

**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:

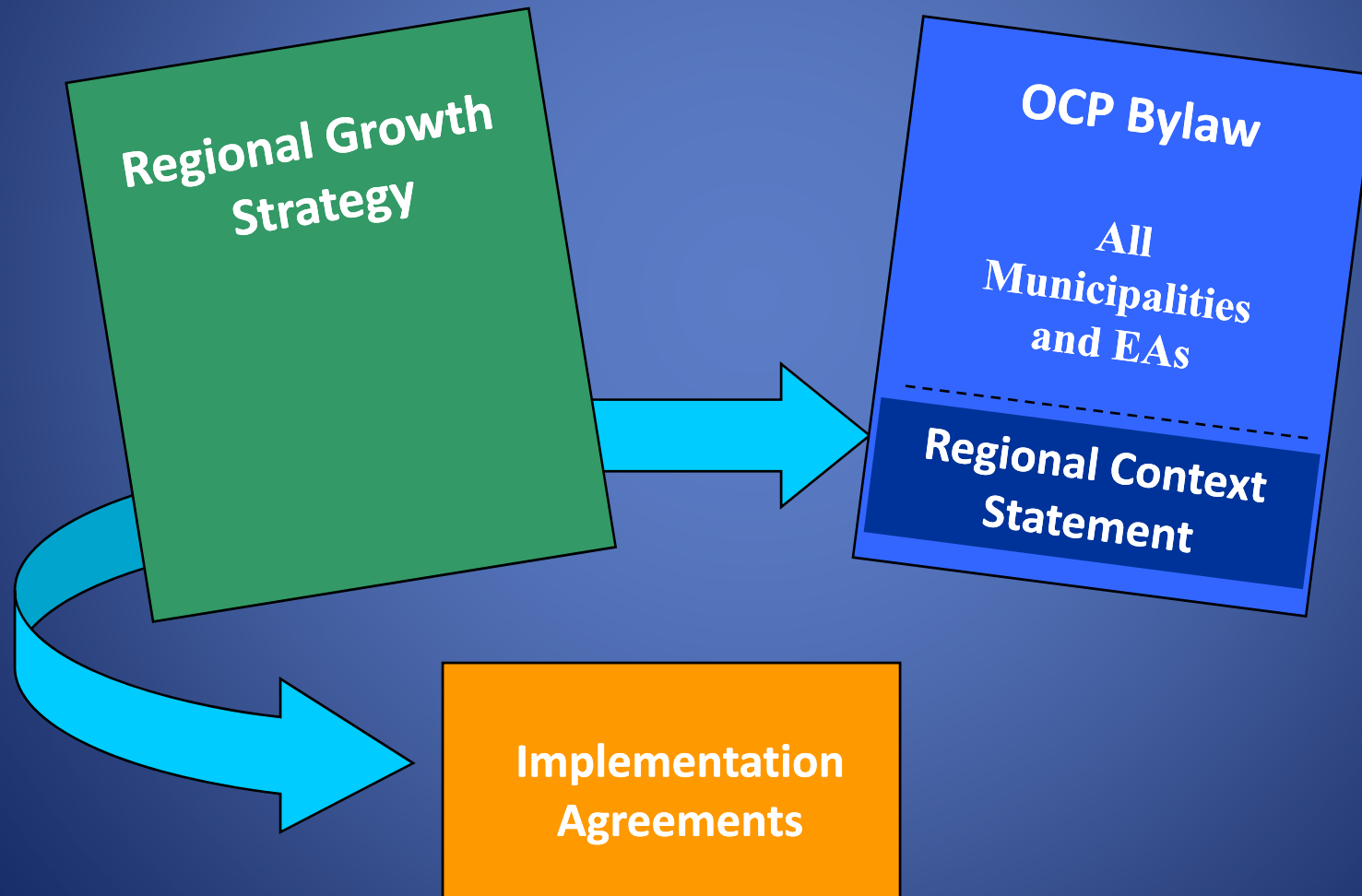
**To guide growth, change and development**

# 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

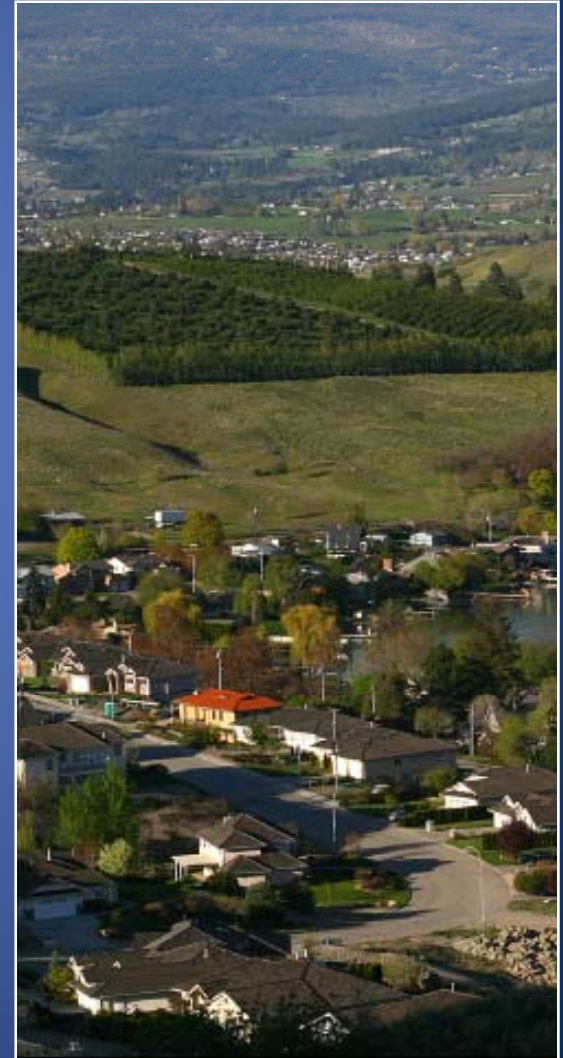
# Key Elements



# 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
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- 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

# Developing a Strategy

- **Developing a framework that responds to local needs**
- **Three to four years to complete (2008-2012)**
- **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)**

# NEXT STEPS – Phase I!

- **Confirming the Terms of Reference** – Newly elected officials - UNDERWAY
- **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 February 2009
- **CommunityVis Regional Growth Base Case Model: 2008-2031** – has been awarded and will be completed in March 2009
- **Populating the Growth Issues Working Groups** – Feb 2009
- **Elected Officials Forum** – to be scheduled in April 2009

Any Questions ?

