

**Regional District of North Okanagan**

**Regional Growth Strategy**



# What is a Regional Growth Strategy?

## Legislated Purpose:

**“To promote human settlement that is socially, economically and environmentally healthy and that makes efficient use of public facilities and services, land and other resources”**

*Local Government Act, Part 25*

## Functional Purpose:

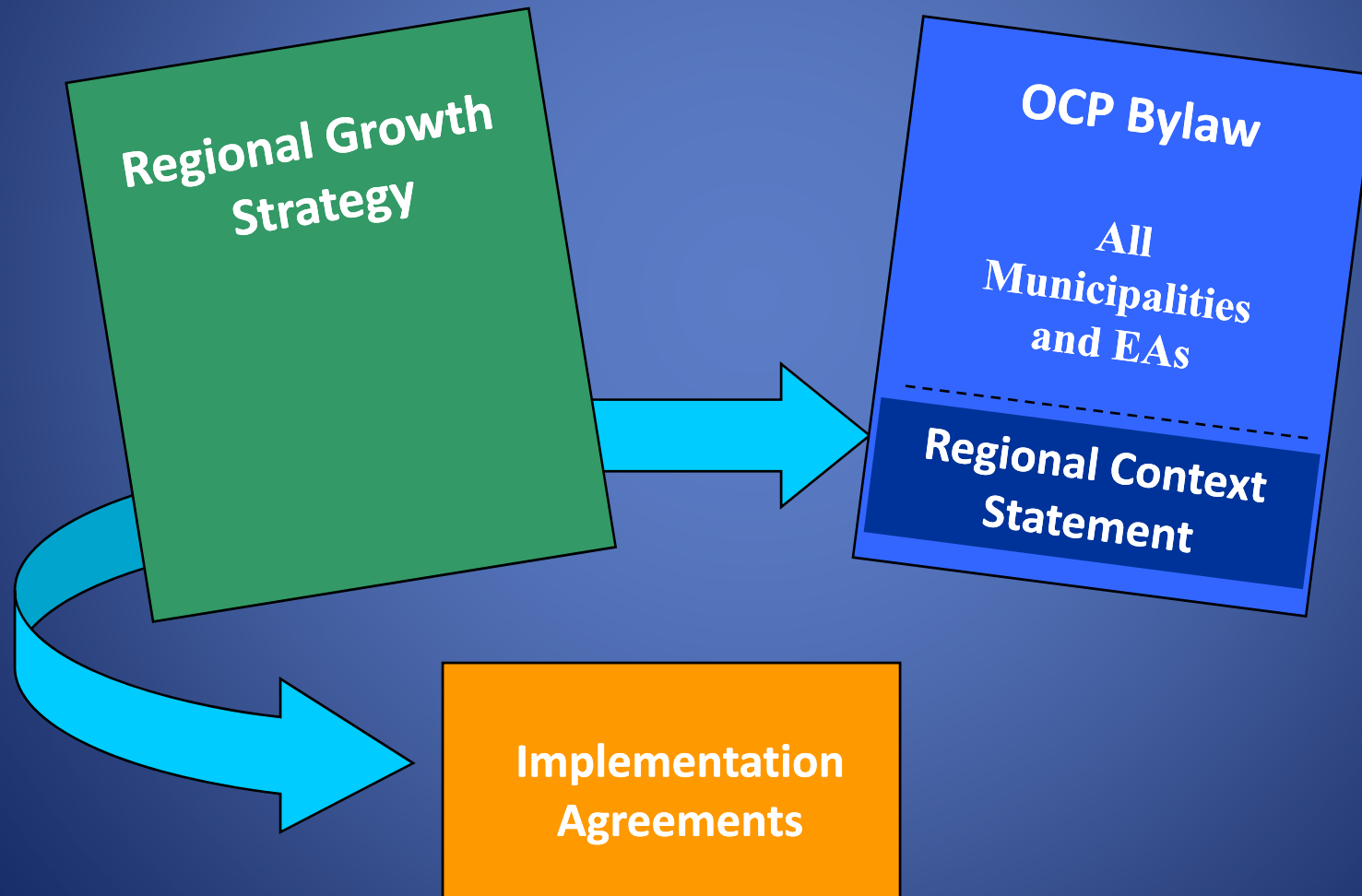
**To guide growth, change and development**

