

12.0 Cooperation Among Jurisdictions

In response to the community's value of resident involvement in the planning processes and the region's goal of encouraging cooperation among jurisdictions, the Electoral Area 'G' Official Community Plan identifies potential issues with interjurisdictional ramifications within and outside the Plan Area and establishes a policy framework designed to facilitate the resolution of these issues, as well as other issues which have not yet been identified, through cooperation and consultation.

Objectives:

1. Identify and recognize land use issues within the Plan Area with potential interjurisdictional applications.
2. Identify and recognize land use issues outside the Plan Area with potential implications on the Plan Area.
3. Foster communications between jurisdictions with respect to land use issues.

Policies:

1. Encourage other jurisdictions to provide referrals of applications and issues relating to land use planning and management to the Regional District. The RDN will endeavour to provide a prompt reply to such referrals.
2. Refer to other agencies, all land use planning applications or issues which may affect another jurisdiction. All affected agencies or municipal councils, which receive referrals from the Regional District of Nanaimo, shall be encouraged to give due consideration and timely responses to referrals provided by the Regional District.
3. Facilitate interagency meetings with the Regional District, City of Parksville Town of Qualicum Beach, School District 69 and the provincial and federal government agencies, whenever appropriate, to resolve any interjurisdictional issues and to facilitate cooperative approaches to implementing this Plan.
4. Amendments may be made, from time to time, to the Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw and the Official Community Plan applicable to the Plan Area to better implement the Regional Growth Strategy.
5. The Plan will recognize Urban Fringe Municipal Boundary Extension Candidate Areas as defined pursuant to the Regional Growth Management Plan Implementation Agreement entitled "Urban Containment and Urban Fringe Area Management Agreement", and any subsequent implementation agreements amongst the Regional District of Nanaimo, the City of Nanaimo, the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach.
6. Urban Fringe Area Candidate Areas for municipal boundary extensions must be identified and supported in writing by the municipality as a potential boundary extension area needed to accommodate municipal urban growth and may include portions of the Plan Area within the Urban Area which are contiguous to (adjoin) a

municipality, or surrounded by a municipality, or can only be reached by municipal roads.

7. The Regional District of Nanaimo may enter into fringe area agreements with the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach to provide coordination of regional and municipal objectives for long-term management or protection of fringe areas.
8. The Plan recognizes that the City of Parksville has significant interest in land use planning, the development and the servicing of the Wembley Mall Neighbourhood Centre, as the mall is within the City and there is existing and potential nodal development surrounding the mall both in Electoral Area 'G' and within municipal boundaries.
9. The Regional District of Nanaimo will recognize that the City of Parksville has interest in protecting fringe lands to prevent urban sprawl and to protect the forest landscape in Block 1438, Block 735 and Block 742, Nanoose Land District. Other than what is supported by this Plan, the RDN will not initiate new expansions to the commercial, industrial, or multi-residential land use designation adjacent to the Inland Island Highway, and will ensure that existing commercial and industrial permitted uses comply with the Inland Island Highway Development Permit Area Guidelines in the zoning bylaw³⁰.
10. The development of compatible standards within all jurisdictions of the RDN with respect to the provision of roads, sewer systems, storm water drainage, water systems, and environmental regulations and protection, shall be supported.

³⁰ Bylaw No. 1540.02, adopted December 4, 2018