

## APPENDIX 'B'

### REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT

*According to the Local Government Act Section 866.1, Regional District member municipalities must include a Regional Context Statement in their respective Official Community Plan to outline the relationships between their OCP and the Regional Growth Strategy. These Regional Context Statements must include consistencies and inconsistencies between the two documents, and outline goals that work towards making the OCP consistent with the RGS over time. This appendix identifies consistencies and inconsistencies between the Official Community Plan and the Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1615, 2011.*

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	YES	NO	
<p><b>GOAL 1: Prepare for Climate Change and Reduce Energy Consumption</b></p> <p>1. Does the OCP support lowering GHG emissions 33% below 2007 levels by 2020 and 80% by 2050, or as indicated by the RDN's Community Energy &amp; Emissions Plan?</p> <p>2. Does the OCP encourage sustainable land use, transportation patterns and housing forms that minimize GHG emissions and promote energy conservation?</p> <p>3. Does the OCP support adaptation and emergency planning measures to mitigate potential effects of climate change such as sea level rise, flooding, water deficits and wildfires?</p> <p>4. Does the OCP encourage a reduction in the use of personal automobiles and promote the use of alternative forms of transportation within the region?</p>	<p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p>	<p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p>	<p><i>The Town establishes long-term goals for GHG reductions in the "Sustainability Plan" section, with further implementation measures throughout the OCP.</i></p> <p>Section S3.2 "Climate Emissions Planning"</p> <p>Section S3.3 "Visionary Principles"</p> <p>Section 3.1.17 "Waterfront Master Plan"</p> <p>Section S3.3.2 "Low Impact Transportation"</p>
<p><b>GOAL 2: Protect the Environment</b></p> <p>1. Does the OCP outline strategies to protect the life-supporting qualities of both fresh water (surface and ground) and sea water from degradation and depletion?</p>	<p>√</p>	<p>√</p>	<p><i>The Town has strong policies in place through Development Permit Areas and development guidelines and implementation measures to preserve and protect the natural ecosystems.</i></p> <p>Section 3.1.10 "Water Quality Protection Bylaw"</p>

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2. Does the OCP advocate for developing measure to protect streams and streamside areas?	√		Section 3.2 “Development Permit Area G1-G12- Ecological Greenway Areas”.
3. Does the OCP promote measures to maintain good air quality in the region?	√		Section S3.2 “Climate Emissions Planning”
4. Does the OCP work to protect the region’s natural ecosystems and ecologically-significant features such as floodplains, shorelines, intertidal areas, stream systems, aquifers, and urban forests?	√		Section S3.3.7 “Healthy Landscapes”. Section 3.1.4 “Tree Protection Bylaw”. Section 3.2 “Development Permit Area G1-G12- Ecological Greenway Areas”.
5. Does the OCP promote the conservation of natural segments of the coastal zone through greater public awareness and the use of low-impact development?	√		Section 3.2 “Development Permit Area G8-Marine Shoreline”.
6. Does the OCP include policies to protect and conserve Environmentally-Sensitive Areas?	√		Section 3.2 “Development Permit Area G1-G12- Ecological Greenway Areas”.
7. Does the OCP discourage development from locating in areas that are at high risk to potential natural hazards such as soil erosion, sea level rise, and flooding?	√		Schedule 2.5 “Hazardous Lands Development Permit Area”
<b>GOAL 3: Coordinate Land Use and Mobility</b>			
1) Does the OCP ensure that land use patterns and mobility networks are mutually supportive and work together to reduce automobile dependency and provide for efficient goods movement?	√		<i>The OCP identifies a wide range of transportation alternatives to connect people, places and goods.</i>  Section S3.3.1 “Complete, Compact Community Land Use” Section S3.3.2 “Low Impact Transportation”
2) Does the OCP promote increased opportunities to walk, cycle or take transit?	√		Section S3.3.2 “Low Impact Transportation”
3) Does the OCP recognize the importance of the E&N Rail corridor as a strategic transportation facility and right of way to ensure its protection as a transportation corridor for the long term?	√		Section S3.3.2 “Low Impact Transportation” Section 2.2.9 “Parks”

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<p><b>GOAL 4: Concentrate Housing and Jobs in Rural Village and Urban Growth Centres</b></p> <p>1) Does the OCP's Urban Containment Boundary match the RGS's Growth Containment Boundary?</p> <p>2) Does the OCP support one or more mixed use centres intended to be complete, compact communities with places to live, work, learn, play, shop, and access services?</p> <p>3) Does the OCP support a range of housing diversity and consider the needs of the elderly, disabled or those of low to moderate income?</p>	<p>√</p> <p>√</p> <p>√</p>	<p><i>The "Village Neighbourhood" is the heart of Qualicum Beach, home to commerce, social activity, goods and services, and higher-density housing.</i></p> <p>The Town will manage growth through an Urban Containment Boundary that is independent of the Growth Containment Boundary in the Regional Growth Strategy.</p> <p>Section 2.1.1 "Urban Containment Boundary" Schedule 2.1 "Land Use"</p> <p>Section 2.2.1 "Village Neighbourhood" Section 2.1.2 "Complete Nodal Communities"</p> <p>Section 3.1.23 "Affordable Housing Policy" Section S3.3.1 "Complete, Compact Community Land Use" Section 2.1.2 "Complete Nodal Community" Section 2.2.2 "Residential"</p>	
<p><b>GOAL 5: Enhance Rural Integrity</b></p> <p>1) Does the OCP recognize the importance of the role Resource Lands and Open Spaces play to accommodate agricultural activities, forestry, aggregate mining and other primary industries, and for recreational and/or environmental protection purposes?</p> <p>2) Does the OCP discourage the designation of additional Rural Residential lands?</p>	<p>√</p> <p>√</p>	<p><i>Rural land uses provide a green buffer for urban uses, have a high ecological value, form a part of the identity of the Town and provide a land reserve for the future production of food.</i></p> <p>Section 2.3 "Natural Resources" Section 2.2.7 "Parks and Natural Space" Section S3.3.4 "Sustainable Food Systems" Schedule 2.8 "Recreational Greenways" Section 2.2.6 "Rural"</p>	
<p><b>GOAL 6: Facilitate the Provision of Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>1) Does the OCP contain strategies to increase the number and variety of affordable housing units?</p>	<p>√</p>	<p><i>The OCP supports the development of affordable housing, special-needs housing and rental housing.</i></p> <p>Section 3.1.23 "Affordable Housing Policy" Section S3.3.1 "Complete, Compact Community Land Use" Section 2.1.2 "Complete Nodal Community" Section 2.2.1 "Village Neighbourhood" Section 2.2.2 "Residential"</p>	

