



# Governance & Services Committee

**TO:** Governance and Services Committee

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

**DATE:** March 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Regional District North Okanagan (RDCO File: 0470-20)  
Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 2846, 2019

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**Purpose:** To provide an overview of the Regional District of North Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 2846, 2019.

## Executive Summary:

The Regional District of North Okanagan has been updating their Regional Growth Strategy since 2015. Currently in the process of consideration for acceptance by affected local governments, the Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 2846, 2019 received first and second readings on November 20, 2019 and a public hearing was held on January 20, 2020.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act*, Bylaw No. 2846 has been forwarded to the Regional District of Central Okanagan for consideration and acceptance.

To date, RDCO departments have indicated either that their interests are unaffected by the proposed Regional Growth Strategy amendment or that there are no concerns with the proposed bylaw.

## RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT** the Governance and Services Committee receive for information the Regional District of North Okanagan's Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 2846, 2019 report dated March 12, 2020;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Committee recommends the Regional Board of the Regional District of Central Okanagan accepts the Regional District of North Okanagan's Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 2846, 2019 as required under Section 436 (4) of the *Local Government Act*.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Todd Cashin  
Director of Community Services

Approved for Committee's Consideration

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Brian Reardon, CAO

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**Implications of Recommendation:**

Strategic Plan:	Receiving the North Okanagan RGS Amendment Bylaw for information achieves the 2019-2022 Strategic Priorities Plan with respect to collaboration by partnering with others in addressing shared needs and pursuing common interests, specifically as they relate to transportation and mobility, sustainable communities, economic development, and environment.
Policy:	Receiving the North Okanagan RGS Amendment Bylaw for information complies with numerous policies outlined in the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1336
Legal/Statutory Authority:	<i>Local Government Act</i> , Section 436(3) requires that the RGS Amendment Bylaw be forwarded to local government for consideration and acceptance.

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**Background:****North Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy**

The North Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2500, 2011 was adopted on September 21, 2011 after receiving unanimous support from member municipal councils, the Electoral Area Advisory Committee and adjacent regional districts.

The *Local Government Act* sets requirements for regional districts with adopted Regional Growth Strategies (RGS) to consider whether the strategy must be reviewed for possible amendments, at least every five years.

On May 6, 2015 at the regular meeting of the Regional Board, a resolution was adopted that a letter be sent to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, adjacent regional districts and First Nations notifying of the initiation of the Regional Growth Strategy 5-year Review; and further that the Regional Growth Strategy 5-year Review Terms of Reference be referred to member municipal councils and the Electoral Area Advisory Committee for review and comment.

The following topics were endorsed by the Board of Directors as the focus of the RGS 5-year review: Housing Affordability and Availability, Economic Development, Environment – Air Quality; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Climate Change Adaptation; Active Transportation Infrastructure and Transit; Growth Area Boundaries and Asset Management. Refer to attached Schedule A for the proposed revised policies specific to these topic areas.

**North Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Amendment**

The Regional District of North Okanagan has been in the process of updating their RGS since 2015.

Currently in the process of consideration for acceptance by affected local governments, the Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 2846, 2019 received first and second readings on November 20, 2019 and a public hearing was held on January 20, 2020. The *Local Government Act*, Section 436. (3) states that acceptance of the RGS by affected local governments must be done before third reading of the bylaw. Affected local governments, which include member municipalities and adjacent regional districts have been forwarded Bylaw No. 2846 to consider acceptance of the Bylaw and have 60 days to do so.

At the conclusion of the 60 day period, RDNO staff will report to the Board of Directors on the status of acceptance, and if appropriate, whether Bylaw No. 2846, 2019 may be considered for third reading and adoption.

Each affected local government is requested to respond by resolution. Upon receipt of the Bylaw, each affected local government must:

- a) Review the regional growth strategy in the context of any official community plans and regional growth strategies for its jurisdiction, both those that are current and those that are in preparation, and in the context of any other matters that affect its jurisdiction, and
- b) Subject to an extension by the facilitator under section 438 (3), within 60 days of receipt either
  - i. accept the regional growth strategy, or
  - ii. respond, by resolution, to the proposing board indicating that the local government refuses to accept the regional growth strategy.

If a resolution is not brought forward at the end of the 60 day acceptance period, then according to Section 436.6 of the *Local Government Act*, an affected local government is deemed to have accepted the Regional Growth Strategy.

### **External Implications:**

Upon receipt of the proposed Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 2846, 2019, Planning staff forwarded a copy of the proposal to affected Regional District departments for review and comment.

To date, RDCO departments have indicated either that their interests are unaffected by the proposed Regional Growth Strategy amendment or that there are no concerns with the proposed bylaw.

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

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

### Attachment(s):

- Bylaw No. 2846, 2019
- Schedule A