

December 9, 2021

Charlene McKay Board Chair Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools 395 Wakesiah Avenue Nanaimo, BC V9R 3K6

Re: Formal Referral of Proposed Regional Growth Strategy Amendment for 2935 Trans-Canada Highway

Dear Chair McKay:

This letter is to advise you of the formal referral process commencing for the proposed amendment to "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1615, 2011" (RGS) for property located at 2935 Trans-Canada Highway. On October 12, 2021, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board gave first and second reading to "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.05, 2021".

The proposed RGS amendment bylaw is attached and you are respectfully invited to provide comments by January 31, 2022. The proposed RGS amendment bylaw will be presented to the RDN Board for consideration of third reading upon completion of the referral process.

The subject property, legally described as Lot 11, Section 4, Range 7, Cranberry District, Plan 2700, is currently designated both 'Industrial' and 'Rural Residential' within the RGS. The applicant has applied to amend the RGS to remove the 'Rural Residential' designation and replace with the 'Industrial' designation on the entire property to facilitate the future expansion of the existing industrial business.

The associated amendment to "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1620, 2011" (OCP) was given first and second reading on October 12, 2021, and a joint public hearing for the proposed RGS and OCP amendment bylaws was held on December 7, 2021. Background information on the proposed amendments can be found on the project website at getinvolved.rdn.ca/pl2021-005.

If you or your staff have any questions about this proposed amendment please do not hesitate to contact Nick Redpath, Senior Planner, at nredpath@rdn.bc.ca or 250-390-6761.

Sincerely,

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Encl. Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1615.05, 2021

Cc. Scott Saywell, Superintendent of Schools/CEO