



## Village of New Denver

<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>Public Engagement Strategy</b>		
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### PURPOSE:

The Village of New Denver believes that engaging citizens and other stakeholders can lead to improved decision making. The Public Engagement Strategy is intended to guide public participation in local government decision making.

### POLICY:

- The Village is committed to providing opportunities for public engagement on issues that significantly impact the community.
- The Village recognizes that these engagement activities should be appropriate to the decision or issue at hand, and within the Village's financial, technical and staffing capacity.
- Whenever the Village undertakes a public participation process, the objective of the participation will be clarified at the beginning of the process.
- The Village is also committed to reporting back to citizens on how their views have been considered in the decision making process.

The following table outlines the roles of the Village and the participants, for several levels of public participation:

	<b>Inform</b>	<b>Consult</b>	<b>Involve</b>	<b>Collaborate</b>	<b>Empower</b>
Objective	To provide balanced and objective information to support understanding by the public	To obtain feedback on alternatives, issues and/or decisions	To work with the public to ensure that concerns and aspirations are understood and considered	To facilitate discussions and agreements between public parties to identify common ground for action and solutions	To place final decision making in the hands of the public
Village's Role	To inform the public	To listen and consider the public's concerns	To work with the public to exchange information, ideas and concerns	To seek advice and innovations from the public or a stakeholder group	To work with the public to implement agreed upon decisions



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Participant's Responsibility	To become informed	To provide feedback	To be open to other points of view and work with staff and other members of the public	To put aside personal agendas and participate in discussions	To work with staff to implement agreed upon decisions
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