

EXISTING RGS FRAMEWORK				
Key Strategic Area: MANAGING & BALANCING GROWTH				
GOAL	Imbedded Principles	Strategies	Actions	Report card
Keep Urban Settlement Compact	<p>Urban containment</p> <p>Preservation of infrastructure capacity</p> <p>Focused growth in urban areas</p> <p>Moderate/slow growth in rural areas</p>	<p>Establish the Regional Urban Containment and Servicing Policy Area (RUCSPA) and the following settlement targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a strong mixed-use metropolitan core in downtown Victoria</li> <li>Minimum of 15% of the region's cumulative new dwelling units to 2026 to be in the metropolitan core</li> <li>Focus growth within 8 major centres (Map 3)</li> <li>Increase infill housing in core municipalities by 5% over designated capacities in their Official Community Plans (OCPs) by 2011</li> <li>Minimum of 90% of region's cumulative new dwelling units to 2026 to be inside the RUCSPA</li> <li></li> </ul> <p>Establish six regional land use policy designations (Map 3 of RGS) and performance guidelines for the Metropolitan Core and Major Centres (Table 2 of RGS).</p>	<p>New Regional Context Statements (RCS) and OCP policies/mapping reflecting the RUCSPA and associated targets.</p> <p>Agreement to not further extend urban sewer and water services or increase servicing capacity to facilitate growth outside of OCP limits in effect at the time of adoption of the RGS or outside the RUCSPA, subject to exceptions.</p> <p>Expansion beyond the capacity noted above was to be subject to requirements of a Master Implementation Agreement.</p>	<p>All OCPs were amended with new RCS that were accepted by the Board.</p> <p>No Master Implementation Agreement was developed.</p> <p>No bilateral agreements.</p> <p><u>Report on indicators:</u></p> <p><i>Share of Net New Dwelling Units Located with City of Victoria and Sub regions</i> In 2007, the share for the City of Victoria was 22%, 7% higher than the 15% target.</p> <p><i>Share of Net New Dwelling Units located inside the RUCSPA</i> Between 2001 and 2007, 91% of net new dwelling units were located within the RUCSPA, surpassing the 90% target.</p>
Protect the Integrity of Rural Communities	<p>Character to remain rooted in agricultural and resource land base</p>	<p>Long-term protection lands designated Capital Green Lands and Renewable Resource Lands as the region's 'green infrastructure' – includes: ecological reserves, CRD Water lands, Major Parks as per Green/Blue Spaces Strategy, Agricultural Reserve Lands, Forest Land Reserve and Crown Forest Lands.</p> <p>For all other rural and rural-residential communities, development to stay within OCP limits in effect at the time of RGS adoption.</p>	<p>New Regional Context Statements (RCS) and OCP policies/mapping reflecting the strategies.</p> <p>Where necessary, municipal bilateral agreements regarding buffering and land use transition where the RUCSPA boundary coincides with a municipal jurisdictional boundary.</p>	<p><i>Share of Population and Dwelling Unit Growth Located within Major Centres</i> In 2006, total number of dwelling units in the Metropolitan Core grew 12%, to 7,700 units from 6,850 in 2001. The number of dwellings in the major centres grew by 13%, growing from 7,300 to 8,260 between 2001 and 2006.</p> <p><i>Net Change in Land Area of the RUCSPA</i> In 2006, the RUCSPA was 16,687 hectares, growing 267 ha from 16,420 ha in 2001.</p> <p><i>Net change in land area of the ALR</i> In 2009, the ALR was 10600 hectares, down 305 hectares from the 2001 total of 10905 hectares.</p> <p><i>Annual Cumulative Parkland Acquisition</i> In 2010, the total acquired parkland was 17,939 hectares, up from 13,454 ha in 2001.</p> <p><i>Percentage of Land in the Sea-to-Sea Green/Blue Belt that is protected.</i> In 2006, 19% or 2,170 hectares was still unprotected of the total. While, the total hectares grew 2,755 hectares totalling 9,143 hectares.</p>
Comments:				<p>The numbers are the most currently available based on 2006 Census, CRD State of the Region report and other CRD data.</p>

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Keep urban settlement compact	Maintain RUCSPA or equivalent map boundary and policy  <i>Approach:</i> - Review RUCSPA (with municipalities) to determine need for change - Review water and wastewater servicing policy - Coordinate with Environment & Resources Strategic Initiative			
	Establish appropriate regional land use designations  <i>Approach:</i> - Review Map 3 and Table 2 of RGS - Coordinate with Economic Development and Transportation Strategic Initiatives			
	Establish appropriate urban settlement targets with consideration for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused growth in urban centres</li> <li>• Low-moderate growth in rural settlements/areas</li> </ul> <i>Approach:</i> - Review targets in light of new projection period - Consider First Nations growth and settlement aspirations			
Build complete communities	Focus growth along frequent/rapid transit stations and corridors in urban centres  <i>Approach:</i> - Review Table 2 with a view to incorporating transit considerations from Transit Future Plan - Develop strategies and targets to support residential intensification, employment uses, mixed use and set jobs-to-population ratios - Coordinate with Economic Development and Transportation Strategic Initiatives			
Protect the integrity of rural communities	Confirm strategy to protect resource lands and ecological/conservation lands from further development capacity and conflicting uses  <i>Approach:</i> - Review existing 'green infrastructure' mapping and policies - Establish additional criteria, other than servicing, for limiting development outside the RUCSPA - Reconsider strategy for water extensions outside the RUCSPA for areas with stated no/low growth local policies - Identify strategies/actions to minimize land use conflicts between resource uses and recreation/residential/urban/conservation areas			

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Take action on Climate change and Disaster Resilience	Establish consideration for climate change through the development of a climate action adaptation plan that addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of transit-oriented development in urban centres;</li> <li>Lower population growth and maintaining density at levels viable on private (or water only) services, greater green space (resource lands, parks, ecological areas) in rural areas;</li> </ul> <p><u>Approach:</u> - Conduct a climate adaptation plan sub-strategy using several current data sources, including:</p>			
	Commit to regionally coordinated disaster resilience planning in support of local emergency programs through consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieving high seismic standards in new facilities and in upgrades to existing civic buildings and infrastructure</li> <li>Preparing for community recovery from a disaster by maintaining a current regional short-to-long term plan</li> <li>Promoting widespread emergency preparedness in workplaces and households and supported in local area planning</li> </ul> <p><u>Approach:</u> - Coordinate goals, strategies and actions with the plans and initiatives of other CRD divisions, the Province and municipalities</p>			