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File: 6410-20/RGS Minor Amendment

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Town of Comox
Village of Cumberland
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Regional District of Nanaimo
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Alberni Clayoquot RD

Dear Mayors and Councils / Chairs and Boards:

Re: Comox Valley Regional Growth Strategy Minor Amendment Bylaw Referral

Further to our notification letter dated November 7, 2025, I am writing to advise that on December 9, 2025, the Board gave first and second reading to [Bylaw No. 810, Comox Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 120, 2010, Amendment No. 2](#), and directed that a statutory public hearing be held. The public hearing is scheduled for February 17, 2026, in the CVRD Civic Room (770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay), starting at 6 pm.

Written comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing.

To support your review, the [same online folder](#) referenced in the earlier letter remains available. It contains the draft bylaw, an annotated version showing changes, and related staff reports. Should you have any questions regarding the minor amendment process or substance, please contact CVRD staff.

Contact Information

For questions or further details, please contact:

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Background

- In May 2023, the CVRD Board initiated an RGS amendment process under the minor amendment provisions of the *Local Government Act*, and affected local governments were notified in August 2023.
- In March 2025, the Board confirmed that the proposed amendment meets the criteria for a minor amendment under both the LGA and the RGS Bylaw and approved the consultation plan. Feedback within the scope of a minor amendment has been incorporated; broader comments have been recorded for the next comprehensive RGS review, anticipated in 2027.
- On November 7, 2025, a statutory 30-day written notice was sent to you to advise you of the date, time, and location of the Board's intention to give the bylaw first reading.
- On December 9, 2025, the Board gave first and second reading to Bylaw No. 810 and directed that a statutory public hearing be held. The bylaw referral is now being provided to all affected local governments.

Please provide any comments to Alana Mullaly by the close of the public hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Scope of the Amendment

As noted in the earlier letter, this amendment does not change the growth framework, vision, goals, or policies of the RGS. Its purpose is to update Census information, integrate the Board's Indigenous Relations strategic driver, remove obsolete references, and revise mapping to reflect municipal boundary changes. The limited scope of the amendment includes:

- Update population and employment projections.
- Update maps to reflect lands incorporated into municipalities.
- Update language to reflect the K'ómoks First Nation treaty process and include a reference to the Board's Indigenous Relations strategic driver.
- Apply the Indigenous Relations strategic driver to Part 4 (1)(c).
- Update greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.
- Remove static policy indicators and integrate them into the [online RGS Performance Monitoring Dashboard](#).
- Delete obsolete references, including the former Comox Valley Economic Development Society.
- Add a reference to develop action plans for each of the eight RGS goals.

Thank you for your continued collaboration on regional planning matters.

Sincerely,



Will Cole-Hamilton

Chair

[Enclosure via Sync](#)

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