

What We Heard - Summary

Malahat Nation Lands and Environment department has been preparing a Community Lands Master Plan (Local Area Plan) and accompanying Design Guidelines. These guidelines aim to honor Malahat's culture, worldview, and way of being, align with the vision for the community, and design spaces with purpose.











A variety of engagements with community and staff have happened to date. This document provides a brief summary of some of the main points raised by community. These (and more) points will be included in the final plan and design guidelines.



Main Themes

- The development of more diverse and plentiful housing for Members should strive to reduce physical and cultural barriers in the community.
- Transportation in and around the community lands should be multimodal and improvements to circulation should consider all users.
- Safety and cultural visibility are top community priorities; design guidelines should pay extra attention to how behavioral expectations can be communicated clearly.
- The growing need of Malahat departments for land to support community programming puts pressure on a limited area. Master planning should anticipate and accommodate the future needs of these groups.
- Malahat Community Lands are geographically diverse and beautiful, outdoor Member recreation should be supported by interconnecting public amenities and natural spaces.
- Meeting the application and reporting requirements for long-term funding is cumbersome, more staff capacity is needed to financially support program growth.

Sector - Based Feedback Summary

<p>Public Works</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated shop and work area • Waste transfer station near community garden • Fencing
<p>Community Garden Area</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More orchard space • Accessibility and distribution • Gathering space(s)
<p>Housing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and diverse housing • Playground near housing • Fencing and privacy
<p>Community Amenities</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community studio/workshop • Trail network • Community talking circle
<p>Storage</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheds and dedicated storage areas for assets
<p>Signage</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayfinding and road safety • Verdier point
<p>Cultural</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery expansion • Land based learning space, youth space • Fish processing area
<p>Governance</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment law • Indigenous business space, community restaurant/cafe
<p>Movement</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalks, streetlights, crosswalks • Bus turnaround • Move the ferry
<p>Waterfront</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage (old Big House) • Rebuilding canoe shed • Washrooms

Challenges and Priorities

Some challenges or barriers faced by community living or moving through the community lands include:

- Walking on reserve without streetlights
- Divide between people
- Divide between people and the departments they work at
- Landscape maintenance
- Power outages
- Transportation
- Lack of local stores

The number one priorities brought forward for improvements made in the community lands include:

- Education and housing
- Safety plan for elders and small children
- More harvest/community gardens
- Trails/gym/ways to empower members to better their health.

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Malahat Teachings

le'lumut tthun' suli'
QENT TFE HELI
(protect the sacredness of life).

le'lumut tthu mustimuhw 'ukw' 'uw' yath
TI,TW ÇSU MEQ STELITKEŁ SU,I, ENÁ E
(care for future generations).

s'et tthu ts'its'uw'a'tul' shqwaluwun
FA,ETEL SW ENS IY ŚWKÁLEÇEN
(lift one another up).

e'lumut tthu tumuhw 'u tthun' 'umimuth
QENT TFE TENEW ,U, NENIŁIYO SU,I,ENÁ
(protect the land for future generations).

yath 'uw' hakwush tthu stsi'elh shqwaluwun
kws 'imush
OŁET ÇSU I MEQ ÇENS U,I, ŚETEN
(walk with respect for all beings).

