



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 1,400 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. This is the first time that a Regional Growth Strategy process has included such a comprehensive and extensive municipal consultation prior to the development of a draft Regional Growth Strategy. 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 Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee consider all the comments that were received during their review of the Working Group recommendations.

Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Draft Policy Framework

The Regional Growth Management Advisory Committee has completed their review of the efforts of the working groups and has provided recommendations to the Board of Directors on policies for inclusion within the draft Regional Growth Strategy. Economic Development, Environment and Natural Lands and Housing recommendations have been referred back to the Regional Growth Strategy Support Team, made of all the senior planners in the region, for reexamination. We anticipate that a draft Regional growth Strategy will be ready for review early in the new year.

Alternative Growth Scenarios

The three alternative growth scenarios, based on the overall Regional Growth Strategy policy direction, are almost finished. These scenarios will assist with the trade-off analysis, policy indicator identification and monitoring the effectiveness of the Regional Growth Strategy once we begin implementation.

Think of these scenarios as alternate futures based upon the effectiveness of Regional Growth Strategy policies.

Regional Growth Strategy Trade-offs

EcoPlan International has been developing a trade-off analysis of the overall policy direction of the RGS and has focused on the agreed upon goals and strategies. To make certain our elected officials are included in the trade-off discussion, an Elected Official Forum facilitated by EcoPlan will be held in early 2011 that will discuss the trade-offs and how they will impact the future sustainability of the North Okanagan.

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| FEB 24, 2011 | ELECTED OFFICIALS FORUM | 6-9 PM | PRESTIGE CONFERENCE CENTRE |
| MAR 8 2011 | REGIONAL CHOICES SYMPOSIUM | 6-9 pm | PRESTIGE CONFERENCE CENTRE |

Public Consultation in the New Year

Once the alternative scenarios are complete and a draft Regional Growth Strategy is ready for public review, the Regional District will be engaging the public through a regional choices survey and a series of Open Houses. Public engagement will explore the trade-offs between RGS policy choices, feedback on the plan and what they would like the future of the North Okanagan to look like. All working group members will be invited to a special Regional Choices Symposium to discuss tradeoffs and the draft Regional Growth Strategy.

We have had strong public response and input so far in the process, with 600 people bringing forward their ideas and suggestions. We are aiming to include at least 600 more in this discussion.



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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 Reading: Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw | |
| | Public Information Session/Open House III | |
| | Second Reading: Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw | |
| | Regional Growth Strategy Public Hearing | |
| | Negotiation of Agreement between all affected governments | |
| | Acceptance of Regional Growth Strategy by Councils | |
| | Third Reading and Adoption of Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw | |
| Implementation of Regional Growth Strategy | | |