

DPAC Meeting Minutes
Esquimalt Municipal Hall
April 12, 2019
9:30 - 11:30am

CRD Staff: Signe Bagh, Jay Douillard, John Reilly, Iain Lawrence,
Sue-Anne Carter (Administration - Recording)

Municipal Staff: Colwood – Iain Bourhill
Esquimalt – Bill Brown
Highlands – Laura Beckett (*partial*)
Langford – David Sametz
Metchosin – Sherry Hurst
North Saanich – Carly Rimell
Oak Bay – Bruce Anderson
Sidney – Corey Newcomb
Sooke – Teunesha Evertse
Victoria – Marc Cittone
View Royal – Lindsay Chase

Guests: BC Statistics – Caitlin Brownrigg
BC Statistics – Sebastien Lavoie

Regrets: Central Saanich – Jarett Matanowitsch
Saanich – Sharon Hvozdzanski

1. RGS Population Projections (BC Statistics)

BC Statistics provided an overview of draft Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections. BC Statistics noted that the projections were based off a demographic rather than a land-use analysis. Population in the CRD is projected to be relatively stable to 2038, with highest growth projected in Langford. Employment increases are projected due to an aging population staying longer in the workforce.

Group Discussion occurred surrounding the presentation with questions arising about methodology, projections versus forecasts, aggregation of data, and relationship of projections to development applications.

There was majority preference expressed for only including sub-regional (and not municipal-specific data) in the RGS.

2. Housing Initiatives Update

John Reilly, Manager, Regional Housing provided a brief overview of CRD housing initiatives. He noted that more detailed discussion will be facilitated at a June DPAC meeting (date TBD).

3. DPAC Terms of Reference

Those present reviewed the DPAC Terms of Reference and concluded that, overall, they still seemed appropriate. It was suggested that timing of the required annual meeting be moved from July to the 1st quarter of the calendar year to better align with the budget planning cycle and RGS annual reporting and to also avoid the summer holiday season.

It was noted that the Core DPAC membership consists of municipal Directors of Planning or their designates. The CRD will send meeting notices through Directors. If Directors are unable to attend, they can designate someone to attend on their behalf. The intent is to have one individual per municipality/EA in attendance. If contact information needs to be updated (e.g. new Directors), please advise the CRD so that records can be updated.

4. **Round Table Updates**

Those in attendance shared updates on key initiatives planned in their municipalities for 2019 and 2020.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will likely be held in June, with CRD Housing facilitating a discussion on potential regional collaboration on affordable housing strategies. Colwood indicated that they may be interested in hosting the June meeting.