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Subject: Proposed Regional Growth Strategy Amendments - January 24 Board meeting

Attn. RDN Directors, c/o Corporate Administrator:

This is a brief note of support for the efforts of Dir. Lehann Wallace on the subject proposal.

Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society began in the year 2000. Its first major project was a contract with Environment Canada to ground-truth watershed boundaries, to post small signs along roads and paths to draw the public's attention and to start to create a concern for what is influencing the quantity and quality of water resources in our region. The project also included town hall style meetings to explain the need for care and vigilance in protecting all sources of fresh water.

The society's primary purpose is:

To assist stewardship groups in providing effective and balanced integration of environmental, economic and community goals into ecosystem planning and management activities.....

The outline of the Dir. Wallace's proposal and the provided backgrounders were sent to members of the society last night and at least one written supportive response has already been received.

We encourage the members of the RDN Board of Directors to give consideration and support to the proposed motion.

Sincerely, Michael Jessen, P.Eng. (Retired) on behalf of Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society