



**NANAIMO AIRPORT REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1615.04
FIRST AND SECOND READING**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board introduce and give first reading to “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020”.
2. That the Board give second reading to “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020”.
3. That “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020” be referred to affected local governments for acceptance.
4. That the Board direct the public hearing on “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04, 2020” be delegated to Chair Brown.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to recommend first and second reading of a Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) amendment for the Nanaimo Airport lands to facilitate development of the Nanaimo Airport, as well as commercial uses complimentary to the airport on the portion of the property adjacent to the Trans-Canada Highway. The corresponding Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw No. 500 (Bylaw 500) amendments were given first and second reading on September 17, 2020. The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board initiated the RGS amendment on December 8, 2020 and adopted an Engagement Plan on January 26, 2021.

The draft RGS amendment changes Map 4 – Land Use Designations to re-align the Industrial and the Resource Lands and Open Space designations on the Airport lands and extends the growth containment boundary at the Cassidy Village Centre to include part of the Airport lands adjacent to the Trans-Canada Highway (see Attachment 2 – Draft Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04). These map changes to the RGS mirror the changes in the proposed OCP and Bylaw 500 amendments. There are no other changes to the RGS required or proposed.

An initial referral of the draft RGS amendment bylaw was sent to affected local governments and First Nations on January 27, 2021, requesting input on the draft amendment within 30 days. One referral response was received from the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD). The CVRD stated that they did not have any initial comments to share on the draft amendment bylaw at this time and look forward to receiving the formal bylaw referral (see Attachment 1 – Comox Valley Regional District Referral Response). Formal referral of the RGS amendment bylaw will be sent to affected local governments after first and second reading with a 60-day timeline for acceptance. Pursuant to the Engagement Plan, project information was posted as part of the RDN monthly ad in the Nanaimo News Bulletin and Parksville Qualicum Beach News, and a public hearing will be scheduled after first and second reading.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is \$1,500 allocated in the 2021 Long Range Planning budget for advertising.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Supporting further development on the Nanaimo Airport lands recognizes its role as a regional transportation hub and important part of the central Vancouver Island economy. This supports the Strategic Plan goal for Economic Coordination - Set the table to enable diverse economic opportunities across the Region.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Comox Valley Regional District Referral Response
2. Draft Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.04
3. *Attachment 3 – Addendum Item – District of Lantzville Referral Response*