

Staff Report to Council

Planning and Development

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REPORT DATE: September 12, 2022 **MEETING DATE:** September 27, 2022
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Angie Lucas, Director of Planning and Development
SUBJECT: City of Pitt Meadows Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2864, 2020
Adoption

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW/APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council:

- A. Adopt City of Pitt Meadows Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2864, 2020; OR
 - B. Other.
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2864, 2020 for adoption.

Information Report Decision Report Direction Report

DISCUSSION

Background:

The City of Pitt Meadows has completed a comprehensive review of the Official Community Plan, a process titled "I See Pitt Meadows 2040". The engagement process included dozens of events, workshops and community conversations, with hundreds of participants coming out to share their love for Pitt Meadows. Council endorsed the land use plan in early 2020, and staff proceeded with public engagement to gather input on completed draft policies and the land use plan. Most of the engagement took place online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as Public Health Orders at the time did not allow in-person meetings.

The Official Community Plan Bylaw was granted First Reading at the July 21st, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. A little later that same year, on October 20, 2020, Council participated in a workshop that probed further into specific issues within the draft OCP. The bylaw received second reading on December 14, 2021.

A public hearing for the OCP was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 and the following week, on May 17, the bylaw was granted third reading and the Regional Context Statement was referred to the Metro Vancouver Board for acceptance.

Relevant Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

Local Government Act, Section 446, requires Metro Vancouver member municipalities to include a Regional Context Statement accepted by the Metro Vancouver Regional Board in the local government's Official Community Plan (OCP).

Analysis:

At their September 8, 2022 meeting, the Regional Planning Committee unanimously recommended acceptance of the City of Pitt Meadows Regional Context Statement (RCS) to the Metro Vancouver Board. The Metro Vancouver Board considered the City's RCS at their meeting on September 23, 2022 as part of their consent agenda and it is anticipated that the Board will have accepted it given the Regional Planning Committee's unanimous decision to support acceptance. As the Metro Vancouver Board met after finalization of this report, staff will provide Council with a verbal update of the Board's decision.

The Regional Planning Committee also directed staff to notify the City of Pitt Meadows of the decision and requested that the City address the mapping inconsistencies noted in the report between its Regional Context Statement, Official Community Plan and the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy prior to the required submission of the City's Regional Context Statement for the forthcoming regional growth strategy, *Metro 2050*. A copy of the Metro Vancouver Staff report is appended to this report as Attachment B.

Metro Vancouver is currently in the process of reviewing the Regional Growth Strategy. After its adoption, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, municipalities have two years from the date of adoption to submit a new regional context statement that shows how a community's official community plan aligns with the new regional growth strategy. Pitt Meadows Council and staff have reviewed the new regional growth strategy, *Metro 2050*, and have found that the new OCP and the growth strategy to be otherwise consistent with each other. The process needed for the City to address the mapping inconsistencies depends partially on the final form of Metro 2050. Therefore, once *Metro 2050* is adopted by the Metro Vancouver Board, staff will bring back to Council recommendations on how to address the mapping inconsistencies and a new Regional Context Statement for *Metro 2050*.

At present, and provided the Metro Vancouver Board accepted the recommendation of the Regional Planning Committee, the City has met all the requirements necessary to consider adoption of the OCP. Mapping inconsistencies flagged by Metro Vancouver will be addressed as

part of regular updates to the new OCP and the City’s new Regional Context Statement will be updated when *Metro 2050* is adopted.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- Principled Governance Balanced Economic Prosperity Corporate Excellence
 - Community Spirit & Wellbeing Transportation & Infrastructure Initiatives
 - Not Applicable
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- None Budget Previously Approved Referral to Business Planning
- Other

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

The public will be informed of the of the adoption of the new OCP via this report to Council, which is available on the City’s website. The City’s website will be updated to include an easy-to-navigate website version of the Official Community Plan and an archive of presentations and reports that were drafted in the support of the development of the OCP.

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- Referral Yes No
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SIGN-OFFS

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ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2864, 2020
- B. Metro Vancouver Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee dated July 12, 2022