

## Tracking Table – Population Projection Amendment

### Background

The 2018 RGS contains population, dwelling unit and employment numbers for all municipalities and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area<sup>1</sup>. The numbers are based on the 2011 census because at the time the RGS was finalized, sufficient information had not yet been released from the 2016 census to allow for more current numbers.

On March 14, 2018, the CRD Board adopted Bylaw No. 4017, “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2016”. Adoption followed a non-binding dispute resolution process through which participants agreed to “update the projections with most recent census numbers as soon as practicable.”

The data necessary to update projections became available early in 2019. Staff then engaged the services of BC Statistics to prepare detailed projections. Projections were prepared at both sub-regional (Appendix A) and municipal (Appendix B) levels. Appendix C details projections and methodology. Appendix C provides information for all parts of the region (including Salt Spring Island, the Southern Gulf Islands and First Nations lands).

### Objectives

- Receive feedback from IAC/municipal staff.

### Outcomes

- Receive approval from 13 municipalities to amend RGS with updated sub-regional population projections.

Municipality	Date Considered	Accept or Reject	Issues
Central Saanich	N/A		N/A
Colwood	N/A		N/A
Esquimalt	August 12, 2019		Cannot align, do not agree w/ model
Highlands	N/A		N/A
Langford	N/A		N/A
Metchosin	June 24, 2019		Supportive – but they don’t match at the municipal level
North Saanich	June 19, 2019		Supportive but want public hearing for formal referral
Oak Bay	June 27, 2019		Municipal Pop projections are low, don’t agree with assumptions

<sup>1</sup> The RGS does not apply to Salt Spring Island, the Southern Gulf Islands and First Nations lands and as such data for these areas are not included in RGS projections.

Municipality	Date Considered	Accept or Reject	Issues
Saanich	N/A		N/A
Sidney	N/A		N/A
Sooke	June 24, 2019		Dwelling unit disparity in 2038, Sooke: 7581; CRD 9300/Employment disparity, Sooke 3348; CRD 3300
Victoria	July 4, 2019		Municipal projections not accurate at the municipal level
View Royal	July 2, 2019		Council in support
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	June 24, 2019		Responded to say no comments will be provided. Will only respond to projects specially mandated by <i>Fisheries Act</i> .



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August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Dear Mr. Plant:

Re: Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment for Population,  
Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections  
Our File: CRD-0370-02; Your File: 6500-20

Further to your letter dated June 21, 2019, I wish to advise you that at its council meeting held on July 15, 2019, the Council of the Township of Esquimalt unanimously passed the following Motion:

That Council authorizes the Mayor to send a letter to Colin Plant, Chair, Capital Regional District Board, indicating that Council does not believe that the model used to project population, dwelling units, and employment accurately reflects the situation in Esquimalt, and therefore, Esquimalt will not be able to align its projections for population and dwelling units with the sub-regional projections.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further. If CRD staff wishes to discuss these issues in further detail, please request that they contact Bill Brown, Director of Development Services, at 250-414-7146 or by email at [bill.brown@esquimalt.ca](mailto:bill.brown@esquimalt.ca).

Yours truly,

Barbara Desjardins,  
Mayor

Cc Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer  
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services

## Metchosin Staff Correspondence

Hi Jeff,

Just returned from holidays ... thanks for the update. The population figures are fine by us in both versions – the employment figures appear quite ridiculous for Metchosin given the lack of commercial uses already here – seems unlikely that we will almost double our employment figures – and weirder still that we'd have a greater increase in employment than Colwood, but in the larger scheme of things, we aren't too fussed with the details.

Has Signe had her last day there yet? I'd like to contact her now that I'm back but wasn't sure if she was still there ...

Cheers,

Sherry

## Oak Bay Staff Correspondence:

Recognizing the theory that goes into projections, I'm not sure I believe those numbers. Yes, we have an aging population and yes, kids leave home. But we also have a lot of interest where people want to live in OB. With policies supporting some forms of infill and interest in village areas, if Council moves forward with their policies, at the most I think the population would remain stable.

