

Regional Strategy



Growth Update

Regional
District of North
Okanagan

Confirming the RGS Terms of Reference

The Regional Board Strategy Session, held on January 8th and 9th, 2009, concluded that the completion of the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) was considered a priority initiative. The confirmation of the Regional Growth Strategy Terms of Reference by the newly elected Regional Board and all member municipality council was considered the most immediate item on the Regional Growth Strategy agenda.. To ensure that the Terms of Reference vision statement, goals, objectives, and guiding principles reflect the current priorities of the Regional Board and partner member municipalities, confirmation of the RGS Terms of Reference will be necessary. The Terms of Reference will be presented to the Regional Board and the Councils of the member municipalities for confirmation.

Revising the Participation Plan

The draft Participation Plan was endorsed by the Regional Board on November 5th, 2008 and referred to all member municipalities, the Provincial government, and First Nations for comment. A participation plan is a required component of the RGS, under the *Local Government Act*. The goal of this Participation Plan is to ensure broad and comprehensive public participation within the process throughout the three phases of the project, with emphasis on engagement and input at key stages within the RGS process. The Participation Plan is currently under revision so to reflect the timeline established at the above mentioned Strategy.

The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC), consisting of provincial and federal government agencies, First Nations, and local government representatives, will "...facilitate coordination of Provincial and local government actions, policies and programs..." as they relate to the Regional Growth Strategy. This coordinating role is particularly important to achieve mutual respective and supportive actions and to enhance the development of shared visions. The third IAC meeting on January 28th, 2009 and will focus on provincial and OBWB environmental initiatives.

Growth Issues Working Groups Participant Selection

As specified within the Regional Growth Strategy Terms of Reference and the draft Participation Plan, the Growth Issues Working Groups will be the major technical groups responsible for developing recommendations of goals, objectives, and strategies for each growth issue area. These recommendations will be evaluated using economic, environmental, and social criteria to ensure a broad sustainability focus. The draft Terms of Reference for the Growth issues Working Groups was endorsed by the Regional Board on November 5th, 2008 and will be amended to reflect the Working Group Participant Selection Criteria, endorsed by the Regional Board on January 14th, 2009.

Elected Officials Forum, April 16th, 2009

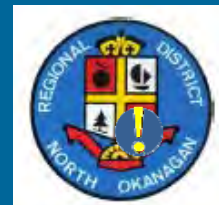
An Elected Officials Forum will be scheduled on Thursday, April 16th 2009 between 5pm and 9 pm at the Prestige Hotel and Conference Centre. This will be a facilitated session that will focus on refining the direction of the Regional Growth Strategy. More details will be released in February.

Regional Growth Strategy Presentations to the Councils of our member municipalities is considered a priority and will clarify the Regional Growth Strategy process and the role of local governments.

Regional Growth Strategy Checklist

	Task	Status
Phase I : Building a Foundation	Project Initiation	
	Application for Funding from Senior Levels of Government	
	First Intergovernmental Advisory Committee	
	1st Draft RGS Terms of Reference	
	RGS Work Plan	
	Growth Issues Identification	
	Participation Plan	
	Planning Literature Review	
	RGS Terms of Reference Confirmation from Regional Board and	
	Launch of Regional Growth Strategy Website	
	Beginning of public communication activities	
	First Release of Regional Growth Strategy Update Newsletter	
	Regional District of North Okanagan Population, Employment,	
	Regional Growth Scenario Base Case Report	
	First Meeting of Growth issues Working Groups	
	First Meeting of Community Advisory Committee	
	Elected Officials' Forum I	
Public Information Session/Open House I		
<i>Regional Issues, Vision and Goals Summary Report.</i>		
Phase II: Planning, Analysis, Evaluation, and Trade- offs	CommunityVis Alternative Growth Scenario Modeling	
	RGS Policy Performance Indicator Paper	
	Growth Issues Papers - one for each growth issue	
	Public and Stakeholder Workshop	
	Regional Ideas Symposium	
	Alternative Growth Scenario Modeling Complete	
	Growth Scenarios Evaluation Report	
	Assessment of Growth Scenario Trade-offs	
	Regional Growth Strategy Public Survey: Growth Scenarios	
	Public Information Session/Open House II	
Results of Phase II - Selection of Preferred Growth Scenario		
Phase III: Drafting the RGS Docu- ment and Bylaw Proc- ess	First Draft Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw	
	Public Information Session/Open House III	
	Second Draft of Regional Growth Strategy	
	Regional Growth Strategy Public Hearing	
	Negotiation of Agreement between all affected local govern-	
	Acceptance of Regional Growth Strategy Policy Document	
	Adoption of Regional Growth Strategy	
	Implementation of Regional Growth Strategy	

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