

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. The criteria are based on provisions set out in the *Local Government Act (LGA)*.

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

		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
429(2)(a)	Identify how the OCP relates to the RGS vision on p. 1 of the RGS.	✓	✓	N/A
	The RCS relates to the vision and seven topic areas from the RGS.		Identifies how the objectives and policies are to be implemented.	
429(2)(b)	Identify how the OCP relates to the projections provided in Table 1 of the RGS.	✓	✓	N/A
	The RCS identifies how the OCP relates to population projections in RGS Table 1.		The RCS references policies within the OCP to meet RGS growth projections.	
Managing and Balancing Growth (Objectives 1.1 & 1.2)				
429(2)(c) and (d); 429(3)	Identify how the OCP relates to the RGS.	✓	✓	N/A
	The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for managing and balancing growth.		The RCS identifies three types of urban typologies including: urban core (50% of growth), town centres and large urban villages (40% of growth), and the remainder of the city (10% of growth). Planned growth areas are consistent with Maps 3a and 3b of the RGS and are aligned with RGS objectives of keeping growth regional compact as a means of protecting the integrity of rural communities.	

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

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Environment and Infrastructure (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>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. As well, consideration has been given to addressing potential climate change impacts through infrastructure improvements.</p>	
	<p align="center"></p> <p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for housing and complete communities.</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 communities.</p>	N/A

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LGA	RCS Content	All relevant content is included	Clearly articulates relevant content	Plan to be consistent over time
Transportation (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. The RCS states that while Victoria has surpassed the RGS target of achieving 42% of all trips by walking, cycling, and transit by 2038, the updated OCP contains policies that will continue to build on this strength.	The RCS references polices that support integrated regional approaches to transportation planning and service deliver. Local transportation plans will be updated on an ongoing basis to align with regional plans and services.
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, achieving a jobs to population ration of 0.92, well above the RGS target of 0.6 in the core area. The RCS references Victoria's role as an employment centre for the region, with reference to policies supporting commercial and industrial development. Policies specific to various core sectors are referenced. The RCS incudles policy direction for implementing and updating Victoria's economic strategy on an ongoing basis.	N/A

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Food and Agricultural Systems (Objective 6.1)				
		✓	✓	N/A
	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. Though Victoria does not have any agricultural lands, the RCS references policies supportive of urban agriculture through allotment gardens, common gardens, and edible landscapes. The RCS reference policies supporting affordable, healthy, and local foods, as well as reducing food waste.	
Climate Action (Objective 7.1)				
		✓	✓	N/A
	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: compact development; renewable energy; green buildings; and air and water quality, among others.	

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