

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on February 8, 2023.



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### **Biosolids Short-term Contingency Beneficial Use Plan**

The CRD requires an additional biosolids short-term contingency alternative that meets the provincial regulatory requirement of beneficial use. The current contingency plan relies on incineration at a cement production facility. When the cement kilns are unavailable the contingency is to create a biosolid growing medium (BGM) for use at Hartland Landfill. Due to unforeseen and extended operational difficulties at the cement facility, the BGM capacity at the landfill was exceeded, resulting in landfilling of significant amounts of biosolids. Landfilling biosolids is not considered to be a beneficial use, so, to meet the provincial requirement, the CRD Board has amended the policy to allow non-agricultural land application of biosolids as an approved short-term contingency alternative. The amended policy will allow the CRD to ship biosolids to an alternative facility on Vancouver Island to beneficially use the biosolids as required by the provincially approved short-term Biosolids Management Plan and to avoid landfilling.

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### **Consideration of a Board Code of Conduct**

With the recent changes to the Local Government Act and the Community Charter, the Province has demonstrated a clear intention to promote greater awareness of the need for responsible conduct by local elected officials. To comply with the new requirements, the Board must resolve whether it wishes to endorse the development of a code of conduct or choose instead to rely on existing tools to govern its conduct, currently set out in policy, bylaw and legislation. The CRD Board endorsed the development of a code of conduct to establish shared expectations of responsible conduct and behaviour of CRD Directors. Staff will report back to the Governance Committee with resources and examples to facilitate the development of the code of conduct.

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## **Capital Regional District Signage Guidelines**

The Capital Regional District Board approved the creation of new corporate signage guidelines as an initiative in 2019 as part of the 2020 service planning process. Implementation of the CRD signage guidelines is underway, most recently at Thetis Lake Regional Park. The CRD received significant opposition to the recent proposal to remove and replace the entry sign at Thetis Lake Regional Park and staff were asked to put this work on hold until the corporate sign guidelines could be brought forward to the Board. The Board directed staff to proceed with implementing the CRD signage guidelines, with the exception of the Regional Parks entry signs (portal signs), which are to be brought to the Regional Parks Committee for further consideration.

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## **AAP Results & Adoption for Bylaw 4522 - Regional Goose Management Service Establishment**

On January 23, 2023, elector approval was obtained by an Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 4522, “Canada Goose Management Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2022”. The bylaw establishes a new regional service for the purpose of Canada Goose management and coordination within the CRD. The CRD Board received the Certificate of Results of Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 4522 and adopted the Bylaw.

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## **AAP Results & Adoption for Bylaw 4515 - Solid Waste Disposal Loan Authorization**

On January 23, 2023, elector approval was obtained by an Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 4515, “Solid Waste Disposal Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2022”. The purpose of the bylaw is to borrow up to \$36,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, designing and constructing solid waste facilities and site improvements at the Hartland Landfill site, construction of remote transfer stations and all related ancillary works and equipment. The debt servicing costs will be recovered through the tipping fees at Hartland Landfill site over a period of 15 years. The CRD Board received the Certificate of Results of Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 4515 and adopted the Bylaw.

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**The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

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