



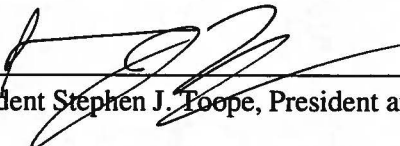
**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**Report to the Board of Governors**

**SUBJECT REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT**

**MEETING DATE April 3, 2013**

Forwarded to the Board of Governors on the  
Recommendation of the President

**APPROVED FOR  
SUBMISSION**



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**Report Date** March 14, 2013

**DECISION REQUESTED** **IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED** that *the UBC Board of Governors approve the process identified in this report for a revised Regional Context Statement.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A Regional Context Statement technically links Official Community Plans and the Regional Growth Strategy. UBC's Regional Context Statement is governed differently from those in Official Community Plans. Nevertheless, it is recommended that UBC voluntarily update the Regional Context Statement in the Land Use Plan. The report sets out the recommended process.

<b>Place and Promise COMMITMENT(s)</b>	The Regional Context Statement supports: 1. The sustainability commitment to explore and exemplify all aspects of economic, environmental and social sustainability.
<b>Place and Promise ACTION(s)</b>	The Regional Context Statement supports the following goals and actions associated with the commitments above: 1. Goal – Make UBC a living laboratory in environmental and social sustainability by integrating research, learning, operation and industrial and community partners Action: Demonstrate leading edge solutions by deploying innovative technologies and testing social acceptance; and by leveraging the municipal size of the campus and of UTown@UBC 2. Goal – create a vibrant and sustainable community of faculty, staff, students and residents Actions: Meet the social needs of faculty, staff and students from local and affordable housing, to childcare and transportation; expand the vibrant, sustainable and affordable UTown@UBC community.
<b>Description &amp; Rationale</b>	A Regional Context Statement technically links an Official Community Plan to the Regional Growth Strategy, where one has been adopted by a regional district. The GVRD adopted the latest version of the Regional Growth Strategy on July 29 2011; updated Regional Context Statements from municipalities are to be submitted by the end of July 2013. While UBC is not legally required to submit an updated Regional Context Statement, it is recommended that this be done in accordance with the procedures set out in the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act Part 10 – 2010 (MEVA).
<b>COSTS</b> Capital & Lifecycle Operating	Costs to administer this process are supported by the annual operating budget.
<b>FINANCIAL</b> Funding Sources, Impact on Debt Ratios	N/A
<b>SCHEDULE</b> Implementation Timeline	It is anticipated that the entire process will take approximately one year to complete (see Attachment A).
<b>RISKS</b> Financial, Operational & Reputational	[enter text]
<b>BENEFITS</b> Learning, Research, Financial, Sustainability & Reputational	An updated Regional Context Statement illustrates UBC's commitment as both a global and regional leader supporting the development of vibrant, complete and sustainable communities with sustainable regional and local transportation systems. Updating the Regional Context Statement on a voluntary basis will also illustrate UBC's commitment to being a good regional partner.

**CONSULTATION** The consultation process for updating the Regional Context Statement will conform to the requirements established by MEVA and the associated Ministerial Order. These Relevant Units, Internal & External Constituencies requirements are to consider whether any particular organizations identified in the Order need to be specifically consulted, to provide one or more opportunities for consultation input, to engage with the Musqueam First Nation in the case where any amendments affect Musqueam interests and to hold a public hearing.

As the Regional Context Statement’s purpose is to describe the relationship between the existing Land Use Plan and the Regional Growth Strategy, and no changes to the Land Use Plan are proposed, the recommended consultation process comprises posting the draft Statement on line for community comment and holding an open house prior to referral to the GVRD for the Chief Planning Official’s comments, followed by a public hearing once those comments are received and considered. Referral to the specific organizations listed in the relevant Ministerial Order (the UNA, UEL, City of Vancouver, Vancouver School District and provincial and federal governments and their agencies) is not required because no changes are being proposed to the Land Use Plan; each of those agencies participated in the preparation of the existing Land Use Plan including formal referrals to all agencies in 2010 and more limited referrals pertinent to the changes made in 2011. Engagement with the Musqueam First Nation will be undertaken to confirm there is no effect on Musqueam interests.

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**COMMENTS**

Complete for all reports that include a property component

Date of Review:

Signed Off by:

## Attachment A: Regional Context Statement Process and Schedule

April 2013	Board approval of process to prepare updated regional context statement
April 2013	GVRD staff comments on draft updates;
May 2013	opportunity for community comment on draft updated regional context statement, through on line posting for two weeks; engagement with Musqueam
June 2013	Board referral of final draft statement to Chief Planning Official at GVRD for comment
September 2013	Board receipt and consideration of comments from GVRD Chief Planning Official; referral of final draft to public hearing
October 2013	Public hearing on updated regional context statement
November 2013	Board receipt of Public Hearing report and consideration memo; Board approval of final regional context statement and referral to Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for final adoption
2014	Ministerial adoption of updated regional context statement

The dates in this schedule from September 2013 onward are subject to change, as other organizations become involved in the process. Discussions are underway at the staff level with the GVRD regarding the anticipated schedule for the GVRD Chief Planning Official's review to assist with project planning.