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PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Notice of Meeting on **Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 1:30 pm**

Board Room, 6th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

B. Desjardins (Chair)	L. Wergeland (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	L. Cross	T. Daly
V. Derman	D. Fortin	C. Hamilton	G. Hill
W. Milne	J. Ranns	L. Seaton	A. Bryson (<i>Board Chair, ex officio</i>)

AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes of November 27, 2013
3. Chair's Remarks
4. Presentations/Delegations
5. 2014 Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee Terms of Reference
6. Regional Sustainability Strategy 2014 Work Plan (PPS/RSP 2014-01)
7. Regional Deer Management Strategy Implementation Update (PPS/RSP 2014-02)
8. Correspondence: Town of View Royal re CRD Regional Crime Unit
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

To ensure quorum, please advise Nancy More at 250-360-3024 if you or your alternate cannot attend.



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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee
Held Wednesday, November 27, 2013, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: L. Wergeland (Vice Chair), J. Cullington (for C. Hamilton), T. Daly, V. Derman, D. Fortin, B. Gramigna (for J. Ranns), G. Hill, L. Hundleby (for B. Desjardins, Chair), M. Loveless (for L. Cross), L. Seaton, G. Young, A. Bryson (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: Maurice Rachwalski, Acting General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; T. Whiting, Acting General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; H. Kamphof, Senior Manager, Housing Secretariat; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Vice Chair Wergeland.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Board Chair Bryson,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Board Chair Bryson, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Gramigna,
That the minutes of the pick a date, meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks: The Chair remarked that, regarding the motion for which notice had been given by Director Derman, the Director has given word that he will not pursue that motion at this time.

4. Presentations/Delegations: There were none.

5. Renewal of the Community Entity Contribution Agreement between the Capital Regional District and the Government of Canada

Alternate Director L. Hundleby recused herself due to a potential conflict of interest as a member of the Leadership Council of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness.

MOVED by Director Bryson, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board:

- 1) That the CRD Housing Secretariat enter into an extension of the Community Entity Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness;
- 2) That the CRD Housing Secretariat apply for a renewal of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Community Entity Contribution Agreement; and
- 3) That the General Manager, Planning and Protective Services act as the approval authority for the HPS program within the scope of the current CRD delegation bylaw.

CARRIED

Alternate Director Hundleby returned to the meeting.

6. 911 Call Answer Contract with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

T. Whiting spoke to the report. The Committee discussed the following points:

- the project scope of the CRD Police Working Group is limited to Call 911 and Police Dispatch. Ambulance is an Island-wide matter and the various municipalities are making progress on working together on fire dispatch.
- current changes in response to technology changes, control of costs and a more efficient level of service
- cases where a unified system across the region might have been of benefit
- item under consideration is an interim agreement while further development of a unified 911 Call Answer and Police Dispatch Centre is underway

On the motion, the Committee discussed the concept of an off-Island 911 to ensure back-up, and the need for representation on the working group of a cross-section of the region.

MOVED by Board Chair Bryson, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That staff be directed to proceed with development of an implementation strategy for a unified 911 Call Answer and Police Dispatch Centre as supported by the Capital Regional District Police Working Group and arrange for an interim agreement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police while this process is under way.

CARRIED

7. New Business: There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Alternate Director Loveless, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Gramigna,
That the meeting be adjourned at 2:13 pm

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER



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ITEM 5

REPORT TO PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

SUBJECT **2014 PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES
COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

ISSUE

To establish the terms of reference for the 2014 Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee.

BACKGROUND

Section 795(2) of the *Local Government Act* allows the Chair to establish standing committees “for matters the chair considers would be better dealt with by committee and may appoint persons to those committees”. In addition, section 26(1) of the CRD Board Procedures Bylaw allows the Chair to “establish a Board Standing Committee as a regular permanent committee whose mandate will be in relation to a CRD service or potential service”.

In accordance with the above, the Board Standing Committees for 2014 have been established as follows:

Committee of the Whole
Core Area Liquid Waste Management
Electoral Area Services
Environmental Services
Finance
Governance
Planning, Transportation and Protective Services
Regional Parks

Attached for the Board’s information are the proposed terms of reference for the 2014 Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee (Appendix A).

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the Committee approve the terms of reference for the 2014 Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee as attached in Appendix A.
2. That the terms of reference be referred back to staff for further review.

