

# ATTACHMENT C

## Excerpt from City Plan: Nanaimo Reimagined

### Regional Context Statement Overview

The *Regional Growth Strategy* (RGS) is a strategic plan that provides a regional vision for sustainable growth and involves shared social, economic, and environmental goals between the region and the local governments within it.

The RGS aims to establish a sustainable pattern of population growth and development in the region by encouraging and directing most new development in the region within designated Growth Containment Boundaries (GCB). This pattern of development aims to keep urban settlement compact, protect rural and resource areas, protect the environment, increase servicing efficiency, and support mobility within the region.

The GCB includes areas designated as “Urban Centres” within local government boundaries and “Village Centres” in rural electoral areas. The City of Nanaimo is designated as the “Regional Urban Centre,” recognizing its role as the primary urban centre in the region, intended to absorb the largest portion of the region’s population, development, and future growth.

The City of Nanaimo’s boundary aligns directly with the GCB. In *City Plan*, Nanaimo maintains an Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) within the City boundary that serves to direct future urban growth and servicing of lands within the UCB, while limiting it outside. Lands outside the UCB are intended to be reserved for resource lands including Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), parks and open space, and limited low density rural residential uses. Water and sewer services are not supported in these areas.

The City recognizes the importance of a collaborative approach to growth management with the Regional District of Nanaimo and First Nations, including Snuneymuxw First Nation. This plan supports stronger collaboration between all parties and promotes recognition, reconciliation, respect, and cooperation.

The table in **Appendix A** shows how *City Plan – Nanaimo Reimagined* is consistent with the intent of the RGS by highlighting which policies of *City Plan* align with specific goals of the RGS.