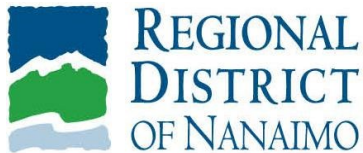


# ATTACHMENT B



January 26, 2024

Mayor Leonard Krog and Council  
City of Nanaimo

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**Re: Referral of Proposed Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw: Shaping Our Future**

Dear Mayor Krog and Council:

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board at its regular meeting held December 12, 2023, gave first and second reading to the Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy, title 'Shaping Our Future 2040' (Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No.1874, 2023). Shaping Our Future 2040 sets out a long-term vision for sustainable land use planning for the region.

This decision follows over 24 months of engagement and the informal referral of the draft Shaping Our Future 2040, to you and the other member municipalities, provincial departments, and local First Nations in June 2023. The changes suggested by the City of Nanaimo have been incorporated into the proposed bylaw, particularly under Goal 1, Climate Adaptation and Mitigation, to ensure the most up-to-date information.

Before the bylaw can be adopted by the RDN Board, each identified affected local government is asked to consider Shaping Our Future 2040 and respond by resolution, per Section 436 of the *Local Government Act*. Each municipal council is to consider the proposed bylaw within the context of its current Official Community Plan and provide a resolution within 60 days of receipt that indicates the Council's acceptance or refusal to accept the proposed bylaw as presented; a refusal must be accompanied by a document outlining each provision to which the council objects and the reasons for its objection.

Details for the steps required for bylaw adoption and formal response are provided in the *Local Government Act* and summarized under Additional Information (below). Details on the bylaw review process are provided on the RDN webpage: [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/RGSreview](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/RGSreview)

We look forward to receiving your response by Monday, March 26, 2024. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Jamai Schile, Senior Planner, by email: [jschile@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:jschile@rdn.bc.ca) or by telephone: 250-390-6521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa Craig". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Vanessa Craig, Chair  
Regional District of Nanaimo

Encl: Attachment 1 - RGS BL1874 - What We Heard Engagement Summary  
Attachment 2 - Proposed RGS BL1874, Jan 2024  
Attachment 3 - Proposed RGS BL1874, 2023 - Appendix A Land Use Maps  
Attachment 4 - Proposed RGS BL1874, 2023 - Appendix B GCB Maps

### **Additional Information - Legislative Process and Options for Response**

The bylaw approval process for a regional growth strategy is set out in the *Local Government Act* under section 436. Before a regional growth strategy is adopted it must be accepted by the affected local governments or, failing acceptance, become binding on the affected local governments under section 440 (6) [settlement of regional growth strategy in acceptance not otherwise reached].

Following a receiving the proposed regional growth strategy bylaw each affected local government must review the bylaw 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.

The two main ways to communicate a response by resolutions are acceptance or non-acceptance. For example:

- That the Council receive for information the Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy, title Shaping Our Future 2040 (Regional Growth Strategy RGS Bylaw No.1874, 2023).
- That the Council accept the proposed Shaping Our Future (Regional Growth Strategy RGS Bylaw No.1874, 2023), as presented pursuant to section 436 of the *Local Government Act*.
- That the Council direct staff to forward a copy of the Council resolution to the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Alternatively, an affected local government may express non-acceptance which must be communicated by resolution as outlined under section 436 (7) and include:

- each provision to which it objects,
- the reasons for its objection, and
- whether it is willing that a provision to which it objects be included in the regional growth strategy on the basis that the provision will not apply to its jurisdiction, as referred to in section 432 (2).

Note, the legislation provides direction for non-response from an affected local government within the referral period under section 436(8). An affected local government is deemed to have accepted any provision of the regional growth strategy to which it does not indicate an objection under subsection (7).