

Township of Esquimalt

Application Information

Referral Type: Pre-Referral

Referral Date: April 4, 2018

Comments on: April 17, 2018 (v.1.0)

Board Consideration: TENTATIVE

May 2018 PPSC > June 2018 Board

Decision: TBD

Regional Context Statement Evaluation

The Regional Context Statement (RCS) has been reviewed in accordance with the evaluation framework approved by the CRD Board on April 11, 2018. The evaluation framework relies on the three criteria, shown below.

1. **All relevant content is included:** The regional context statement addresses all RGS content relevant to the OCP. Content that is not applicable in the context of the OCP should be identified as “not applicable”.

***Example:** The regional context statement contains headers, sections, a table or other such format that clearly identifies each applicable RGS objective. Should an objective not apply, such as if a municipality contains no identified food or farmlands, the context statement would note that the objective does not apply.*

2. **Clearly articulates relevant content:** The regional context statement provides a sufficient level of detail to convey how the specific OCP content relates to the RGS.

***Example:** The regional context statement provides content specificity such that it is clear what the Board is accepting. An example is: “RGS Objective X is implemented by building in “...” location, at a range of “...” densities and proximate to “...” services.” A context statement with content as follows: “RGS Objective X is implemented with OCP policies A, B and C” would not be sufficiently specific.*

3. **Plan to be consistent over time:** The regional context statement identifies how the OCP will become consistent with the RGS over time, if content is not immediately consistent.







***Example:** A regional context statement identifies that a municipality will undertake a population projection to determine how to align with the RGS population projections over*

General Comments

- 1) Official Community Plan (OCP) content aligns well to the 2018 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS).
- 2) Regional Context Statement (RCS) content provides appropriate level of detail to articulate a legally significant relationship between the OCP and the RGS.
- 3) Some edits are needed to provide additional RCS content so that the RCS fully captures all relevant OCP content.

See the table below for comments.

RCS Evaluation Table & Comments

Meets Legislative Requirement For CRD Board consideration				
LGA	RCS Content	All relevant content is included	Clearly articulates relevant content	Plan to be consistent over time
429(2)(a)	Identify how the OCP relates to the RGS vision on p. 1 of the RGS.	 Identifies relationship to vision.		
429(2)(b)	Identify how the OCP relates to the projections provided in Table 1 of the RGS.	 Content identifies a range of growth scenarios.	 The range of growth scenarios meet and exceed RGS projections, indicating that more growth could potentially be accommodated within the Urban Containment Policy Area.	 The RCS notes that the OCP will be made consistent with RGS projections at such time that projections are updated with most recent census data.
Managing and Balancing Growth (Objectives 1.1 & 1.2)				
429(2)(c) and (d); 429(3)	Identify how the OCP relates to the RGS. <i>NOTE: Identify any RGS provisions that are not applicable in the regional context statement.</i>	Content needed: Identify that Esquimalt is located entirely within the Urban Containment Policy Area Boundary.	 The RCS provides policies for increased intensification and densification of residential uses.  Identify locations for densification in addition to the land use designations (i.e., in the Esquimalt Town Centre and along Head Street and Esquimalt Road, West Bay, and Tillicum Road / Craigflower Road).	N/A

Meets Legislative Requirement

For CRD Board consideration

LGA

RCS Content

All relevant
content is
included

Clearly
articulates
relevant
content

Plan to be
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Environment and Infrastructure (Objective 2.1 & 2.2)

Content needed: Identify that potable water is provided by the City of Victoria and include content identifying how growth in water in water demand will be met.



The RCS clearly identifies an approach and policies related to the protection of natural areas and regional infrastructure.

N/A

Content needed: Note the role of Development Permit Areas in providing for ecosystem health and ecological integrity.

Housing and Community (Objectives 3.1 & 3.2)

Content needed: Note the role of a Development Permit Area for the protection of development from hazardous conditions.



The RCS clearly identifies an approach and policies for creating complete communities and improving housing affordability.

N/A

Content needed: Include content related to climate change adaptation.

Meets Legislative Requirement

For CRD Board consideration

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RCS Content

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Transportation (Objective 4.1)

Content needed: Identify that Major Roads align to the Regional Multi-Modal Network.



The RCS clearly identifies policies to improve multi-modal connectivity.

N/A



The RCS could be strengthened by noting roads are recognized as a “community resource” as provided by OCP Objective 9.5.1.

Economic Development (Objective 5.1)



The RCS reflects all relevant OCP content.



The RCS clearly identifies policies to help realize the region’s development potential.

N/A

Food and Agricultural Systems (Objective 6.1)

Content needed: Clarify why the RCS does not address Food Systems. OCP policies (s.12) relate to the RGS (s.6). The RCS could note there is little agricultural land in the community, and that RGS (s.6) does not apply.

Climate Action (Objective 7.1)

Content needed: Provide more detail on which best management practices will reduce GHG emissions.



The RCS clearly identifies policies to reduce GHG emissions.

N/A