

2018 Regional Growth Strategy

Bylaw No. 4017

Referral for Municipal Acceptance



Purpose

- To refer (CRD Bylaw No.4017) 2018 Regional Growth Strategy to Council for acceptance or rejection as part of a 60-day formal referral process.
- 2018 RGS reflects outcomes from a recent non-binding mediation process.
- Bylaw No. 4017 proposes to repeal the 2003 RGS and approve the 2018 RGS.
- Acceptance of the 2018 RGS is required by all CRD municipalities before it can be adopted.



Background

- January 2017 – Council motion to accept 2016 RGS as part of a formal referral process.
- RGS not accepted by all CRD municipalities therefore subject to non-binding dispute resolution (mediation) process.
- Mediation process occurred between June to December 2017 and included participation from City of Victoria – all issues resolved with mutual agreement from all participants.
- January 2018 – Endorsement of 2018 RGS by CRD Board and direction to undertake 60 day formal referral process.



Key Changes and Alignment with OCP

Refinement to RGS policies as they relate to:

- Growth management;
 - Terminology;
 - Mapping;
 - Water servicing;
 - Climate action;
 - Food systems; and
 - Transportation
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- 2018 RGS continues to align with objectives and policies of OCP.



Decision on Formal Referral

- Requires **acceptance** from **all** CRD municipalities before adoption.
- Council must either “**accept**” or “**reject**” the proposed bylaw within 60 days of receiving formal notice (March 15, 2018 deadline) – process does not allow for general comments.
- If a municipality rejects the bylaw, the municipality must specify which provision(s) they reject and the reason(s).
- Council is restricted to only considering those provisions that were revised through the mediation process
- In the event of a rejection, the Province will initiate a **binding** dispute resolution process to reach acceptance by the municipality.



Recommendation

That Council advise the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board that the City of Victoria accepts CRD Bylaw No. 4017 to enact the 2018 *Regional Growth Strategy* for the Capital Region.

