

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

ACTION SHEET

DATE: March 2, 2022
TO: Business Committee
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Draft Policy – Participation in Regional Growth and Planning

Recommendation:

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive the Draft Policy – Participation in Regional Growth and Planning and circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 1, 2.7 – Policy Development.

Discussion:

Recommendation 33 of the Long Range Facilities Plan (the “LFPR”) is as follows:

Create policy and procedure to ensure that staff is more active in influencing local and regional planning.

Rationale: Schools are an integral part of the communities we serve. While municipal governments oversee land use and development, there are various planning initiatives that may have an affect on or could benefit our students. Being an active participant in community planning and development helps foster partnerships and close working relations with municipal partners to support education and common goals. This recommendation will encourage active participation by the Board and staff in local planning initiatives by creating a policy framework that guides District input.

The policy as presented represents completion of this particular recommendation in the LRFP. Specifically, the policy encourages participation in regional growth and sets out specific guidance when consultation requests go before the Board and when the Board empowers staff to respond directly. This policy will ensure that referrals from local governments are responded to in a timely manner and the District is able to proactively influence decisions that impact schools.

Further, the policy also outlines the District’s already existing commitment to work with our local governments to provide access to our staff and students, where applicable, to garner additional feedback where requested.

Appendices:

Appendix A: Draft Policy – Participation in Regional Growth and Planning