Regional Agricultural Strategy Background Report

Regional Board Meeting December 15, 2022





Proposal

To provide an update to the Regional Board regarding the status of the Regional Agricultural Strategy and present the Background Report

Regional Growth Strategy (2014)

- Long-range planning tool
- Coordinate future for our communities
- Address regional issues that cross local political boundaries
- 10 identified regional issue areas

Regional Growth Strategy Priority Project Plan (2017)

- Developed from issue areas and policies of RGS
- Five (5) year action that outlines priority initiatives
- Nine (9) projects have been identified
- Seven (7) have been completed

New Priority Project Plan to be developed in 2023

Regional Agricultural Strategy

Purpose:

Support knowledge sharing, joint investments, developing regionally consistent policies, and coordinate implementation of other Agricultural Plans

Regional Agricultural Strategy

2022

Phase 1: Project Initiation, Background Scoping, and Agricultural Profile



Phase 2: Engagement Strategy, Public and

Stakeholder Engagement



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2023

Phase 3: Develop and Finalize Strategy

Upland Agricultural Consulting

Examples of past work:

- District of Lake Country Agricultural Plan (2020)
- City of Kelowna Agricultural Plan (2017)
- Westbank Centre Agricultural Plan (2016)
- RDNO Regional Agricultural Plan (2015)

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Board receive the report Regional Agricultural Strategy – Background Report from the Director of Community Services, dated December 15, 2022, for information.