# What is a Regional Growth Strategy?

## Required Content:

- Long term vision – 20 year horizon and beyond
- Population and employment projections
- Regional policies for key regional interests:  
Housing, transportation, regional district services, parks and natural areas, economic development, and other issues including urban containment.
- Strategies and targets to reduce Greenhouse Gases

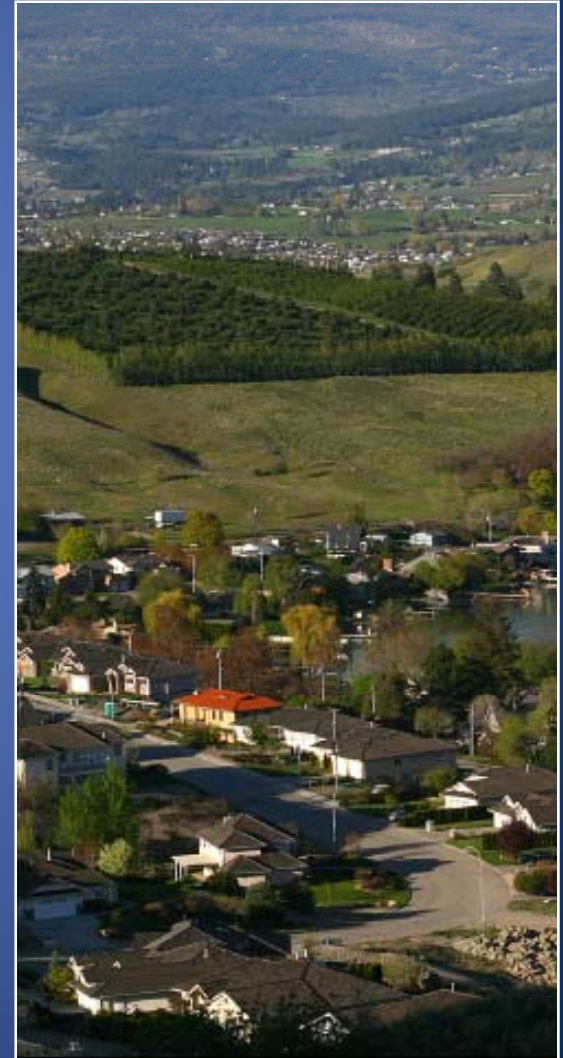
# Key Elements



# Why develop a Regional Growth Strategy?

**Provides framework for:**

- **Addressing critical regional issues;**
- **Implementing Provincial programs and investments in infrastructure**
- **Assessing regional service opportunities**
- **Better coordination of issues that transcend local jurisdictional boundaries**

