



South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Review

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RGS Adoption
April 1, 2010

- RGS was drafted between 2004-2010;
- Participants include Penticton, Summerland, Oliver, Osoyoos and Electoral Areas “A”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F” & “I” (e.g. South Okanagan).
- Legislative objective:
The purpose of an RGS is to promote human settlement that is socially, economically and environmentally healthy and that makes efficient use of public facilities and services, land and other resources.

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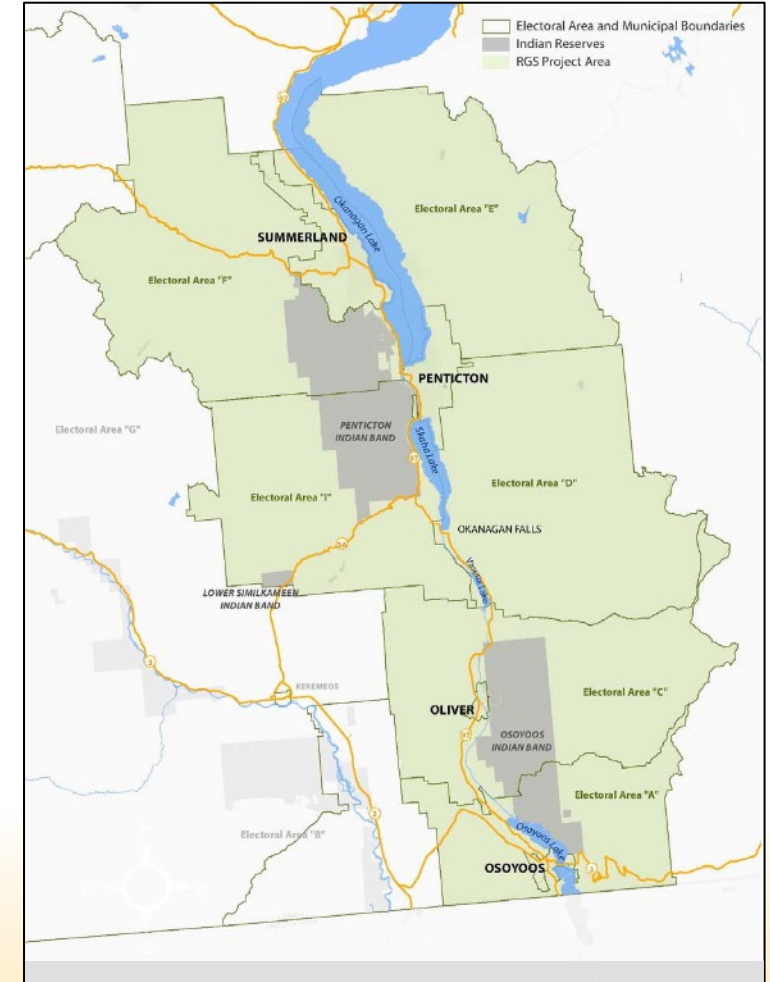
Regional Policies areas agreed to by Penticton, Summerland, Osoyoos, Oliver and RDOS include:

1. Housing and Development
2. Ecosystems, Natural Areas and Parks
3. Infrastructure and Transportation
4. Community Health and Wellbeing
5. Regional Economic Development
6. Engagement and Collaboration
7. Energy Emissions and Climate Change

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RGS Amendments

- South Okanagan RGS is a shared land use framework that required acceptance by participants;
- Major amendments must be accepted by each of the affected local governments before adoption.



RGS Project Area

City of Penticton Role

- Notice of amendment and request for comments (March 10, 2026);
- Council presentation (April 21, 2026);
- 60-day period for formal acceptance under Section 436 of the *Local Government Act* (July 2026 – dependent on outcome of first reading).



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Project History

- Began in 2020, consultation completed in 2022.
- RDOS Board revised the project scope in 2023 in response to community feedback.
- Project delayed to prioritize other land use projects (i.e. SSMUH, Housing Needs Report, Short-Term Rental Review).