Deborah Jensen



CRD File 6500-20  
DNS File: 6430-20 RGS

July 19, 2019

Capital Regional District  
625 Fisgard Street  
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Attention: Colin Plant, Chair, Capital Regional District Board

**Re: Regional Growth Strategy Informal Referral – Revised Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections for the RGS Amendment**

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The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board invited the District of North Saanich (DNS) to participate in the informal referral with respect to amending the 2018 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) to update the regional population, dwelling unit and employment projections.

DNS staff prepared a report which presented the informal referral to Council on July 15, 2019. DNS Council passed the following resolution to:

- 266 *Direct staff to respond to the CRD informal referral that the District of North Saanich supports proceeding with the proposed amendment to replace Table 1 on page 7 of the Regional Growth Strategy with the sub-regional projections (July 8, 2019) and requests that a public hearing be conducted as part of the formal referral process if there is a high level of interest indicated by the consultation period.*

Thank you for the early and ongoing opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the 2018 RGS.

If you have any further questions regarding the District's response please contact Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Community Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curt Kingsley".

Curt Kingsley,  
Director of Corporate Services

Enclosed: Regional Growth Strategy Amendment – Informal Referral Staff Report  
Cc: Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Community Services

Sooke Staff Correspondence:

Good Morning Mr. Weightman,

The District of Sooke has recently conducted our own growth projections with assistance from Urban Systems that incorporates not only the Stat's Canada information but also anticipated development. This was done in preparation of our new Transportation Master Plan and coming OCP refresh. This information is as of April 2019. See below:

Residential, ground oriented units									Residential, apartments			
									Employment (jobs)			
	2018	2023 (new units from 2018)	2028 (new units from 2018)	2038 (new units from 2018)	2018	2023 (new units from 2018)	2028 (new units from 2018)	2038 (new units from 2018)	2018	2023 (new jobs from 2018)	2028 (new jobs from 2018)	2038 (new jobs from 2018)
	4863	471	1016	1670	309	265	620	738	2814	173	274	534

Difference between CRD projections and our own:

		Dwellings		Employment	
		2038		2038	
Sooke Projections		7581		3348	
CRD RGS		9300		3300	

They are not significant but still noteworthy, particularly dwelling counts. Will you take this information and make the appropriate adjustments to Table 1 in the RGS?

Regards,

Ivy

Victoria Staff Correspondence:

Hi Jeff,

Thank you for seeking our input regarding the amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy. We noticed that the 2018 dwelling count for Victoria (38,500) cited in Table 1: Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections seems incongruent with 2016 Census data for Victoria. In particular, the 2016 Census counted 49,212 private dwellings and 45,762 households within Victoria.

Could you please compare the baseline (2018) dwelling figures against municipal census counts and let us know if any revisions are needed to correct the 2018 dwelling counts and 2038 dwelling projections?

Thank you,

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July 17, 2019

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Dear Jeff,

**RE: Regional Growth Strategy Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections**

Please be advised that at the July 16, 2019 Council meeting, the Town of View Royal Council passed the following resolution:

*THAT Council accept the new population projections from the Capital Regional District which will amend the 2018 Regional Growth strategy by replacing Table 1: Population, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections.*

We look forward to receiving the official referral regarding this matter in due course.

Sincerely,

**Lindsay Chase, MCIP, RPP**  
Director of Development Services



Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Staff Response:

FPP.PAC.Enquiries / Renseignements.PPP.PAC (DFO/MPO)

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**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 8:54 AM

**To:** Kelly Myers <[kmyers@crd.bc.ca](mailto:kmyers@crd.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: CRD RGS Amendment for Population Projections Update

At this time, the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program will not be providing comments on the Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy. The role of the DFO's Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (FFHPP) is to protect and conserve fish and fish habitat in support of Canada's coastal and inland fisheries resources, and to make regulatory decisions under the fisheries protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act*. The FFHPP is specifically responsible for reviewing projects for which a s.35(2) Fisheries Act Authorization is required.

If you feel that the project proposes works, undertakings or activities that may result in harm to fish or fish habitat, DFO's Projects Near Water website (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>) includes information for proponents on how to comply with the Fisheries Act, request a DFO review of a project, and request a Fisheries Act authorization.

***Lisa Hedderson***

Biologist

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