

Delegation: David Willie, re Regional Growth Strategy Amendment to Implement the Town of Qualicum Beach Official Community Plan

Summary: While it may be said that there was no direct discussion on the specific topic of the boundary being extended to the Town boundary, it was part of the review process. I would think that every discussion paper and discussion dealing with residential in the ALR lands, the development at the Airport or the West Qualicum Lands, necessarily, if indirectly, included a discussion of the expansion of the Regional Growth Boundary. There is nothing in the RDN policy that indicates there must be a discussion or consultation specifically on the boundary. There was a full OCP review. The public input in an OCP is the general direction to the Council of where the Town should be going. The public is not expected to know the ins and outs of the local bylaws and legal requirements on how to get there. That is up to staff and Council. It is further up to Council to interpret and determine what the results of the OCP review were, and what to accept and put in the OCP. So, as council decided that the public input required that the boundary be moved, that was up to council.

Action Requested: I request that:

1. The Board accept the Qualicum Beach Official Community Plan Regional Context Statement as presented.
2. The Board proceed with Bylaw 1615.03 the amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy as a minor amendment.