IMPLICATIONS

The terms of reference that have been developed for each committee identify the mandate/purpose of the committee, its establishment and authority, the composition, procedures and staff resources. For the most part, the committees are structured around specific service areas and the terms of reference identify the primary staff liaison(s) for each committee. The terms of reference for the majority of the committees remain unchanged from 2013 with the exception of the following:

Finance:

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee has been redefined as the Finance Committee and the revised terms of reference reflect a narrower focus that parallels the functions of the Finance and Technology Department.

Governance:

The Governance Select Committee has been re-established as a standing committee of past and current Board Chairs and will meet at the call of the Chair. The terms of reference have been expanded to include consideration of general governance and corporate administration & operation matters.

CONCLUSION

The terms of reference for the 2014 Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee are attached for the Committee's consideration. They will serve to clarify the mandate, responsibilities and procedures governing the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2014 Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee terms of reference as attached in Appendix A be approved.



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Robert Lapham, MCIP
Chief Administrative Officer
Concurrence

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Attachments: Appendix A – Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference



PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

PREAMBLE

The Capital Regional District (CRD) **PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE** is a standing committee established by the CRD Board and will oversee and make recommendations to the Board regarding matters related to planning, transportation, protective services, emergency management, health facilities, and housing.

The Committee's official name is to be:

PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

1.0 PURPOSE

The mandate of the Committee includes overseeing and making recommendations to the Board regarding the following functions:

- Regional planning
- Regional Sustainability Strategy
- Regional transportation planning
- Protective services – including 911, fire dispatch and hazmat
- Emergency Preparedness
- Health facilities – capital planning and financing for Capital Regional Hospital District
- Community health planning and regulations
- Housing

2.0 ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORITY

- The committee will make recommendations to the Board for consideration; and
- The Board Chair will appoint the Committee Chair, Vice Chair and committee members.

3.0 COMPOSITION

- The Chair, Vice Chair and members are appointed annually by the Chair of the Board.

4.0 PROCEDURES

- The committee shall meet on a monthly basis, except August and December, and have special meetings as required;

- The agenda will be finalized in consultation between staff and the Committee Chair and any committee member may make a request to the Chair to place a matter on the agenda;
- With the approval of the Committee Chair and the Board Chair, committee matters of an urgent or time sensitive nature may be forwarded directly to the Board for consideration; and
- A quorum of 50% plus one of the committee membership is required to conduct committee business.

5.0 RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

- The General Manager of the Planning and Protective Services Department will provide administrative support; and
- Minutes and agendas are prepared and distributed by the Legislative & Information Services Department.



**REPORT TO PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

SUBJECT REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2014 WORK PLAN

PURPOSE

To update the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services (PTPS) Committee on the Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) and to seek support for the proposed 2014 RSS work program and associated stakeholder consultation, which will allow for project completion in 2015.

BACKGROUND

In January 2013, the CRD Regional and Strategic Planning Division began to transition the current Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) into a Regional Sustainable Strategy (RSS). The intricate process of updating the RGS involves partnerships with municipalities, the Province of BC and other regional stakeholders and has included more than two years of background research, data collection, and stakeholder consultation.

The draft RSS document will, consistent with previous Committee direction, cover the themes and strategic areas noted in Attachment 1. Half of the topic areas addressed in the draft were not part of the 2003 RGS. Topic areas have been expanded in response to stakeholder input and political direction. Input provided at the March 5, 2011 Council of Councils meeting was used to build on previous work and served as the basis for further developing the policy directions considered by the Inter-governmental Advisory Committee (IAC), Development Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) and the Sustainability Resource Team over the past year. The input received to date has led to the policies that will be part of the first full working draft of the RSS (version 1).

While the scope of the RSS document has been broadened, compared to the 2003 RGS, staff is conscious of the need to keep the document at a strategic level and to, going forward, balance the need for an inclusive and comprehensive approach with the need to deliver the project on a timely basis.

The RSS document will reinforce an integrated rather than a siloed approach. For example, climate action adaptation and mitigation policies are being woven throughout the RSS and are fundamental considerations underlying the plan, as are economic vitality and achievement of a healthy, sustainable region. Relationships with First Nations as they concern RSS aspirations are being addressed comprehensively and staff will continue to engage the Te'mexw Treaty Advisory Committee. The holistic approach being taken will reinforce the synergies between topic areas and will ensure that: a complete regional perspective is captured; policies/actions are complementary; identified implementation processes are inclusive; related funds are leveraged collaboratively; and resources are used efficiently and effectively.

