

Background and Timeline

March 13, 2002	The CRD Board approved the award of the contract for preparation of the RHAS to Urban Aspects Consulting Group, in partnership with Lumina Services Inc., G.P. Rollow & Associates, and with associates D. Dennis and S. Friedman.
Nov. 30, 2001	The RHAS Project Management Committee (PMC)(the funding partners) issued a Request for Expression of Interest for prequalification to a list of consultants from the RPS Consultants Database, and to others identified as possible contractors by the PMC. The Request was also posted on the CRD Website.
October 24, 2001	The Board authorizes the execution of the Partnership Agreement for the Regional Housing Affordability Strategy.
September, 2001	<p>A partnership was established, under Sec. 25 of the Local Government Act, to develop and maintain a Housing Affordability Strategy (HAS). Membership on the Project Management Committee and financial contributions were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Health Region - \$50,000 • Capital Regional District - \$50,000 • Capital Hospital District - \$25,000 • Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. - data and expertise • Capital Region Housing Corp. - expertise <p>Representatives from these organizations will be members of the Project Steering Committee.</p>
March 28, 2001	<p>The Regional Board carried the following motion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "That \$50,000 be approved from the RGS's Contingency Budget 2001 for preparation of the Housing Affordability Strategy; and 2. That the project description be endorsed as the basis for further work and be referred to the member councils and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director for information; and 3. That this be considered approving it in principle and full implementation would be carried out upon comments back from member municipalities and the Electoral Area Director on the RGS. <p>With respect to item 3, it was commented that we need to pull together the partnerships, identify the funding sources and fully develop the terms of reference while waiting for council responses."</p>
December 2000	<p>A discussion paper on Housing Affordability in the Capital Region was prepared early in 2001:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing a Strategy for Improved Housing Affordability in the

	Capital Region - [PDF 574KB]
September 2000	<p>At the Second Regional Summit of Elected Officials held in September, 2000, and in response to the need to address the strategic elements identified in the background reports, Summit attendees concurred in the need to develop three strategic initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Regional Transportation Strategy; • A Regional Economic Development Strategy; and • An Affordable Housing Strategy.
Summer 2000	<p>A public opinion poll taken as part of the RGS process found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81% of residents of the Capital Region agree there is a need for a strategy for housing affordability; • there was overwhelming support for the proposal that the CRD should act in cooperation with municipalities to create a strategy; and, • there was overwhelming rejection of the proposal that municipalities should work alone or that no action should be taken. <p>Thus there is political and public support for a strategy for increasing housing affordability that enhances and reinforces the principles of the Regional Growth Strategy.</p>