

March 13, 2020

File: 6500-20

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6
Via email: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: BYLAW 4328 – RGS AMENDMENT REFERRAL FOR MUNICIPAL ACCEPTANCE

This letter is to refer Bylaw No. 4328 “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019” (Bylaw No. 4328) for municipal council acceptance as per section 436 of the *Local Government Act*. Bylaw No. 4328 is provided in Attachment 1.

At its March 11, 2020 meeting, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopted the following resolution:

The Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

- a) That the consultation results on the proposed Regional Growth Strategy amendment be received;*
- b) That Bylaw No. 4328, “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019” be given first and second reading; and*
- c) That staff be directed to refer Bylaw No. 4328 on March 13, 2020 to municipal councils for acceptance as per section 436 of the Local Government Act.*

Bylaw No. 4328 will update the population, dwelling unit and employment projections in Table 1 of the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS). As outlined in my previous letter on October 23, 2019, the RGS amendment was initiated to update the projections based on 2016 census numbers. BC Stats prepared the projections based on 2016 census data, with input from municipalities, the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee and other stakeholders.

All municipalities must accept the RGS amending bylaw before it can be adopted, in accordance with section 436 of the *Local Government Act*. Municipalities have until May 12, 2020 to provide the CRD Board with a resolution of council to accept or reject Bylaw No. 4328. Should any municipality reject the bylaw, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing must direct the process to settle the dispute. The legislative provisions for RGS acceptance and dispute settlement are provided in Attachment 2.

Please contact Jeff Weightman, Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning at jweightman@crd.bc.ca or 250-360-3162 should you have any questions about the proposed amendment or the referral process.

On behalf of the CRD Board, thank you for your ongoing participation in this RGS amendment. I look forward to receiving your letters of acceptance for Bylaw No. 4328 by May 12, 2020.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Plant', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

Attachments: Attachment 1: Bylaw No. 4328 “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019”

Attachment 2: *Local Government Act* Provisions for Acceptance and Settlement of a Regional Growth Strategy

cc: Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
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Emily Sinclair, Senior Manager, Planning and Protective Services, CRD
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