

Regional Growth Strategy Priority Projects Plan 2024-2028

Regional Board Meeting
December 12, 2024

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Purpose

- To consider the Regional Growth Strategy Priority Projects Plan 2024 – 2028 for endorsement

Regional Growth Strategy

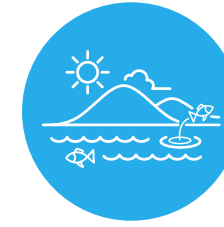
- Long range plan
- Collective vision
- Broad range of region-wide and inter-jurisdictional issues



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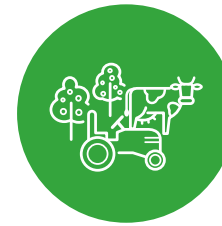
OUR ECONOMY



OUR WATER RESOURCES



OUR HEALTH



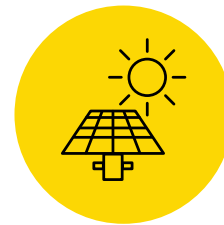
OUR FOOD



OUR HOUSING



OUR GOVERNANCE



OUR CLIMATE



OUR ECOSYSTEM



OUR TRANSPORTATION

RGS Steering Committee

- Commitment to implementation
- Forum for senior representatives
- Coordinate strategic priorities and align with goals and policies of the RGS



Regional District of Central Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy

"Our Home, Our Future"



Schedule 'A'

Bylaw No.1336, 2013



Source: Pictures BC



Regional Approach

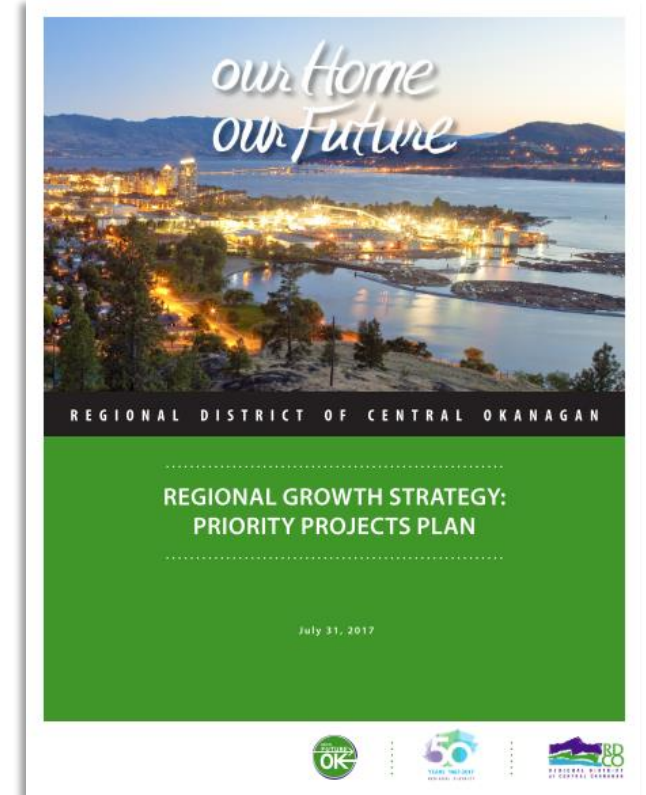
A coordinated response to regional challenges is more efficient and effective than tackling individually:

- Knowledge and resources can be shared
- Supports regional buy-in
- Supports advocacy and grant applications (funding is increasingly regional)



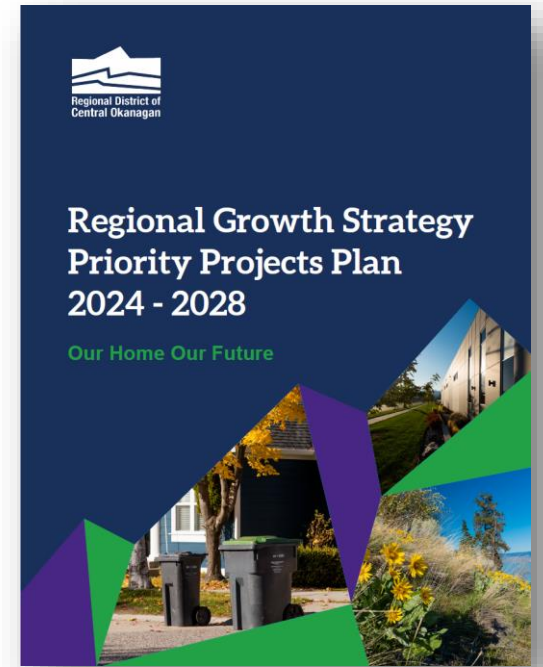
2017 RGS Priority Projects Plan (complete)

- First RGS Priority Projects Plan endorsed in 2017
- Projects that work to fulfill RGS Goals
- Projects accepted in principle
- Projects reviewed annually through the budget approval process
- Resulted in a number of successful initiatives and projects



2024 RGS Priority Projects Plan

- Existing RGS framework provides flexibility
- RGS Section 4.1.2 *Five Year Action Plan*:
“we are, individually and jointly, responsible for effective management of the future growth of the region.”
- List of projects (2024-2028) that work to fulfill RGS Goals and guide regional collaboration until the RGS update has been completed



Process



Stakeholder Insights



Criteria selection



Projects with momentum



Emerging trends



Legislative changes



Focus areas



Project Screening and Evaluation

Projects were evaluated using the following core considerations:

- Regional Benefit
- Multi-solving / Co-benefits
- Practical
- Momentum building
- Legislative Requirements

