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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT & CITY OF VICTORIA COUNCIL

Monday, March 23, 2015

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

City Hall, #1 Centennial Square

AGENDA

1. Welcome: CRD Orientation and Initiatives

Nil Jensen, Board Chair

Link to 2012-2014 Strategic Plan Summary Report: www.crd.bc.ca/progress-report

2. Programs and Discussion

Bob Lapham, CAO and Department General Managers

3. Regional Sustainability Strategy

Signe Bagh, Senior Manager Regional Planning

4. PCMP and Wayfinding Guidelines: Brief overview of next steps

Signe Bagh <https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/pedestrian-cycling-master-plan>

5. Adjourn

CRD Participants:

Nils Jensen, Board Chair

Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer

Larisa Hutcheson GM Parks and Environmental Services

Ted Robbins, GM Integrated Water Services

Kevin Lorette, GM Planning and Protective Services

Diana Lokken, GM Finance and Technology

Signe Bagh, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning

Attachments:

Background Letter: RSS

Background Letter: PCMP and Wayfinding Guidelines



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Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
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Dear Mayor Helps and Council:

RE: REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

The purpose of this letter is to share an update on the Regional Sustainability Strategy process and to invite input from the City of Victoria. Since December 2012, CRD staff has been working closely with local municipal staff (primarily planning directors) and staff from provincial and federal agencies to prepare a draft Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS). An early draft of the RSS was provided to the CRD Board at its October 2014 meeting. The Board has authorized staff to seek broad public, stakeholder and municipal council feedback on the draft strategy beginning in January 2015. An on-line feedback form was launched on January 15, 2015 and will be available for input until February 15, 2015. CRD staff have provided related publicity material to City of Victoria staff for further distribution, as per City of Victoria's preferences.

The CRD Board determined that the review of the 2003 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) should give high priority to addressing climate change and that the RGS should transition into a Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS). As a result, the RSS has a broader scope than the RGS: for example, it integrates transportation and land use planning, addresses climate change, food security, and social equity. The increased scope of the Draft RSS is in response to public input and Board direction. The document is structured so as to provide clarity regarding the implementing roles of the CRD, local municipalities and provincial and federal agencies.

Throughout the province, regional growth strategies vary in scope and level of detail in response to local circumstances and community expectations. Through the engagement process, we are seeking input from municipal councils as to where along the spectrum of minimum scope/high level to more expansive/prescriptive they would like the RSS to be.

Thank you for your consideration of this important regional document. We look forward to receiving your comments and answering any questions you may have when we meet with you or in the following weeks. Staff are aiming to report back to the Board in April 2015 on what we hear from the engagement process, so receipt of comments by early March would be helpful. In April, staff will seek Board direction on preparing a proposed bylaw which could be read in early summer with a public hearing in August. We anticipate that the formal 60 day municipal referral process would occur during September and October 2015.

The Draft RSS and the on-line feedback form may be viewed on the [CRD website](#). View an eight page overview of the RSS context, content and process at [RSS FAQ](#). Please contact Signe Bagh, Senior Manager, Regional & Strategic Planning if you have any questions (250-360-3244 or sbagh@crd.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

Nils Jensen
Board Chair, Capital Regional District

cc Jason Johnson, CAO, City of Victoria
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Dear Mayor Helps and Council:

RE: PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING MASTER PLAN AND INTERIM CYCLING DESTINATION WAYFINDING GUIDELINES REFERRALS

At its October 8, 2014 meeting, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board directed staff to refer the CRD Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan (PCMP) and the Interim Cycling Destination Wayfinding Guidelines to municipalities for information.

The CRD Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan was acknowledged by the Board as part of the Regional Transportation Plan on August 13, 2014, after a collaborative process and direct consultation with all municipalities, electoral areas and other regional and provincial authorities. The plans were developed in response to a region-wide desire for an integrated regional multi-modal transportation network, and recognition of the need to align future land use and transportation decisions.

Key elements of the PCMP have been implemented thanks to a contribution of \$780,950 from the Government of Canada's Gas Tax Fund transfer.

One of the projects carried out as part of the PCMP Implementation Project was the development of a regional standard for bicycle wayfinding. The resulting document, the 'Interim Cycling Destination Wayfinding Guidelines' was completed in October 2014 after collaboration and consultation with all municipalities, electoral areas, Regional Parks, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The guidelines provide a framework for establishing local sign plans, *subject to further discussion*. Six municipalities and one electoral area have received a grant towards a pilot implementation project. During the implementation phase, the CRD, in collaboration with the municipalities, will be developing criteria to evaluate the success of the guidelines in achieving the goal of guiding cyclists to their destinations.

Requests for further information on the PCMP Implementation Project or the Interim Cycling Destination Wayfinding Guidelines can be relayed through Signe Bagh, Senior Manager Regional and Strategic Planning at sbagh@crd.bc.ca or 250.360.3244. CRD staff is also available to provide additional information and/or presentations.

Sincerely,

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