

## Appendix 5 – Summary of Written Comments

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| Introduction  | Comments |
| Principles missing that resources are 'finite'  | 1        |
| More balance with economy in Vision   | 1        |
| Include carrying capacity in the vision   | 1        |
| 'Economic trends' need to reflect that the economy is not diversified                 | 1        |
| Reference coordination of urban / rural development                                   | 1        |
| Economic growth conflicts with sustainability   | 2        |
| Sustainability principles that reflect finite resources                               | 1        |
| No mention of 'peak oil'  | 1        |
| <b>Climate Change and Energy Consumption</b>  |          |
| Preparation for peak oil  | 1        |
| Support for climate change and energy consumption goal                                | 1        |
| Support for local green initiatives   | 1        |
| Include the carrying capacity of the region   | 10       |
| Reconciliation of wildlife and residential areas                                      | 1        |
| Policies not sufficient   | 1        |
| No gas powered lawn mowers and leaf blowers   | 1        |
| Policies for green development and renewable energy                                   | 4        |
| Pesticide ban   | 1        |
| Anti-idling bylaw   | 1        |
| Relate land use and emergency planning (i.e. Fire Smart setbacks)                     | 2        |
| Does not address sustainability   | 1        |
| Incentives for green development  | 1        |
| Require development to include sustainability evaluation                              | 1        |
| Recognize forests role in local economy   | 1        |
| Include sustainability evaluation   | 1        |
| <b>Protect the Environment</b>  |          |
| Support for environmental protection goal   | 4        |
| Support for drinking water and watershed goals  | 3        |
| More emphasis on drinking water   | 2        |
| More protection for riparian areas than provincial requirements                       | 1        |
| More to address the destruction of ecosystems (i.e. Coastal Douglas Fir)              | 5        |
| Concern about the Fairwinds development (i.e. smaller GCB)                            | 3        |
| Acquire land / coordinate with the forestry companies to protect land                 | 3        |
| Greenspace incorporated into all developments   | 2        |
| Disagree with ban on backyard burning   | 1        |
| Community watershed areas and RDN intent to purchase land                             | 1        |
| Protect water from growth   | 4        |
| RDN should not endorse 'water markets' within its boundaries                          | 1        |
| Groundwater protection requirements for new development (i.e. cisterns, water supply) | 4        |

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| Make developers responsible for costs of the long term water supply                    | 1  |
| Land banking   | 1  |
| Protection of streams and coastal areas  | 1  |
| Projected growth will exceed available water   | 1  |
| Reward system for sequestering carbon  | 1  |
| Mapping the region's water supply  | 1  |
| Land purchases to protect habitat and groundwater quality                              | 1  |
| Forestry lands not appropriate for development   | 1  |
| Define ESAs  | 1  |
| Divide RLOS into private and crown lands designations                                  | 1  |
| Does not indicate areas for protection and how it will protect it                      | 1  |
| Coordinate land use and mobility   |    |
| Improve bus service within the region  | 17 |
| Improve opportunities to walk, cycle and take transit                                  | 9  |
| Too many traffic lights of the parkway   | 1  |
| Employment no longer included in RGS as driver of transportation costs                 | 1  |
| Disapprove cluster subdivision because it is subdivision of rural lands                | 1  |
| Rural commuter buses   | 2  |
| Support for regional transportation and land use policies                              | 6  |
| Support E&N Rail for commuter rail   | 6  |
| Island transit strategy  | 1  |
| Stop zealous parking attendants  | 1  |
| Improve access to the highway from Qualicum River Estates                              | 4  |
| Existing walking and bike routes in the region are unsafe (i.e. separate from traffic) | 3  |
| More trails between growth centres   | 1  |
| More population growth will mitigate any reductions in emissions                       | 1  |
| Concentrate housing and jobs in rural village and urban growth centres                 |    |
| General support for growth centres and containment                                     | 7  |
| Concern about housing outside of boundary  | 1  |
| Limit / stop growth  | 11 |
| Too many restrictions to prevent development   | 1  |
| Limit suburban sprawl and inefficient land uses  | 5  |
| Do not include Foothills development in the GCB  | 1  |
| Density in RVC does not allow enough room for gardening                                | 1  |
| Not in favour of high or too much density  | 4  |
| Deep Bay needs to be a Rural Village Centre  | 2  |
| Agree with policy 4.8 for Rural Village Centres  | 2  |
| Make sure all needs are provided in walkable distance                                  | 1  |
| The RGS only limit electoral area development  | 1  |
| Meet needs of current population before allowing more growth                           | 1  |
| Continue to improve downtown   | 1  |
| Control growth, not the developers   | 1  |
| Need a hospital  | 1  |
| Protect habitat and green spaces within urban areas                                    | 3  |
| Define what is meant by 'growth'   | 2  |

