



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY

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Regional Growth Strategy Update

Regional Growth Strategy Policy Recommendations

The Regional Growth Strategy draft economic development, water stewardship and agriculture and food system recommendations have been referred to member municipalities and First Nations for consideration and comment by May 30th, 2010. It is anticipated that the draft recommendations from the Affordable Housing, Environment and Natural Lands, Urban Containment and Rural Protection and Transportation and Infrastructure Working Groups will be considered by the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee and Board of Directors in the near future. All recommendations will be referred out to municipal councils and First Nations for comment prior to public consultation on Regional Growth Strategy options. The recommendations under review are the product of months of discussions by the Growth Issues Working Groups that consisted of community members, key stakeholders, technical experts and local, regional and provincial staff.

Population, Housing and Employment Projections: 2006-2031

The North Okanagan Population, Housing and Employment projections to 2031 have been endorsed by the Board of Directors on April 7, 2010. The report has been released to North Okanagan Chambers of Commerce, member municipalities and is available at the Regional Growth Strategy website. The North Okanagan is expected to grow by 25,356, from 78,877 in 2006 to 104,233 by 2031. Employment is expected to grow at half the rate of the population due to an aging population.

Memorandum of Understanding on Interim Management of Planning Initiatives

The Board of Directors, on April 7, 2010, reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding on Interim Management of Planning and Development Initiatives and referred the document to member municipalities and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for consideration and comment. The MOU will provide an opportunity to address matters of common regional concern and will ensure that decisions on land use planning and development that have cross-border or regional implications have been thoroughly considered within the context of the Regional Growth Strategy guiding principles.

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting

The next Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting, scheduled for April 29, 2010, will discuss the population, housing and employment projections to 2031 and the preliminary policy direction of the Regional Growth Strategy. Adjacent Regional Districts' planning staff and BC Transit have been added to the list of participants. The focus of the meeting will be to solicit input and comment on policy direction, concerns and opportunities by participating agencies, as well as any synergies that may result from the Regional Growth Strategy.

Participation Events

The Regional Growth Strategy process has received over 575 public comments to date and much more are expected in 2010. Several public participation events and communication activities will occur over the next 6 months. The major initiatives are:

- Six Phase II Open Houses in summer;
- A Regional Choices Survey
- Display and promotional material at public events and public facilities; and
- Seniors and Youth Engagement Activities, Growth Scenario Choice Survey.

The RGS Coordinator will be available to all municipal councils for presentations or acting as a delegation.





























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 IN PROGRESS

Regional Growth Strategy Process Checklist

	Task	Status
Phase I : Building a Foundation March 2007 - May 2009	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 municipal governments	
	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, and Housing Projection: 2008-2031	
	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 Tradeoffs June 2009 - July 2010	Conclusion of Working Groups Meetings	
	Development of RGS Policy Options	
	Development of RGS Policy Performance Indicators	
	Evaluation of Regional Growth Strategy Policy Options	
	Growth Issues Papers - one for each growth issue	
	Working Group Workshops	
	Regional Ideas Symposium	
	Alternative Growth Scenario Modeling	
	Growth Scenarios Evaluation Report	
	Assessment of Growth Scenario Trade-offs	
	Regional Growth Strategy Public Survey: Growth Scenarios	
	Public Information Session/Open House II	
Draft Regional Growth Strategy		
Phase III: Drafting the RGS Bylaw August 2010 - August 2011	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 governments	
	Acceptance of Regional Growth Strategy Policy Document	
	Adoption of Regional Growth Strategy	
Implementation of Regional Growth Strategy		