

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 Regional growth, change and development

What is a Regional Growth Strategy?

Required Content:

- 20+ Year Strategy
- A Regional Vision Statement
- Population and Employment (2008 to 2031)
- Regional policies for our cross-jurisdictional key growth issues



What a Regional Growth Strategy Can and Can Not Do?

What a RGS Can Do:

- Provide strategic-level direction for Official Community Plans and land use decisions
- Commitment, through agreement, to a shared regional vision on growth management

What a RGS Can Not Do:

- A RGS can not regulate land use within municipalities and electoral areas
- Dictate how the objectives of the RGS policies will be implemented, allowing flexibility in approach

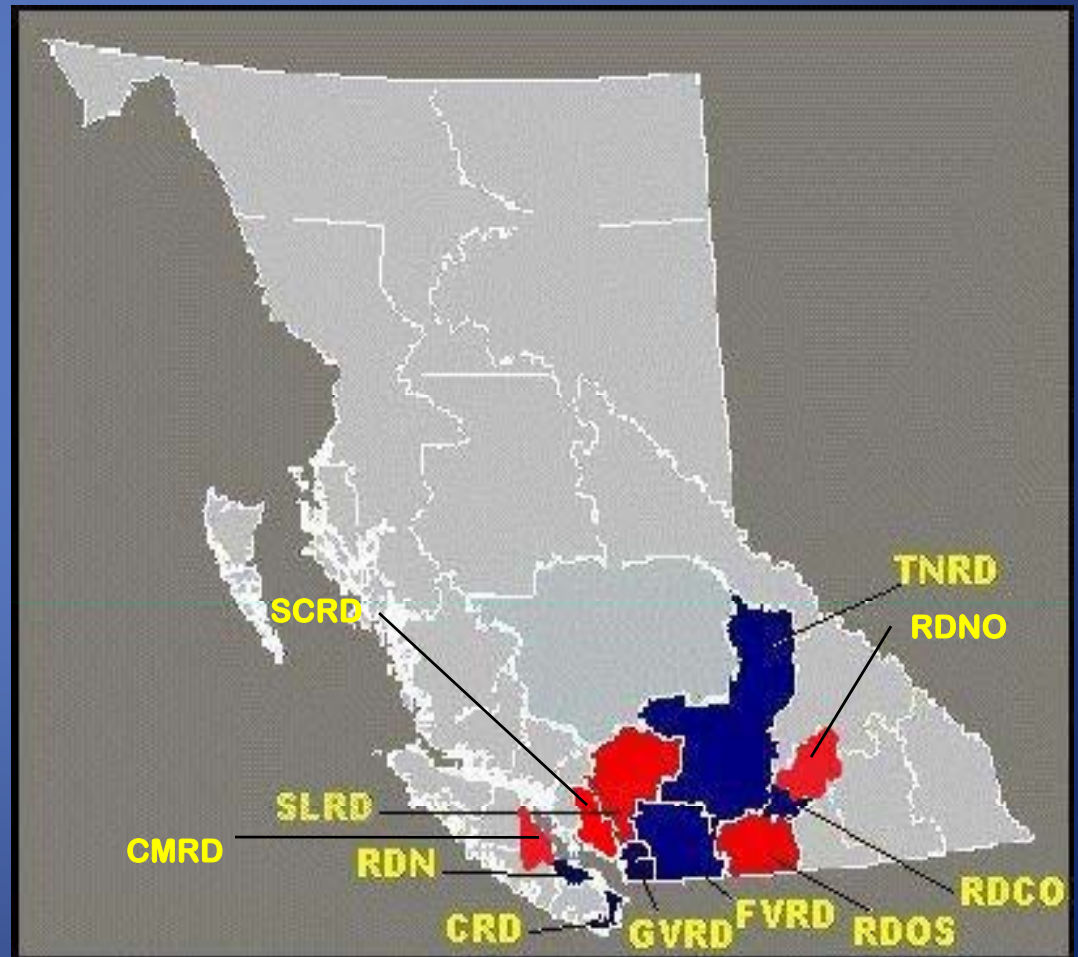
Regional Growth Strategies in Other Regions

