Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on April 12, 2023.



CRD Board Highlights: April 12, 2023

CRD Board Highlights provides a brief summary of items from each monthly regional Board meeting. The summary is not inclusive of all agenda items. Please refer to the <u>CRD website</u> for the full agenda, minutes and webcast.

Amended Bylaw No. 4537: 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan Bylaw

The CRD Board adopted the five year Financial Plan bylaw at a special meeting held March 29, 2023. The 2023 Financial Plan was preliminarily approved by the Board on September 21, 2022. The 2023- 2027 Financial Plan has been prepared in alignment with Board decisions and committee direction. The CRD Board adopted the 2023-2027 Financial Plan bylaw and approved the amended Staff Establishment Chart. The Capital Regional Housing Corporation (CRHC) Financial Plans were approved by the CRHC Board on December 14, 2022.

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Capital Regional Hospital District Bylaw No. 415: Annual Budget 2023

The CRHD Board adopted the bylaw for the annual budget for 2022 at a special meeting held March 15, 2023. The 2023 budget received provisional approval by the Board on September 21, 2022. The annual budget for 2023 has been prepared in alignment with Board decisions and committee direction. The CRHD Board approved the Annual Budget Bylaw, 2023, as presented.

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Capital Regional District Regional Parks - Entrance Signage

At the February 8, 2023 Capital Regional District Board meeting, staff brought forward a report on the corporate signage project. At that meeting, the Board directed staff to proceed with implementing the CRD signage guidelines, except for the regional parks entrance signs due to the significant community attention received about the legacy log sign at Thetis Lake Regional Park. The CRD Board directed staff to proceed with the replacement of the regional parks entrance signs using the 2021 Corporate Signage Guidelines, with the exception of the legacy log sign at the entrance to Thetis Lake Regional Park.

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Long-term Biosolids Planning and Biosolids Thermal Pilot Updates

Long-term biosolids management planning is underway, with external consultants identifying and assessing a variety of beneficial use options. The long-term plan will require a portfolio of options to ensure redundancy and reliability in service delivery. Preliminary evaluation of the available results from the thermal pilot studies indicates that an on-site trial would be beneficial to determine the viability of an advanced thermal technology as an option for the long-term biosolids management. The CRD Board directed staff to develop a consultation plan for long-term biosolids management for the July Environmental Services Committee meeting, to be implemented in the fall of 2023 and concurrently initiate a Request for Proposals process for a biosolids advanced thermal site trial.

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Administrative Policy for Intergovernmental Relations and updated Terms of Reference for the Executive Leadership Team

The CRD Board received a report for information on the new intergovernmental relations policy which staff have prepared that will guide intergovernmental relations protocols, roles, and responsibilities for staff. The Executive Leadership Team's Terms of Reference has also been updated to ensure a consistent approach to intergovernmental relations and includes key accountabilities for the CRD's senior executives.

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Establishment of an Accessibility Advisory Committee

In September 2022, new regulations of the Province of British Columbia came into force which require local governments to establish, by September 2023, an accessibility committee, an accessibility plan and a tool to receive feedback on accessibility. The CRD Board adopted the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) and directed staff to proceed with recruitment of AAC members in accordance with the requirements of the CRD Appointment of Public Members to External Boards Policy. Public members of the AAC will receive an honorarium of \$110.00 per meeting and reimbursement of any necessary travel expenses. The Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee were also amended to include consideration of matters related to accessibility. Staff were directed to report back on resources required to support the AAC as part of 2024 service planning.

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CAO Quarterly Progress Report No. 1 2023

The Board received the first Quarterly Progress Report in 2023 for information. This report provides a status update of progress on Board and corporate priorities, activities and initiatives, capital project variances, and human resource trends across the organization.

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The Board approved the 2023-2026 Corporate Plan which presents the work the CRD needs to deliver over the next four years, along with the critical regional, sub-regional and local services, to meet the region's most important needs (i.e. Community Needs) and advance the Board's Vision and Priorities. In addition to identifying initiatives that specifically align to Board Priorities, the Corporate Plan includes initiatives that deliver on core service mandates, are necessary to meet regulatory requirements, and help the organization keep pace with population growth and community expectations. While the Board approved the Corporate Plan they also referred a potential updated mission statement to the Governance Committee for future consideration.

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The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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