The RSS will identify indicators and targets for each strategic area that can be measured and reported to residents and local governments.

Despite project challenges such as staff turnover, work has now progressed to the point where a first-cut of goals, policies and actions have been proposed (see Attachment 2 for a summary). During the February-April period, the working draft will be circulated to internal staff, relevant CRD advisory committees and project partners (DPAC and IAC) to ensure that the draft accurately captures input provided and to check for consistency and alignment with overall CRD Board direction and legislative parameters (see Attachment 3 for a process summary). The aim is to complete a consultation-ready draft in May and forward such to the PTPS Committee in June.

The RSS work plan has been developed in such a way that the RSS draft can be ready for broader external engagement and adoption in 2015.

More detail on the work plan is shown graphically in Attachment 4 and is summarized in Attachment 3.

ALTERNATIVES

That the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee:

1. Endorse the proposed RSS work plan for 2014 and direct staff to obtain stakeholder group input towards creation of a draft RSS for presentation to the PTPS Committee in June 2014.
2. Direct staff to continue to work with internal and project stakeholder groups such as the DPAC and IAC and to evaluate the climate action impacts of the proposed strategy prior to presenting a consultation-ready draft to the PTPS Committee in early 2015.

IMPLICATIONS

Alternative 1 would give the PTPS Committee the opportunity to provide input and shape direction of the RSS before it advances to the point where significant re-work would be required should changes be desired.

Alternative 2 would allow for a longer and more robust period of internal and stakeholder review. The disadvantage would be that the RSS process will, if the deadline for completion remains unchanged, by early 2015, have evolved quite far without the benefit of input and direction from the PTPS Committee.

Staff considers the disadvantages of Alternative 2 to be strong enough to outweigh the associated advantages and therefore recommend proceeding with Alternative 1 which would deliver on the work plan featured in Attachment 4.

SUMMARY

The intent is to follow a robust process that delivers an RSS policy document that provides clear direction but also flexibility in how individual local governments can work towards achieving mutually-agreed-upon and locally-relevant sustainability goals. The RSS process has been designed to be responsive and inclusive, and provide ample opportunity for input from many internal and external stakeholders. That process has, to date, delivered a comprehensive set of draft goals, policies and actions that will now be subjected to stakeholder scrutiny prior to being presented for committee review and then, if deemed ready, out to Board and focused municipal and public engagement.

Once the RSS is adopted, the document can support advocacy to senior levels of government, back up funding proposals, and facilitate implementation of economic, environmental and community priorities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee:

1. Endorse the proposed Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) work plan for 2014 and direct staff to obtain stakeholder group input towards creation of a draft RSS for presentation to the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee in June 2014.



