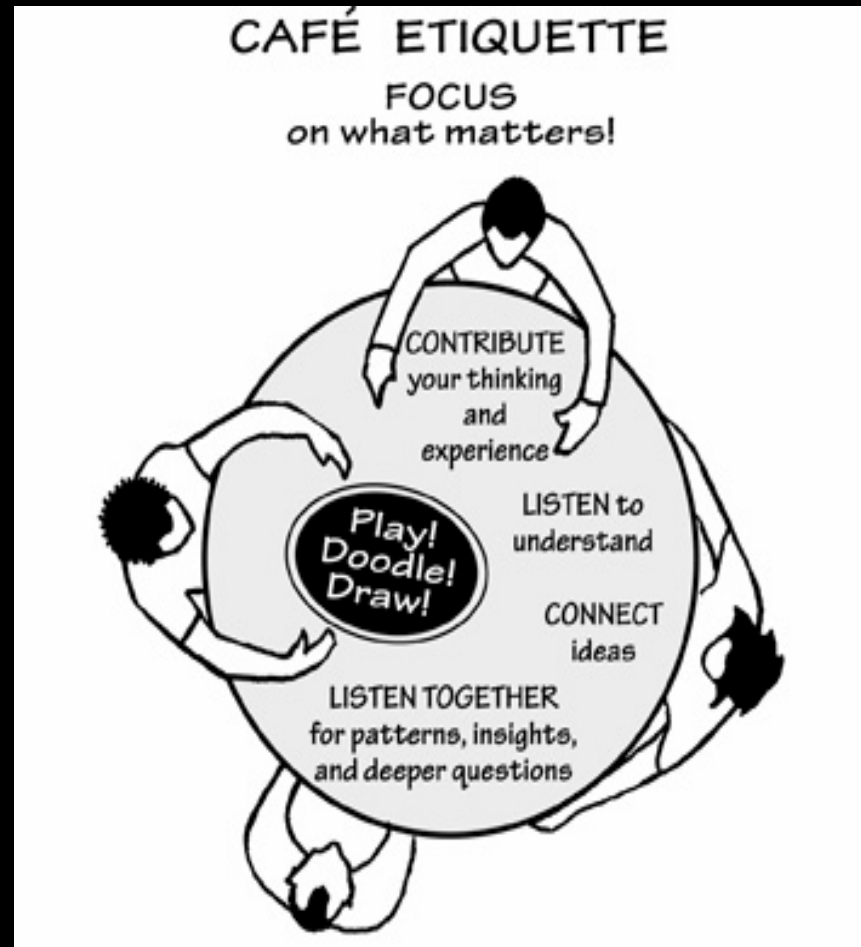
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Café Etiquette

- Focus
- Contribute
- Speak your mind and heart
- Listen – be open
- Link & connect ideas
- Write, doodle, draw
- **HAVE FUN!**



Three Questions

- Now? 25%
- **Wow! 50%**
- How? 25%





Round 1 of Discussion

5 minutes silent reflection on the Now and the Wow

Generate 5 stickies - great things about Area A

Then...

Share your ideas with your table; Discuss together

See any **commonalities, patterns, connections?**

Name them; expand on them

Take ideas forward to next round



Round 2 of Discussion

Choose one of the 6 topics:

economic vitality

ecological integrity

community well-being and services

transportation and mobility

arts and culture

rural character & village centres

Need one “table host” at each table – they don’t move

Discuss what you love about Area A in this topic and what you’d like to see more of. The Now & the Wow!

Draw, Doodle, Stickies, Add to the flipchart.



Lunch Break



Round 3 of Discussion

Move to your 2nd topic!

economic vitality

ecological integrity

community well-being and services

transportation and mobility

arts and culture

rural character & village centres

Review what the first group produced

Add what you can on stickies or the flipchart

Build on what they have developed – make connections



Round 4 - Vision Statements!

Return to your 1st topic; Review what's been added

Focus on what is working & what we want more of

Identify **priorities** and **key phrases**

Add ideas, refine, clarify.

Ready to report back on the Now & the Wow?

Produce a summary sheet - top 5 for each



Report Back and Discussion

Each table to report back to the whole group

Listen for the following:

- **Did 2 tables for each topic differ? Repeat?**
 - **What themes or priorities emerged overall?**
 - **Key phrases for the vision statement?**
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