

**Delegation:** Kevin Monahan, re Regional Growth Strategy Amendment to Implement the Town of Qualicum Beach Official Community Plan

**Summary:** This amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy is being considered a minor amendment at the request of the Town of Qualicum Beach. It is argued that this is a governance issue. But this is not correct. The issue is the coordination of long-term planning on a regional basis.

Two factors make this amendment unsuitable for consideration as a minor amendment.

1. The subject of this amendment (moving the RGS Growth Containment Boundary to be contiguous with the Qualicum Beach municipal boundary) was not presented for consultation as part of the Qualicum Beach OCP review. Instead it was a last minute addition. Because the public hearing had been completed three weeks previously, the public was not permitted to make comments to council on the subject.
2. The Qualicum Beach Urban Containment Boundary and the RGS Growth Containment Boundary have exactly the same meaning. Yet the Board is being asked to enshrine a Regional Growth Strategy boundary that is inconsistent with the Qualicum Beach Urban Containment Boundary even though the two boundaries serve exactly the same purpose in their respective documents. This is contrary to section 447 of the Provincial Local Government Act.

**Action Requested:** I request that:

1. the Board rescind the acceptance of the Qualicum Beach Official Community Plan Regional Context Statement. This Regional Context Statement was accepted by the Board on September 18, 2018.
2. the Board not proceed with Bylaw 1615.03 Amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy as a minor amendment.