

CRD Growth Strategy Summit of Elected Official

Executive Summary

Capital Summit 2, the Second Regional Summit of Elected Officials was held September 15 and 16, 2000 at Royal Roads University Conference Centre. The Summit was attended by 73 elected officials, including municipal councillors and mayors, school board trustees, an Electoral Area representative, and a First Nations' chief.

The Objectives of Summit 2 were to:

1. Review and prioritize the six strategic elements that form the basis of the four regional growth strategy options
2. Review and discuss the pros and cons of the four regional growth strategy options
3. Choose a preferred option from the four strategies or suggest a new option/hybrid.

The Summit included a mix of presentations, question and answer sessions, independent scorecards and small group discussions. Each break-out group had a cross-section of representatives, resource person, notetaker and professional facilitator.

The Summit began with a focus on the six strategic elements that grew out of the six regional priorities identified in Summit 1 (November 1997) and formed the basis of the growth strategy options. Summit participants confirmed that all six strategic elements were important and must be incorporated into the regional growth strategy. Participants were asked to indicate a level of priority for each of the strategic elements. The average scores for the elements ranged from 2.9 to 3.6 (on a scale of 1 to 4 where 1 was low priority and 4 was high), indicating strong support for the elements and the following rank order.

Rank	Element	Average Score
1	Balanced Regional Transportation	3.6
2	Green/Blue Space Strategy	3.5
3	Urban Containment/Rural Protection	3.4
4	More Complete Communities	3.4
5	Stronger Regional Economy	3.2
6	Improved Housing Affordability	2.9

Summit participants also evaluated the pros and cons of four regional growth strategy options and made suggestions about their preferred option.

Five of the six small groups reported back with preferences that included a modified version of Option 2: Metropolitan Core and Major Centres (the sixth provided further elaboration on the strategic elements rather than on a preferred option). All groups

made constructive comments about how the strategic elements should be modified and implemented. The comments in all six groups were highly consistent with one another and there was strong support for an integrated regional approach to implementing all of the strategic elements.

The Summit provided clear direction that the Regional Growth Strategy should begin with Option 2 as its base, with a variety of modifications and additions as suggested for each of the six strategic elements.