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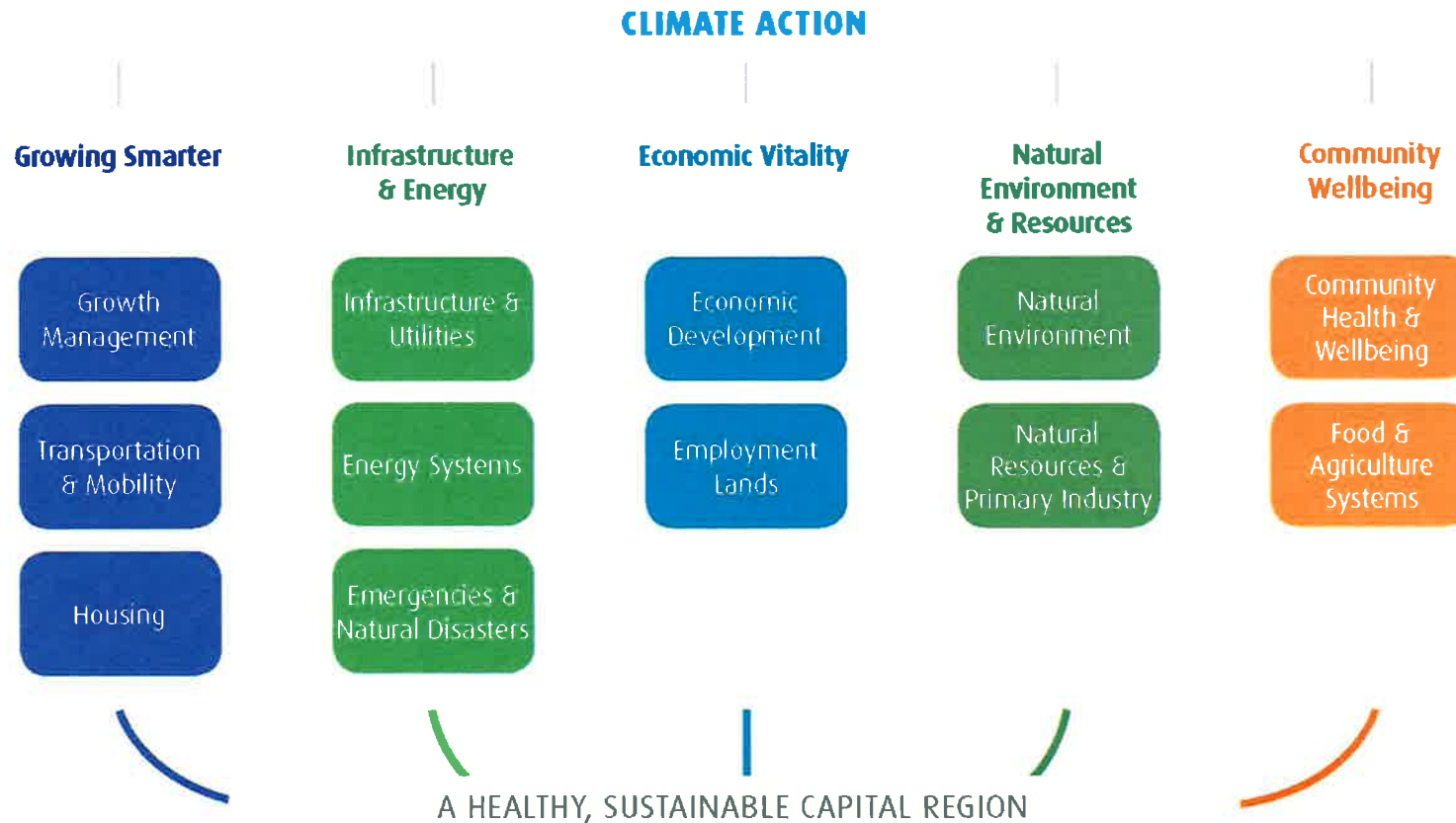
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- Attachment 1: Regional Sustainability Strategy Strategic Areas
- Attachment 2: Regional Sustainability Strategy Content Summary
- Attachment 3: Regional Sustainability Strategy 2014 Plan Summary
- Attachment 4: Regional Sustainability Strategy 2014 Work Plan

Attachment 1: Regional Sustainability Strategy Strategic Areas

The Regional Sustainability Strategy

Working together on 5 interwoven themes



Attachment 2: Regional Sustainability Strategy Content Summary

BACKGROUND

The goal of the Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) process is to develop a set of policies and actions that will foster a healthy and sustainable region. Economic vitality is a key consideration. Climate action adaptation and mitigation policies are being integrated throughout the RSS. Relationships with First Nations with respect to RSS aspirations are being addressed comprehensively.

The document will acknowledge synergies between the five RSS Framework themes (Growing Smarter, Infrastructure & Energy, Economic Vitality, Natural Environment & Resources and Community Wellbeing) and will reinforce an integrated rather than 'siloed' approach.

RSS STRATEGIC AREAS – PROPOSED POLICY APPROACHES

GROWING SMARTER THEME

1. Growth Management

The proposed policy approach is based on existing Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) principles but has been refined and adapted to better reflect RSS aspirations. Proposed policy approaches include:

- A new settlement typology that acknowledges the role of smaller centres, including those in rural areas
- Greater emphasis on focused growth rather than the RUCSPA (e.g., focused on key transportation corridors and nodes; transit-supportive densities and land uses)
- Growth Containment Boundaries to replace the RUCSPA to reflect the inclusion of rural centres
- A stronger integration of land use and transportation planning (e.g., mobility hubs)
- *New* – Connecting growth management with the costs of providing, operating and maintaining infrastructure, facilities and services

2. Transportation and Mobility

Key Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) policies are being integrated with land use (e.g., mobility hubs) and other relevant policy areas. Decisions on a governance model and funding are pending. Proposed policy approaches include:

- More emphasis on sustainable transportation modes, optimization of infrastructure, and use of Travel Demand Management (TDM) tools and programs
- Addressing goods movement
- Reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and preparing infrastructure and facilities for climate change
- Stronger emphasis on formalizing regional funding arrangements and determining appropriate collaborative governance for transportation as per the RTP

