



# Regional Board Report

**TO:** Regional Board

**FROM:** Todd Cashin  
Director of Community Services

**DATE:** June 13, 2019

**SUBJECT:** District of Lake Country – Regional Context Statement (RDCO File: 6430-02)  
Official Community Plan 2018-2030, Bylaw No. 1065, 2018

**Voting Entitlement:** All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 208.1

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**Purpose:** To incorporate a Regional Context Statement in the District of Lake Country's Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1065, 2018 to reflect the Regional District of Central Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1336, 2013.

## Executive Summary:

The District of Lake Country is currently in the process of updating their Official Community Plan, which includes an updated Regional Context Statement. Regional Context Statements demonstrate how municipal Official Community Plans support and align with the Regional Growth Strategy. When a proposed Regional Context Statement is forwarded to the Regional Board for consideration, the Board must respond by resolution indicating whether or not it accepts the Regional Context Statement.

To date, member municipalities and RDCO departments have indicated either that their interests are unaffected by the proposed Regional Context Statement or that there are no concerns with the proposal.

## RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT** the Regional Board accept the District of Lake Country's proposed Regional Context Statement within their Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1065, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

Todd Cashin  
Director of Community Services

Approved for Board's Consideration

Brian Reardon, CAO

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**Implications of Recommendation:**

Strategic Plan:	Accepting the Regional Context Statement meets the 2015-2018 Strategic Priorities Plan, Strategy Priority #3: Nurture Responsible Growth and Development.
Policy:	Accepting the Regional Context Statement complies with Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1336.
Legal/Statutory Authority:	Local Government Act, Section 448, requires any amendment to a Regional Context Statement be accepted by the board.

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**Background:**Regional Growth Strategy

The RDCO adopted Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1336 (RGS) on June 23, 2014. A regional growth strategy is a long-range planning tool governed by Part 13 of the *Local Government Act* that assists local governments to plan a coordinated future for their communities while dealing with regional issues and decisions that cross local political boundaries. The RGS is also a collective vision from the regional partners for the future in order to create a region that promotes growth that is economically, environmentally and socially healthy over a twenty (20) year time horizon.

Regional Context Statements

Regional Context Statements link municipal Official Community Plans (OCPs) to the RGS by demonstrating how the OCP supports and aligns with the goals and strategies set out in the RGS.

The Local Government Act outlines are three instances in which board acceptance of proposed Regional Context Statements is required:

- After a regional growth strategy is adopted, a council must submit a proposed Regional Context Statement to the board within two years after the adoption.
- Should a Regional Context Statement be amended, the amendment must be submitted for acceptance by the board.
- The Regional Context Statement is to be reviewed by each municipality at least once every five years after its latest acceptance by the board and, if no amendment is proposed, submit the statement to the board for its continued acceptance.

When a municipal council submits a proposed Regional Context Statement for acceptance, the Board must respond by resolution within 120 days after receipt of the Regional Context Statement indicating whether or not it accepts the Regional Context Statement. If the Board refuses to accept the Regional Context Statement, the Board must indicate each provision to which it objects and the reasons for its objection. In the event that the Board fails to pass a resolution within the 120-day period, the Board is deemed to have accepted the Regional Context Statement.

Subsequent to the RGS' adoption in 2014, the Regional Board has accepted a Regional Context Statement for each municipality within the Central Okanagan.

**District of Lake Country**

The District of Lake Country's Regional Context Statement was accepted by the Regional Board on July 16, 2015.

The District of Lake Country is currently in the process of updating their Official Community Plan, which includes an updated Regional Context Statement. While the majority of the Regional Context Statement is similar to the document accepted by the Regional Board in 2015, Section 448 of the Local Government Act states that any amendments to the Regional Context Statement must be accepted by the Board.

On May 7, 2019, the District of Lake Country Council gave third reading to the Official Community Plan 2018-2030, Bylaw No. 1065, 2018 (attached), and forwarded the draft Regional Context Statement to the Regional District on May 8. To locate the referenced sections, the digital copy of the entire District of Lake Country Draft Official Community Plan can be found at:

[https://lakecountry.civicweb.net/FileStorage/2C1C727F74EB43D5AABA09034B1D7E3A-OCP%20\(2018-2038\)%20Bylaw%201065,%202018.pdf](https://lakecountry.civicweb.net/FileStorage/2C1C727F74EB43D5AABA09034B1D7E3A-OCP%20(2018-2038)%20Bylaw%201065,%202018.pdf)

**External Implications & Organizational Issues:**

Upon receipt of the proposed Official Community Plan 2018-2030 Bylaw No. 1065, 2018, Regional District staff forwarded a copy of the proposal to all member municipalities' staff and affected Regional District departments for review and comment.

To date, all member municipalities and departments have indicated either that their interests are unaffected by the proposed Regional Context Statement or that there are no concerns with the proposal.

**Alternative Recommendation:**

Should the Board choose not to support the staff position, the following alternate recommendation is provided:

THAT the Regional Board refuses to accept the District of Lake Country's proposed Regional Context Statement (Bylaw No. 1065, 2018).

***Considerations not applicable to this report:***

- *General*
- *Organizational*
- *Financial*

**Attachment(s):**

- Section 4: Growth, Draft Bylaw 1065, 2018