SOUTH OKANAGAN SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY (RGS) REVIEW

South Okanagan RGS Area

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

ECOSYSTEMS, NATURAL AREAS & PARKS

INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ENGAGEMENT & COLLABORATION

ENERGY EMISSIONS & CLIMATE CHANGE

District Municipality of Summerland
City of Penticton
Town of Oliver
Town of Osoyoos

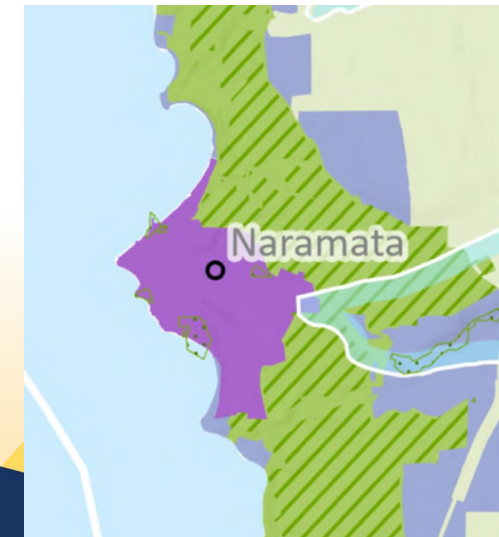
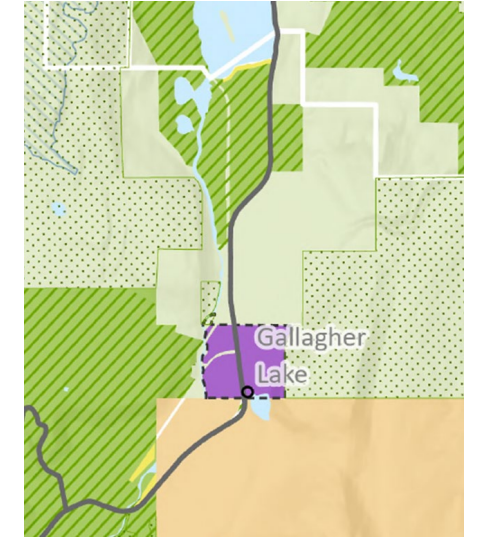
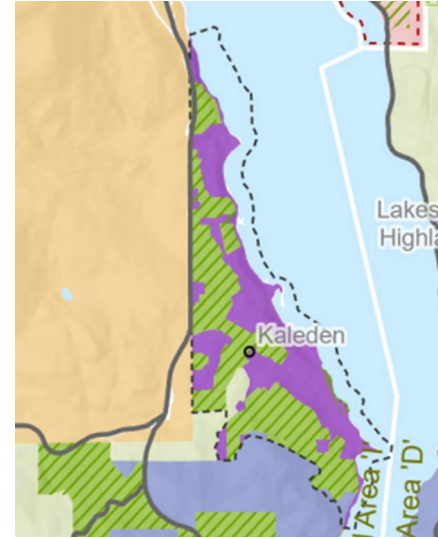
PROVIDE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SOUTH OKANAGAN RGS

2022 RGS Postcard

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2026 New Revisions

- Revisions since 2022 primarily relate to Naramata, Kaleden and Gallagher Lake (i.e. removal of these areas as growth areas);
- Due to the time that has lapsed, additional consultation is seen to be required.

