

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
Regional Planning Services Department

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, June 15, 2005

SUBJECT:

Draft 2004 Regional Growth Strategy Annual Report

BACKGROUND:

Aug. 13/03: CRD Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) adopted.

Nov. 26/03: RGS Monitoring Program approved in principle by CRD Board.

DISCUSSION:

The provincial legislation requires the regional district to develop a program for monitoring the progress of the RGS and to report annually on its implementation. The monitoring program is designed to meet the requirements of provincial legislation, as well as provide feedback to the Regional Board and the municipal councils on the RGS. The monitoring program has been developed and revised based on broad consultation and input from wide range sources including: RPC, Development and Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC), and the Roundtable on the Environment.

The RGS Annual Report is the principal document for reporting on trends and progress towards achievement of the RGS vision and objectives. The draft 2004 Regional Growth Strategy Annual Report is the first report since adoption of the RGS.

The draft report has been referred to DPAC for review and comment at its June 10, 2005 meeting. Comments received will be conveyed to the committee at the meeting.

Annual Report Website and Newsletter:

RPS proposes that a more user-friendly alternative to the 50 page annual report be developed as the primary vehicle for public release of the report. A concise and visually-appealing newsletter style insert summarizing the performance highlights can be prepared for wide distribution in the region. This would then point readers to the website for more detailed information, as well as a link to download the full report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Regional Planning Committee:

1. Approve the Draft 2004 Regional Growth Strategy Annual Report for publication.
2. Approve the release of the content of the Annual Report in website and newsletter format.

RGS CONSISTENCY

Reporting on the trends and progress towards achievement of the RGS vision and objectives is a legislative requirement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

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