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

**Held Monday, October 28, 2024 at View Royal Town Hall**

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**PRESENT: Staff:** P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; J. Douillard, Research Planner, Regional Planning; N. Brotman, Research Planner, Regional Planning, D. Pagani, Administrative Clerk, Regional Planning.

**Also present:** M. Blakely, City of Colwood; H. Blue, District of Sooke; J. Davison, Township of Esquimalt; C. Friesen, District of Saanich; A. Hudson, City of Victoria; T. Johnson, District of Metchosin; J. Matanowitsch, District of Central Saanich; C. Newcomb, Town of Sidney; S. Scory, Town of View Royal; L. Stohmann, City of Langford; M. Storzer, District of North Saanich; L. Taylor, Town of View Royal.

**Presenters:** C. Roesler, Ministry of Agriculture and Food; J. Weightman, Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

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

N. Brotman welcomed members of the Development and Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) and gave an agenda overview. L. Taylor provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

### **2. Agricultural Land Use Inventory (Presenter: Ministry of Agriculture and Food)**

J. Weightman introduced the Agricultural Land Use Inventory (ALUI) project, providing an overview of its history and objectives as a data source. C. Roesler presented further information, including the role of imagery, the “windshield survey” methodology, the focus on observable data, timeline, cost and deliverables.

- **Action:** N. Brotman to provide members with access to the 2018 ALUI website, which will serve as the baseline for the new research.

### **3. Updates on Regional Service Establishment**

CRD staff provided an update on the establishment of two new services.

First, N. Brotman updated members on the Regional Foodlands Access Service, providing an overview of the timeline, next steps and the selection of the first site (Bear Hill Regional Park). P. Klassen provided additional information on the model and the potential opportunities for local land management. Members asked questions about the possibility of non-local government lands being included, as well as opportunities to reach out to landowners.

- **Action:** Members encouraged to inform CRD staff about how the Regional Foodlands Access Service can help support local governments.

Second, N. Brotman updated members on the Regional Transportation Service, referencing the timeline, next steps and the opportunities to support local projects of regional significance. J. Douillard and P. Klassen provided further details on this service, including the initial objectives (updating the Regional Transportation Plan) and the impact on Regional Trails. Members enquired about the potential for using this service to leverage funds, the types of projects that might qualify as “local projects of regional significance” and the level of detail that

will be required in terms of classification, cost estimates. CRD staff indicated they are still in the process of developing decision criteria.

#### **4. Housing Needs Reports**

Members provided updates on their respective Housing Needs Reports, with discussion encompassing timelines, challenges and solutions. Most are taking an addendum approach, with a few opting instead for a full update. Some have already been approved by their local government councils, and others still in progress. Several noted the intersections between this work and their Official Community Plan (OCP) updates. Additionally, looking forward to future updates, members expressed interest in joint procurement for a consultant team to provide support for more fulsome updates as that approach worked well previously.

#### **5. Growth and Mobility Study**

N. Brotman provided an overview of the Growth and Mobility Study, which will be aimed at bringing together the collective data held individually by local governments. Phase one will be the collection of data and creation of a simple database with the combined information, and phase two will involve using this information to undertake analysis about growth and transportation trends.

- **Action:** N. Brotman to contact members with a complete data request list by the end of December.

Members discussed issues of development, employment and transit, as well as the potential role this collective inventory could play in the future.

#### **6. Roundtable Discussion**

Members shared highlights and challenges of past, present and future projects and initiatives, including OCP updates, protecting employment lands, utilizing underused municipal properties and developing corridors and transit-oriented areas.

- **Action:** P. Klassen to provide M. Blakely with contact information of City of Surrey staff who worked on a similar proximity analysis project.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.