

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2018 October 25

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Reference: OCP

SUBJECT: BURNABY REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT – FIVE YEAR REVIEW

PURPOSE: To review Burnaby's Regional Context Statement and recommend continued acceptance to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors to request continued acceptance of Burnaby's existing Regional Context Statement.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On July 29, 2011, the Metro Vancouver Board adopted the Regional Growth Strategy, "Metro Vancouver 2040 – Shaping Our Future" (Metro 2040). On June 19, 2013, in accordance with requirements of the *Local Government Act*, the City submitted a Regional Context Statement to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, which identified the relationship between Burnaby's OCP and Metro 2040. This Regional Context Statement was officially accepted by the Metro Vancouver Board on November 15, 2013.

The *Local Government Act* specifies that official community plans must contain a regional context statement that identifies the relationship between the official community plan and the regional growth strategy. The Act also states that local governments must review the regional context statement at least once every five years after its latest acceptance by the (regional district) board and, if no amendment is proposed, submit the statement to the board for its continued acceptance. As such, it is now time for the City to review its Regional Context Statement.

2.0 POLICY

The Regional Context Statement Review is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan:

A Safe Community

- Transportation Safety
 - Make City streets, pathways, trails and sidewalks safer

A Connected Community

- Partnership
 - Work Collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments
- Geographic Connection
 - Ensure that people can move easily through all areas of Burnaby, using any form of transportation

An Inclusive Community

- Serve a Diverse Community
 - Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community

A Healthy Community

- Healthy Life
 - Encourage opportunities for healthy living and well-being
- Healthy Environment
 - Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability

A Dynamic Community

- Economic Opportunity
 - Foster an environment that attracts new and supports existing jobs, businesses and industries
- Community Development
 - Manage change by balancing economic development with environmental protection and maintaining a sense of belonging
- City Facilities and Infrastructure
 - Build and maintain infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing community

3.0 DISCUSSION

Since the 2013 acceptance of Burnaby's Regional Context Statement, Burnaby's development has continued to be guided by the adopted OCP. Metro 2040 has been amended from time to time; however, the policy framework and other substantive matters addressed by the Regional Context Statement have remained the same. Therefore, the existing Regional Context Statement continues to accurately identify the relationship between the City's OCP and the current Regional Growth Strategy.

Since 2013, Burnaby has completed a number of plans and implemented programs that align with the existing Regional Context Statement and Regional Growth Strategy. For example, the City has completed the Environmental Sustainability Strategy, the Community Energy and Emissions Plan, the Metrotown Downtown Plan, the Secondary Suites Program, the City Lands Program for non-market housing, policy for a new vision, themes and goals for an updated transportation plan; and has also adopted master plans to support growth in the Brentwood, Lougheed and Edmonds Town Centres. This work provides a strong policy foundation for a future OCP update, which is anticipated to begin in 2019.

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Metro Vancouver has indicated it is currently reviewing Metro 2040 and preparing for a future update. Staff expect that the OCP will be updated during the same time period. This provides an opportunity for matters of regional and local interests to be considered concurrently, and for Burnaby to develop a new Regional Context Statement as part of its updated OCP that reflects the relationship between local and regional growth management policy, as required by legislation.

4.0 CONCLUSION

Staff have reviewed the existing Regional Context Statement and determined that it is current, as it accurately identifies the relationship between Burnaby's OCP and Metro 2040. As the policy framework for both the OCP and Metro 2040 have remained the same since the acceptance of the Regional Context Statement, the Regional Context Statement remains current, and is suitable for resubmission. With Council adoption of this report, staff will submit the existing Regional Context Statement to the Metro Vancouver Board for acceptance. As part of the forthcoming OCP update, the City will be required to develop and submit an updated Regional Context Statement to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, which will reflect the new policy framework of the OCP, and its relationship to the Regional Growth Strategy at that time. Until such time, continued acceptance of the existing Regional Context Statement is appropriate and it is recommended that it be resubmitted to the Metro Vancouver Board for acceptance.


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City Clerk