

**REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT EVALUATION**

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

1. **All relevant content is included:** The RCS 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.*

Below is a list of acronyms used in the RCS evaluation:

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

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

LGA	RCS Content	Relationship to Legislative Requirement For CRD* Board consideration		
		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.	✓	✓	N/A
429(2)(b)	Identify how the OCP relates to the projections provided in Table 1 of the RGS.	✓	✓	N/A
<b>Managing and Balancing Growth (Objectives 1.1 &amp; 1.2)</b>				
429(2)(c) and (d); 429(3)	Identify how the OCP relates to the RGS.	✓	✓	N/A

**Legend:** Regional Context Statement Evaluation



Strong alignment with evaluation criteria; recommend approval







Moderate alignment with evaluation criteria; recommend approval



Weak alignment with evaluation criteria; do not recommend approval

**Relationship to Legislative Requirement**  
For CRD Board consideration

LGA	RCS Content	All relevant content is included	Clearly articulates relevant content	Plan to be consistent over time
<b>Environment and Infrastructure</b> (Objective 2.1 & 2.2)				
	<p align="center"></p> <p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for environmental protection, sustainability, and the efficient delivery of infrastructure.</p>	<p></p> <p>The RCS supports RGS principles for sustainability and protection of Capital Green Lands Policy Area lands.</p> <p>The RCS notes OCP policies on protection of ecologically significant areas and preservation of water quality in accordance with zoning and shoreline development permit process.</p> <p>The RCS supports the RGS objective of focusing efficient and sustainable delivery of infrastructure within the Urban Containment Boundary.</p>	N/A	
<b>Housing and Community</b> (Objectives 3.1 & 3.2)				
	<p align="center"></p> <p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for housing and complete communities.</p>	<p></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The RCS references the OCP vision of guiding growth to Primary Growth Areas in “centres”, “villages”, and “corridors” (section 7.2).</p>	N/A	

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Weak alignment with evaluation criteria; do not recommend approval

**Relationship to Legislative Requirement**  
For CRD Board consideration

LGA	RCS Content	All relevant content is included	Clearly articulates relevant content	Plan to be consistent over time
<b>Transportation</b> (Objective 4.1)				
	The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for transportation.	✓	The RCS references OCP policies that support the Regional Transportation Plan.	N/A
			The RCS states OCP policies support a multi-modal transportation network that will help create safe, convenient, effective, and sustainable mobility choices (section 9.1.5 and maps 4 and 8-10). Land use policies are integrated to shape development patterns that will achieve transportation objectives (section 7)	
			The RCS is aligned with the RGS goal of achieving a system by 2038 where 42% of all trips are made by walking, cycling, and transit.	

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**Economic Development (Objective 5.1)**



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



The RCS references OCP objectives that align with RGS policies on maintaining an adequate supply of employment and industrial lands in diverse range of sectors.

The RCS expresses an intent to focus employment growth in the Uptown Corridor, as this area allows for a variety of active mobility options.

The RCS aligns with RGS policies on the conservation and management of Renewable Resource Lands Policy Area.

N/A

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**Food and Agricultural Systems (Objective 6.1)**



The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for food and agricultural systems.



The RCS aligns with the RGS objective for fostering a resilient food and agriculture system and has a strong focus on the sustainability and economic viability of agriculture in the community.

The RCS references agriculture and food security policies in the OCP and the Agriculture and Food Security Plan that support agricultural activity in the district.

N/A



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**Climate Action** (Objective 7.1)



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



The RCS aligns with the RGS objective and policies of reducing community-based greenhouse gas emissions.

The RCS identifies OCP policies that address the reduction of greenhouse gasses through: green building design, energy efficiency technologies, renewable energy sources and efficient energy distribution systems; compact and complete communities that encourage alternative transportation options; and, protecting and managing the natural environment, environmentally sensitive areas, urban forests, and aquatic habitat.

N/A

