

POLICY MANUAL

Title: Area Planning Assessment		Policy No : 6.30 Supersedes: New
Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative <input type="checkbox"/> Operational Approval: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> CMT <input type="checkbox"/> General Manager		Effective Date: October 27, 2010 Review Date: 2011
Policy Statement: <p>The District of Maple Ridge is committed to preparing area plans in Maple Ridge. Recognizing that there is a likelihood that the number of requests for area plans may exceed staffing and budgetary resources, the following policy has been created to assist Council in its selection:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The decision to undertake an area plan is at Council's discretion. 2. Area Planning priority will be given to an area that exhibits some or all of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. that is in transition; experiencing increases in development applications that are inconsistent with the Official Community Plan; or is impacted by policy changes, demographic changes, or significant transportation/infrastructure improvements to the area; ii. that does not have an existing Area Plan; iii. where the area plan is intended to further the goals and objectives identified within the Official Community Plan, or is identified as a future work item in the Official Community Plan; iv. with changing student enrolment in the School District catchment area; v. where the project is consistent with the Corporate Strategic Plan and Council adopted Business Plans. 3. Requests for area planning are to be considered as a package during Business Planning. Requests received outside of the business planning cycle, and/or during an active area planning process will be considered premature, and will be held until the appropriate Business Planning cycle. All requests will be accompanied by a staff report assessing the areas compliance with the "Area Planning Assessment Policy". The report will also identify emerging issues in the community that may pertain to the request. 4. Once an area has been selected to undergo an Area Planning Process, a staff report identifying the public consultation process; elements and issues to be addressed in the Plan; geographic boundary of the planning area; and scale of detail to be incorporated in the Land Use schedule will be prepared for Council's endorsement. 5. The District will typically undertake one area planning process at a time, and an area planning process should not be undertaken during an Official Community Plan review. 		

Purpose:

To provide a framework to assist Council in the selection of an area(s) for future area planning.

Definitions:

Area Planning - is defined in the Maple Ridge Official Community Plan as “an Official Community Plan that applies to a local planning area”. Refer to Chapter 10.1 of the Official Community Plan.

Planning Area – refers to the geographic area being requested, and/or considered for an area planning process.

Key Areas of Responsibility

Action to Take

Responsibility