

CONSULTATION PLAN FOR RGS AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE UPDATED POPULATION PROJECTIONS

PURPOSE

To set out the objectives, process and timing for undertaking consultation on an amendment to incorporate revised population projections into the 2018 RGS.

BACKGROUND

The requested amendment is to fulfill a commitment arising from RGS mediation to update population projections to be based off of the 2016 census as soon as practicable.

GOAL

To undertake consultation on an amendment to the 2018 RGS in accordance with the requirements of section 434 and 450 of the *Local Government Act*.

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the audience, consultation activities, timing and reporting requirements to undertake consultation on the proposed amendment.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IAC)

Section 450 of the *Local Government Act* requires that an IAC be established to facilitate coordination between provincial and local government representatives on matters that relate to the development of the RGS. The IAC includes municipal Directors of Planning and senior representatives from provincial, federal and other agencies.

An IAC was established for the RGS update process. The table below lists the represented local, provincial and federal government departments, ministries and agencies. This IAC will be used to process the requested RGS amendment, upon confirmation by the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Local Government	Provincial and Federal Governments and Agencies	Other
Central Saanich	Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation	Cowichan Valley Regional District
Colwood	Ministry of Citizens Services and Open Government	Community Council Social Planning
Esquimalt	Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development	
Highlands	Ministry of Energy and Mines	

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Juan de Fuca Electoral Area	Ministry of Environment
Langford	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources
Metchosin	Ministry of Health
North Saanich	Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training
Oak Bay	Ministry of Natural Gas and Housing
Saanich	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Sidney	Agricultural Land Commission
Sooke	BC Ferries
Victoria	BC Transit
View Royal	BC Hydro
	School District 61
	School District 62
	School District 63
	Tourism BC
	Vancouver Island Health Authority
	Islands Trust
	CFB Esquimalt
	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
	Environment Canada
	Parks Canada
	Victoria Airport Authority

AUDIENCE

Section 434 (2) of the *Local Government Act* identifies who is to be consulted as part of an RGS amendment. The legislation specifies that opportunities for early and ongoing consultation be provided. The table below describes the audience, their level of interest, and proposed consultation activities.

AUDIENCE	LEVEL OF INTEREST	PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES	TIMING
Citizens Residents of the capital region	Low	Online Review: The public would be able to review information related to the proposed amendment online and to provide comment through Committee/Board correspondence or delegations.	June 2019
Affected Local Governments 13 municipal councils and the	High	DPAC Meeting: Planning Directors or their delegates met to review the projections at a meeting on April 12, 2019.	April 2019

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First Nations	Low	Email: The proposed amendment will be emailed for review and comment.	June/July
Boards Education, improvement districts, CVRD	Low	Email: The proposed amendment will be emailed to agency representatives for review and comment.	June/July
Provincial and Federal Governments Ministries and agencies	Low	Email: The proposed amendment will be referred to provincial and federal government representatives for review and comment.	June/July

Input received through consultation will be reported to the Planning and Protective Services Committee and CRD Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Section 434 (3) of the *Local Government Act* requires the Board to consider whether to hold a public hearing as part of the public consultation process. It is recommended that the discretionary public hearing for the RGS be waived given that inclusion of the updated population projections was agreed to through RGS mediation following an extensive consultation process and given the anticipated low level of public interest and given other proposed input opportunities. A public hearing would not substantively add to the consultation and could be waived at the Board's discretion.

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