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21-01-02	Regional Transportation Priorities	Confirm the CRD Board's Regional Transportation Priorities.	✓			✓	Letter to Minister Fleming Met with Minister Fleming by teleconference October 4, 2021 Letter to Minister Fleming Virtual Meeting with Minister Fleming March 31, 2022	Initiated the planning required to scope regional transportation governance options with a background report to the Transportation Committee on March 15, 2023.
22-01-01	Vancouver Island Rail Corridor	Request the federal government to provide an update on their position regarding the protection of the Island Rail Corridor.	✓			✓	Letter to MP Randall Garrison Letter to MP Laurel Collins Letter to MP Alistair MacGregor Letter to Minister Fleming Letter to Minister Alghabra Letter from Minister Fleming Meeting with MP Alistair MacGregor August 17, 2022 Letter from Minister Alghabra Letter to Minister Alghabra Letter to Minister Miller Letter from MP Alistair MacGregor Letter from MP Gord Johns Letter to Chair, Island Corridor Foundation Letter to Deputy Director, South Coast Region MOTI	March 31, 2023 Funding Agreement signed between the Province and the CRD to enable engagement in short and long-term planning for the Island Rail Corridor in collaboration with First Nations and local governments impacted and/or bisected by the Corridor.



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23-01-01	Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment	Request the Provincial government to secure funding support for the Trails Widening and Lighting Project.	✓			✓	Letter to Minister Fleming	



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23-06-01	Explore funding opportunities with the Province to further advance affordable housing in the Capital Regional District	To enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province to partner on housing projects to increase the delivery of affordable housing in the Capital Regional District.	✓			✓	Chair, CRHC and CAO attended in person meeting with Minister Kahlon at UBCM on Sept. 19, 2023. Letter to Minister Kahlon Letter to MLAs Letter to Premier Eby *Note Premier Eby forwarded the letter to Minister Kahlon Letter from Minister Kahlon	
23-06-02	Secondary Suite Incentive Program	Request the Province to include Electoral Areas in the Secondary Suite Incentive Program.	✓	✓		✓	Letter to Minister Kahlon	
23-06-03	Housing needs in Electoral Areas	Support for Mike Harcourt to advocate for rural housing solutions.	✓	✓		✓	Letter to Mike Harcourt	
23-06-04	Drake Road Housing Project on Salt Spring Island (SSI)	Request the Province to expedite the completion of the Drake Road supportive housing project on SSI.	✓	✓		✓	Letter to Minister Kahlon	



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19-02-01	Climate Emergency	Ask Federal government to strengthen national efforts to meet the Paris Agreement. Ask Provincial government to fully implement CleanBC and provide data on utilities vehicles and community energy emission inventories to local governments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Letter to Premier Horgan Letter to Minister McKenna Representation from all CRD local governments on Climate Action Task force and staff Working Group sharing information and collaborating on projects. Partner with NGO's, Academic Institutions and Utilities with staff support through shared research, policy development and program delivery.	
19-02-02	Climate Action Leadership	Seek Strategic partnership	✓				Letter to Minister Heyman Response from Minister Heyman Letter to Minister McKenna	Continue to seek partnership with senior governments.
20-02-02	Parkland Acquisition	Ask provincial government to participate in further parkland acquisition in the Capital Region.	✓			✓	Letter to Minister Heyman Met with Minister Heyman by teleconference on February 17, 2021.	
21-02-01	Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)	Ask provincial government to re-establish CARIP funding or similar program.	✓			✓	Letter to Premier John Horgan , Minister Osborne , Minister Heyman and Brian Frenkel (UBCM) . Letter from Minister Osborne	CARIP was replaced with the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) with approved funding through 2024.



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23-02-01	Update of Marine Invasive Species List	Ask provincial and federal government to list the red algae Asparagopsis on its invasive species list and review the aquaculture permitting requirements.	✓			✓	Letter to Minister Ralston Letter to Minister Murray Letter from Minister Murray	



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19-03-01	First Nations Reconciliation	Enhance Indigenous reconciliation at the community level.	✓			✓	Letter from Minister Robinson identifying the opportunity to meet with Snr. Provincial staff from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. Letter to Ministers Fraser and Robinson Letter from Minister Robinson Met with senior provincial staff on March 7, 2019 and agreed to follow up as required. Letters to MPs (Collins, Garrison, MacGregor and May) Letter to JOLEP (Tsartlip First Nation) Chief and Council Forum of All Councils took place on November 28, 2019.	Ongoing
22-03-02	First Nations Reconciliation	Secure Provincial capacity funding to support government to government relationship building with First Nations to support efforts towards reconciliation.	✓			✓	Board Chair met with Minister Rankin to communicate the need for Provincial capacity funding on August 12, 2022.	



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22-04-01	Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA)	Advocate for funding for the GVHA Shore Power Project	✓			✓	Letter to Minister LeBlanc seeking federal support Letter from Minister LeBlanc	
22-04-01	Speculation & Vacancy Tax – SSI Electoral Area	Advocate that Speculation & Vacancy Tax be applied to the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area	✓			✓	Letter to Minister Robinson Letter from Minister Robinson Letter to Minister Conroy Letter from Minister Conroy	
23-04-01	Recapitalization of the Island Coastal Economic Trust	Ask the provincial government to recapitalize the Island Coastal Economic Trust.	✓			✓	Letter to Minister Bailey	
23-04-02	Increased high-speed broadband connectivity for the Jordan River and Shirley communities.	Advocate for funding from the Connecting Communities BC Fund to support increased high-speed broadband connectivity for the Jordan River and Shirley communities.	✓			✓	Letter to Ministry of Citizens' Services	
23-04-03	Intergovernmental relationship building with Minister of Municipal Affairs	Introductory meeting to discuss issues of mutual interest.	✓		✓	✓	Board Chair and CAO met with Minister Kang on April 27, 2023.	Ongoing dialogue regarding best practice as to how Electoral Areas could be supported in future granting opportunities.



