



CRD Board Highlights: April 14, 2021

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Adoption of Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 4328

The Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) is a vision for the future of the capital region, guiding decisions on regional issues such as transportation, population growth and settlement patterns. Local governments and the CRD developed the 2018 RGS in partnership and it is being amended to update population, housing and employment projections. All affected local governments must accept the RGS before the CRD Board can adopt it as a bylaw. All municipalities have resolved to accept the amended RGS and the Board adopted the bylaw.

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Adoption of the Capital Regional Districts 2021 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 4409: 2021 to 2025

The CRD Board adopted the five year Financial Plan bylaw at a Special meeting held March 24, 2021. The bylaw and supporting schedules summarize the CRD Financial Plan for the years 2021 through 2025. The 2021 budget was preliminarily approved by the Board on October 28, 2020. The 2021-2025 Financial Plan has been prepared in alignment with Board decisions and committee direction. The CRD Board adopted the 2021-2025 Financial Plan bylaw as presented.

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Adoption of the Capital Regional Hospital District Budget Bylaw No. 403: 2021

The CRHD Board adopted the bylaw for the annual budget for 2021 at a Special meeting held March 24, 2021. The 2021 budget received provisional approval by the Board on October 28, 2020. The annual budget for 2021 has been prepared in

alignment with Board decisions and committee direction. The CRHD approved the Annual Budget Bylaw, 2021 as presented.

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Oak Bay Lodge Property - Award of C-001 HAZMAT Abatement and Building Demolition Contract and Approval of Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw

The Oak Bay Lodge property is a high priority project identified in the CRHD's 10 Year Capital Plan and demolition of the existing facility is necessary to realize the future value of the site for the capital region. The Board approved the overall project budget of \$4,266,501, awarding tender C-001 HAZMAT Abatement and Building Demolition for the Oak Bay Lodge Property to QM Environmental, and the Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw No. 178, 2021 to expend the funds to complete the project. The Board also adopted the Capital Bylaw No. 404.

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CAO Quarterly Progress Report No. 1, 2021

The Board received the first Quarterly Progress Report in 2021 for information. As part of staff's commitment to enhanced quarterly reporting to the Board, the Report provides an 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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Additional COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments

As part of BC's Economic Recovery Plan, the Province has made a commitment to assist local governments and their recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. The CRD is receiving a grant of \$1.9 million through the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Governments. The grant was received through two allocations — March 2021 and November 2020 — using two different methodologies for each allocation. The Board approved several recommendations from a report on the additional grant provided to the Capital Regional District (CRD) and directed staff to allocate the \$575,000 CRD COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Government in alignment with the Provincial allocation formulae to Regional Services and Local Area Services. Regional Services allocation will be distributed to the Regional Corporate Emergency Service Budget. The Local Area Services allocation will be apportioned to the respective Electoral Areas where staff will engage Electoral Area Directors to determine allocation to specific services.

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CRD's response to COVID-19

In keeping with directives from the Province of BC, the public is not able to attend CRD Board meetings in-person at this time. However, the public may continue to view meeting materials and webcasts online. Written submissions and applications to address the Board are encouraged, with a modified process for delegations electronically.

In response to Ministerial orders, we are updating our process for public notices and hearings for land use applications. For more information, please contact the JDF Office [here](#). For more information on communicating with the CRD Board or appearing as a phone-in delegation at a Board or Committee meeting, click [here](#).

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For more information on the CRD's response to COVID-19, please visit www.crd.bc.ca/covid.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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