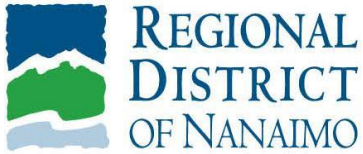


ATTACHMENT A



March 24, 2021

Mayor Leonard Krog and Council
City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

Re: Acceptance of Regional Growth Strategy Amendment for Nanaimo Airport Lands

Dear Mayor Krog and Council:

This letter is to advise you of the formal commencement of the legislated 60-day request for acceptance by affected local governments of the proposed Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) amendment for the Nanaimo Airport Lands. On March 23, 2021, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board gave first and second reading to Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020. Subject to Part 13, Division 3, Section 436 of the *Local Government Act*, the RDN Board must submit the RGS amendment bylaw to affected local governments for acceptance prior to third reading. Acceptance of the RGS amendment bylaw must be by resolution of the affected local government and occur within 60-days of receipt of this letter.

The proposed RGS amendment bylaw is attached for your information and you are respectfully requested to provide a resolution of support prior to May 24, 2021. If a resolution of support is not received within the 60-day acceptance period, your organization will be deemed to have accepted the proposed RGS amendment bylaw. The proposed RGS amendment bylaw will go before the RDN Board for consideration of third reading upon completion of the 60-day request for acceptance.

Since 2003, the RDN and the Nanaimo Airport Commission have been in discussion to align RDN land use bylaws with the Nanaimo Airport Master Plan and Land Use Plan. Amendments to RGS maps will extend the Cassidy Village Centre boundary to include part of the highway frontage of the Airport Lands and adjust the boundary between the Industrial Lands designation and the Resource Lands and Open Space designation.

The associated amendments to the Electoral Area A Official Community Plan and the Zoning Bylaw were given first and second reading on September 17, 2020, and a public hearing was held on November 4, 2020. A joint public hearing is planned for all three associated amendment bylaws (RGS, Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw) prior to third reading. Background information and the proposed Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw can be found on the project website at getinvolved.rdn.ca/airport.

If you have any questions about this proposed amendment we would be pleased to meet with you or your staff to discuss this project or to answer any questions you may have. Alternatively, Nick Redpath, Senior Planner, may be reached at nredpath@rdn.bc.ca or 250-390-6761.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tyler" and last name "Brown" clearly distinguishable.

Tyler Brown, Chair
Regional District of Nanaimo

Encl. Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020

cc: Dale Lindsay, Director of Community Development