



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY "One Region, One Future"

'My Sustainable North Okanagan' Youth Contests

It's Your Region! Have a say in the future.

The Regional Growth Strategy is more than just lines on a map and some policies. It is our vision and road map of the future of the North Okanagan. You will be the ones inheriting this future and you should have your say. What does your ideal future look like and what are we missing?

The Regional District wants to develop a plan to make the North Okanagan a better place for everyone to live. **REMEMBER - THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31st, 2009 for all contests. One submission per person per contest.** Be creative, be visionary and place no limits on your imagination.

THE RULES

- Submit your entry to anthony.kittel@rdno.ca
- Deadline for submissions will be December 31st, 2009
- One submission per person per contest
- A selection of contest submissions will be shown on the website and at an Open House.
- All submissions will be entered into the contest for cash bursaries and may be displayed on the **RGS Youthview** website and RGS events

CONTEST #1: Your Vision Multimedia Contest (Ages 14-25)

Why: Show us your vision of the community through your eyes. Tell us what growth issues worry you most? What does your utopia look like?

How: 1. Bring your imagination! Use any media medium you can think of – video, music, spoke work recording, or anything else you can think of - tell us a story about your vision of the region, what needs to change or what the future may look like. 2. Write a short description of the multimedia submission and why you chose your subject.

Details:

- Include a short description (max. 150 words) of what your multimedia submission shows, the location and why you chose your subject.
- Open to everyone between 14 and 25 years old.

1st Prize: \$250 Cash Bursary 2nd Prize: \$100 Cash Bursary

3rd Prize: \$50 Cash Bursary



CONTEST #2: Your Issues Creative Writing Contest (Ages 14-25)

Why: We need to know how youth in the North Okanagan are affected by the issues of growth and change, and what they see as solutions. Add your ideas to Regional Growth Strategy.

How: Describe an issue that is important to you and suggest steps that may provide a solution. Be creative and use your imagination! Works of fiction, poetry and any other literary form are encouraged.

1st Prize: \$250 Cash Bursary

2nd Prize: \$100 Cash Bursary

3rd Prize: \$50 Cash Bursary

Details: Maximum 500 words.

Open to everyone between 14 and 25 years old.

CONTEST #3: Your Community: Mapping Contest (Ages 14-25)

Why: The way that youth see their communities is essential to developing a common future vision. We can not get from here to there without knowing what here looks like. The Regional Growth Strategy will explore the issues that are important to you, but also it will help maintain what you feel is important.

How: Create a Community Map with your peers, showing the areas that are important to you and your friends parks, trails, where you hang out, etc). Show what you consider a problem or are concerned about (environmental concerns, transportation, etc). Be creative and discuss what you like about your community and what you don't!

Prize: \$500 Cash Bursary to the Team

Details: Please provide the number, age, and community of everyone contributes.

Open to everyone between 14 and 25 years old.

CONTEST #4: Your Future Poster Contest (Ages under 14)

Why: The youngest members of our communities will inherit our future and be active participants in that future. Images of what their communities will look like and what is valued will contribute to the Regional Growth Strategy. Put together a poster of your North Okanagan.

How: Draw the future of your community and what you want to see happen. What is important to you, what don't you like? You can focus on anything or any place within your community.

Details Submit your drawing and a very brief description of your picture.

Open to everyone under 14 years of age.

1st Prize: \$150 Cash Bursary 2nd Prize: \$100 Cash Bursary 3rd Prize: \$50 Cash Bursary

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CONTESTS AT: WWW.RDNO.CA/RGS