Adopted Regional Growth Strategies

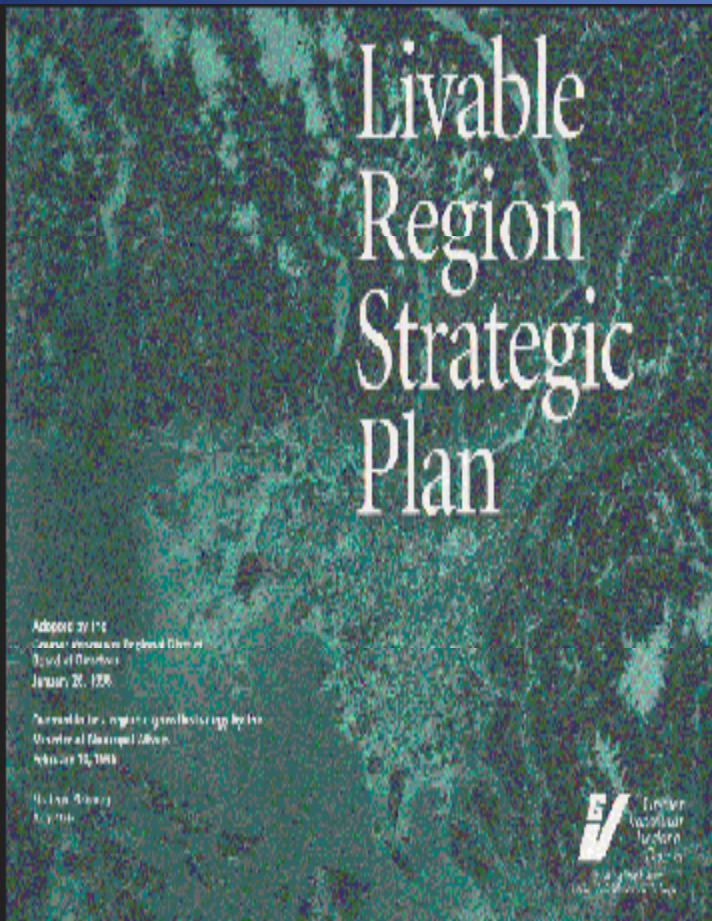
- Greater Vancouver RD
- RD Central Okanagan
- RD Nanaimo
- Thompson Nicola RD
- Capital RD
- Fraser Valley RD

In Progress

- Squamish-Lillooet RD
- Comox Valley RD
- RD North Okanagan
- Sunshine Coast RD - Scoping
- Okanagan-Similkameen RD



A Growth Strategy is a Flexible Tool



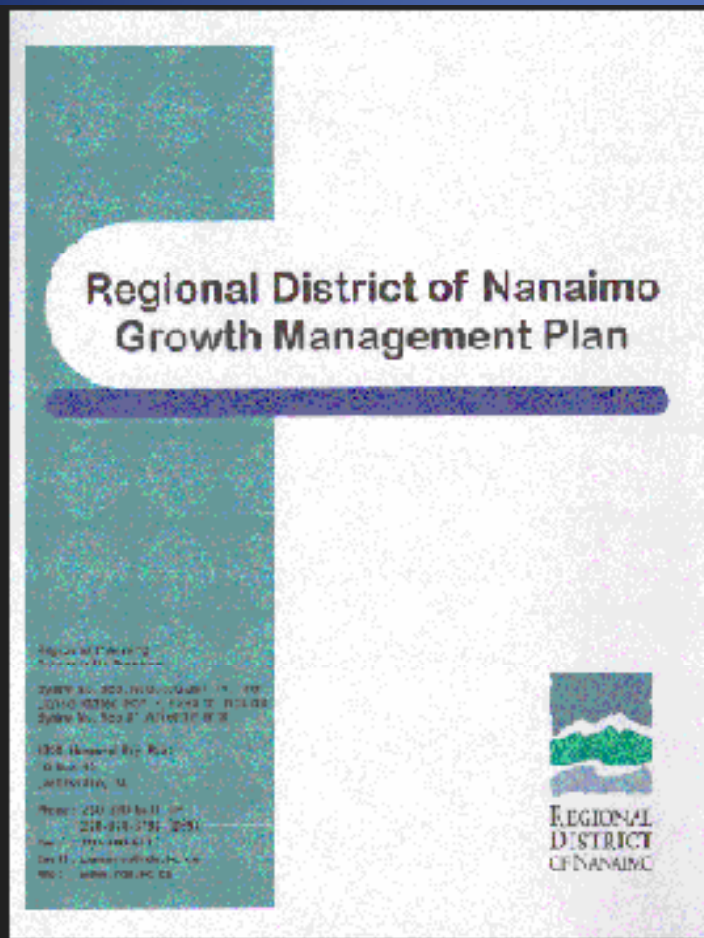
Greater Vancouver Regional District

- 33 Pages
- High Level
- Four key strategies
- Allocates growth
- “Framework document”