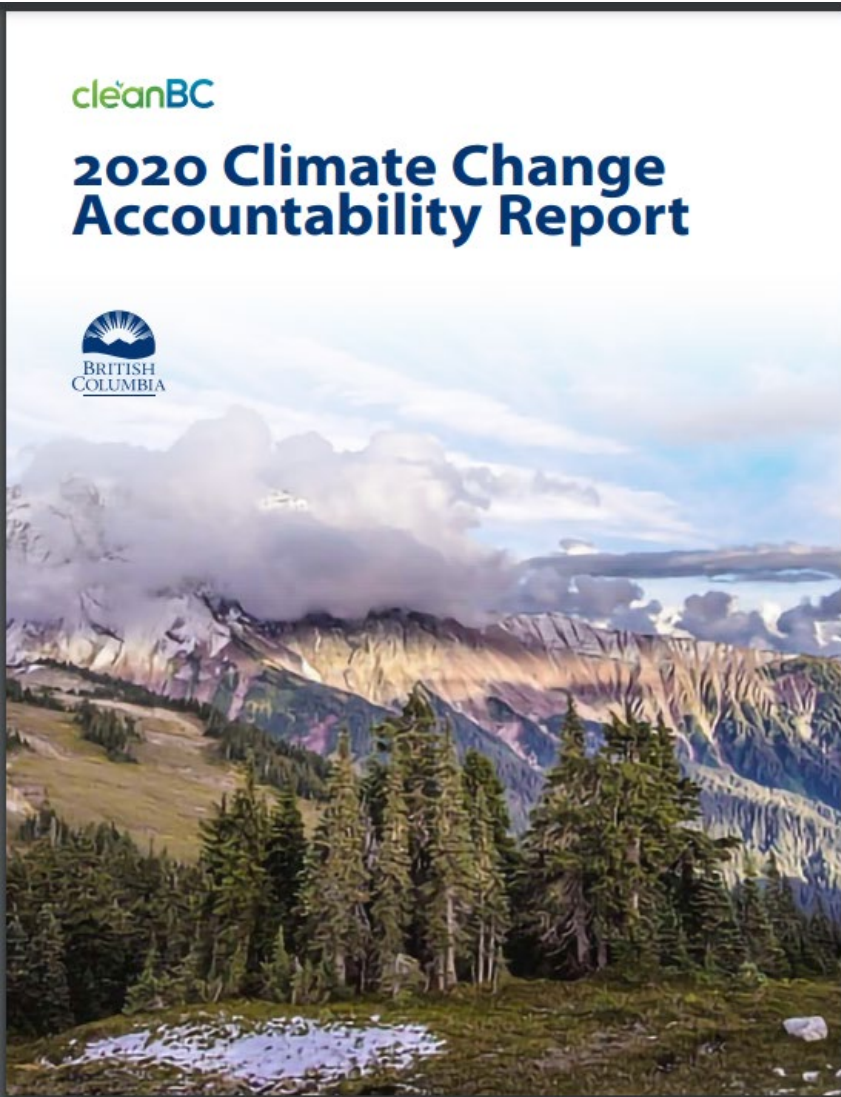


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RGS Review Scope:

1. New climate change policies;
2. Updated census data;
3. New growth management map;
4. New language: “urban containment boundaries”; and
5. Updated “Village Settlement Area” policies.

