

Capital Regional
District Regional
Growth Strategy
Consultation
Program

*CRD Regional
Growth Strategy
Report Summary*

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The Growth Strategies Act requires that one of the first tasks undertaken in the Regional Growth Strategy process be the preparation of a Consultation Program describing the ongoing participation of elected officials, regional residents, government agencies, and First Nations throughout the project. This brochure generally describes the consultation program for the Capital Region's Foundations for Our Future project endorsed by the CRD Board on August 14, 1996. Some changes have since occurred in the project work plan to speed up the process and reorder some elements. Details for consultation will be set annually.

“...a collaborative exercise involving the CRD, member municipalities, informed by regional residents, the province and others.”

“The Board is committed to hearing from regional residents and all involved.”

Why Consult? The overall aim of the Regional Growth Strategy is political and public agreement

on our common future, and a framework of understanding on decisions about growth. This means working together, in a collaborative way, with our member municipalities, through a process informed by regional residents, the Province, First Nations, neighbouring jurisdictions, and federal agencies.

Who will we Consult?

The participation of **Elected Officials**, representing municipalities and electoral areas, is key to ensuring that the process is one of "local governments working together." **Regional Residents** will have opportunities to contribute their ideas and comment throughout the process as individuals and groups, through participation in things such as random and non-random surveys.

Government Organizations with responsibilities affecting the region will be involved to ensure inter-agency coordination on defining and reaching regional goals. As well, the Board will approach **First Nations** in the region and invite and encourage their participation in the process.

What will we consult on?

Consultation for the Regional Growth Strategy will build on the knowledge gained through previous consultation exercises, and focus on establishing a collective direction to manage growth over the next 25 years. Key points of consultation will be on:

- the issues and opportunities facing the Capital Region
- the long term regional goals and priorities
- options for managing growth
- a preferred growth management option and
- a draft Regional Growth Strategy

Who safeguards the process?

A **Public Advisory Committee (PAC)** composed of 15 residents from throughout the region is a group of "regional thinkers" will continually advise the CRD Board, through its Regional Planning Committee, on ways to ensure the fairness and effectiveness of the consultation process with regional residents. Its meetings, open to the public, are generally on the third Wednesday evening of the month.

“Developing a strategy is about working together to define a common future.”

Ongoing activities

- Posting of all PAC Committee meeting dates, agendas, minutes on the CRD Web page
- Maintenance of a mailing list of interested persons to whom new information is continually sent
- Publication (up to 4 times per year) of Foundations project newsletters
- Preparation of free summary brochures on major written documents prepared for the project
- Posting of complete reports or their summaries on the CRD Web page
- Provision of copies of all reports and publications to each Greater Victoria Library Branch (for use on an 'on reserve' basis)
- Availability of a wide range of methods to contact and be contacted by the public and groups (see last page)
- Availability of staff for presentations/discussions on the project with interested groups or organizations
- Regular updates provided to municipal councils on the status of the project
- Municipal councils are being relied on as a major conduit of information from the local level, and may also be planning some consultation activities for residents as the strategy progresses-- contact your municipal hall for further details. Municipal Councillors will also be interested in your comments.

Project Events Publication of *Island Outlook*, a discussion paper on the implications of growth in the Capital Region Publication of the Official Community Plan (OCP) Growth Option

Consultation/
Communication
Activities

Formal review of *Island Outlook* report by member councils and Inter-governmental Advisory Committee (IAC) member agencies

Discussion between CRD Board and First Nations Councils

Foundations 2 bulletin

Summer 1997

Project Events

Technical Evaluation of the OCP Growth Option (describing where continuation of present plans would lead us)

Consultation/
Communication
Activities

Formal review of OCP Growth Option by member councils and IAC agencies

Foundations 3 bulletin

Initiation of Capital Ideas Groups: self organized groups who want to provide their views on the direction and the issues of the OCP Growth Option as input for Regional Summit

Fall 1997

Project Events

Publication of *Technical Evaluation* report on OCP Growth Option

First Regional Summit of elected officials

Consolidation of goals and priorities from Regional Summit

Consultation/
Communication

Publication of Capital Ideas

Activities Groups results

Formal review of Technical
Evaluation report by
member councils and IAC
agencies

Foundations 4 bulletin

Winter 1997/98

Project Events Publication of draft goals:
Framework for the Future
agreement

Development of growth
management options

Consultation/
Communication *Foundations 5* bulletin

Activities Formal review of draft
Framework document by
member councils and IAC
agencies

Random and non-random
surveys of regional
residents on the draft
Framework document

Spring 1998*

Project Events Adoption of Framework
agreement by Board and
Councils

Growth management
options shortlisted and
published

Consultation/
Communication Invitational Futures Forum
to develop/select short list
of growth management
options

Summer 1998*

Project Events Publication of technical
evaluation of the growth
management options

Consultation/
Communication
Activities Random and non-random surveys of regional residents on the growth management options

Formal review of growth management options by member councils and IAC agencies

Fall 1998*

Project Events CRD Board and Councils' agreement on one growth management option

Consultation/
Communication
Activities Second Regional Summit to select a preferred growth management option

Winter/Spring 1998/99*

Project Events Preparation of a draft Regional Growth Strategy

Consultation/
Communication
Activities Formal review of draft Regional Growth Strategy by member councils and IAC agencies

Summer 1999*

Project Events Events Formal CRD Board and Councils' adoption process for the final Regional Growth Strategy

Consultation/
Communication
Activities Formal public hearings on the Regional Growth Strategy

November 1999*

Project Complete

*Details to be finalized; subject to change

Ways to Contact Us

- Visit the CRD Web site to view material and leave messages:
<http://www.crd.bc.ca/>

- Put your name on our mailing list, or get details about the public process by contacting CRD Corporate Communications Office: Telephone: 360-3228; Fax: 360-3226; e-mail: Corporate Communications
- Submit written comments via e-mail or to our Web site (<http://www.crd.bc.ca/>) or by mail to CRD Regional Planning Services, PO Box 1000, 510 Yates Street, Victoria BC V8W 2S6
- Phone the RGS Hotline at 360-3285 to leave comments, concerns, and input on the process and the strategy -- messages left at this number will be transcribed and forwarded to the Public Advisory Committee, Regional Planning Committee, and staff
- Visit, phone or fax the Project Office and obtain other background material, bulletins, or full reports (small fees may apply): CRD Regional Planning Services, 2nd floor, 510 Yates Street. Telephone: 360-3244; Fax: 360-3159

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