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## **Development and Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) – Meeting Notes**

**Held Monday, May 29, 2023 via MS Teams**

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**PRESENT:** **Staff:** E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; I. Lawrence, Manager, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning; J. Douillard, Research Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; N. Brotman, Research Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning, C. MacKenzie, Administrative Clerk, Regional and Strategic Planning.

**Also present:** L. Beckett, District of Highlands; A. Boel, District of Oak Bay; J. Davidson, Township of Esquimalt; B. Goble, City of Colwood; Y. Hernandez, City of Colwood; K. Hoese, City of Victoria; J. Matanowitsch, District of Central Saanich; Felice Mazzoni, District of North Saanich; L. Stohmann, City of Langford; S. Scory, Town of View Royal; A. Verhagen, Town of Sidney; A. Walker, District of Saanich.

**REGRETS:** D. Elliott, Senior Manager, Regional Housing; M. Pawlow, District of Sooke; K. Lesyshen, District of Metchosin.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

E. Sinclair welcomed members of the Development and Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) and provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

### **2. Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Complete Communities Growth and Mobility Study**

N. Brotman, Research Planner at Capital Regional District (CRD) Regional and Strategic Planning (RSP), discussed the BC Ministry of Housing and UBCM Complete Communities Grant. The grant is to support communities in undertaking studies that will inform land use decision-making. CRD Regional and Strategic Planning are proposing a regionally-focused growth and mobility study. Per the grant program, a CRD Board resolution supporting the grant application is required. RSP will present a proposal to the CRD Board for a grant application to conduct a study with technical input from the Regional Housing and Climate Action Program divisions, as well as local governments.

The proposed project is a growth and mobility study. The project will consist of a geographic information system (GIS) focused study of the opportunities and impacts for increasing levels of development in proximity to transit and active transportation. The study will be based on existing data sources such as municipal Official Community Plans (OCPs), local area plans, transit routes, biking infrastructure, and walkable communities.

The group discussed the proposed project and the potential benefits for the regional district and local governments. The region does not currently have a baseline GIS map to support land use and transportation analysis. This project will fill that gap.

Members of the DPAC support the proposed project and will consider providing a letter of support. The CRD will provide a template letter for consideration. CRD staff will complete the grant application by the June 16, 2023, deadline.

### **3. Adjournment**