

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on February 14, 2024.



CRD Board Highlights: February 14, 2024

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Long-Term Biosolids Management Planning - Engagement and Consultation Information

At a special meeting on January 31, 2024, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board received a report on the public consultation materials and the public engagement process for the Long-Term Biosolids Management Plan as part of its commitments under the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan. Along with a Technical and Community Advisory Committee and a separate First Nations engagement process, public consultation launched January 11, 2024, with opportunities to learn more and share feedback until March 2024. The CRD Board directed staff to continue the consultation as planned while ensuring the information provided more clearly references the CRD Board's 2011 decision to ban the land application of biosolids within the capital region, more clearly acknowledges concerns about the health and environmental risks of beneficial biosolid uses if not properly managed, and references the economic, environmental and social criteria associated with the various options included in the technical consultant's report available in the consultation materials.

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Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner Replacement at the Victoria General and Royal Jubilee Hospitals – Approval of Capital Bylaw No. 422

The Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) Board approved a \$600,000 Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw which is required for Island Health to proceed with the \$5,877,000 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Replacements at the Victoria General Hospital (VGH) and Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH). The bylaw was read a first, second and third time and adopted.

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Elevator Refurbishment at the Victoria General Hospital – Approval of Capital Bylaw No. 423

The CRHD Board approved a \$616,715 Capital Expenditure and Borrowing Bylaw which is required for Island Health to proceed with the \$2,055,718 Elevator Refurbishment at the Victoria General Hospital (VGH). The bylaw was read a first, second and third time and adopted.

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Regional Growth Strategy Indicators Report

The CRD Board received the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Indicators Report and directed staff to include this report and appendix as part of future Board Strategic Priorities check-ins. The RGS Indicators Report was developed in 2019 to support consistent annual reporting and meet legislative requirements. The report consists of 20 indicators that measure progress towards achieving RGS targets and objectives. This report is based on data available for the 2022 reporting year. In this reporting year, 18 of the 20 indicators were updated with new data. The RGS Indicator Report will be posted on the CRD website and forwarded to municipal councils.

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Boats Management Options in Regional Waters for Local Governments

The unregulated placement of private mooring buoys and the proliferation of long-term moored boats, along with an increase in derelict, abandoned and wrecked boats in many bays and harbours throughout the region, has become problematic for several municipalities. Dealing with derelict, abandoned and wrecked boats requires complex jurisdictional oversight and significant municipal resources. Local governments have limited jurisdiction but can control the presence or absence of private mooring buoys within their metes and bounds and need to consider their next steps. A regionally coordinated approach is needed to avoid moving the problem around the region. The CRD Board directed staff to host a regional workshop regarding boats management options for local governments. It was also decided that Chair Plant would contact appropriate provincial and federal ministers to request their participation as well as their senior staff at the workshops.

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Island View Beach Regional Park Campground – Operating Season Extension Pilot

At the July 12, 2023, CRD Board meeting, staff were directed to pilot an extension of the operating season at the Island View Beach Regional Park campground to the end of the Thanksgiving weekend, October 9, 2023, and report back to the Regional Parks Committee. Staff have completed the pilot and assessed the implications. The CRD Board directed staff to extend the Island View Beach campground operating season to the end of the Thanksgiving weekend in October each year.

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Board Code of Conduct - Draft Bylaw Review

The CRD Board reviewed a draft Board Code of Conduct bylaw. The Board directed staff to modify the bylaw to reference the Board Chair and Chief Administrative Officer

as the parties to whom a Board Member may submit a complaint and finalize the bylaw inclusive of the terms set out in the draft. The final bylaw will be advanced to the March Board meeting for readings and adoption. The Board also directed staff to bring forward a document for Directors to sign to show their acceptance and support for the Code of Conduct following the adoption of the bylaw. Staff were also directed to develop a reporting out mechanism for the Governance Committee to review and to conduct a review after the first year. A separate one-page flowchart of the Board Code of Conduct will be developed for easy reference by the Board.

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AAP Results & Adoption for Bylaw 4552 - Borrowing for Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Service

On February 5, 2024, elector approval was obtained by an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) for the Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Loan Authorization Bylaw. The bylaw authorizes the borrowing of \$85,000,000 to support future housing partnership opportunities and to increase the supply of affordable, inclusive, and adequate housing in the region. The bylaw received approval from the Inspector of Municipalities on September 25, 2023, prior to elector approval. The CRD Board received the Certificate of Results of the AAP and adopted the bylaw. The Board also directed staff to bring a report to Governance Committee outlining options for scaling and/or varying the notification process for CRD Alternate Approval Processes.

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The next Board meeting will be held on March 13, 2024

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