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Regional District of Nanaimo

- 95 Pages
- Detailed policies and designations
- 12 Maps
- 5 Appendices
- Guides all planning and servicing decisions



Key Elements

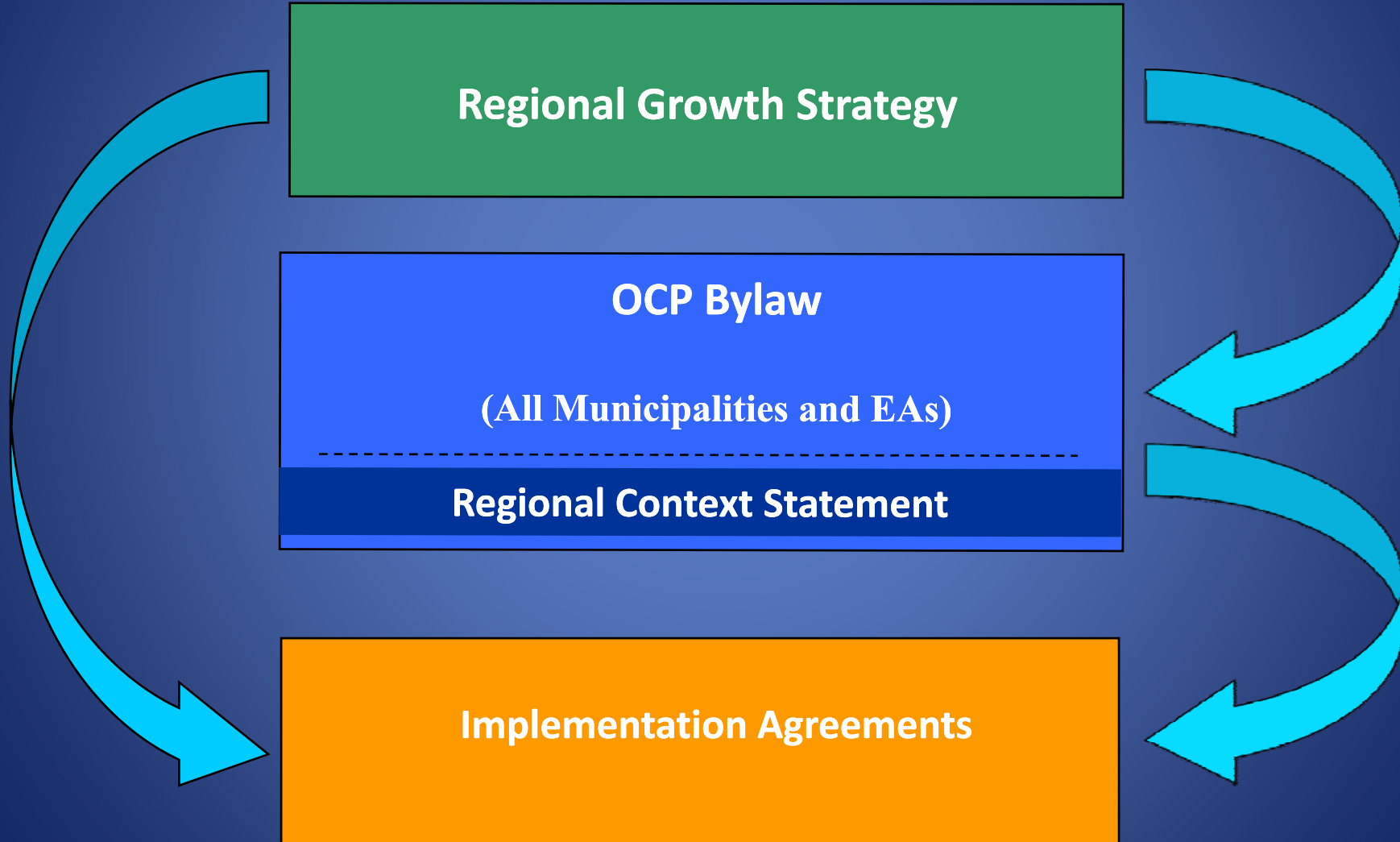
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OCP Bylaw

(All Municipalities and EAs)

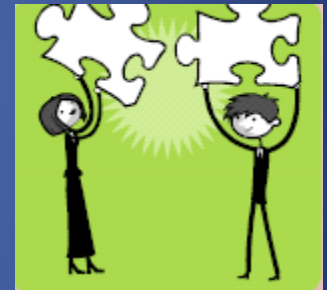
Regional Context Statement

Implementation Agreements



Why develop a Regional Growth Strategy?

