

October 23, 2019

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Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt
via email: mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca

**RE: CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT 2018 REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY BYLAW 4017
AMENDMENT (PROPOSED BYLAW 4328) – REFERRAL**

At its October 9, 2019, meeting, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board directed staff to refer proposed Bylaw No. 4328 "Capital Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019", to municipalities, the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee, affected First Nations, and provincial and federal departments and agencies for a period of 60 days.

The proposed Bylaw 4328 amends the 2018 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), Bylaw 4017, by updating the RGS Table 1 population, dwelling unit and employment projections to the year 2038. The RGS was adopted by the Board on March 14, 2018 following a non-binding dispute resolution process, during which participants agreed to update the projections based on 2016 census numbers once census data became available.

As outlined in my letter of June 21, 2019, amendment of the RGS will require unanimous acceptance by all thirteen municipalities covered by the RGS. That agreement will be sought in accordance with Section 436 of the *Local Government Act* prior to third reading of the Bylaw by the CRD Board.

Comments on proposed Bylaw No. 4328 can be directed to Jeff Weightman, Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning at jweightman@crd.bc.ca by December 23, 2019. Comments received will be presented in a report regarding First Reading of the Bylaw to the Planning and Protective Services Committee.

On behalf of the CRD, I look forward to receiving your comments regarding this RGS amendment.

Sincerely,



Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

Attachment: 1 Proposed Bylaw 4328 "Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2019"

cc: Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services, CRD
Jeff Weightman, Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning, CRD