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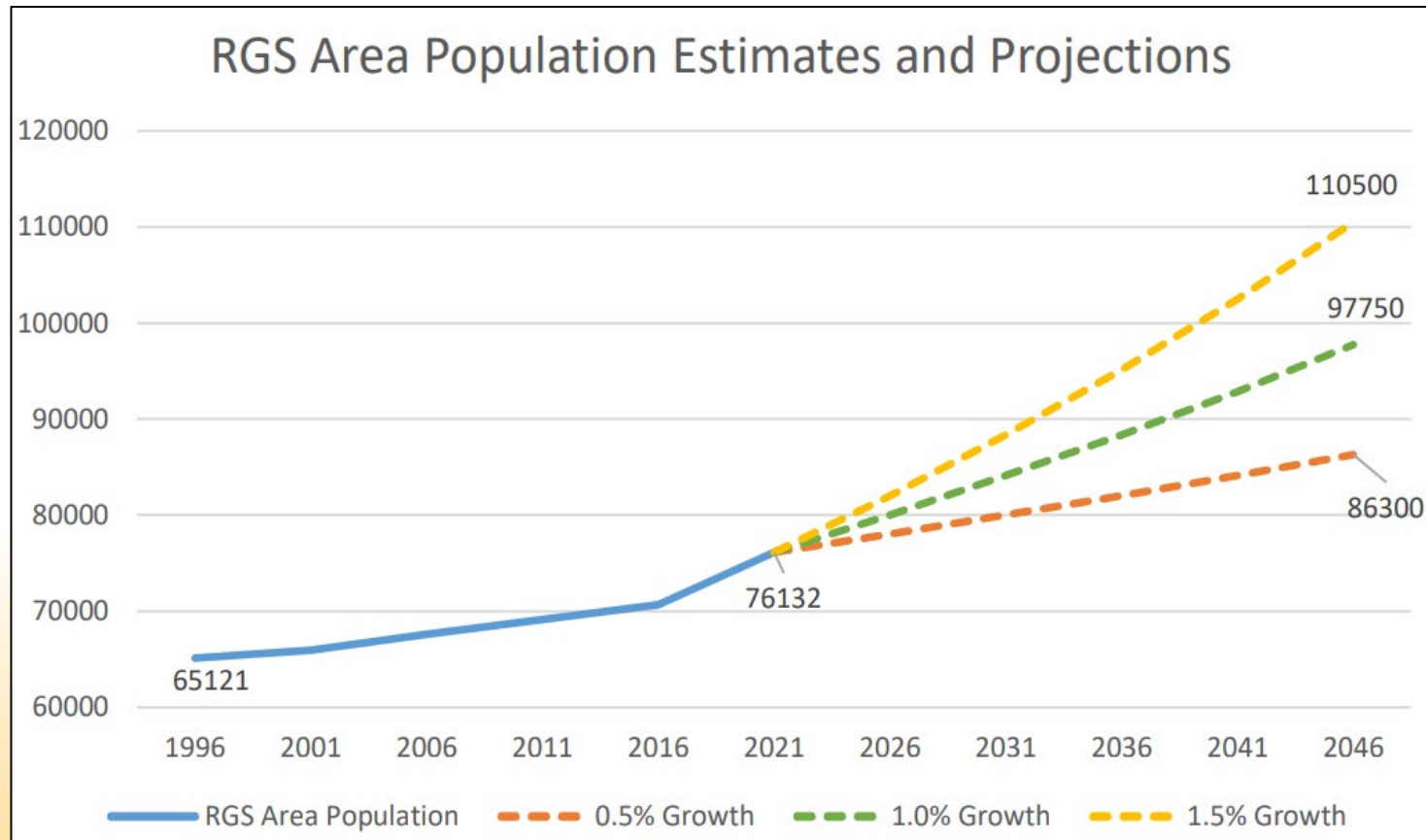
Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation:

- Updated to reflect requirements of the *Climate Change Accountability Act*:
 - 40% below 2007 levels by 2030;
 - 60% by 2040; and
 - 80% by 2050.

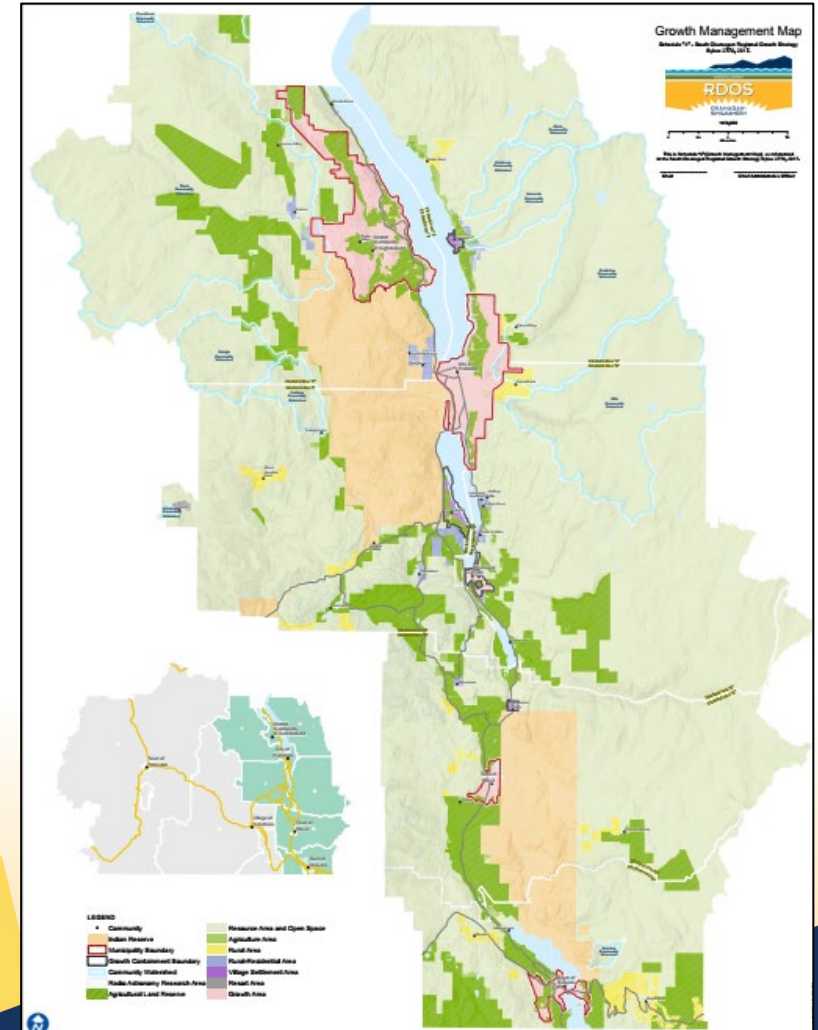
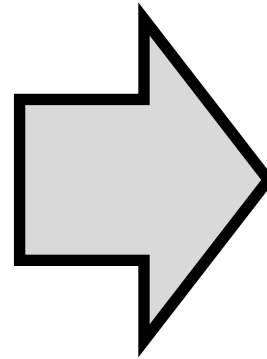
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Population & Demographics:

- New wording and figures to incorporate 2021 census data.



Growth Management Map:



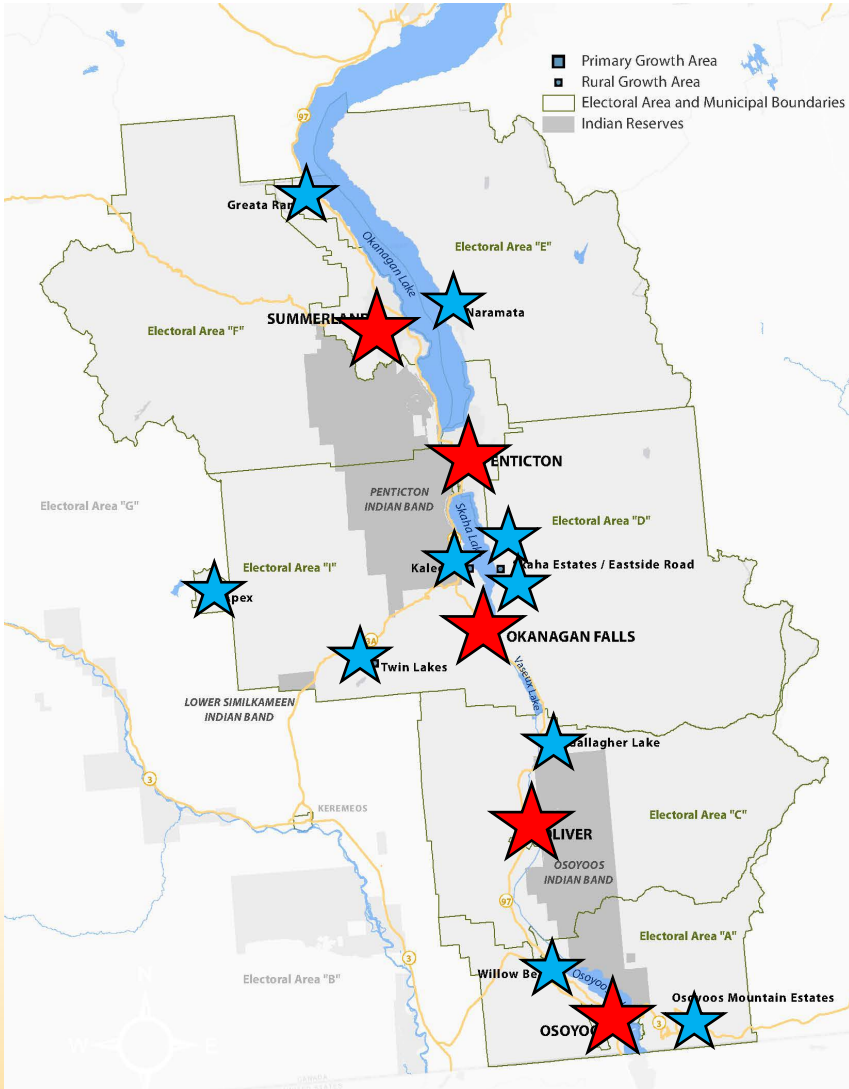
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★ “Primary Growth Areas”:

