



Maple Ridge Regional Context Statement

June 17, 2013



Legislative Requirements



Local Government Act

- Section 866 requires municipalities to include a Regional Context Statement in their OCP.

RGS Timeline

- Municipalities must submit their Regional Context Statements for Acceptance by the Metro Vancouver Board by July 29, 2013.



Council Resolutions



October 15, 2012

- RCS amendment process endorsed.

March 18, 2013

- Draft RCS received for information
- Section 879 Resolution
- Consultation program



RGS Goals



1. Create a Compact Urban Area
2. Support a Sustainable Economy
3. Protect the Environment and Respond to Climate Change Impacts
4. Develop Complete Communities
5. Support Sustainable Transportation Choices



RCS Work Toward Statements



Items include:

- Commercial & Industrial Strategy
- Transportation Plan
- Housing Action Plan
- Environmental Management Strategy
- Updates to the population and dwelling unit projections
- Albion Flats Area Plan



Preliminary Regional Comments



Population & Dwelling Unit projections to 2041

- 2041 RGS time horizon
- Lower projections from Metro Vancouver
- New population projection of 118, 000 by 2041
- Projections are used for Regional and municipal long-range planning purposes – guidelines only

Industrial policy alignment



Kanaka Business Park



Disconnect between the RGS and OCP designations

RGS 'Industrial'
and
'Conservation
and Recreation
Designations'



OCP *Suburban
Residential* and
Rural Resource
Designations



Kanaka Business Park



- Metro Planning staff support RGS change to 'Rural'
- 'Rural' allows *"...low density residential development, small scale commercial, industrial and institutional uses and agricultural uses that do not require the provision of urban services such as sewer or transit."*
- Amendment can be included in the Regional Context Statement.
- Alternative is to amend the OCP designation to Industrial



Next Steps



Process outlined in the March 18, 2013 Council report

- Timeline changes based on advice from Metro Vancouver
- First Reading of the OCP Amending Bylaw
- Formal Referral to Metro Vancouver Board for Acceptance (must be by July 29, 2013)
- Consultation, including internal review
- Council update & Second Reading of Bylaw



Recommendations



1. That staff be directed to prepare an Official Community Plan amending bylaw for the Regional Context Statement and bring forward to the next available Regular Council meeting.
- ~~2. That Council endorse the approach to resolve the identified mapping item for the Kanaka Creek Business Park as outlined in the report titled “Maple Ridge Regional Context Statement Update” and dated June 17, 2013.~~

