

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, May 15, 2002

SUBJECT:

Regional Growth Strategy Referral Process Update

BACKGROUND:

- Feb. 27, 2002: The Board gives Bylaw No. 2952 first and second reading and resolves to hold a public hearing on the bylaw, ask the Minister to appoint a provincial facilitator, and to submit the bylaw to member municipalities, the Cowichan Valley Regional District, and the Minister for acceptance following the public hearing and before third reading.
- April 3, 2002: The public hearing on Bylaw No. 2952 is held by Chairman Causton as a delegation of the board at the Ambrosia Catering and Event Centre, 638 Fisgard Street, Victoria. The report of the public hearing was subsequently received by the Board on April 24th and referred to member municipalities for information.
- April 5, 2002: Bylaw No. 2952 is formally submitted by letter signed by Chairman Causton to member municipalities, the CVRD and the Minister for acceptance. The bylaw is also distributed for information to the Islands Trust, School Districts, First Nations and the Greater Vancouver Regional District.
- May 8, 2002: Provincial facilitator Dale Wall presents to the Board on the role of the facilitator for the CRD regional growth strategy.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Causton's letter initiating the statutory referral of Bylaw No. 2952 was distributed to member councils, the Minister and the Cowichan Valley Regional District on April 5th. RPS staff telephoned the municipal clerks to let them know the letter and attached bylaw was on its way so that it could be placed on the agenda of the upcoming council meetings. Under the Act, the 120-day period of referral begins when councils receive the letter submitting the bylaw for acceptance. The statutory referral period ends on Tuesday, August 6, 2002.

Cynthia Hawksworth of the Ministry's Local Government Department has contacted all municipal administrators and planners to notify municipalities of Mr. Wall's appointment as provincial facilitator for the CRDs regional growth strategy. She has also discussed with senior municipal staff the role of the facilitator and the requirements of legislation regarding municipal government responses to the Board's referral of the RGS bylaw. Ms. Hawksworth and Mark Hornell also met with the municipal administrators at their regular meeting held in Metchosin on May 7th to discuss the referral process.

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The current status of the local government discussions on Bylaw No. 2952 is summarized in the following table:

Affected Local Government	Date Contacted	Status of Review
Metchosin	April 11, 2002	Planner Murray Brown is preparing a report for review. Expected to be on council's agenda in May.
Esquimalt	April 15	Referred to Director of Planning Mike Dillistone who is preparing a report to council.
View Royal	April 25	Director of Planning Alan Haldenby is preparing a report to council for a meeting scheduled in late May or early June.
Highlands	April 25	Formally received by council on April 15 th . Met with Cynthia Hawksworth on April 24 th . Objection raised in submission to public hearing remains at issue.
Colwood	April 24	Director of Planning Simon Lawrence preparing staff report for May 6 Committee of the Whole.
Langford	April 25	Director of Planning Rob Buchan is preparing report for council review in mid-June.
Oak Bay	April 24	Oak Bay council reviewed bylaw on April 22 nd . Identify two issues related to 5% increase in housing in core municipalities and reference to housing for the University of Victoria. Correspondence attached (Attachment A).
Victoria	April 24	Council reviewed staff report on May 2 nd . Council referred bylaw to Advisory Planning Committee and Parks Advisory Committee for input. Council workshop on bylaw scheduled for June 6.
Saanich	April 24	Staff report in preparation.
North Saanich	April 24	Referral received by Council on April 15. Staff preparing a report for consideration of the Environmental Advisory Commission and the Advisory Planning Commission for comment, and subsequently by Committee of the Whole (Attachment B).
Central Saanich	April 24	Director of Planning Hope Burns is preparing a report for the consideration of Council some time in May.
Sidney	April 24	Staff met with Cynthia Hawksworth on April 24. Preparation of staff report and council consideration will follow receipt of Public Hearing Report.
Sooke	May 6	Staff met with Cynthia Hawksworth on May 6 th . Staff report going to Council for consideration on May 13.
Cowichan Valley Regional District	April 9	Staff report being prepared for Board consideration. May refer bylaw to advisory planning committees for electoral areas bordering the CRD.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Regional Planning Committee receive this report for information.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

W.M. Jordan, Executive Director

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