

**Report to the Planning & Protective Services Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, February 22, 2006**

SUBJECT

Regional Planning 2005 Year-End Performance and Priorities for 2006

PURPOSE

1. To summarize performance achievements to 2005 year-end; and,
2. To highlight Regional Planning goals for 2006.

BACKGROUND

This report was prepared following the reporting framework approved for the Regional Planning Division in April 2003. This will be the last report under the 2003 framework. Future Regional Planning performance reports will likely follow a new system for the Planning & Protective Services Department prepared following completion of the new corporate strategic plan and department business plan, scheduled in 2006. There are three attachments to this report:

- Attachment A presents a year-end assessment of current internal performance measures.
- Attachment B presents a detailed summary of the year-end status of the approved 2005 work plan.
- Attachment C outlines Regional Planning work plan objectives for 2006 approved in principle by the former Regional Planning Committee on September 21, 2005.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Both the 1.324 (Regional Planning) and 1.330 (Regional Growth Management) budgets will show surpluses carried forward from 2005 to 2006 as noted in Attachment A.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

2005 Key Achievements

1. Adoption of the regional housing trust fund establishment and administration bylaws and approval of funding for first housing projects.
2. Acceptance of five regional context statements by the Board.
3. Adoption of the TravelChoices Long Term Regional Transportation Strategy and approval of a partnership agreement on its implementation with BC Transit.
4. Completion of RGS monitoring program development and publication of the first RGS annual monitoring report.

2006 Priorities

1. Preparation of a regional economic sustainability policy for the RGS update.
2. Adoption of the Regional Housing Affordability Strategy and inclusion of a regional housing affordability policy in the RGS update.
3. Board acceptance of regional context statements for Colwood, View Royal, Highlands, Metchosin, Esquimalt, North Saanich and Sooke.
4. Preparation and approval of a TravelChoices Implementation and Investment Plan
5. Joint application with BC Transit for five-year funding under the federal gas tax rebate program.
6. Approval of a TravelChoices implementation agreement with the Ministry of Transportation.
7. Publication of the 2005 RGS monitoring report.
8. Preparation and launch of a RGS Education Program.
9. Completion of the RGS interim update.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

Completion and approval of the new corporate strategic plan and a business plan for the department will precede development of a new outcome based performance management program for the Planning & Protective Services Department and the Regional Planning Division.

Apart from the key priorities for the regional growth management program noted above, Regional Planning Division will focus on: enhanced service delivery through a revamped corporate website; contributions to the 2006 census; the update of key information databases related to transportation (notably the 2006 origin and destination study), employment, and housing; and the development of urban growth modelling capacity. The Division will also participate in activities of the new department related to business planning, performance management, and the NQI public sector excellence program.

RECOMMENDATION

That this report as be received as information.

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COMMENTS: