

## Appendix 5 – Summary of Written Comments

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Introduction	Comments
Principles missing that resources are 'finite'	1
More balance with economy in Vision	1
Include carrying capacity in the vision	1
'Economic trends' need to reflect that the economy is not diversified	1
Reference coordination of urban / rural development	1
Economic growth conflicts with sustainability	2
Sustainability principles that reflect finite resources	1
No mention of 'peak oil'	1
<b>Climate Change and Energy Consumption</b>	
Preparation for peak oil	1
Support for climate change and energy consumption goal	1
Support for local green initiatives	1
Include the carrying capacity of the region	10
Reconciliation of wildlife and residential areas	1
Policies not sufficient	1
No gas powered lawn mowers and leaf blowers	1
Policies for green development and renewable energy	4
Pesticide ban	1
Anti-idling bylaw	1
Relate land use and emergency planning (i.e. Fire Smart setbacks)	2
Does not address sustainability	1
Incentives for green development	1
Require development to include sustainability evaluation	1
Recognize forests role in local economy	1
Include sustainability evaluation	1
<b>Protect the Environment</b>	
Support for environmental protection goal	4
Support for drinking water and watershed goals	3
More emphasis on drinking water	2
More protection for riparian areas than provincial requirements	1
More to address the destruction of ecosystems (i.e. Coastal Douglas Fir)	5
Concern about the Fairwinds development (i.e. smaller GCB)	3
Acquire land / coordinate with the forestry companies to protect land	3
Greenspace incorporated into all developments	2
Disagree with ban on backyard burning	1
Community watershed areas and RDN intent to purchase land	1
Protect water from growth	4
RDN should not endorse 'water markets' within its boundaries	1
Groundwater protection requirements for new development (i.e. cisterns, water supply)	4

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Make developers responsible for costs of the long term water supply	1
Land banking	1
Protection of streams and coastal areas	1
Projected growth will exceed available water	1
Reward system for sequestering carbon	1
Mapping the region's water supply	1
Land purchases to protect habitat and groundwater quality	1
Forestry lands not appropriate for development	1
Define ESAs	1
Divide RLOS into private and crown lands designations	1
Does not indicate areas for protection and how it will protect it	1
Coordinate land use and mobility	
Improve bus service within the region	17
Improve opportunities to walk, cycle and take transit	9
Too many traffic lights of the parkway	1
Employment no longer included in RGS as driver of transportation costs	1
Disapprove cluster subdivision because it is subdivision of rural lands	1
Rural commuter buses	2
Support for regional transportation and land use policies	6
Support E&N Rail for commuter rail	6
Island transit strategy	1
Stop zealous parking attendants	1
Improve access to the highway from Qualicum River Estates	4
Existing walking and bike routes in the region are unsafe (i.e. separate from traffic)	3
More trails between growth centres	1
More population growth will mitigate any reductions in emissions	1
Concentrate housing and jobs in rural village and urban growth centres	
General support for growth centres and containment	7
Concern about housing outside of boundary	1
Limit / stop growth	11
Too many restrictions to prevent development	1
Limit suburban sprawl and inefficient land uses	5
Do not include Foothills development in the GCB	1
Density in RVC does not allow enough room for gardening	1
Not in favour of high or too much density	4
Deep Bay needs to be a Rural Village Centre	2
Agree with policy 4.8 for Rural Village Centres	2
Make sure all needs are provided in walkable distance	1
The RGS only limit electoral area development	1
Meet needs of current population before allowing more growth	1
Continue to improve downtown	1
Control growth, not the developers	1
Need a hospital	1
Protect habitat and green spaces within urban areas	3
Define what is meant by 'growth'	2