3. Housing

Proposed housing policies build upon the approach taken in the 2003 RGS and the actions taken since then to address housing affordability. Proposed approaches include:

- More emphasis on providing an adequate and diverse supply of affordable, suitable housing for all residents, including addressing homelessness
- Improved alignment of resources of all levels of government to deliver on housing objectives
- Addressing the impacts of climate change on housing supply

INFRASTRUCTURE & ENERGY THEME

4. Infrastructure & Utilities (Not directly addressed in 2003 RGS)

The draft proposes a comprehensive approach to addressing infrastructure and utilities that includes policy for potable water services, liquid and solid waste management and waste recovery. Policy approaches include:

- Aligning provision and design of regional infrastructure to support growth management, economic development and climate change objectives
- Being more proactive regarding the design and management of regional infrastructure
- Improving resiliency to climate change and natural hazard risks

5. Energy Systems (new)

Proposed policy approaches build upon the commitment to reduce the use of non-renewable fossil fuels and to expand the clean energy economy. Policy approaches include:

- Increasing renewable and clean district energy generation
- Increasing energy efficiency and resource recovery
- Reducing community-based GHG emissions
- Reducing energy costs

6. Emergencies & Natural Disasters (new)

A regional approach to emergency management has been recognized through the formation of the Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Commission and the Regional Emergency Planning Advisory Commission. Proposed policies build upon this recognition and include:

- A coordinated, integrated response and recovery plans
- Better understanding and documentation of risks associated with climate change and natural hazards

ECONOMIC VITALITY THEME

7. Economic Development

Proposed policy approaches build on the existing RGS approach of strengthening and diversifying the regional economy and reassert a commitment to developing a regional

economic development strategy. New proposals include: Support for technology, green industry and creative enterprise

8. Employment Lands (new)

The inclusion of Employment Lands is a response to the significance that industrial lands, major institutions and critical regional infrastructure (e.g., ferry terminals) have for the economic vitality of the region. Proposed policy approaches include:

- Identifying and protecting key existing employment lands – industrial and general employment (e.g., major institutions)
- Integration of high density employment hubs with transportation planning
- Pursuing ways to increase industrial lands, especially in the Core Area

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES THEME

9. Natural Environment

Proposed policy approaches build upon the principles established in the 2003 RGS and the Green/Blue Spaces Strategy. They also advance concepts developed through the Regional Parks Strategic Plan. Proposed policy approaches include:

- Advancing the concept of natural capital and Nature Needs Half (from Regional Parks Strategic Plan). (NNH is a concept that aims to manage 50% of land for biodiversity and conservation values)
- Continuing support for regional networks of park, protected areas, etc.
- Incorporating climate change mitigation and adaptation measures into the regional connectivity network
- Recognizing the contribution a healthy natural environment makes to economic vitality and quality of life

10. Natural Resources & Primary Industries

Proposed policy approaches build upon the 2003 RGS principles regarding the economic use of natural resource lands. They also address provincial policy changes to the management of forest lands (Privately Managed Forest Lands). Proposed policy approaches include:

- Stronger protection of the integrity of the natural resource land base
- Stronger support for the economic use of natural resources including forestry, aggregate mining, and agriculture
- Protection for the quality and quantity of surface and groundwater
- Acknowledgment of the role natural resource lands play with respect to environmental health including protection of sensitive ecological areas

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

11. Community Health & Wellbeing (new)

Proposed policy approaches are drawn from the Community Health & Wellbeing Policy and Research Project. They include:

- Building environments that are safe, healthy and accessible

- Integration of health and wellbeing equity considerations into land use, transportation, and infrastructure, community planning and development
- Protection of cultural landscapes and built heritage

12. Food & Agriculture (new)

Proposed policy approaches address food and agriculture as complex systems that require a coordinated effort and support in order to thrive. Key policy approaches include:

- Protection of farmland, support for farmers and expanded local food and agricultural production
- Achieving healthy and resilient food and agriculture systems
- Better integrating of food and agriculture in regional initiatives