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

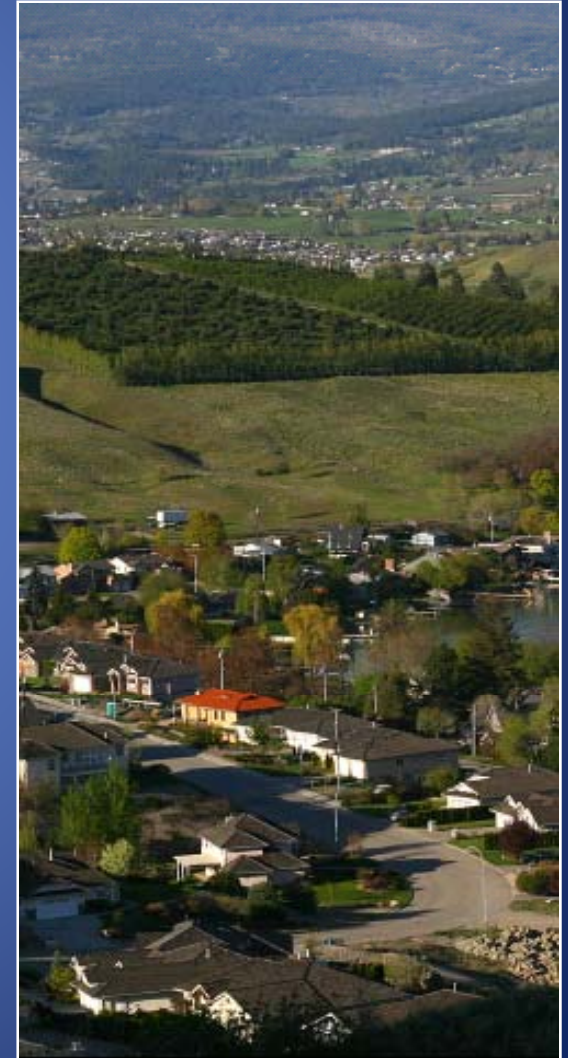


The Benefits of Undertaking an RGS

- Made in the North Okanagan Solutions to Growth
- Use Local Knowledge and Expertise
- Focus on Priority Regional Issues
- Strength Relationships Between Local Governments
- Local Decision-making, Coordination, Collaboration
- Opportunities for Broad Community Participation

The Growth Issues

- Economic Development
- Urban Containment
- Natural Environment
- Agriculture
- Water
- Governance and Service Delivery
- Affordable Housing
- Transportation and Infrastructure



Exploring the Issues

What are the effects of these factors on the future of the North Okanagan:

- Demographics
- Economy
- Climate Change
- Housing Needs
- Technology
- Views & Values



- Natural Environment?
- Built Environment?
- Social System?
- Economic Prosperity?
- Agricultural Sustainability?

