



Deep Roots
Greater Heights

District of Maple Ridge

TO: His Worship Mayor Ernie Daykin
and Members of Council

DATE: September 10, 2010

FILE NO:

FROM: Chief Administrative Officer

ATTN: Council Workshop

SUBJECT: Regional Growth Strategy Dates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Metro Vancouver recently released the latest draft of the Regional Growth Strategy and forwarded it to the Regional Planning Committee for discussion on September 3, 2010. Attached to the strategy was a report which outlined dates for moving the document towards the adoption process. This report is to inform Council of the process and dates being proposed by Metro Vancouver as well as the provision of an opportunity for Council to comment by the requested date.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.

DISCUSSION

a) Background Context:

At the September 3 meeting of the Regional Planning Committee, the Committee voted to forward the draft Regional Growth Strategy to the Metro Vancouver Board with a recommendation that the Board forward the draft to member municipalities, adjacent regional districts, Translink, provincial and federal governments and their agencies, First Nations, school districts, health authorities, business groups, non-profit organizations and community groups and individuals who submitted comments. Comments are to be submitted to Metro Vancouver by October 15, 2010. The Metro Vancouver Board will consider this item at their meeting of September 24, 2010.

In addition, the Board will be asked to endorse the following events and dates which will initiate the adoption process. Those are as follows:

- i) a Metro Vancouver board workshop on the draft RGS to follow the September 24, 2010 Board meeting;
- ii) a special meeting of the Regional Planning committee on October 29, 2010 in advance of referring the RGS Bylaw to the Board for first and second reading;
- iii) the RGS Bylaw to be placed on the November 12, 2010 Metro Vancouver Board meeting agenda for first and second reading;
- iv) a public hearing to be held on four nights in four venues throughout the region (North shore, Burrard Peninsula, North East sector, South of the Fraser) in late November 2010.

Following discussion of the details of a public hearing by the Committee, Metro Vancouver staff were asked to report back on the options for holding a public hearing for consideration by the Board. Options discussed included time of day for the 4 dates; delegation by the Board to the Regional Planning Committee to attend the public hearing, etc.

In order for Council to be able to respond to the request for review of the latest draft plan by October 15, 2010, the plan, along with Metro Vancouver's response to the latest resolutions sent forward by Council in January 2010, will be on the September 20 Council workshop agenda. Metro Vancouver's CAO has been invited to attend that same meeting and discuss the plan with Council. After that meeting, any further Council comments can be forwarded to the region.

b) Desired Outcome

This report is intended to inform Council of the potential dates for initiating the adoption process for the Regional Growth Strategy as well as the provision of a date for Council discussion in order to respond to the region by the requested date of October 15, 2010.

c) Citizen/Customer Implications

The adoption process for the draft Regional Growth Strategy includes a 4 day public hearing for input by the public.


d) Policy Implications

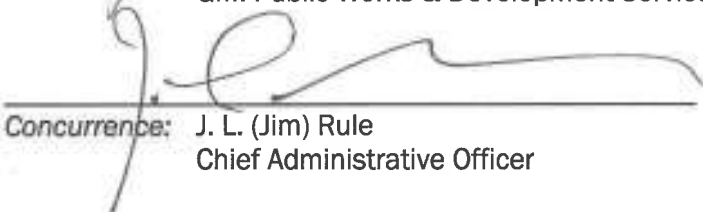
The Regional Growth Strategy has been the subject of much review over the last few years by both Council and the public. The latest draft is the result of that input and scrutiny to ensure that it meets regional goals as well as respects the various local planning documents throughout the region, including those in Maple Ridge.

CONCLUSION:

This report is intended to inform Council of pertinent potential dates related to the adoption of the Regional Growth Strategy and opportunities for Council comments.


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