



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY

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Regional Growth Strategy Update

Regional Growth Strategy Policy Municipal Feedback

The Regional Growth Strategy Coordinator, over the last six months, has received over 1,200 comments from municipal councils and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee through workshops or council resolutions. Additional comments were received through unendorsed reports and individual elected official correspondence. The Regional District of North Okanagan commends the passion and insight that all elected officials brought to the discussion. The comments that we received fell into four main categories, agree, agree-in-principal, clarify and disagree. The comment tables are available by jurisdiction and by topic area.

The feedback received through this consultation process generally confirmed support for the recommended goals and the intent of the strategies that have been identified by the Working Groups and the overall strategic direction of the Regional Growth Strategy. The key themes that emerged during the workshops and council discussions was a recommended reduction in the level of detail and complexity of the strategies, as well as eliminating duplication and redundancy. During the development of the Regional Growth Strategy draft policy framework, all elected officials input was taken into consideration. The comment tables will be posted on the RGS website in the near future.

Agree	Agree with the recommendation, no changes.
Agree in Principle	Agree with the intent of the recommendation, but needs more work
Clarify	The recommendation needs to be clarified because is confusing, may only apply to a few communities or could be interpreted in several ways
Disagree	The recommendation is inappropriate for a RGS or does not reflect the strategic direction of Council

Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Draft Policy Framework

The RGS Draft Policy Framework will be developed after the Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee (RGMAC) reviews the comments and discusses the policy areas where there are diverse and mixed comments. The extensive collaboration over the past years, the significant public input we have received and dedication, passion and insight that the Working Group members brought to the process has resulted in the recommendations under review. The RGS policy direction, after the RGMAC discussions, will continue to reflect the vision and guiding principles of the project. The resulting RGS Policy Framework will attempt to address the comments received during elected official consultation with an aim to balance the successful achievement of regional goals with the need for achieving municipal flexibility to meet local objectives.

Regional Growth Scenarios and Trade-offs

EcoPlan International has been contracted to assist with a Trade-off analysis of several growth scenario concepts that are under development. The consultant will facilitate an Elected Officials' Forum that will allow all elected officials the opportunity to take participate in a trade-off analysis workshop. The same exercise will be undertaken at a Regional Choices Symposium. There is also public engagement that is scheduled. All of these events will take place early in 2011.

Participation Events

Broad and strategic public engagement and participation activities will begin after all recommendation comments have been received and a draft Regional Growth Strategy Policy Framework has been endorsed by the Board of Directors. Stay tuned.



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COMPLETE!

IN PROGRESS

Regional Growth Strategy Process Checklist

	Task	Status
Phase I : Building a Foundation June 2007 – August 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 August 2009 - December 2010	Conclusion of Working Groups Meetings	
	Development of RGS Policy Options	
	Development of RGS Policy Performance Indicators	
	Trade-off Analysis	
	Growth Issues Papers - one for each growth issue	
	Regional Choices 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 January – 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		