

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on December 13, 2023.



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Capital Region Housing Corporation 2024 Budget

The Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) Board approved the CRHC's 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets. The CRHC is the largest non-profit housing provider on Vancouver Island. It is a wholly owned, non-profit corporation of the Capital Regional District, developing and managing affordable housing for low income families, seniors and persons living with disabilities across the region.

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Regional Transportation Governance – What We Heard and Next Steps

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board received a report on the results of a recent engagement regarding regional transportation governance and what the next steps need to be to advance governance change. The Board directed staff to initiate concept development and analysis work based on level one and level two governance change. The Board also endorsed three guiding principles on transportation governance and directed staff to develop an engagement plan by Q2 2024 with local governments, electoral areas, partner agencies and interested First Nations.

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Hartland Landfill Policy Changes and Adoption of Bylaw Nos. 4497 and 4567

On May 10, 2023, the CRD Board endorsed new policies to come into effect in 2024 to divert materials from Hartland Landfill, in alignment with the Solid Waste Management Plan. Based on market feedback, staff recommend implementing these policies in a two-phase approach. The first phase will come into effect on January 1, 2024 and the second on July 1, 2024. The policy changes at Hartland Landfill in 2024 will include new landfill bans on wood waste (clean, treated and salvageable), carpet and underlay and asphalt shingles; modernization of the Hartland Landfill tipping fee schedule; and

increasing fine rates for various offences. The CRD Board read the associated amendments to the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw and the Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw a first, second and third time and adopted them.

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Code of Conduct - Next Steps

The CRD Board received a report on options to advance the next steps in drafting the CRD Code of Conduct. The CRD Board directed staff to create a draft Code of Conduct bylaw that includes the following elements:

1. Standards of conduct will be applicable to Board Directors, Alternate Directors, and elected members of CRD Committees and Commissions;
2. Allows for complaints to be made by Directors, Alternate Directors, and elected members on CRD Committees and Commissions;
3. Includes a clear process for filing complaints;
4. Allows for complaints to be referred to and adjudicated by a third-party investigator;
5. Has a preliminary screening mechanism, an informal and formal resolution process;
6. Allows for the imposition of remedies and sanctions;
7. Includes guidelines for confidentiality in investigations and provides for the public release of investigative reports;
8. Provides for the discretionary reimbursement of legal expenses.

Once developed, the draft Code of Conduct bylaw will be presented to the CRD Board for consideration.

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Curbside Collection of Packaging and Printed Products – Update

The CRD Board received an update on the new six-year contract for the provision of residential curbside collection of packaging and printed products blue box service beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2029. The January transition to the new curbside blue box collection contractor will be impacted by a labour disruption at a truck assembly facility that will delay delivery of a number of the contractor's new collection trucks. As a result, residents will be advised that glass pickup will not be available for the month of January 2023, with full curbside recycling service resuming in February.

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Mt. Tolmie Hospital Acquisition - Approval of Capital Bylaw No. 420

The Capital Regional Hospital District Board received a report on the acquisition of 3690 Richmond Road (Mt. Tomie Hospital). This acquisition will allow the Hospital District to meet its Board-directed contribution to the Regional Housing First Program and increase its land holding equity base for the development of a future designated health facility. The CRHD Board approved funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the acquisition of Mt. Tolmie Hospital and introduced, read a first, second, and third time

and adopted the capital expenditure bylaw (CRHD Bylaw No. 420) required to complete the purchase.

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The next Board meeting will be held on January 10, 2024

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