

### REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT EVALUATION

The Regional Context Statement (RCS) has been reviewed in accordance with the evaluation framework approved by the CRD Board on April 11, 2018. The evaluation framework relies on the three criteria shown below.

1. **All relevant content is included:** The regional context statement addresses all Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) content relevant to the Official Community Plan (OCP). Content that is not applicable in the context of the OCP should be identified as “not applicable”.

***Example:** The regional context statement contains headers, sections, a table or other such format that clearly identifies each applicable RGS objective. Should an objective not apply, such as if a municipality contains no identified food or farmlands, the context statement would note that the objective does not apply.*








2. **Clearly articulates relevant content:** The regional context statement provides a sufficient level of detail to convey how the specific OCP content relates to the RGS.

***Example:** The regional context statement provides content specificity such that it is clear what the Board is accepting. An example is: “RGS Objective X is implemented by building in “...” location, at a range of “...” densities and proximate to “...” services.” A context statement with content as follows: “RGS Objective X is implemented with OCP policies A, B and C” would not be sufficiently specific.*

3. **Plan to be consistent over time:** The regional context statement identifies how the OCP will become consistent with the RGS over time, if content is not immediately consistent.






***Example:** A regional context statement identifies that a municipality will undertake a population projection to determine how to align with the RGS population projections over time.*

**Table 1. Regional Context Statement Evaluation Framework**

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LGA	RCS Content	All relevant content is included	Clearly articulates relevant content	Plan to be consistent over time
429(2)(a)	Identify how the OCP relates to the RGS vision on p. 1 of the RGS.	<div></div> <p>The RCS addresses all seven topic areas from the RGS and identifies alignment with all objectives.</p>	<div></div> <p>The RCS references a wide range of OCP policy that identify how the OCP is aligned with the vision and objectives of the RGS.</p>	N/A
	429(2)(b)	Identify how the OCP relates to the projections provided in Table 1 of the RGS.	<div></div> <p>The RCS references OCP policies for how it will support RGS goals for population, dwelling, and employment growth.</p> <p>Specific projections for population, dwellings, and employment are not provided.</p>	<div></div> <p>The RCS references OCP policies for how it will support future population growth and contribute to the Core Area jobs to population ratio in the RGS.</p> <p>The RCS references OCP policies that direct employment growth to village areas.</p> <p>The OCP references the Interim Housing Needs Report (2024) which identifies a need for 1,215 new dwellings over the next five years and 3,761 over the next 20 years to meet local housing needs.</p>
<b>Legend:</b> Regional Context Statement Evaluation		<div></div> Strong alignment with evaluation criteria; recommend approval	<div></div> Moderate alignment with evaluation criteria; recommend approval	<div></div> Weak alignment with evaluation criteria; do not recommend approval

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<b>Managing and Balancing Growth</b> (Objectives 1.1 & 1.2)				
429(2)(c) Identify how the OCP and (d); relates to the RGS. 429(3)		 The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for managing and balancing growth.	 The RCS references OCP policies on growth management and becoming a more compact and complete growth community (sections 1.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4). Growth will be directed to Oak Bay village and other neighbourhood villages as well as infill development.  The RCS notes that the OCP supports new multi-family housing areas will transition between mixed use areas and established neighbourhoods.  Secondary suites are permitted in all infill residential areas. Duplexes, triplexes, laneway houses, and accessory dwelling units are now approved in all zones previously restricted to single-detached and duplex housing. This was done to address Provincial housing legislation (Bill 44).  These growth concepts and policies are aligned with RGS Maps 3a and 3b.	N/A
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### Environment and Infrastructure (Objective 2.1 & 2.2)



The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for environmental protection, sustainability, and the efficient delivery of infrastructure.



The RCS supports RGS principles for sustainability and protection of Capital Green Lands Policy Area lands. This includes Uplands Park and Anderson Hill Park.

The RCS references OCP policy (section 4.2 NE1 – NE6) to support initiatives and public awareness for environment restoration and enhancement. Also referenced are policies for the protection and enhancement of the urban forest (section 4.2 NE7 – NE11, 5.6 PR4, PR5)

The RCS references OCP land use designations that support the location of higher density housing along transit corridor. This pattern of development supports the efficient use of infrastructure and is aligned with RGS land use policies.

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### Housing and Community (Objectives 3.1 & 3.2)



The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for housing and complete communities.



The RCS supports a framework for growth that is consistent with the “Complete Community Criteria” set out in the RGS. This includes supporting a variety of housing types, diverse transportation options, and walkable 15-minute communities.

The RCS references OCP policies for improvements to parks and recreation and community facilities (section 5.5 CIS1 – CIS2.2, 5.6 PR1, PR6 – PR18).

The RCS notes that a major goal of this OCP update is to increase housing options to improve affordability and access to housing (section 5.3 H4, H6-H18).

The RCS references OCP policies that support affordable and inclusive housing through housing agreements, shared ownership, mixed market and non market projects, rental housing, and secondary suites (section H6, H7, H12).

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**Transportation** (Objective 4.1)



The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for transportation.



The RCS references OCP policies support a diverse range of transportation options and encourage active modes of travel and connect to the regional multi-modal network.

N/A

The RCS references OCP policies on complete streets (section 5.4 MUC9, 6.1 T1), universal design of transportation infrastructure in concern with adjacent municipalities (section 6.1 T2, T4), encouraging the pedestrian and cycling networks (section 6.1 T11-T13), and advocating for increased transit service through BC Transit (section 6.1 T16-T19).

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<b>Economic Development (Objective 5.1)</b>				
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	<p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for economic development.</p> <p>The RCS references OCP policies that strive to improve Oak Bay's economic by encouraging new business to be established in villages and commercial centres and home-based businesses (section 5.4 MUC2, MUC3).</p> <p>This includes considering new mixed-use building in existing villages and increasing the housing units on mixed-use redevelopment projects.</p> <p>Tourism is encouraged and supported by marketing Oak Bay as a destination (section 5.4 MUC11, MUC12).</p>			

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		<b>Food and Agricultural Systems (Objective 6.1)</b>		
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		The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for food and agricultural systems.	<p>The RCS references OCP policies that recognize the importance of and support for RGS goals regarding food security in the region (section 5.1 CF6, 5.4 MUC13, 5.6PR8).</p> <p>Given that Oak Bay is within the Urban Containment Policy Area and has limited land within the Agricultural Land Reserve (Victoria Golf Club and Uplands Golf Club), support for food systems is focused on smaller urban agriculture within the community.</p>	

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**Climate Action** (Objective 7.1)



The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for climate action.



The RCS is aligned with the RGS objective and policies of reducing community-based greenhouse gas emissions. The OCP includes a GHG reduction target of net-zero by 2050.

Policies in the OCP focus on reducing emissions in the personal transportation and buildings sectors.

The RCS cites policies that support implementation of the BC Energy Step Code and Zero Carbon Step Cod (section 3.2 CCE12). Also supported are low-carbon building retrofits (section 3.2 CCE14).

N/A

**Acronym\***

CRD	Capital Regional District
LGA	<i>Local Government Act</i>
OCP	Official Community Plan
RCS	Regional Context Statement
RGS	Regional Growth Strategy

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