Attachment 3: Regional Sustainability Strategy 2014 Work Plan Summary

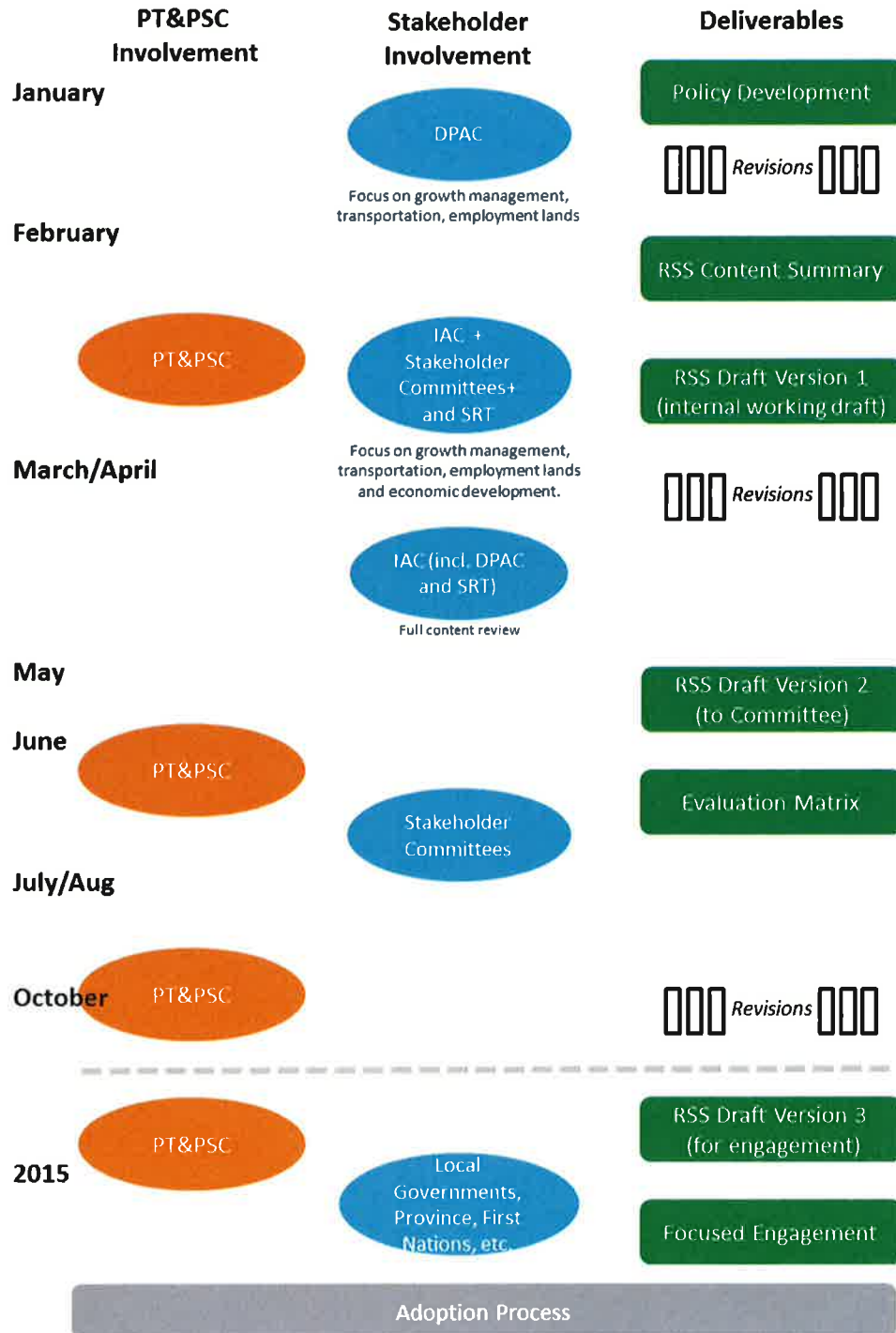
The following are key elements of the proposed 2014 Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) work plan (see Attachment 4 for associated graphic):

