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Resort Municipality of Whistler

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Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: Notification of Initiation – Minor Amendment – Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Review 2024

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Board passed the following resolutions at the July 24, 2024 SLRD Board meeting:

THAT the SLRD Board initiate a review of the “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1062, 2008” pursuant to Section 452(2) of the Local Government Act to address policy updates to Goal 3, Goal 11, and Indicators (RGS Review 2024).

THAT the SLRD Board proceed with the RGS Review 2024 as a minor amendment, as per Section 437 of the Local Government Act and the minor amendment process outlined in the “Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1062, 2008”.

THAT the SLRD Board give 30 days written notice to each affected local government, including notice that the proposed amendment has been determined to be a minor amendment.

Background

As per the Local Government Act (LGA), the SLRD is required to consider a review of the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) in 2024. The LGA and SLRD RGS include a minor amendment criteria and process.

As the SLRD Board resolved to proceed with the RGS Review 2024 as a minor amendment, the Board is providing 30 days written notice to each affected local government, including notice that the proposed amendment has been determined to be a minor amendment. The SLRD Board will consider any representations and written comments provided by the affected local governments prior to giving first reading to the proposed amendment bylaw.

Minor Amendments

The proposed policy updates include revisions to strategic directions under Goal 3 (Affordable Housing), Goal 11 (Climate Action) and Indicators (where necessary to reflect policy updates). Proposed policy updates strengthen alignment and opportunities for regional collaboration,

Members: District of Squamish, Resort Municipality of Whistler, Village of Pemberton, District of Lillooet, Electoral Areas A, B, C, and D, located within School Districts No. 48 and No. 74

advocacy and action around Goal 3 and Goal 11 – reflecting Board direction to update greenhouse gas targets, input received at the Regional Affordable Housing Forum (April 2024), and best practices from existing member municipality OCP and Climate Action Plans. The proposed revisions are text and housekeeping in nature and are aligned with the intent of the RGS; they do not involve a development application and are not land based.

For additional details, the associated staff report can be found on the SLRD website here: [9801F584C60F48F682BAC62976424A40-RFD 240724 RGS Review Initiation-FINAL.pdf](https://www.slrld.ca/9801F584C60F48F682BAC62976424A40-RFD%20240724%20RGS%20Review%20Initiation-FINAL.pdf) (civicweb.net)

Written Comments

This letter provides written notice of initiation, as required by the SLRD RGS Bylaw. The SLRD Board will be considering first reading of the amendment bylaw at the November 27, 2024 SLRD Board meeting. SLRD Board meeting information, including time, location, and agenda links are available on the [SLRD meetings portal](#).

The SLRD Board looks forward to the receipt of any comments from your organization. **Please submit your comments to cdewar@slrd.bc.ca by Friday October 4, 2024.** Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 604-894-6371 ext. 235.

Kind regards,



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cc: Kim Needham, Director of Planning and Development Services
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Jen Ford, SLRD Board Chair