

## REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT EVALUATION

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

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 addresses all seven topic areas from the RGS and identifies alignment with all objectives.		The RCS references a wide range of OCP policy that identify how the vision of the RGS will be supported.	
429(2)(b)	Identify how the OCP relates to the projections provided in Table 1 of the RGS.			N/A
	The RCS references OCP policy and targets that are aligned with the population, dwelling, and employment projections from RGS Table 1.		The RCS references OCP sections that address the updated 5 and 20 year Housing Needs Report targets as well as policies and actions to support these population and dwelling targets.  The RCS references a wide range of OCP policies that align with the RGS Table 1 employment projections and support a strong local economy.	

**Legend:** Regional Context Statement Evaluation



Strong alignment with evaluation criteria; recommend approval





Moderate alignment with evaluation criteria; recommend approval



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**Relationship to Legislative Requirement**  
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LGA	RCS Content	All relevant content is included	Clearly articulates relevant content	Plan to be consistent over time
	<b>Managing and Balancing Growth</b> (Objectives 1.1 & 1.2)			
429(2)(c) and (d); 429(3)	Identify how the OCP relates to the RGS.			N/A
	<p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for managing and balancing growth.</p> <p>The RCS appropriately acknowledges the City of Langford's place within the region as a key population growth centre that is entirely within the Urban Containment Policy Area.</p> <p>The RCS references OCP policies that focus growth in areas that are aligned with the RGS Settlement Concept (Map 3b). The RCS references the City Centre (sub-regional node) and the Westhills Urban Centre (node) and the OCP has policy that supports an appropriate level of density and land use mix.</p> <p>OCP policies are referenced that encourage ongoing development of complete communities and support a robust local economy.</p> <p>The OCP is supportive of the regional goal to protect the integrity of rural communities through its position as an urban centre supportive of growth, thereby mitigating growth pressures on rural areas.</p>			

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Environment and Infrastructure (Objective 2.1 & 2.2)				
	<div>✓</div> <p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for environmental protection, sustainability, and the efficient delivery of infrastructure.</p>	<div>✓</div> <p>The RCS supports RGS principles of protecting, conserving, and managing ecosystem health.</p> <p>Reference is made to alignment with the Capital Green Lands Policy Area and highlights the importance of the recreational and environment values of connected parks and greenspaces. This is of particular interest for Langford due to the presence of numerous regional and provincial parks within the city, as well as regionally significant local parks.</p> <p>The RCS references OCP policies that help ensure the protection of environmentally sensitive areas. Development permit guidelines are present in the OCP and will be reviewed and updated over time to ensure desired outcomes.</p> <p>The RCS references OCP policy that aligns with RGS Objective 2.2 to manage regional infrastructure services sustainably by working with service providers to prioritize system expansions and upgrades to existing systems that support intended growth areas.</p>	N/A	

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		Housing and Community (Objectives 3.1 & 3.2)		
				N/A
		<p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for housing and complete communities.</p>	<p>The RCS is aligned with RGS goals for growth in complete communities. The OCP seeks to create a compact, mixed-use community with diverse housing and transportation options. The focus on complete communities can be seen in a wide range of policies throughout the OCP.</p> <p>The RCS references OCP designation of lands with natural hazards as development permit areas to identify areas where development should not occur and where mitigation of the risk of hazards may be required.</p> <p>Housing affordability is addressed through the updated Housing Needs Report which supports the development of a range of housing options to accommodate the needs of all ages, abilities, household sizes, and stages of life. The OCP policies are aligned with RGS policies for improving housing affordability.</p>	

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	<b>Transportation</b> (Objective 4.1)			
				N/A
	<p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for transportation.</p>		<p>The RCS references OCP policies that the RGS objective to improve multi-modal connectivity and mobility across there region.</p> <p>OCP policies are referenced that guide increasing density to areas of Langford with current or planned multi-modal transportation options.</p> <p>The RCS note alignment between the OCP and the RGS in the goal of having walking, biking, and transit account for 42% of trips.</p> <p>The RCS expresses support for the continued development of transit and mobility hubs, and for active transportation corridors including the E&amp;N Rail Trail and the Galloping Goose Regional Trail.</p>	

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Economic Development (Objective 5.1)				
	<div>  </div> <p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for economic development.</p>	<div>  </div> <p>The RCS shows alignment with the economic development objectives of the RGS through a wide range of OCP policies.</p> <p>OCP policy is referenced related to the designation and protection of employment lands for industrial activities and incentivizing commercial land use in the intended growth areas of the city.</p> <p>The RCS emphasizes the OCP’s commitment to supporting and expanding Langford’s role as a regional shopping and tourist destination. The importance of arts and culture as an economic driver and a key part of social and cultural expression is also noted.</p>	N/A	<p>The RCS references the OCP designation of Future Policy Areas that include forested lands. These areas are intended to be assessed in the future for further policy development. At the moment, these areas act as a buffer between currently more rural areas and existing or intended settled areas.</p>



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	<b>Food and Agricultural Systems (Objective 6.1)</b>			
				N/A
	<p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for food and agricultural systems.</p>		<p>The RCS displays alignment between OCP and RGS policy to foster a resilient food and agriculture system.</p> <p>The RCS expresses the intentions to encourage active farming of agricultural lands. The agricultural land use designation reinforces the protection of agricultural lands.</p> <p>Reference is made to OCP policies that support food growing opportunities in new developments, enabling community gardens in all neighbourhoods, and supporting the local food economy.</p> <p>The RCS references the goal of increasing the amount of agricultural land in food production and supporting urban agriculture. This includes the OCP goal of establishing one community garden in each neighbourhood.</p>	

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	Climate Action (Objective 7.1)			
		<div>✓</div> <p>The RCS identifies how the OCP aligns with RGS objectives for climate action.</p>	<div>✓</div> <p>The RCS is aligned with the RGS objectives and policies for reducing community-based greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>OCP policy is referenced that promotes the development of energy-efficient, high-performance, low-carbon buildings. This is applied to both new buildings and retrofits of existing buildings.</p> <p>The RCS notes a focus on incorporating climate resilience consideration into asset management and infrastructure design. Support for increased use of renewable, efficient and clean energy sources is expressed.</p> <p>The OCP's overall approach to growth in complete communities and transportation will help to minimize greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The RCS notes that the OCP is aligned with the RGS goal to reduce GHG emissions in the region by 61% (from 2007 levels) by 2038.</p>	N/A

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

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