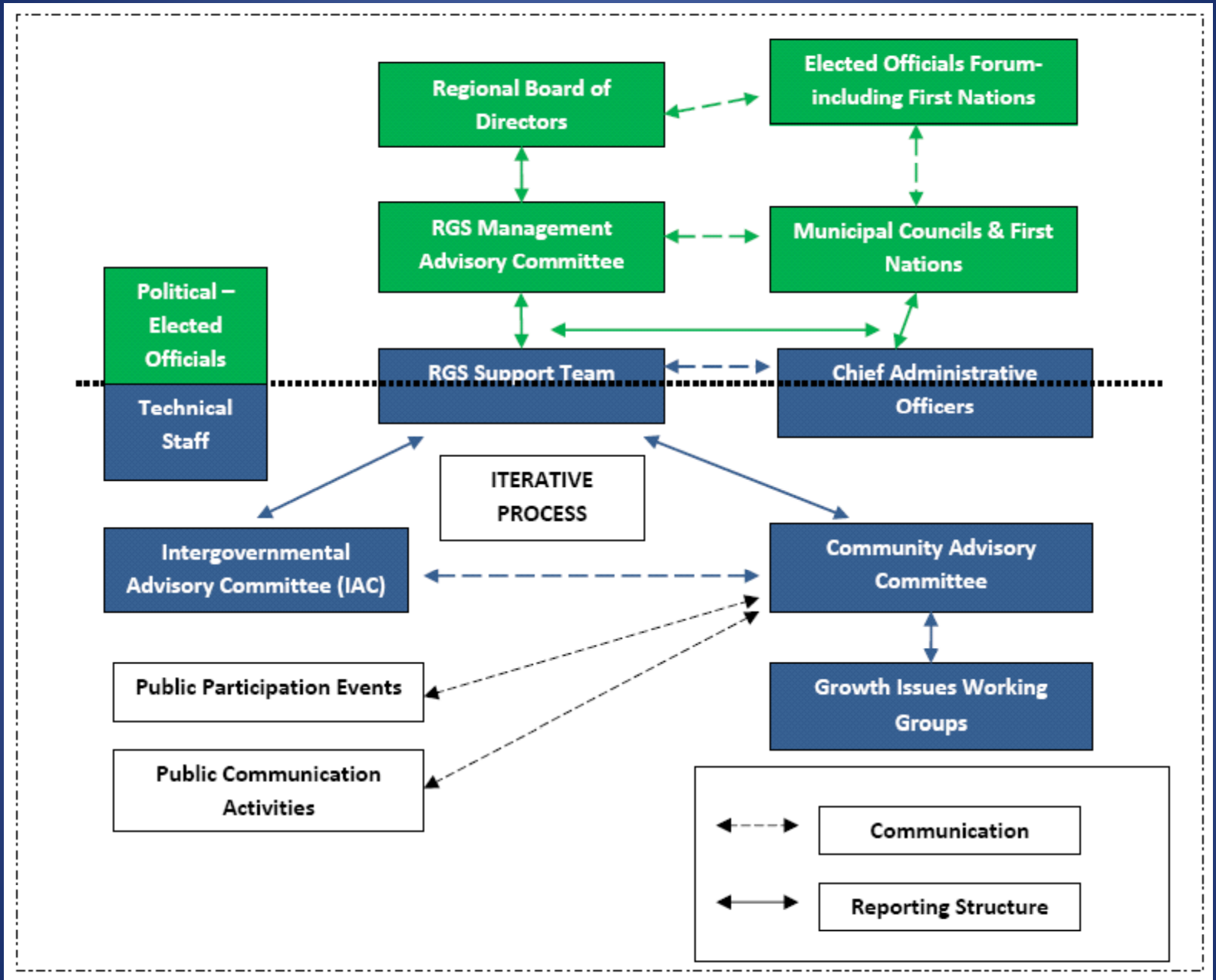
Local Government Participation

Political Participation:

- At the Regional Board
- During Elected Officials Forums
- Monthly RGS Updates
- RGS Management Advisory Committee
- Regional Ideas Symposium

Staff Participation:

- On the Working Groups
- At the IAC Meetings
- On the RGS Support Team
- Regional ideas Symposium



Participation Plan and the RGS

Objectives of the Participation Plan, specifically:

- To create meaningful appropriate opportunities for public engagement;
- To foster an environment that is conducive to respectful, informed and productive discussion;
- To raise the profile through communication, education, and awareness activities; and
- A process that is open, accountable and accessible.

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"> • Terms of Reference • Participation Plan 	January 2007 –
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth scenario base case analysis • Confirming direction 	April 2009
II: Choosing a Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Issues Strategies, Goals, and Actions • Alternative Growth Scenarios Development • Choosing a Desired Future 	May 2009 – June 2010
III: Developing the Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Regional Growth Strategy • RGS Bylaw Process • Adoption of Regional Growth Strategy • Implementation and Monitoring 	July 2010 – August 2011

NEXT STEPS – Phase I!

- Re-confirming the Terms of Reference
- Participation Plan Implementation
- Regional Growth Base Case Model: 2008-2031
- Forming the Working Groups
- Elected Officials Forum - scheduled April 16th
2009

Any Questions ?