- Stakeholder Discussions: Update stakeholder groups (e.g., Development Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) and Inter-governmental Advisory Committee (IAC)) and internal advisory groups (e.g., Inter-municipal Climate Action Working Group; CRD Water Advisory Committee; Round Table on the Environment; CRD Housing Action Team) as well as groups such as the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness on the RSS development process and obtain input on high level direction – February.
- RSS Version #1: Complete a full first draft of goals, policies, actions and performance targets for the 12 RSS strategic areas, incorporating early input from stakeholders, advisory committees, subject matter experts and consultants – February.
- RSS Version #2: Revise RSS Version #1 to ensure alignment of RSS goals, policies, actions and performance targets with Board direction, senior government legislation, and sustainability principles, incorporating input from the IAC, DPAC and CRD subject matter experts. Assess proposed actions with respect to capacity to implement within five year timeframe and identify potential longer-term actions – mid May.
- PTPS Committee: Present RSS Version #2 to the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee for feedback and endorsement to advance the RSS to the next stages of review – June.
- Evaluation Framework: Develop an RSS evaluation framework that balances and integrates environmental, economic, and social criteria – June.
- Stakeholder Input: Seek CRD advisory committee input into applying the evaluation framework to and assessing the final draft RSS policies from a multiple bottom line perspective – July and August.
- PTPS Committee: Seek direction from the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services (PTPS) Committee on: the results of the RSS evaluation; identification of revisions to the RSS; and desirability of proceeding with focused engagement including advancing the plan for municipal and interest group discussion - October.
- RSS Version #3: Prepare a revised draft based on direction from the PTPS Committee. Include input from the IAC, DPAC, and CRD and external (consultant) subject matter experts – early 2015.

Attachment 4: RSS 2014 Work Plan



2014 Work Plan





**REPORT TO PLANNING TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

SUBJECT REGIONAL DEER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

PURPOSE

To update the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services (PTPS) Committee on the Regional Deer Management Strategy (RDMS) pilot project implementation and proposed next steps in 2014.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District (CRD) prepared a RDMS which was endorsed by the Board in December 2012. At the June 24, 2013 PTPS Committee meeting, the Committee received report PPS/RSP-2013-14 for information. That report summarized the implementation activity up to July 23, 2013.

The role of the CRD has been to provide the tools, background information and support requested by municipalities, to help make informed decisions.

PROGRESS

Public Education

The Regional Deer Management website provides a chronological summary of the project to date and process updates. Two brochures have been produced, one that addresses deer behaviour and the other that addresses conflict reduction options, such as deterrents, deer resistant plantings and suggestions for how drivers can avoid deer vehicle collisions. Brochures have been distributed to each municipality and electoral area. In most cases, the brochures were distributed in concert with an in-person discussion to review current circumstances, identify municipal needs and determine if any interventions are required. Web updates and additional distributions will be completed as necessary.

Pilot Projects

Central Saanich, Oak Bay and View Royal, through council resolution, have shown an interest in participating in the pilot projects at two geographies, urban (Oak Bay and View Royal) and rural (Central Saanich). The pilot project describes in detail how to implement the recommendations of the RDMS. A professional biologist developed the pilot project, using the four components of the RDMS: conflict reduction; public education; population reduction; and deer vehicle collision mitigation.

The pilot projects were designed to provide active community outreach on conflict reduction, as well as identify options for collecting baseline measurements, identify population reduction options, provide deer vehicle collision mitigation options and develop performance evaluation measures.

A. Rural – Central Saanich

A practical rural pilot project was planned and implemented in Central Saanich in response to council's decision to participate. In the rural implementation, the municipality and community members undertook public education of conflict reduction (brochure distribution) and deer vehicle collision mitigation (additional road side brushing and signage). Ministry biologists advised that any baseline population counts be established in spring. The Wildlife Specialist reached out to 35 farmers based on those who showed initial interest. Sixteen requested site visits. Visits were

conducted and crop damage was surveyed. Information packages were provided and discussed, and tools provided for: estimating fencing requirements; constructing effective fencing; and completing municipal permit and nuisance wildlife permit forms. Staff was also in direct contact with farmers from other municipalities (Saanich and North Saanich) that requested information on the program.

B. Urban – Oak Bay and View Royal

Oak Bay continues to follow the urban pilot project. In all, three presentations were made to Council, with additional staff meetings held throughout the fall and winter to clarify the project jurisdictional roles and responsibilities. Oak Bay completed conflict reduction actions such as increased fines for contravention of the anti-feeding bylaw. Oak Bay will distribute the public education materials produced by CRD staff to all of its residents this spring. The baseline count will occur in March in partnership with Oak Bay and Camosun College. The count will inform the final permit submission, to be submitted in early April 2014. After the permit is approved, staff anticipates assisting Oak Bay with its Request for Proposals to retain a contractor and facilitate any additional training the contractor may require. Public education will be ongoing throughout the summer and early fall.

