

TO: CITY MANAGER

1998 APRIL 22

FROM: DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND BUILDING

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SUBJECT: CITY OF VANCOUVER REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT

PURPOSE: To provide comment on the City of Vancouver's Regional Context Statement.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the City Clerk, City of Vancouver, 453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4 and Mr. Hugh Kellas, Strategic Planning, GVRD, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4G8.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

On 1998 March 23, the City received a letter from the Director of City Plans for the City of Vancouver requesting comment on Vancouver's Regional Context Statement Development Plan. The request for comment is being made under the provisions of the Vancouver Charter which requires adjoining municipalities to comment on Official Development Plans.

2.0 CONTEXT

On 1998 February 5, Vancouver City Council adopted the Vancouver Regional Context Statement Development Plan. The Regional Context Statement demonstrates how City of Vancouver policies and initiatives, combined with housing and employment capacity adopted through the Zoning and Development Bylaw, will contribute to the achievement of the Livable Region Strategic Plan. It identifies how these plans and policies 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.

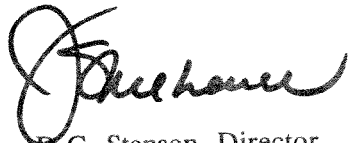
As detailed in its "CityPlan" process, the City of Vancouver supports the compact metropolitan region strategy by working towards accommodating more population and employment. A population of 635,000 in 2021, up from 514,000 in 1996, was envisaged and reviewed as part of CityPlan's public program. Over the next twenty-five years, existing zoned residential capacity will provide an additional 70,000 dwelling units to the 221,250 dwellings that existed in 1996. In terms of employment, the CityPlan process envisaged about 420,000 jobs in 2021, up from 321,000 jobs in 1991.

The GVRD will be reviewing the City of Vancouver's Regional Context Statement as it relates to the growth management objectives of the Livable Region Strategic Plan.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Member municipalities of the GVRD are required to submit a Regional Context Statement to the GVRD Board to demonstrate consistency between an OCP and the LRSP. Since Vancouver does not have an OCP, its Regional Context Statement reflects strategic directions for the City that are contained in a number of plans and policies. The GVRD will review the Regional Context Statement as to its conformity with the Regional Plan.

It is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the City of Vancouver and to Mr. Hugh Kellas, Strategic Planning, GVRD.



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