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South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy Moves Ahead

At the meeting of the RDOS Board of Directors on December 7, 2010, the South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) moved one step closer to adoption.

The strategy, which was launched in 2004, is a 20-year plan that aims to promote human settlement in the south Okanagan that is socially, economically and environmentally healthy and that makes efficient use of public facilities and services, land and other resources.

“The Regional Growth Strategy is a very important document that will enable us to work more effectively together as a region over the long term to address our shared goals and priorities,” said Dan Ashton, RDOS Board Chair.

The RGS is the culmination of several years of work on the part of community members, advisory committees, technical experts and elected officials.

This recent Board direction builds on the very positive feedback received from community members around the south Okanagan at a two-night public hearing was held for the RGS on December 8th and 9th of 2009.

The Strategy is now with member municipal councils and the boards of adjacent regional districts for their review and formal acceptance. If the RGS receives unanimous approval from these local governments, it will proceed to the final stage in adoption at the RDOS Board table.

A draft version of the document is available online at the Regional District website at www.rdos.bc.ca.

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