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| Need to recognize Corcan Meadowood area by name                            | 2 |
| Growth centres need to be marketable                                       | 1 |
| Urban design process for village centres                                   | 1 |
| Stop the movement of the Growth Containment Boundary                       | 3 |
| Remove growth from name  | 1 |
| Amend Qualicum Beach GCB   | 1 |
| Densification will cause social problems                                   | 1 |
| Needs to consider higher growth rate                                       | 1 |
| All new development needs to include community playground                  | 1 |
| Rural Village Centres considered for future growth                         | 1 |
| Mix of housing only supported in major core areas                          | 1 |
| Concern that dense urban areas expand into rural areas                     | 1 |
| Transit not possible in region   | 1 |
| Rural Village Centres too big  | 2 |
| Moratorium on higher density until study of water availability             | 1 |
| More context for population growth in urban / rural areas                  | 1 |
| Need more focus on health care in OCPs                                     | 1 |
| Enhance Rural Integrity  |   |
| Need families in rural areas to be stewards of the environment             | 1 |
| No subsequent development allowed for cluster housing                      | 1 |
| Incorporate community gardens in cluster housing                           | 1 |
| Encourage renewable energy and materials in cluster subdivisions           | 1 |
| Flexibility for development on ALR land                                    | 4 |
| Support for 5.13 – clustering policies                                     | 1 |
| Support ALR policies   | 2 |
| Revisit comments of forest industry being a sunset industry                | 1 |
| Do not support golf courses  | 1 |
| Not enough land for gardening in cluster housing                           | 1 |
| Protect rural lifestyle  | 1 |
| Allow rural lots to be subdivided  | 2 |
| Do not allow land out of the ALR   | 4 |
| Subdivide existing Rural Residential before allowing more                  | 1 |
| Allow very small village centres in each neighbourhood                     | 1 |
| Do not support clustering on rural residential lands                       | 4 |
| Do not support destination resorts or resort centres                       | 1 |
| Growth management limits personal freedom                                  | 2 |
| Goal violated by building inspection                                       | 1 |
| Clustering not on ALR or agricultural land                                 | 1 |
| Facilitate the Provision of Affordable Housing                             |   |
| Support for affordable housing   | 5 |
| RDN should not address affordable housing, only other levels of government | 1 |
| Build more affordable housing  | 2 |
| Only need to allow higher density  | 2 |
| Do not support wet houses  | 2 |
| Incentives for affordable housing  | 1 |

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| <b>Economic Resiliency</b>  |   |
| Restricting development is impacting economy                                      | 1 |
| Low paying jobs in the 'nodes'  | 1 |
| Need support for home based business  | 1 |
| Economic growth at cost of the environment  | 2 |
| Economic development goals not sufficient (more to attract professional jobs)     | 1 |
| <b>Food Security</b>  |   |
| Support for food security goal  | 8 |
| Improve urban agriculture policies  | 8 |
| Encourage people to garden and provide own food                                   | 2 |
| Improve community garden policies   | 3 |
| Section is too long and many policies dealt with in OCPs                          | 1 |
| Support local organic farming   | 2 |
| More needs to be done to encourage agriculture than just guidelines               | 1 |
| Make farming more affordable  | 1 |
| Grow produce on public land   | 1 |
| Allow small farm animals in Fairwinds   | 1 |
| Water not addressed   | 1 |
| ALR maps not accurate for Parksville  | 1 |
| <b>Pride of Place</b>   |   |
| Do not support funding to arts and culture  | 1 |
| Free access to recreation centres   | 1 |
| Ban graffiti  | 1 |
| Change name to 'Sense of Place'   | 1 |
| Tax money support recreation centres in municipalities                            | 2 |
| <b>Service Efficiently</b>  |   |
| Support for servicing efficiency policies   | 1 |
| Must find way of servicing village centres  | 1 |
| Sewer and water should not control land use                                       | 1 |
| Section 10.7 – Inappropriate for infrastructure to be installed prior to rezoning | 1 |
| Mention need of Arrowsmith Water System   | 1 |
| Water and sewer should remain in public ownership                                 | 1 |
| Do not support water and sewer outside of GCB                                     | 1 |
| Appropriate use of potable water  | 1 |
| No servicing for rural village centres  | 1 |
| Sewer serving to areas near village centres                                       | 1 |
| <b>Cooperation Among Jurisdiction</b>   |   |
| Improve cooperation with First Nations  | 1 |
| Believe municipalities will not follow RGS  | 1 |
| Win / win solutions   | 2 |
| Affected electoral area has input   | 1 |
| Declare water a human right   | 1 |
| Concern about TILMA   | 1 |
| Less bureaucracy  | 6 |
| Need sustainability officer position  | 1 |

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| Municipalities should not have say in rural areas                          | 2  |
| Lobby the Province to base Local Government Act in sustainability          | 1  |
| <b>Education and Awareness</b>   |    |
| Support process / material used in consultation                            | 16 |
| Good work - General support for RGS  | 21 |
| Answers could be manipulated   | 1  |
| Education on the achievements of the RGS over time                         | 1  |
| Not enough to advertise for RGS review                                     | 4  |
| Need public meeting  | 1  |
| Too long and difficult to understand                                       | 1  |
| Survey does not cover enough topics or suitable options                    | 2  |
| Any regulation also needs education  | 1  |
| Education needs to be more comprehensive (cost – benefits of decisions)    | 1  |
| <b>Implementation</b>  |    |
| General support for implementation   | 3  |
| Enforcement required   | 1  |
| Support for monitoring and reporting                                       | 3  |
| 'Corrective' actions associated with monitoring                            | 1  |
| Need to implement into zoning  | 1  |
| No measurable goals associated with monitoring                             | 1  |
| Inventory of all communities to find build out rate                        | 1  |
| Focus on causes, not the symptoms  | 1  |
| <b>Amendments</b>  |    |
| Make it very difficult to amend the RGS                                    | 4  |
| Amendments should only be allowed at specified intervals (i.e. 5 years)    | 3  |
| Referendum on any amendments   | 1  |
| Public opinion should take precedence over developers                      | 1  |
| Public consultation needs to be well advertised                            | 1  |
| Concern with changes through OCP being considered as minor amendment       | 1  |
| Make it a 'living document'  | 1  |
| Criteria for minor amendment should consider impact on entire ecosystem    | 1  |
| Criteria for minor amendment should consider GHGs from other jurisdictions | 1  |