

**MEETING NOTES**  
**Development Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC)**

**Regional Growth Strategy – Dispute Resolution**

Friday, March 9  
10:30 – 11:30 am

CRD Headquarters, 625 Fisgard St, Victoria BC, Room 107

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**Attendees**

Ivo Van der Camp (Central Saanich), Iain Bourhill (Colwood), Laura Beckett (Highlands), Sherry Hurst (Highlands), Deborah Jensen (Oak Bay), Cameron Scott (Saanich), Danica Rice (Sooke), Robert Batallas, (Victoria), Lindsay Chase (View Royal), Signe Bagh (CRD), Emily Sinclair (CRD)

**Regrets**

Matthew Baldwin (Langford), Coralie Breen (North Saanich), Alison Verhagen (Sidney)

**Background**

The Capital Regional District (CRD) and local municipalities are responsible for implementing the RGS. A Regional Context Statement, adopted within a municipality's applicable Official Community Plan (OCP), relates OCP provisions to the RGS. The Regional Context Statement must be consistent with the OCP. Acceptance of the context statement is one of the CRD's key RGS implementation tools. Sections 446 – 449 of the *Local Government Act* establish the requirements for the preparation, acceptance and settlement of a Regional Context Statement.

As part of the RGS update project, interest was expressed in providing consistency across the region in terms of how the context statements are both prepared by municipalities and considered for acceptance by the CRD Board. CRD staff drafted a regional context statement framework based on input provided from a previous DPAC meeting held in July 2016.

**Meeting Objectives**

1. Review the draft Regional Context Statement framework
2. Provide input on the framework
3. Discuss next steps and timing for anticipated referrals of Regional Context Statements in 2018

**Pre-Meeting Preparation**

A copy of the draft Regional Context Statement framework was circulated prior to the meeting.

### Meeting Notes

CRD staff provided an overview of the draft Regional Context Statement framework.

The group indicated that a framework would be helpful for guiding Board consideration of the Regional Context Statements. It was suggested that Board consideration of the context statements should be limited to what is required by legislation and the content addressed by the Regional Growth Strategy. CRD staff noted that the Board has broad discretion to approve or not approve context statements.

The group also indicated that the framework should recognize that municipalities have the flexibility to determine the form and content of the context statement. CRD staff noted that early circulation of the context statement would allow for dialogue that may speed up the formal acceptance process, once the context statement is referred.

The group discussed anticipated timing of regional context statement referrals. Three municipalities indicated that they would be targeting referrals in the early part of 2018.

### Next Steps

1. CRD staff will finalize the Regional Context Statement framework. The Planning and Protective Services Committee will review the framework and make a recommendation for Board approval.
2. Once the framework is approved, the Planning and Protective Services Committee will review referred Regional Context Statements and make a recommendation for Board acceptance.