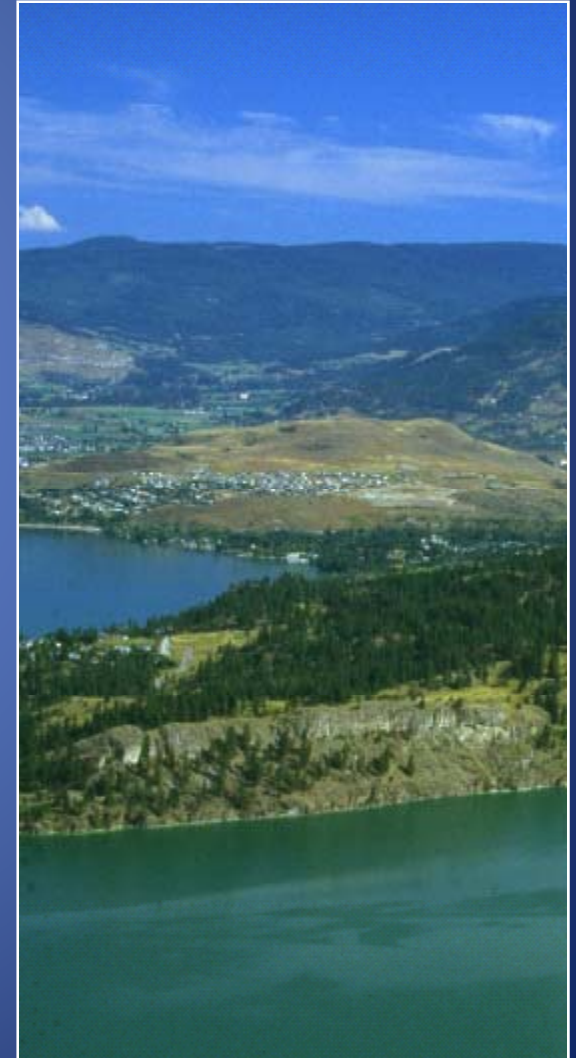


# The Benefits of Undertaking an RGS

- Made in the North Okanagan solutions to growth over the long-term
- Focus on local knowledge and expertise to identify issues and develop strategies
- Scoping to identify and prioritize regional issues
- Strengthening relationships between local governments, as well as with provincial, federal and First Nations governments
- Framework for local decision-making, coordination and collaboration
- Opportunities for broad community participation

# Key Issues

- **Economic Development**
- **Natural Areas**
- **Transportation**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Agriculture**
- **Urban Containment**
- **Water**
- **Governance and Service Delivery**

