

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

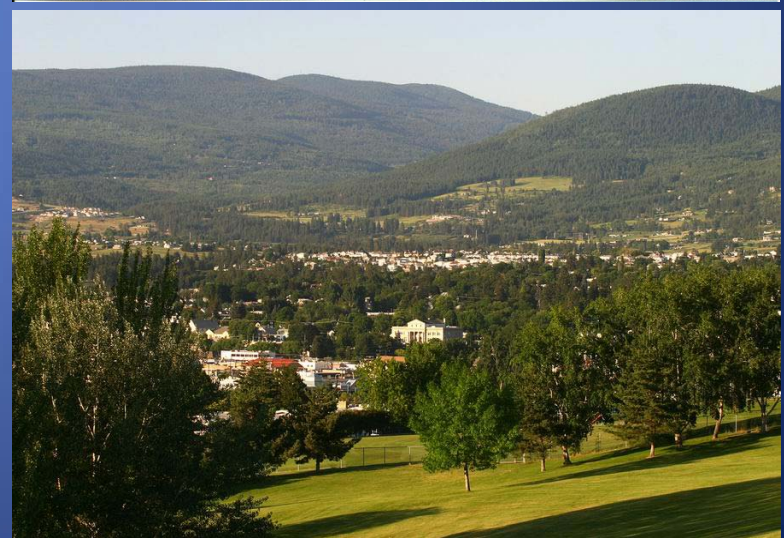
Functional Purpose:

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
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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

Value of the Regional Growth Strategy

Value will be derived from the *Strategy* & from the *process to create it*

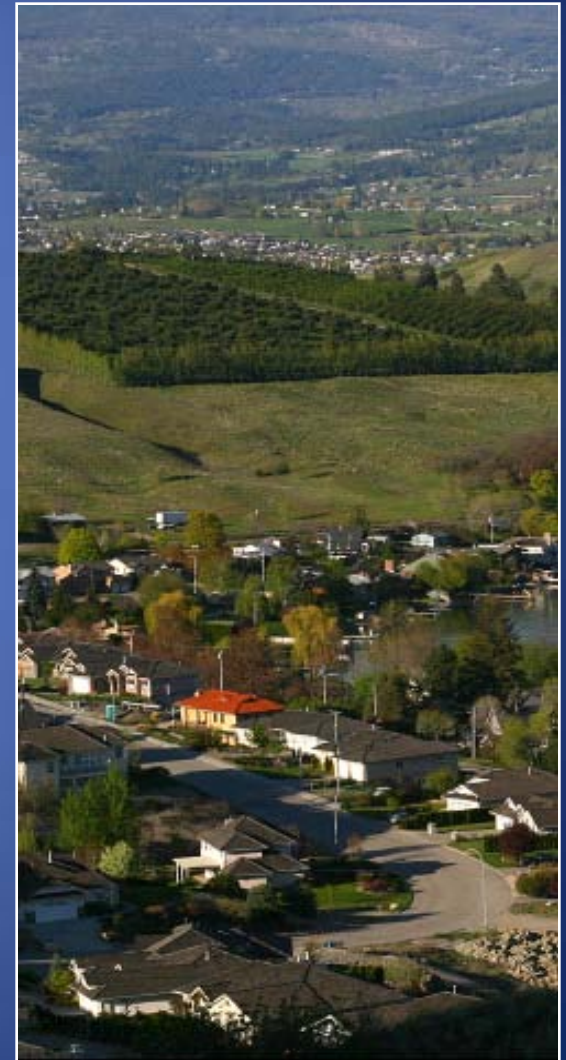
- Setting a Direction for the Region
- Bringing Communities Together in Discussion
- Involving All Stakeholders
- Addressing Interrelated Issues
- Identifying Opportunities
- Agreeing on Strategies & Actions
- Finding Solutions to Complex Problems

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 and Social Issues**
- **Transportation and Infrastructure**



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.

Proposed Activities of the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant

- The development of tools and communication materials.
- Focus participation on venues that are frequented by seniors.
- community events that will encourage input into the Regional Growth Strategy process.
- Preparation of a stand-alone report that will summarize the senior participation outcomes.



How Do We Get There?

- We will be looking at the growth issues – what is working, what is not, where do we want to go and how do we get there?
- Suggestions for activities and meeting that will create opportunities for engagement
- What will communication/education materials look like?
- How do we take this Regionally?
- What form will input take – minutes, survey, comment card, community mapping?

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- Visit the Regional Growth Strategy website (<http://www.rdno.ca/services/development/rgs/index.php>) to find out more.

Any Questions ?