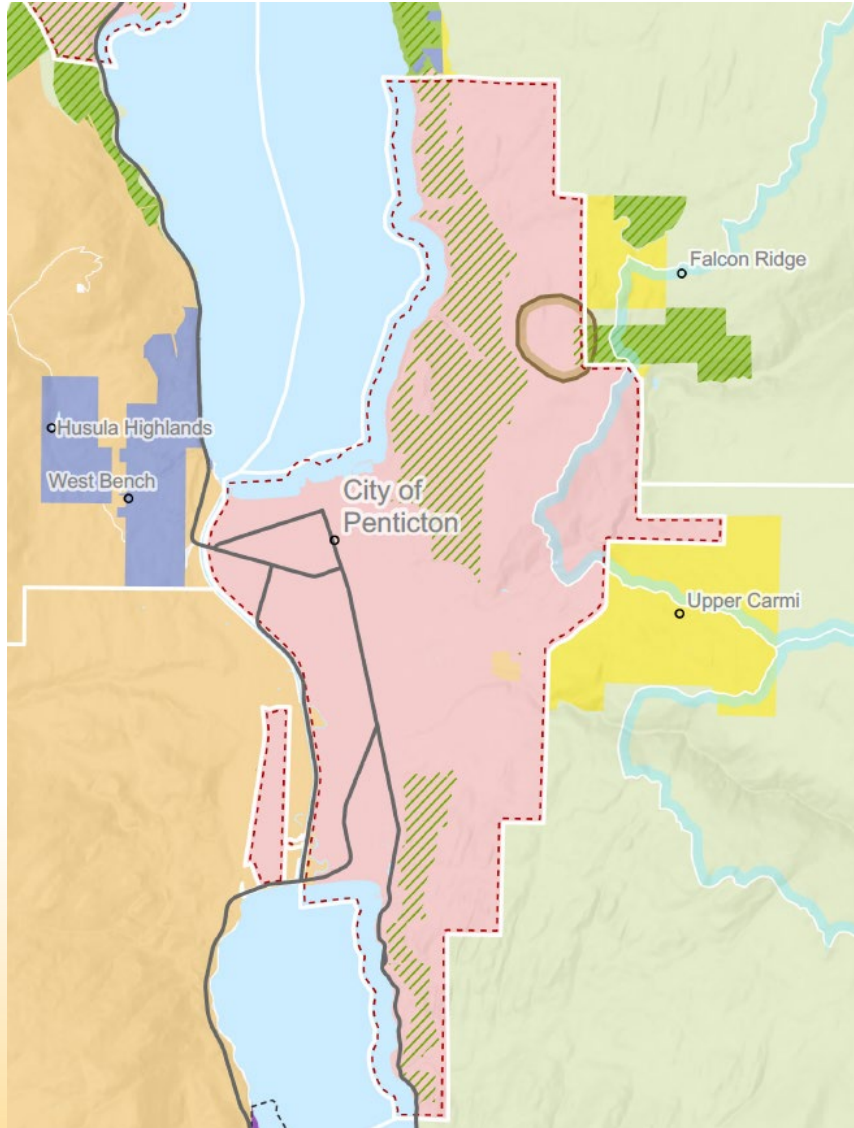
- Penticton
- Summerland
- Oliver
- Osoyoos
- OK Falls

★ “Rural Growth Areas”:

- Naramata
- Kaleden
- Apex
- Gallagher Lake
- Twin Lakes
- Willow Beach
- Anarchist Mt.
- Skaha Estates
- Eastside Rd.
- Greata Ranch