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23-04-04	Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications (CREST)	Advocate for the implementation of a call answer levy on cell phone devices and that the revenue be available to the CRD to fund the CREST service.	✓		✓	✓	Letter to Minister Farnworth	



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23-07-01	Advocacy for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area	Support for Farmland Trust's funding application.		✓		✓	Letter of Support	
		Support for the Universal Broadband Fund application.		✓		✓	Letter to CityWest	
		Support for Kings Lane affordable housing project.		✓		✓	Letter of support	
		Support for SSI Chamber of Commerce as official provider of community visitor services.		✓		✓	Letter to Destination BC	
23-07-02	Advocacy for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area	Support for New Horizons' grant application.		✓		✓	Letter to Chair, Pender Island Health Care Society	
		Support for the Rural Islands Economic Partnership Society's (RIEP) application to fund the expansion of the RIEP's Rising Tide Business Services.		✓		✓	Letter to Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation	
		Support for New Horizons' grant application.		✓		✓	Letter to Employment and Social Development Canada	



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		Support for the Connected Coast Project.		✓		✓	Letter to CityWest	
		Support for REDIP Economic Diversification application by the Islands Futures Society of Gabriola Island for Islands Alive Project.		✓		✓	Letter to Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation	
		Support for application by the SGI Community Resource Centre and the Housing NOW Project.		✓		✓	Letter to Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation	
		Support for the AquaLink Application by the SGI Tourism Partnership Funding.		✓		✓	Letter to Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program	
		Support for the Salish Grove Affordable Housing Project by Mayne Island Housing Society.		✓		✓	Letter of support	
		Support for the Galiano Affordable Living Initiative (GALI) Project application to		✓		✓	Letter of support	



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		the BC Housing Community Housing Fund.						
		Support for the Pender HANDY-Dart Taxi Pilot Project by Moving Around Pender Alternate Transportation Society.		✓		✓	Letter of support	
		Support for the Galiano Island Recycling Resources Society Grant application to the Plastics Action Fund.		✓		✓	Letter of support	
		Support for the SGI Neighbourhood House Society application for a community gaming grant.		✓		✓	Letter of support	
		Support for Green Municipal Fund’s Study Grant Program.		✓		✓	Letter of support	

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19-05-05	Deer Management	Encourage province to take responsibility for wildlife.	✓	✓			Letter to Ministers Popham, Heyman and Donaldson Several municipalities are now advocating as a group and individually for Provincial action and support. Letter from Nancy Liesch, ED, Natural Resources	Ongoing
20-05-03	Request the province to develop a strategy and plan for ongoing coordination between BC Ferries, BC Transit and MoTI on integrated, low carbon, active transportation-oriented solutions for SSI and SGI	Advocate for this approach mostly around integration of transportation planning.	✓	✓			Letter to Minister Trevena Letter from Minister Trevena	Ongoing
20-05-04	Write to UBCM and FCM asking them to advocate to the Federal Government to broaden the guidelines of Community Works Funds for capital and operating expenditures as a result	Asking for relaxed guidelines in light of economic and financial impacts for up to one year subject to local government due diligence and as long as expenditures are in the public interest.	✓	✓			Letter to UBCM and FCM Board Chair and CAO - call with FCM on May 21 Board Chair and CAO - call with UBCM on June 4 Letter from FCM Letter from UBCM UBCM indicated that they are generally aligned with the CRD position in their advocacy with FCM to the Federal Government. UBCM is in engaged in discussions with FCM and the Federal	Ongoing

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	of the COVID-19 pandemic						Government to utilize the gas tax funding model for recovery funding and granting. There continue to be challenges with Regional District EAs with respect to the request for funding non-profits and ineligible projects and risks to RDs in proceeding to fund projects that might ultimately not received UBCM and Federal funding approval. EA continue to what to pursue funding approvals for non-profit services. UBCM administer under the Federal Provincial agreement approved in 2014 for 10 years and that would be difficult to change without renegotiating the whole agreement which would come with some risks. Acknowledged social services and emergency and public service buildings being asked to be included as eligible projects.	

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21-05-01	Opioid Overdose Crisis	Advocate the provincial and federal government to declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency and develop comprehensive action plans.	✓		✓	✓	Resolution to UBCM and AVICC.	Ongoing
23-05-01	Mobile Youth Services Team	Ask the province to support the Pacific Centre Family Services Association’s Mobile Youth Services Team.	✓				Letter to Minister Dean *Note: Minister Dean forwarded the letter to Minister Farnworth Letter from Minister Farnworth	Completed
23-05-03	Letters of congratulations to locally elected First Nations Leaders	Relationship building, discuss issues of mutual interest and establish means of communication.	✓		✓	✓	Letter to Pauquachin First Nation Letter to SxÁUTW Letter to x̓sepsum Letter to Sc’ianew	