

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on April 13, 2022 and special budget meetings on March 16, 2022



## **CRD Board Highlights: April 13, 2022 Special Budget Meetings March 16, 2022**

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### **Adoption of the Capital Regional Districts 2022 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4481: 2022 to 2026**

The CRD Board adopted the five year Financial Plan bylaw at a special meeting held March 16, 2022. The bylaw and supporting schedules summarize the CRD Financial Plan for the years 2022 through 2026. The 2022 budget was preliminarily approved by the Board on October 27, 2021. The 2022- 2026 Financial Plan has been prepared in alignment with Board decisions and committee direction. The CRD Board adopted the 2022-2026 Financial Plan bylaw as presented.

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### **Capital Regional Hospital District Bylaw No. 410: Annual Budget 2022**

The CRHD Board adopted the bylaw for the annual budget for 2022 at a special meeting held March 16, 2022. The 2022 budget received provisional approval by the Board on October 27, 2021. The annual budget for 2022 has been prepared in alignment with Board decisions and committee direction. The CRHD Board approved the Annual Budget Bylaw, 2022, as presented.

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### **Regional Foodlands Access Program - Preliminary Business Case**

To achieve goals of the Regional Food and Agriculture Strategy (RFAS), the CRD has worked with the Regional Food and Agriculture Task Force (RFATF) to understand the implications for establishing a food and farmlands trust program. In 2019, staff canvassed municipalities about interest in supporting a foodlands trust in partnership with a non-profit organization and asked them to identify lands that may be available for inclusion in the trust. Three parcels were identified for potential inclusion. Technical

sites assessments and a preliminary business case were completed to understand parcel suitability and capital and operating costs. Completion of the business case fulfills the corporate plan priority for affordable farming land. After consideration of the business case, the Board directed staff to proceed with the next phase of work to establish a regional foodlands access service by identifying the operational requirements, service participants and funding strategy needed to establish a service.

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### **Mount Work Regional Park: Draft Management Plan**

The CRD Board initiated the management planning process for Mount Work Regional Park in June 2020. The draft management plan was developed after receiving input from First Nations, key government agencies, stakeholder groups, user/interest groups and the public. The CRD Board directed staff to share the plan with the public for review and comment. The draft management plan and an online survey will be available through the CRD website to allow the public an easy way to review and provide their input. CRD staff will provide the draft plan to First Nations, government agencies and key stakeholders and will offer an opportunity to meet with them to discuss the draft management plan.

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### **Biosolids Management Planning Update**

The CRD Board received an update on biosolids management planning for information. As a condition of provincial approval of the CRD's short-term plans, the Province requires a final submission of a long-term biosolids management plan by the second quarter of 2024. In 2020, the CRD issued a Request for Expressions of Interest that focused on the use of thermal technologies as a long-term beneficial use option for biosolids produced at the Residuals Treatment Facility. Given the complex operational nature of thermal technologies, the CRD is pursuing pilot studies at existing facilities for biosolids utilization. The CRD obtained detailed proposals and awarded contracts to three vendors to complete pilot study work scheduled for 2022. Information from pilot studies will inform viability of thermal technologies as biosolids management options under the CRD's long-term biosolids planning process.

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### **Residential Curbside Recycling Program Update**

An update report on the curbside recycling program was received by the CRD Board for information. Between mid-November 2021 and February 2022, the curbside recycling program experienced challenges with the daily completion of service due to a variety of weather and pandemic related conditions. The CRD's collection contractor, and Recycle BC's recyclables processing contractor, both made extraordinary efforts to respond to these circumstances by adding additional resources and modifying their operating practices. With the end of inclement weather and easing of pandemic conditions, these efforts have helped to restore residential curbside recycling service to normal levels.

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The Board received the first Quarterly Progress Report in 2022 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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### **CRD's response to COVID-19**

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**The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

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