

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on February 12, 2025.



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AAP Results & Adoption for Bylaw 4575 - Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2023

On January 15, 2025, elector approval was obtained by an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) for the Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw. The bylaw authorizes the establishment of a new regional service for the purpose of coordinating a regional approach to biodiversity, protection of ecological assets and environmental stewardship, with an annual maximum requisition amount of five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). The bylaw received approval from the Inspector of Municipalities prior to elector approval by AAP. The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board received the Certificate of Results of AAP for Bylaw No. 4575 and adopted the bylaw.

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AAP Results & Adoption for Bylaw 4602 - Foodlands Access Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2024

On January 15, 2025, elector approval was obtained by an AAP for the Foodlands Access Service Establishment Bylaw. The bylaw authorizes the establishment of a new regional service for the purpose of coordinating preservation and access to farmland for agricultural use, and to promote regional food security, with a maximum annual requisition of one-million dollars (\$1,000,000). The bylaw received approval from the Inspector of Municipalities prior to elector approval by AAP. The CRD Board received the Certificate of Results of AAP for Bylaw No. 4602 and adopted the bylaw.

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Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund

The CRD Board received a report summarizing the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF), a 6-billion dollar program intended to support the planning, construction, and upgrading of critical housing infrastructure with the intended goal of increasing the supply of housing and densifying existing communities. To receive funding, applicants must comply with program requirements. For the CRD and member municipalities, this includes the regional district freezing Development Cost Charge (DCC) rate increases from April 4, 2024, until April 4, 2027. The CRD Board directed staff to implement a DCC freeze for CRD services to allow member municipalities to pursue funding opportunities under the CHIF.

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The next Board meeting will be held on March 12, 2025

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