



OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW, 2005, NO. 2600

3.0 REGIONAL CONTEXT

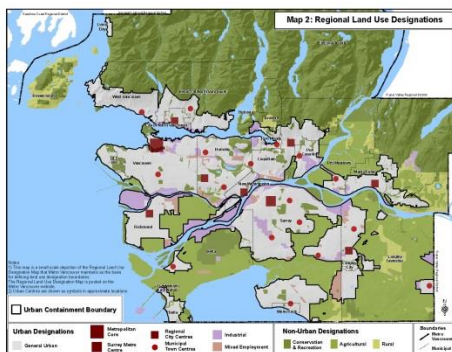
3.1 Background



*Metro Vancouver
Regional Growth Strategy*

The City of Langley was incorporated on March 15, 1955 and comprised an approximately ten square kilometre area of the Township of Langley that had been known as Langley Prairie. A significant business centre in the Lower Fraser Valley, the City of Langley was included in the Central Fraser Valley Regional District when the Province of British Columbia established Regional Districts in 1966. At that time the regional planning framework was provided by the “Lower Mainland Official Regional Plan” which was prepared by the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board. The City’s Official Community Plan was required to be in compliance with the Regional Plan.

On November 10, 1988 the City of Langley became a member of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), a formal recognition of the City’s strong association with metropolitan Vancouver. On January 26, 1996 the GVRD Board adopted the *Livable Region Strategic Plan* (LRSP) which was recognized as a Regional Growth Strategy under the *Local Government Act* by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on February 10, 1996. In accordance with the *Act*, subsequent Official Community Plans adopted by the City of Langley included Regional Context Statements accepted by the GVRD Board (in 1999 and 2006).



*Map 2 - Metro Vancouver 2040 –
Shaping Our Future*

On July 29, 2011 the GVRD (Metro Vancouver) Board adopted its new Regional Growth Strategy, *Metro Vancouver 2040 – Shaping Our Future*. *Metro Vancouver 2040* includes a series of strategies and actions for achieving five key goals:

- Goal 1 – Create a Compact Urban Area
- Goal 2 – Support a Sustainable Economy
- Goal 3 – Protect the Environment and Respond to Climate Change Impacts
- Goal 4 – Develop Complete Communities
- Goal 5 – Support Sustainable Transportation Choices

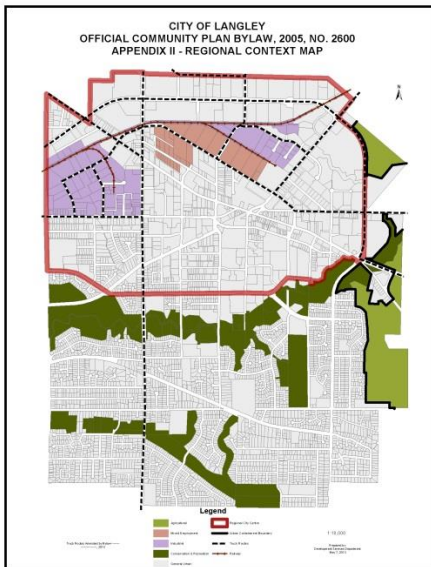


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3.2 Regional Context Statement

Under Section 866 of the *Local Government Act*, the City is required to include a Regional Context Statement in its Official Community Plan (OCP) and submit it to the Metro Vancouver Board for acceptance. The purpose of the Regional Context Statement is to “identify the relationship between the Official Community Plan” and the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) and how the OCP will be made consistent with the RGS over time.

The Regional Context Table attached as Appendix I describes the relationship between this plan and the specific local government actions listed in *Metro Vancouver 2040 – Shaping Our Future*. Appendix II – Regional Context Map identifies the regional land use designations and overlays applicable to the City under this plan. Appendix II – Regional Context Map also identifies the network of routes for goods and service vehicles in accordance with Section 5.2.3 a) of the Regional Growth Strategy. Appendixes I and II comprise the Regional Context Statement for the purposes of Section 866 of the *Local Government Act*.



*Regional Context Map
See Appendix II*