RGS POLICY ANALYSIS OF EAST SOOKE OCP

RGS Provision	Relevant OCP Policies & Summary of Analysis
Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections	<i>Part 380</i> provides population and dwelling unit projections to the year 2024 and background information on the local economy.
	 Projected growth in the OCP aligns to RGS projections.
Managing and Balancing Growth (Objectives 1.1 & 1.2)	<i>Part 386</i> provides estimated development potential and new land use designations (LUD).
	Parts 400 and 484 provide policies for development.
	The proposed LUDs in the OCP align to the designated RGS policy areas. The plan area is entirely outside the Urban Containment Policy Area. The proposed LUDs provide for a settlement pattern that will avoid the creation of a future urban area. The proposed growth rate is slow to moderate and will continue to be monitored.
Environment and Infrastructure (Objectives 2.1 & 2.2)	Parts 414, 424 and 454 provide policies for ecological health, parks and trails and water supply.
	Parts 355 and 356 provide context for domestic water supply and sewage treatment.
	The proposed policies for environment and infrastructure align to the RGS. Parkland acquisition and Development Permit Areas (DPA) are key tools to achieve the protection of healthy ecosystems.
	The plan area is within the designated water service area shown in Map 5 of the RGS. Policies for water servicing meet the criteria set out in the RGS, including the identification of priority servicing areas.
Housing and Community (Objectives 3.1 & 3.2)	Parts 454, 474 and 484 provide policies for community, housing affordability and emergency planning for natural hazards.
	The proposed policies for community, housing affordability and emergency planning for natural hazards align to the RGS. Policies support community completeness in a rural setting, contribute to housing affordability in the plan area and plan for development that is climate change- and risk-adaptive.
Transportation (Objective 4.1)	Part 444 provides policies for transportation.
	Policies provide for transportation options. No new major development is proposed, consistent with the plan area's location outside the Urban Containment Policy Area.

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Economic Development (Objective 5.1)	Parts 464 and 484 provide policies for economic development.
	The proposed policies for economic development align to the RGS. Policies support farming in the ALR and the diversification of the economy through support for low-impact tourism uses, cottage industry, home-based businesses and the clustering of small-scale neighbourhood commercial activities provided all are in keeping with the character of the rural community.
Food and Agricultural Systems (Objective 6.1)	Part 464 provides policies for food systems and agriculture.
	Part 360 provides context for food security, including an inventory of cultivated land.
	The proposed policies for agriculture align to the RGS. Policies support agricultural protection, local food production and distribution and agricultural resilience.
Climate Action (Objective 7.1)	Parts 494, 414, 444, 454 and 464 provide policies for climate action.
	<i>Part 210</i> provides a target for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reductions of 3%.
	The proposed policies for climate action align to the RGS. Within the context of a rural community, policies support the reduction of GHG emissions from transportation, support green building technologies and support adaptation to a changing climate.