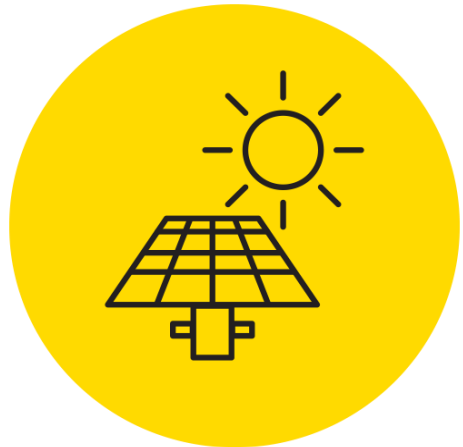
Priority Areas



OUR ECOSYSTEM



OUR HOUSING



OUR CLIMATE



RGS Priority Project Plan 2024 - 2028

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Ongoing Base Business					
1) RGS Implementation Monitoring	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2) Regional Context Statements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3) RGS Steering Committee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4) Regional Planning Labs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5) Regional Citizen Survey	✓		✓		✓
6) Environmental Data and Mapping	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7) Central Okanagan Regional Open Data Library		✓	✓	✓	✓
2024 – 2028 Regional Projects: Planning					
1) Regional Employment Lands Inventory	✓	✓			
2) Regional Agricultural Strategy	✓	✓			
3) Regional Soil Deposit and Removal Strategy	✓	✓			
4) Regional Housing Needs Summary	✓	✓			
5) Development Permit Area Standards		✓	✓		
6) Regional Climate Action Plan		✓	✓		
7) Terms of Reference for Professional Reports			✓	✓	
8) Regional Employment Lands Strategy			✓	✓	
9) Growth Projections Regional Methodology				✓	✓
10) RGS Update		✓	✓	✓	✓
2024 – 2028 Regional Projects: Engineering					
11) Explore and Define Regional Transportation Service	✓	✓			
12) Explore Curbside Food Waste Collection	✓	✓			
13) Implement Curbside Food Waste Collection			✓	✓	
14) Regional Air Quality Plan Update				✓	✓

RGS Steering Committee Input



Supportive of both ongoing initiatives and discrete regional projects



Projects with high value to partners incorporated



Timing of projects adjusted to ensure they can inform partner's 2030 OCP updates



Many projects align with individual workplans and will support work occurring throughout each community

Regional Projects

- Ongoing base business
- Committed and already underway in 2024
- Future regional projects (planning & engineering)



Regional Projects

Development
Permit Area
Standards

Regional
Climate Action
Plan

Terms of
Reference for
Professional
Reports

Regional
Employment
Lands Strategy

Growth
Projections
Regional
Methodology

Implement
Curbside Food
Waste Collection

Regional Air
Quality Plan
Update

Regional Growth
Strategy Update

Regional Project Highlights

- Regional Employment Lands Strategy
- Growth Projections Regional Methodology
- Regional Growth Strategy Update



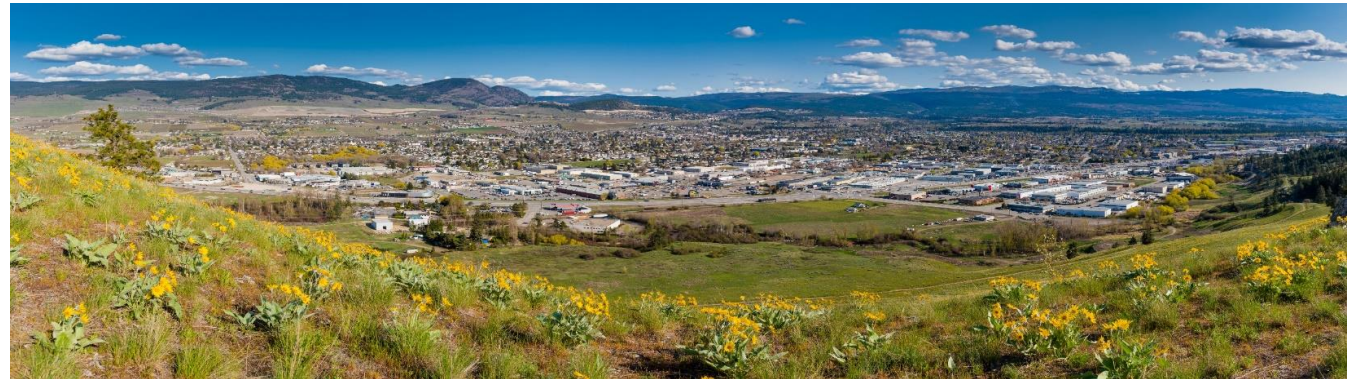
Regional Employment Lands Strategy

Builds off the Regional Employment Lands Inventory (almost complete) to identify solutions to projected shortages in various employment lands throughout the region.

RGS Policies Supported:



Budget: \$\$



Growth Projections Regional Methodology

Compilation of growth projections for the region through a consistent approach to build off the new provincial methodology for developing Housing Needs Reports.

RGS Policies Supported:



Budget: \$



Regional Growth Strategy Update

Will update the RGS to consider latest population and employment projections, climate considerations, and community input to advance responses to region-wide issues.

RGS Policies Supported:



Budget: \$\$\$



Implementation

- 2024 projects are already underway
- Remainder of projects to be endorsed in principle
- Projects to be reviewed annually with Board for funding approval
- Plan will be used to inform multi-year budgeting and work planning
- Flexibility with timeline of action plan



Recommendation

- THAT the Regional Board endorses the Regional Growth Strategy Priority Projects Plan 2024-2028 from the Director of Development and Engineering Services, dated December 12, 2024.