

## ENGAGEMENT WITH ABUTTING MUNICIPALITIES POLICY

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### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose is to establish a policy to provide opportunity for engagement with abutting municipalities to learn more about an issue and the potential impact a change in planning policy may have. The Municipality of the County of Victoria's neighbours are the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and the Municipality of the County of Inverness. The aim of early engagement is to reduce land-use conflict and increase cooperative opportunities. Council supports municipal engagement when adopting and amending municipal planning strategies. Although the Wagmatcook First Nation is not a municipality, the Municipality of the County of Victoria wishes to notify and encourage discussion when planning decisions that may impact this community.

### 2. PRINCIPLES OF THE POLICY

- 2.1 As required by section 204A of the MGA, in the case where the adoption or amendment of a Municipal Planning Strategy is proposed, Council shall seek input from the following abutting municipalities:
- a) Cape Breton Regional Municipality
  - b) Municipality of the County of Inverness
- 2.2 Although the Wagmatcook First Nation is not a municipality, the Municipality of the County of Victoria wishes to notify and encourage discussion when planning decisions that may impact this community as outlined in section 3.2.

### 3. POLICY

- 3.1 Council shall consult and engage with, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and the Municipality of the County of Inverness when:
- a) Adopting or replacing a Municipal Planning Strategy; and
  - b) Considering amendments to a Municipal Planning Strategy, which would affect lands that share a common boundary with the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and the Municipality of the County of Inverness.
- 3.2 Council shall formally notify the Wagmatcook First Nation within 14 days of initiation of any non-housekeeping amendment to a Municipal Planning Strategy and the initiation of any process to adopt a new municipal planning strategy.

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### VERSION LOG

Change Date	Description	Editor	Approver	Approval Date
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This is to certify that the policy, of which this is a true copy, was duly passed at a duly called meeting of Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Victoria held on the 21 day of February 2023

Given under the hand of the Municipal Clerk and under the corporate seal of the said Municipality this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

Ms. Leanne MacEachen , Municipal Clerk