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THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO GROWTH
STRATEGY REVIEW

Regional District of Nanaimo



Changing Shape:
A New Regional Growth Strategy

Presentation Outline

1. Regional Growth Strategies
2. The RDN's RGS Review
 - a. Purpose
 - b. Public Input
 - c. Implications
3. Possible Changes to the RGS
 - a. 11 of the more significant changes
4. Next steps



Regional Growth Strategies

What is an RGS?

- A regional vision that commits local governments to certain courses of action
- An agreement on how growth and development will be managed on a region wide basis
- Provides direction for each partner on their role and responsibility for a range of growth related challenges and opportunities

Regional Growth Strategies

Why Have an RGS?

- Opportunity for a coordinated approach to address issues of regional significance
- promote cooperation among municipalities and regional district on issues that cross local government boundaries
- Clarifies responsibilities for each partner
- Puts everybody on the same page

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Regional Growth Strategies

How Does an RGS Work?

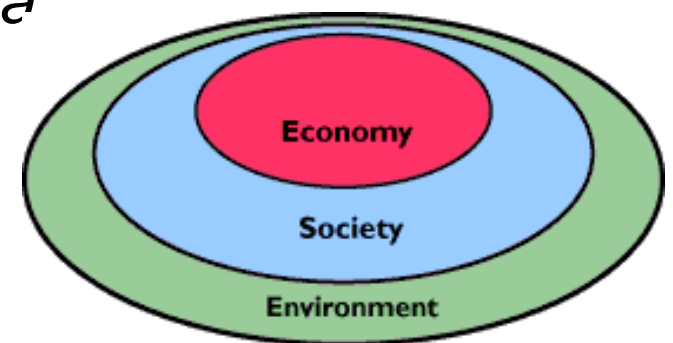
- Contains goals that are supported by policies to guide decision making
- Provides direction for how issues/challenges to be addressed in OCPs
- Provides direction on how provincial programs are to be implemented



RGS Review

Purpose of RGS Review

“What, if any, changes should be made to the RGS to better support the Regional District’s goals, policies and actions regarding its vision for a sustainable region?”



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RGS Review

Community Input

- Workshops
- Online Survey
- Written Comments
- Presentations



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*RGS Review
- Summary of
Input*

Common Themes

- Implementation
- Designated Growth Areas
- Sustainability Principles
- Expanded content



RGS Review

Implications for a Revised RGS

- Inclusion of sustainability principles
- Expanded content to include a broader range of sustainability challenges
- Clearly defined role in the hierarchy of sustainability initiatives and explanation of how various plans and strategies are linked together



RGS Review

Implications cont.

- More detail on implementation and monitoring
- Targets, measures and monitoring for greenhouse gas emissions reduction
- Section on amendments including definition and process



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1. Sustainability Principles

Why is this change significant?

*RGS not currently based on
sustainability.*

Possible Change:

*Add sustainability principles to RGS and
use as basis for goals and policies*

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2. Amending the RGS

Why is this change significant?

*Uncertainty about RGS amendments
as process not clearly outlined or
available to public*

Possible change:

*Include amendment procedure with
definitions and process in the RGS*

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3. Implementation & Monitoring

Why is this change significant?

The RGS does not provide direction for implementation or monitoring.

Possible change:

Provide clear direction on how policies are to be implemented and how progress will be measured

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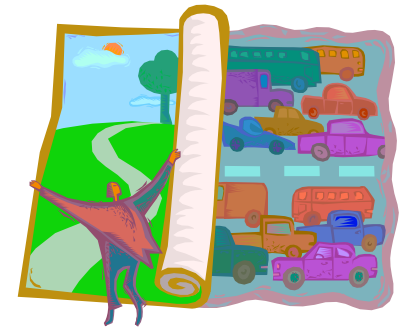
4. GHG Emission Targets

Why is this change significant?

*RGS does not contain targets
and measures to reduce
GHG emissions*

Possible change:

*Provide direction for
establishing GHG emission
targets and measures to
meet the targets*



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5. Affordable Housing

Why is this change significant?

*The RGS does not address the
provision of affordable housing*

Possible change:

*Provide clear direction on how to
increase the amount of affordable
housing – roles, responsibilities, OCP
policies*

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6. Food Security

Why is this change significant?

*RGS policy limited to supporting
maintenance of land in ALR*

Possible change:

*Provide clear direction on support for
farming – remove barriers, incentives,
OCP policies*

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7. Land Use & Transportation

Why is this change significant?

*No specific policies re integration of land
use and transportation planning*



Possible change:

*Provide clear direction on how land use
and transportation will be integrated –
require OCPs to show how land use
will support transportation*

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8. Servicing

Why is this change significant?

No direction on how urban areas will be serviced or for assessing feasibility of servicing

Possible change:

Provide direction for assessment of urban areas and recognize different levels of “Urban Areas”

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9. Economy, Land Use & Transportation

Why is this change significant?

*No direction on the integration of
economy, land use and transportation*

Possible change:

*Provide direction on the location of retail,
office and institutional uses and
location of major new commercial
developments*

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10. Complete, Compact Communities

Why is this change significant?

Limited direction on how this desired outcome will be achieved (focus is on what nodes should look like)

Possible change:

Include growth targets for different urban areas, differentiate between different levels of growth and require OCPs to show how targets will be met (more focus on how)

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11. Education & Awareness

Why is this change significant?

No direction on promotion of the RGS

Possible change:

Provide direction for education and awareness strategy and better information on how sustainability initiatives are linked together

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Input

Your Input

- Presentations
- Survey
- Workbook
- Email/written comments
- Public forum – April 21



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