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Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
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Dear Mayor Helps:

RE: 2018 RGS Bylaw 4017 – Referral for Municipal Acceptance

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I am pleased to refer a revised Bylaw 4017 “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No.1, 2016” to municipal councils for acceptance of changed provisions, in accordance with the adoption procedures for regional growth strategies set out in the *Local Government Act*.

At its January 10, 2018 meeting, the CRD Board resolved to:

- a) *Rescind first and second reading of Bylaw No. 4017 “Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2016” given on November 23, 2016 and give first and second reading to a revised Bylaw No. 4017 (Appendix B) that provides content revisions as negotiated through non-binding mediation.*
- b) *Refer the revised Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 4017 to municipal councils for acceptance as per section 439 of the Local Government Act.*

RGS Bylaw No. 4017 will replace the 2003 RGS (Bylaw No. 2952). Bylaw No. 4017 was initially referred for municipal acceptance in December 2016. Seven municipalities did not accept the RGS document, and a non-binding mediation process was undertaken to resolve the disputed provisions. The mediation process generated solutions to all disputed provisions and the RGS was updated to incorporate such. Content changes relate to growth management, including population projections, terminology and mapping; water servicing; climate action; food systems; and, transportation. The changes shown in the document were agreed to through the non-binding mediation process and approved by the CRD Board for referral.

Both a track-changes and a clean-copy version of the document are provided as attachments for your review and acceptance of the changed provisions. A document summarizing the mediated solutions, cross-referenced by the original municipal rejections, is also attached for convenience. As per section 439(8)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, a local government may not reject an unchanged provision it has previously accepted.

Any matters not accepted through this re-referral *must* be resolved through a binding arbitration process. Municipalities have a 60-day period beginning upon receipt of this letter to either accept or reject the changed provisions in the RGS bylaw by resolution of council. Please refer to the legislation for requirements related to RGS acceptance.

Thank you for your municipality's ongoing participation in the RGS update. Should all accept the changed RGS provisions, the CRD Board will give third reading, adopt RGS Bylaw No. 4017 and rescind the 2003 RGS (Bylaw No. 2952). I look forward to receiving your letters of acceptance for RGS Bylaw No. 4017 by March 16, 2018.

Yours truly,



Steve Price
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

Attachment(s): Bylaw No. 4017 "Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No.1, 2016"

Track-Changes version of Bylaw No. 4017

Summary of RGS Mediation Outcomes

cc: Bob Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer, Capital Regional District
 Jocelyn Jenkyns, Acting City Manager, City of Victoria (by email)

