

# Bowen Island Ourselves

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Recent discussions from the Bowen Island Ourselves (BIO) platform<sup>1</sup> that address the current stage of the OCP Update process, are grouped below and listed as inputs for policy consideration. In most cases the discussions don't taper to a single point of view; putting points of view in priority sequence isn't practical.

These views clearly reflect many of the genuine interests of Bowen Islanders, and as such will be of interest to the OCP Update Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> The OCP Update Committee as an official mechanism to support the OCP update process has sanctioned the BIO platform. The site content can be read by anyone, and can be contributed to by anyone who becomes a member and adheres to the site's user policy. There are now over 70 members of the platform, including three members of the OCP Update Committee. The Committee's vice-chair Sue Ellen Fast is currently one of the site administrators.

## 1. Greenhouse gases

How should greenhouse gas emissions be dealt with in the OCP – if at all?

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/ocp-green-pragmatism>

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/notes-from-sept-13-open-space>

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/great-videoswhat-now>

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/musing-on-ocp-process>

## 2. Values & development

From the open space vision meeting: What do we value most about living on Bowen?

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/notes-from-september-13-open-2>

From the open space vision meeting: Fostering development that reflects our values. “There is a distinct difference between ‘build... and they will come’ and building for the needs of the existing community with a prudent ...conservative growth plan.”

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/notes-from-september-13-open-3>

Conversations on values-based policy.

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/where-are-we-in-the-ocp-update>

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/these-country-roads>

## 3. Policy Priorities

Policy priorities: Snug Cove plan, Crown lands and a community center.

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/ocp-and-fantasy-island>

## 4. First Nations

Is a meeting with First Nations a necessary next step?

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/unceded-first-nations>

## 5. What does “preserve and protect” mean; what should it mean

Should integrity of ecology/habitat/resources be a prime value, before perceived human needs?

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/exploring-a-question-how-much>

From the open space vision meeting: “what exactly are we protecting, and for whose benefit...We need to see what we value, in a hierarchy of values, and come to an agreement.”

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/notes-from-september-13-open-4>

## 6. Looking ahead 30–40 years, and the OCP for Martha’s Vineyard

The OCP for Martha’s Vineyard – as an exemplary Community Plan – is linked to this discussion on what would you like to see in 30–40 years time.

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/testing-an-idea-ocp>

## 7. A better input process

Some ideas on how to include young voices.

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/do-young-voices-matter?>

From the open space vision meeting: Inclusive engagement – how to make the OCP input process more inclusive.

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/notes-from-september-13-open>

How to avoid politics that lumps people into conflicting groups results in unnecessary polarization

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/notes-from-sept-13-open-space-1>

Thoughts on the value of a more ongoing OCP planning association (or something like that) supported by BIO and other forms of community dialogue.

<http://bowegover.ning.com/forum/topics/submitting-as-a-group-to-the?id=2933913%3ATopic%3A4942&page=1#comments>