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<p><b>GOAL 7: Enhance Economic Resiliency</b></p> <p>1) Does the OCP generally support and encourage types of economic development that can help make the economy more vibrant and sustainable?</p> <p>2) Does the OCP include provisions to encourage and support a broad range of industrial, commercial and institutional development in appropriate locations?</p> <p>3) Does the OCP recognize the importance of the region’s service sector, tourism, aggregate resources, agriculture, shellfish aquaculture, forestry, and green business and promote their development, where appropriate?</p>	√		<p><i>Increased opportunities for employment is key to achieving a healthy demographic mix and vibrant social network.</i></p> <p>Section S3.3.6 “Economic Prosperity” Section 3.1.19 “Sustainability Action Plan” Section 2.2.4 “Light Industrial”</p> <p>Section S3.3.6 “Economic Prosperity” Section 3.1.19 “Sustainability Action Plan”</p> <p>Section S3.3.6 “Economic Prosperity” Section 3.1.19 “Sustainability Action Plan”</p>
<p><b>GOAL 8: Enhance Food Security</b></p> <p>1) Does the OCP support the Agricultural Land Commission in retaining lands within the ALR for agricultural purposes, and discourage the future subdivision of ALR lands?</p> <p>2) Does the OCP promote the development of urban agriculture initiatives and projects?</p> <p>3) Does the OCP support the production, processing, distribution and sale of locally grown produce (including shellfish)?</p> <p>4) Does the OCP focus development of non-agricultural practices away from rural lands to reduce land use conflicts in agricultural areas?</p>	√	√	<p><i>Food and agriculture are essential ingredients of cultural and economic development planning in Qualicum Beach.</i></p> <p>Section S3.3.4. “Sustainable Food Systems”</p> <p>Section S3.3.4. “Sustainable Food Systems”</p> <p>Section S3.3.4. “Sustainable Food Systems”</p> <p>Section 2.2.6 “Rural”</p>

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<p><b>GOAL 9: Celebrate Pride of Place</b></p> <p>1) Does the OCP support protection of important historic/cultural resources and cultural sites; and enhance natural and man-made amenities that contribute to the unique character of the community and the region?</p> <p>2) Does the OCP encourage excellence in architecture and urban design?</p>	√		<p><i>The OCP supports heritage conservation and long-term cultural planning.</i></p> <p>Section 3.1.6 “Heritage Conservation Areas” Section 3.1.22 “Arts and Culture Master Plan”</p> <p>Section 3.1.11 “Multi-family Design Guidelines” Section 3.2 “Development Permit Areas”</p>
<p><b>GOAL 10: Provide Services Efficiently</b></p> <p>1) Does the OCP support more efficient use and conservation of water?</p> <p>2) Does the OCP support new community water and wastewater systems that are publicly owned?</p> <p>3) Does the OCP restrict the provision of water and sewer services to lands designated as Rural Residential, Resource Lands, or Open Space?</p> <p>4) Does the OCP support and promote energy-efficient subdivision, site, and building design and construction?</p> <p>5) Does the OCP undertake integrated, coordinated emergency preparedness planning on a regional basis, including strategic planning for fire protection services and natural hazards management?</p>	√	√	<p><i>The OCP supports the efficient implementation of public utilities as needed to support the Town’s long-term goals for sustainability.</i></p> <p>Section 2.5.4 “Water” Section 2.5.2 “Liquid Waste”</p> <p>Section 2.5.4 “Water” Section 2.5.2 “Liquid Waste”</p> <p>Section 2.1.1 “Manage Urban Growth” Section 2.5.2 “Liquid Waste” Section 2.5.4 “Water”</p> <p>Section 2.5.4 “Water” Section 2.5.2 “Liquid Waste”</p> <p>Section 2.6 “Safety and Emergency Preparedness”</p>

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<p><b>GOAL 11: Enhance Cooperation Among Jurisdictions</b></p> <p>1) Does the OCP recognize the need to coordinate planning with Indigenous Peoples and involve Indigenous Peoples in planning processes in a similar way to other levels of government?</p> <p>2) Does the OCP recognize the key and often primary roles, played by the private and voluntary sectors in such areas as development, tourism and environmental protection?</p>	<p>√</p> <p>√</p>		<p><i>The OCP supports inter-jurisdictional collaboration in its long-term visioning as well as in its implementation measures.</i></p> <p>Section S3.3.3. "Community Health – Arts and Culture".</p> <p>Section S3.3.3. "Community Health"</p>