

TO: CITY MANAGER 1998 MARCH 10

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILE: 01.226.1

**SUBJECT: CITY OF PORT MOODY OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW, 1992, No. 2136, AMENDMENT BYLAW No. 11, 1998, No. 2368**

PURPOSE: To provide comment on the City of Port Moody Official Community Plan, 1992, Bylaw 2136, Amendment Bylaw No. 11, 1998, a bylaw to add a Regional Context Statement to Port Moody's Official Community Plan.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the City Clerk, City of Port Moody, PO Box 36, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 3E1.

**REPORT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

On 1998 February 26, the Planning Department received a letter from the Director of Planning and Development Services for the City of Port Moody requesting comment on the City of Port Moody Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2136, Amendment Bylaw No. 2368. The request for comment is being made in accordance with Section 882 of the Municipal Act which requires adjacent municipalities to review amendments to Official Community Plans.

**2.0 CONTEXT**

On 1998 February 10, Port Moody City Council gave third reading to Official Community Plan Bylaw, No. 2136, Amendment Bylaw 2368. The purpose of the Bylaw is to amend Port Moody's existing OCP (approved in 1992) to add a Regional Context Statement (RCS) as required by Municipal Act provisions regarding regional growth strategies. The existing OCP is scheduled to be updated in 1998.

### 3.0 CONTENT

Port Moody's RCS makes reference to policies contained within the existing OCP which support the Livable Region Strategic Plan's growth management strategies of protecting the green zone, building complete communities, achieving a compact metropolitan region, and increasing transportation choice. It also notes other policies that will be pursued in conjunction with the review and update of the existing OCP which will work toward greater consistency between it and the Livable Region Strategic Plan (LRSP).

Of note to Burnaby, the RCS states that as part of the upcoming OCP review, Port Moody will work toward establishing a watershed protection strategy with surrounding municipalities, crown agencies and other affected agencies. This initiative is consistent with Burnaby's policies regarding watershed management of the Brunette River Basin and Burrard Inlet.

Port Moody's RCS does not provide population, dwelling unit or employment projections. Instead, the RCS states that these projections will be established in the upcoming review of the OCP. The RCS, however, acknowledges the regional objective to concentrate growth in the Growth Concentration Area and states that it is the City's intent to address this objective through the design of land efficient neighbourhoods which include a range of housing types. It adds that the City will continue to work with senior levels of government, the GVRD and other member municipalities in order to provide the necessary foundation for growth in accordance with the Livable Region Strategic Plan.


Since population, dwelling unit and employment projections have not been provided in the RCS, it is not possible to determine the consistency between Port Moody's OCP and the LRSP. It is expected that the GVRD will be reviewing Port Moody's RCS in this light as it relates to the growth management objectives of the Livable Region Strategic Plan.

### 4.0 CONCLUSION

A Regional Context Statement is required under the Municipal Act to be forwarded to the GVRD Board to demonstrate consistency between the OCP and the adopted Livable Region Strategic Plan. The GVRD will be specifically reviewing each RCS as to its conformity with the Regional Plan.

An opportunity for Burnaby staff to review Port Moody's updated OCP will likely occur later this year, once the OCP is circulated to adjacent municipalities for comment.

It is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the City of Port Moody.

  
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