


City of Langley
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2008

TO: Mayor Samuelson, Members of the City Council

FROM: Larry Cort, Director of Community Planning 

RE: **DISCUSSION – Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan
Identifying Problems and Setting Priorities**

As the Council is aware, we are anticipating that a good portion of 2008, and likely beyond, will be spent developing new regulations and amending existing regulations to implement the newly revised Comprehensive Plan. The potential amendments range from simple adjustments in administrative procedures to innovative tools to guide development to a major overhaul of the City's subdivision code.

Our expectation is that this process will involve significant levels of public participation and we want education on key issues to be interwoven throughout. Toward the latter goal, staff will begin the discussion with a short presentation on Development Regulations 101 – content and organization – and what we see as the most crucial gaps between our long term vision and the way our current regulations address or, in many cases, do not address the implementation of that vision.

Following this brief presentation, Councilmember Gilman will introduce for discussion a proposed framework for initiating, prioritizing, researching, writing and reviewing new and revised City policies. This conversation about a policy development framework will provide the perfect launch pad for the meat of Wednesday's discussion, establishing regulatory development priorities for 2008. Certain issues will rise to the top by virtue of their association with accomplishing the work necessary to lift the moratorium, with fulfilling the terms of the GMA planning grant contract and with honoring our commitment to Island County for a fairgrounds overlay zone. Other priorities may also emerge as well and we look forward to an interactive and lively conversation!