

Community Survey on the Future Growth of the Region Launched

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is updating its Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) to ensure there is continued alignment between community priorities and growth management in the region. The RDN invites residents to provide their input on land use, transportation, housing, and climate mitigation and adaptation. Residents can share their priorities for the region via the [RGS Community Survey](#) until March 25, 2022.

The RGS is the region's collective vision for how to manage change and growth over the next 20 years. Key elements include the creation of connected communities, protecting the environment and the efficient delivery of RDN services, such as public transit, recreation and utilities.

"With the RDN experiencing continued growth, the Regional Growth Strategy update is a timely opportunity for residents to provide their input which is vital for developing a collective vision for a vibrant, healthy and sustainable region," said Tyler Brown, RDN Chair.


The RDN Board adopted the current RGS, Shaping Our Future, in 2011. Legislation requires the RGS to consider when an RGS needs updating. The RDN Board initiated the current review in 2018. Several studies have been completed to support the process, including the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, Social Needs Assessment and Transit Survey. For 2022, the focus will be on implementing the public engagement program and preparing the draft amendment bylaw. The public engagement includes meetings and workshops with key stakeholders, such as member municipalities and elected officials, and the region-wide community survey. Once complete, the revised strategy will be called Shaping Our Future 2040 to reflect the long-term nature of an RGS.

For more information about the RGS update and to register to complete the RGS Community Survey, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/RGSreview. Complete the survey by March 25 to be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Residents are also encouraged to register and subscribe to the RGS project page to receive project updates and submit questions.

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