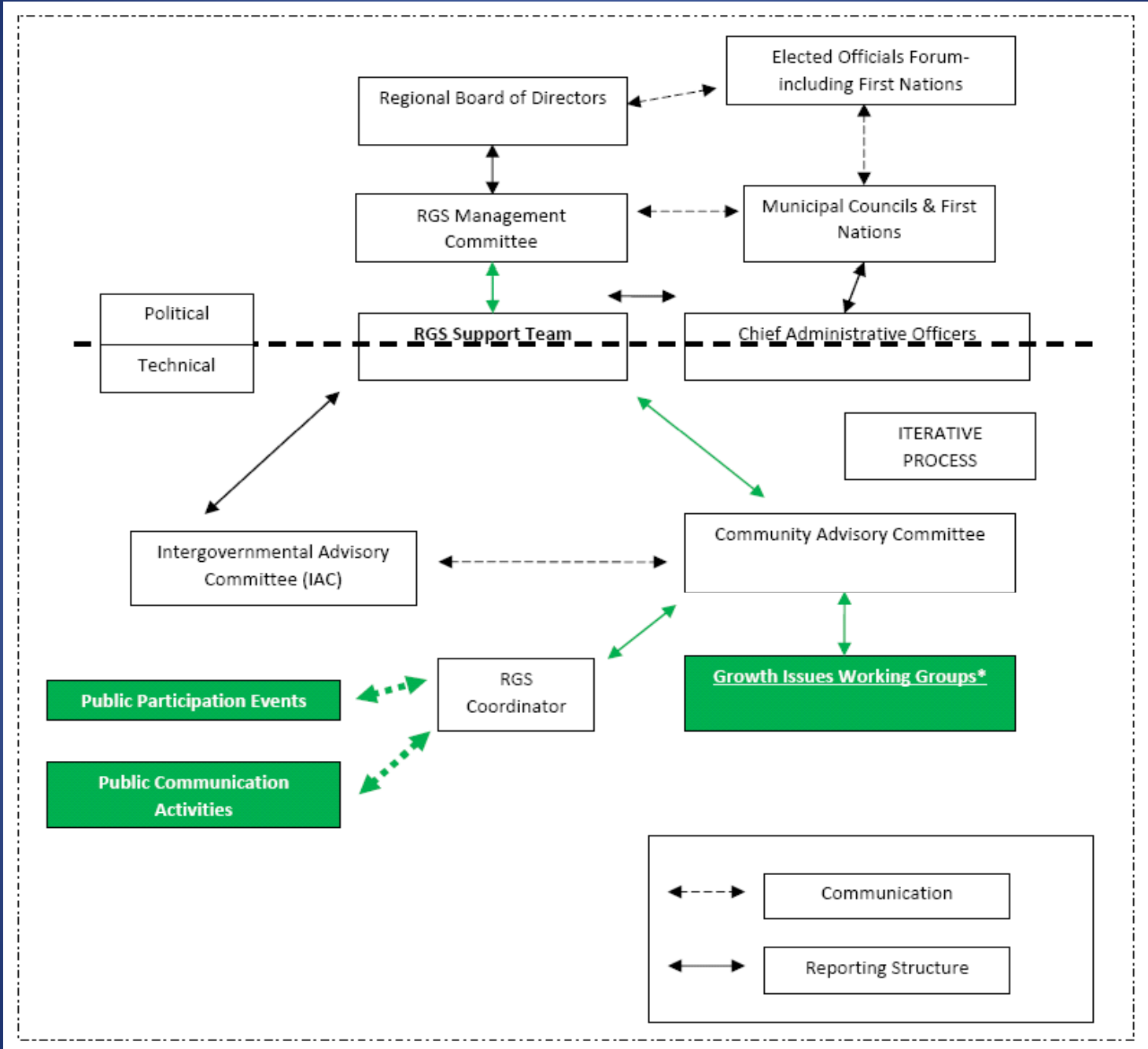


# Developing a Strategy

- **Developing a framework that responds to local needs**
- **Three to complete (2008-2011)**
- **Three Phases**
- **Agreement on strategic interests**
- **RGS Terms of Reference (3<sup>rd</sup> Draft)**
  - **Vision for the Region**
  - **Goals and Objectives**
  - **Participation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Draft, Out for Referral)**

# The Regional Growth Strategy Process

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Tasks</i>	<i>Expected Timing</i>
I: Building a Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of Terms of Reference (3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Complete)</li> <li>• Development and adoption of a Participation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Draft Complete, Out for Referral )</li> <li>• Projections for population and employment for 20 year period (IN PROGRESS)</li> <li>• Growth scenario base case analysis (IN PROGRESS)</li> <li>• Preliminary issues identification (IN PROGRESS)</li> <li>• Confirm vision statement, guiding principles and Participation Plan</li> </ul>	January 2007 – April 2009
II: Planning, Analysis, Evaluation and Trade-offs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of growth issues goals and objectives, performance indicators</li> <li>• Development of alternative growth scenarios and policy alternatives</li> <li>• Evaluation of growth scenarios and policy alternatives</li> <li>• Assessment of trade-offs between growth scenarios</li> </ul>	May 2009 – June 2010
III: RGS Final Draft Preparation and Bylaw Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of Draft Regional Growth Strategy</li> <li>• Negotiation of agreement between all affected local governments</li> <li>• Acceptance of Regional Growth Strategy by affected local governments</li> <li>• Adoption of Regional Growth Strategy</li> <li>• Implementation and Monitoring</li> </ul>	July 2010 – August 2011



## NEXT STEPS – Phase I!

- **Confirming the Terms of Reference** – IN PROGRESS
- **Participation Plan** – Implementation underway, awaiting comments from municipalities, First Nations and Provincial Government
- **Population, Housing, and Employment Projection: 2008-2031** – has been awarded and will be completed by late March 2009
- **CommunityVis Regional Growth Base Case Model: 2008-2031** – has been awarded and will be completed in early April 2009
- **Populating the Growth Issues Working Groups** – February/March 2009
- **Elected Officials Forum** – scheduled in April 2009

Any Questions ?