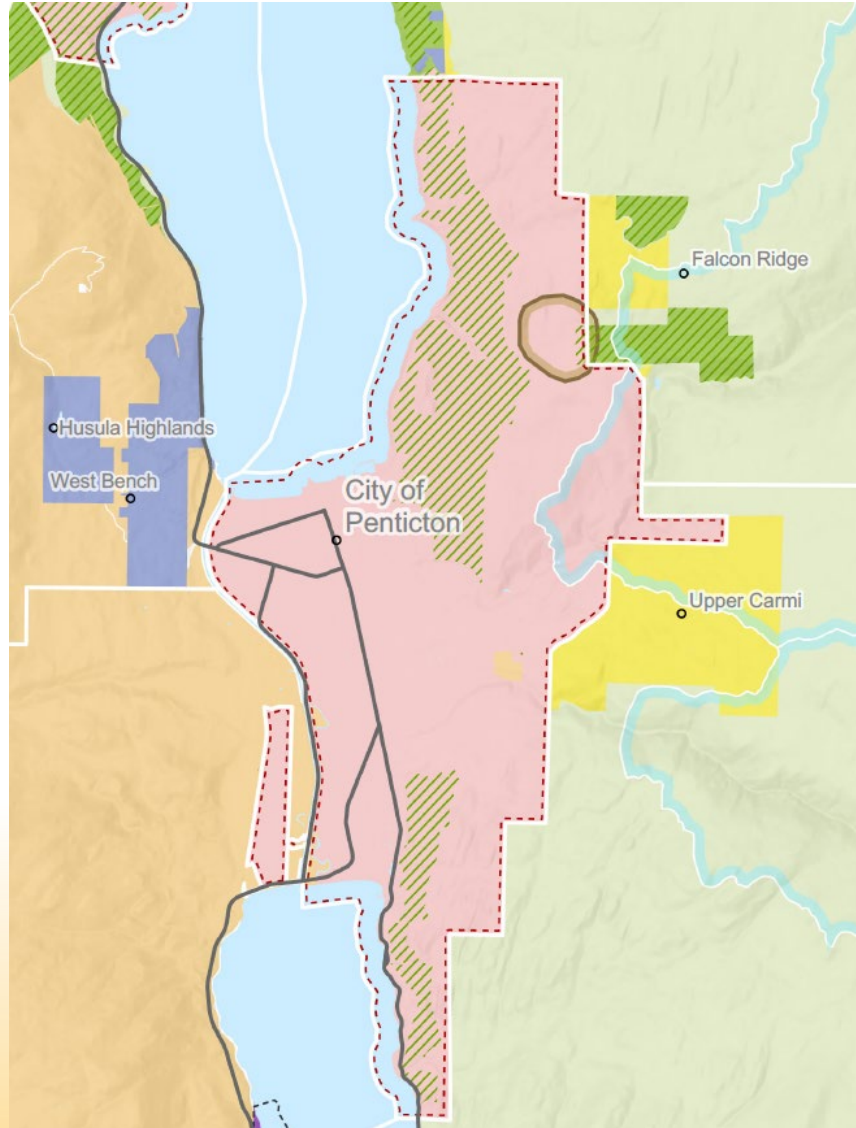
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Growth Areas

- Urban Centres (i.e. no rural growth areas);
- Direct 95% of future growth to Growth Areas;
- Full range of residential, commercial, institutional and industrial land uses;
- All necessary infrastructure, servicing and amenities provided.