Partnerships

Throughout the implementation of the urban and rural pilot projects the agricultural community, First Nations communities and those leading related projects such as the Canada Goose Management Strategy have shown interest in providing input and partnering. CRD staff continues to maintain and build on these relationships through opportunities for input and participation. Some examples of these partnerships are: coordinating First Nations hunters and farmers to meet the objective of realizing mutual benefits; and facilitating Oak Bay's discussions with an urban First Nations community to discuss potential donations of meat if population reduction occurs.

IMPLICATIONS

Intergovernmental Implications

Provincial, regional and municipal government staff are involved in ongoing discussions to ensure that the materials produced and the anticipated work is undertaken in a manner that satisfies the roles and responsibilities of each level of government. Provincial biologists and the wildlife veterinarian continually review work completed for municipalities and discuss best practices in moving forward. The information is reviewed by CRD staff and applied to municipal needs as required.

The CRD advocated, via letter, to the Honorable Steve Thompson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for changes to the 2014-2016 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis for Management Unit 1-1. The changes would allow the number of deer within the Capital Regional District to be reduced through legal hunting activity during the legal hunting season. The requested changes were: that the shotgun antlerless (females) season be increased from 10 days to 4 months; that the bow-only season for antlerless be increased from 10 days during the season to 15 days prior to the season, in addition to the existing ability to hunt females with bow during the regular September 10-December 10 season; and that the bag limit be increased from 2 female deer of the 3 permitted to allow all 3 deer to be female. Each of these requested changes were accepted, except for the increase in female bag limit.

The CRD also advocated, via letter, to the Honorable Pat Pimm, Minister of Agriculture, advocating for greater fencing subsidies for farmers through the Environmental Farm Plan, a partnership between Ministry of Agriculture and the federal government. A response was received noting a new Ministry of Agriculture initiative that provides financial assistance to forage crop producers to address extraordinary costs of crop loss due to wildlife. The BC Agriculture Council's Agriculture Wildlife Initiative provides funding assistance to reduce wildlife impacts in an environmentally

responsible way. This program remains in the developmental stages and complete details are not yet available and as such CRD staff is unable at this time to assess the potential for this program to be of assistance to the Deer Management program.

Financial Implications

The single \$150,000 supplementary approved to fund the Deer Management initiative has been used to fund the implementation of the pilot projects. To date, expenses have included: staff time (wildlife specialist and communications specialist hired in September 2013) and costs associated with materials production. \$80,000 has been spent to date. It is anticipated that remaining funds will be needed to cover costs between now and September 2014 (the end of the wildlife specialist's contract). Existing funding allocations would likely not be sufficient to cover costs should the project timeline extend beyond the originally-anticipated project completion date of September.

Regional and Strategic Planning staff has been involved, in the short-term, in order to assess the effectiveness of the RDMS prepared by Regional and Strategic Planning. In September, the program will be fully evaluated and assessed to determine whether there is a municipal demand for the CRD to continue providing this service. Should this be the case, there will likely be a need to reassess whether Regional and Strategic Planning remains the appropriate division to host this service.

SUMMARY


CRD staff continues to assist municipalities in moving forward with the pilot projects, based on the needs and appropriate timing for each municipality. Staff also provides coordination, information and assistance where requested to all municipalities. Staff remains available to attend and present to Councils for those municipalities that have not considered this topic. CRD staff will assist Oak Bay with carrying out a count to inform the permit application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Public education materials have been completed and distributed to municipalities, along with meetings to check in on current circumstances and needs. Some interest for additional meetings and information was shown during these meetings.

RECOMMENDATION


That the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee receive report PPS/RSP 2014-02 titled *Regional Deer Management Strategy Implementation Update* for information.



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Attention: Chair and Board Members

Dear Chair and Board Members:

Re: CRD Regional Crime Unit

At the November 19, 2013 Council meeting, Council discussed participation and support by all CRD municipalities in the Regional Crime Unit.

The Town recognizes that the Regional Crime Unit is an integrated policing unit which proactively targets the most prolific offenders in the Capital Region of Victoria.

The Regional Crime Unit has had many successes in investigating and prosecuting prolific offenders. These successes illustrate the shared benefit and cross-jurisdictional impact that results from the unit's enhanced investigation of prolific offenders and their crimes. Through proactive prolific offender targeting, the Regional Crime Unit continues to increase public safety by reducing crime throughout the Capital Region.

The Town of View Royal Council encourages all CRD municipalities to support and participate in the Regional Crime Unit.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

Elena Bolster
 Deputy Municipal Clerk