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OCP Review Galiano-style—overflow crowd and icecream sundaes ~

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Sunday, August 23 was Blue Sky Sundae on Galiano and what a day it was! Approximately 125 people packed the Lions Hall to celebrate the launch of Galiano's Official Community Plan review. They came to share ideas for shaping the Island's future and to beat the August heat with deliciously decadent build-your-own icecream sundaes.

People gathered for conversations around tables set up around the hall and on the grounds beyond. Each group was asked to 'Imagine Your Ideal Galiano' and for the ensuing hour or so the hall buzzed with excited chatter, optimism and creative energy.

The 'Ideal Galiano' that emerged from these shared conversations is a place of natural beauty and peace whose unique, rural character has been lovingly maintained. It is home to a diverse and enterprising population sustained by a

rich cultural life, a vibrant, year-round economy with vital services in place and housing opportunities for young families, elders and everyone in between. Our watersheds and forest ecosystems will have been carefully protected. Our community gardens will be flourishing—no one will go hungry! And our carbon footprint will be a sustainable one—thanks to car-sharing, bike travel and low-impact housing initiatives.

A steering committee and seven advisory committees have been established to address the various issues identified. All meetings are open to the public and everybody is invited to participate.

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