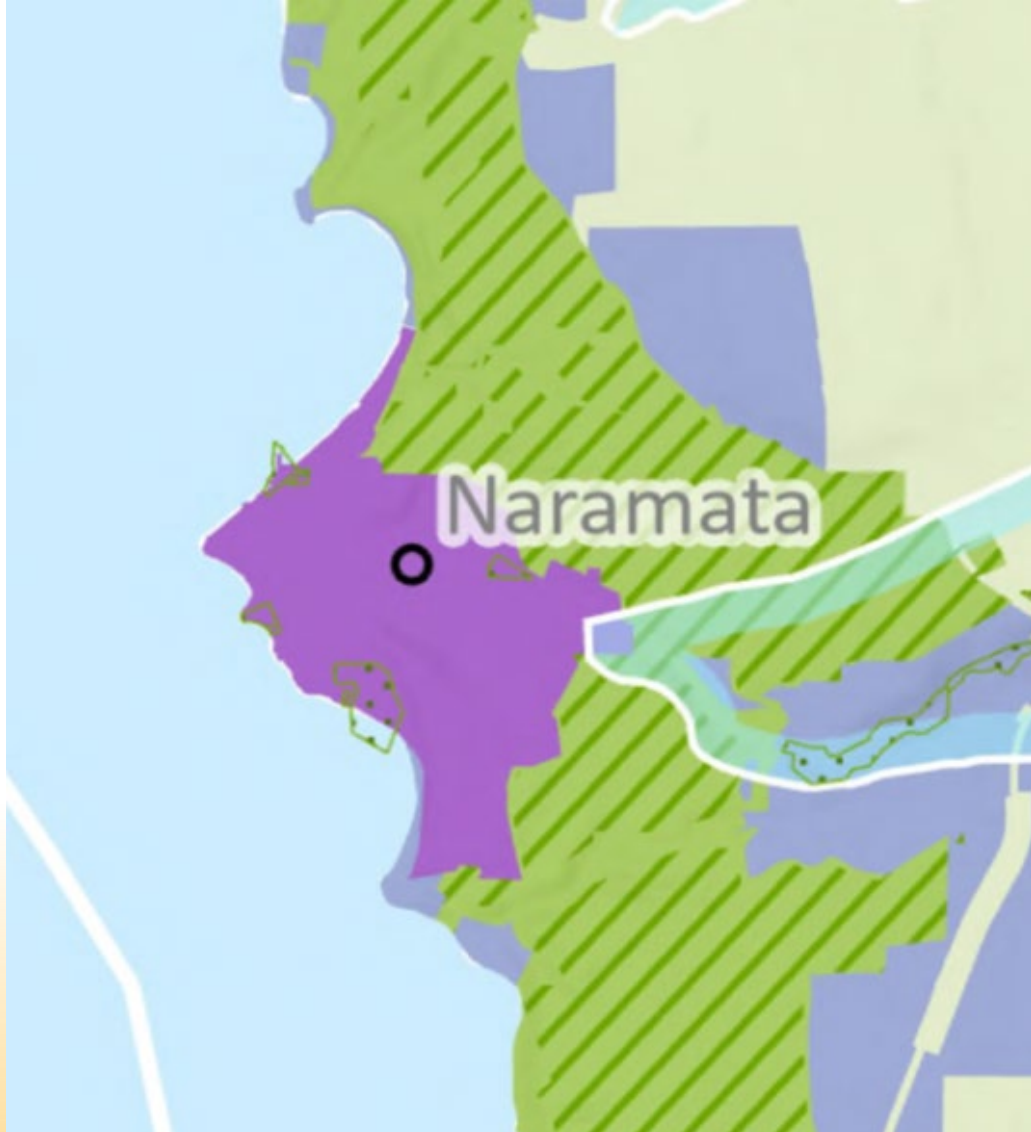
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Urban Containment Boundary:

- Introduced by Bill 44 (SSMUH);
- Determines the number of dwelling units required in a “restricted zone”;
- Can be established in an RGS or OCP;
- New language clarifying that an “urban containment boundary” is to be established in a municipal OCP.

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Village Settlement Area

- Limit development by restricting new infrastructure (i.e. water and sewer);
- Introduce ‘service containment boundary’ to limit outward expansion;
- Support the improvement of existing services;
- Does not support new services (i.e. community sewer).

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Next Steps:

- April – Presentations to Summerland, Oliver and Osoyoos.
 - May – Public information meetings.
 - June – RDOS Advisory Planning Committee meetings.
 - July – Consideration of first reading by RDOS Board.
- * 60-day period for municipal acceptance dependent on outcome of first reading.

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QUESTIONS?