

Table 1. Regional Context Statement (RCS) 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 Official Community Plan (OCP) relates to the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) vision on p. 1 of the RGS.	The RCS articulates specific topic areas from the RGS.	Identifies how the strategic directions are implemented.	N/A
429(2)(b)	Identify how the OCP relates to the projections provided in Table 1 of the RGS.	RCS identifies a general alignment between the projections and RGS projections.	The RCS identifies that Sooke anticipates it will contribute 18% of growth in the Westshore-Sooke sub-region.	N/A
Managing and Balancing Growth (Objectives 1.1 & 1.2)				
429(2)(c) and (d); 429(3)	Identify how the OCP relates to the RGS.	Content reflects RGS policies, but does not include policy citations.	Sooke has a Community Growth Area (CGA) which aligns with the RGS Urban Containment Boundary, which provides for 38% of the land base targeted for growth. Policies and land use designations direct the highest density development to areas within the RGS Subregional Node. Lower densities are supported in community residential areas. Lands within the RGS Rural Residential Policy Area have specific policies to prevent them from becoming urbanized, including employment lands outside the CGA.	N/A

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Environment and Infrastructure (Objective 2.1 & 2.2)



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The RCS identifies policies that emphasize preservation, protection and management of the natural environment and ecosystems in alignment with the Capital Green Lands Policy Area identified on RGS Map 3a. Policies support the Sea to Sea Green/Blue Belt.

N/A

Policies support park acquisition, low impact development and preventing pollutants from entering fresh and marine water bodies.

The RCS identifies Sooke's goal to provide safe drinking water to municipal residents, and limits sewer infrastructure plans to the CGA. Future growth will be directed to the CGA and focus will be on providing infrastructure capacity to accommodate that growth. This will be done by accounting for full life-cycle costing and impact analysis.

Housing and Community (Objectives 3.1 & 3.2)



Content reflects RGS policies, but does not include policy citations.



A diverse range of housing within complete communities is a major goal of the OCP. Growth management policies will help achieve a projected target to accommodate 50% of new residential growth within the Town Centre-Core and Town Centre-Waterfront designations.

N/A

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Transportation (Objective 4.1)



Content reflects RGS policies, but does not include policy citations.



Policies support increased housing and employment opportunities within Sooke and multi-modal transportation using a mix of transit and active transportation modes.

N/A

Economic Development (Objective 5.1)



Content reflects RGS policies, but does not include policy citations.



Policies support diverse economic opportunities, both encouraging commercial development in higher density areas and strengthening the economic viability of rural lands.

Food and Agricultural Systems (Objective 6.1)



Content reflects RGS policies, but does not include policy citations.



Policies support strengthening the character, quality and economic viability of agricultural lands in alignment with Sooke's 2012 Agricultural Plan.

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Climate Action (Objective 7.1)



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The RCS identifies the following OCP targets: a 40% greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction by 2030, 60% GHG reduction by 2040 and net-zero GHGs by 2050. OCP policies for transportation, infrastructure, green buildings and land use will help achieve these targets.