

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
Regional Planning Services Department**

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, March 16, 2005

SUBJECT:

CommunityViz Software – Followup to Presentation by Murray Journey

BACKGROUND:

- Nov. 17/04: As part of the review of the draft 2005 budget, the Committee directed that the removal of \$150,000 in single supplementary funding from the 1.330 budget for the MetroQuest model, be reconsidered in light of a presentation comparing the functionality of the proposed MetroQuest model with the ESRI Community Viz extension tool, at the January 2005 meeting.
- Jan. 19/05: The directed staff to arrange a presentation of the CommunityViz extension tool and to prepare a cost/benefit comparison of the MetroQuest and CommunityViz tools.
- Feb. 16/05: Murray Journey of Natural Resources Canada gave a demonstration of the CommunityViz software to the Committee. The Committee resolved that the item should be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Murray Journey has agreed to come to the meeting on March 16th to carry on the discussion of the CommunityViz software, and respond to questions regarding its applicability to the Capital Regional District. A representative of ESRI Canada, the CRD's Geographic Information System (GIS) provider may also attend the meeting to respond to questions. A powerpoint demonstration of the CommunityViz software can also be found at this Orton Family Foundation web site:

<http://www.communityviz.com/index.asp?circuit=4&fuse=detail&cid=392>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Regional Planning Committee receive this report for information.

RGS CONSISTENCY:

The CommunityViz software may have value for monitoring, public education and policy review and update purposes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

W.M. Jordan, Executive Director