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Need to recognize Corcan Meadowood area by name	2
Growth centres need to be marketable	1
Urban design process for village centres	1
Stop the movement of the Growth Containment Boundary	3
Remove growth from name	1
Amend Qualicum Beach GCB	1
Densification will cause social problems	1
Needs to consider higher growth rate	1
All new development needs to include community playground	1
Rural Village Centres considered for future growth	1
Mix of housing only supported in major core areas	1
Concern that dense urban areas expand into rural areas	1
Transit not possible in region	1
Rural Village Centres too big	2
Moratorium on higher density until study of water availability	1
More context for population growth in urban / rural areas	1
Need more focus on health care in OCPs	1
Enhance Rural Integrity	
Need families in rural areas to be stewards of the environment	1
No subsequent development allowed for cluster housing	1
Incorporate community gardens in cluster housing	1
Encourage renewable energy and materials in cluster subdivisions	1
Flexibility for development on ALR land	4
Support for 5.13 – clustering policies	1
Support ALR policies	2
Revisit comments of forest industry being a sunset industry	1
Do not support golf courses	1
Not enough land for gardening in cluster housing	1
Protect rural lifestyle	1
Allow rural lots to be subdivided	2
Do not allow land out of the ALR	4
Subdivide existing Rural Residential before allowing more	1
Allow very small village centres in each neighbourhood	1
Do not support clustering on rural residential lands	4
Do not support destination resorts or resort centres	1
Growth management limits personal freedom	2
Goal violated by building inspection	1
Clustering not on ALR or agricultural land	1
Facilitate the Provision of Affordable Housing	
Support for affordable housing	5
RDN should not address affordable housing, only other levels of government	1
Build more affordable housing	2
Only need to allow higher density	2
Do not support wet houses	2
Incentives for affordable housing	1

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<b>Economic Resiliency</b>	
Restricting development is impacting economy	1
Low paying jobs in the 'nodes'	1
Need support for home based business	1
Economic growth at cost of the environment	2
Economic development goals not sufficient (more to attract professional jobs)	1
<b>Food Security</b>	
Support for food security goal	8
Improve urban agriculture policies	8
Encourage people to garden and provide own food	2
Improve community garden policies	3
Section is too long and many policies dealt with in OCPs	1
Support local organic farming	2
More needs to be done to encourage agriculture than just guidelines	1
Make farming more affordable	1
Grow produce on public land	1
Allow small farm animals in Fairwinds	1
Water not addressed	1
ALR maps not accurate for Parksville	1
<b>Pride of Place</b>	
Do not support funding to arts and culture	1
Free access to recreation centres	1
Ban graffiti	1
Change name to 'Sense of Place'	1
Tax money support recreation centres in municipalities	2
<b>Service Efficiently</b>	
Support for servicing efficiency policies	1
Must find way of servicing village centres	1
Sewer and water should not control land use	1
Section 10.7 – Inappropriate for infrastructure to be installed prior to rezoning	1
Mention need of Arrowsmith Water System	1
Water and sewer should remain in public ownership	1
Do not support water and sewer outside of GCB	1
Appropriate use of potable water	1
No servicing for rural village centres	1
Sewer serving to areas near village centres	1
<b>Cooperation Among Jurisdiction</b>	
Improve cooperation with First Nations	1
Believe municipalities will not follow RGS	1
Win / win solutions	2
Affected electoral area has input	1
Declare water a human right	1
Concern about TILMA	1
Less bureaucracy	6
Need sustainability officer position	1

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Municipalities should not have say in rural areas	2
Lobby the Province to base Local Government Act in sustainability	1
<b>Education and Awareness</b>	
Support process / material used in consultation	16
Good work - General support for RGS	21
Answers could be manipulated	1
Education on the achievements of the RGS over time	1
Not enough to advertise for RGS review	4
Need public meeting	1
Too long and difficult to understand	1
Survey does not cover enough topics or suitable options	2
Any regulation also needs education	1
Education needs to be more comprehensive (cost – benefits of decisions)	1
<b>Implementation</b>	
General support for implementation	3
Enforcement required	1
Support for monitoring and reporting	3
'Corrective' actions associated with monitoring	1
Need to implement into zoning	1
No measurable goals associated with monitoring	1
Inventory of all communities to find build out rate	1
Focus on causes, not the symptoms	1
<b>Amendments</b>	
Make it very difficult to amend the RGS	4
Amendments should only be allowed at specified intervals (i.e. 5 years)	3
Referendum on any amendments	1
Public opinion should take precedence over developers	1
Public consultation needs to be well advertised	1
Concern with changes through OCP being considered as minor amendment	1
Make it a 'living document'	1
Criteria for minor amendment should consider impact on entire ecosystem	1
Criteria for minor amendment should consider GHGs from other jurisdictions	1