



CRD Board Highlights: February 9, 2022

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2020 Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The CRD Board received the 2020 Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory report for information. The CRD completed a greenhouse gas emission inventory and report for the 2020 calendar year. Results indicate an approximate 9.8% decrease in regional emissions from 2007 to 2020, and a 5% reduction from 2018, largely associated with the early 2020 COVID-19 pandemic response. The analyses also indicated that on-road transportation and the built environment are the main sources of regional emissions, together accounting for approximately 79% of all emissions in 2020.

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Zero-Emissions Fleet Initiative - Final Study Report

The CRD has completed the Zero-Emissions Fleet Initiative that kick-started the organization's adoption and promotion of zero-emission transportation, both corporately and in the community. The project was funded through federal grant money aligned to promote a pathway to net zero by 2050. The information has been used for several initiatives under the CRD's Climate Action Strategy. The results motivate the continuing effort to transition the corporate fleet to Electric Vehicles through the corporate Green Fleet Policy and fleet procurement procedures. This rate of adoption is expected to accelerate as EV prices continue to decrease and more all-wheel drive and medium- and heavy-duty vehicle options become available. The CRD Board received the Final Study Report for information.

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Costs and Timeline Associated with a Region-Wide Referendum on a Full Regional Performing Arts Facilities Service

The Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee directed staff to provide more details on region wide referendum as a potential method of gaining electoral approval for a new full regional performing arts facilities service. The staff report details costs and additional required staff capacity, as well as a timeline for a potential region-wide referendum aligned to the 2022 general local elections in order to leverage existing voting infrastructure. The CRD Board decided not to proceed with a regional performing arts facilities service at this time, but directed that this matter be referred to the strategic planning session of the new board.

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Regional Parks – Strategic Plan Update

The [Regional Parks Strategic Plan](#) sets the direction for regional parks and trails. It includes a long-term vision and mission as well as short-term strategic priorities and actions. The current Regional Parks Strategic Plan expires in July 2022.

The CRD Board accepted the proposed values, mission statements and priorities in the new Regional Parks Strategic Plan for stakeholder, First Nations and public input and directed that a lens of conservation and protection of biodiversity be applied to these priorities and process. The proposed vision statement was also accepted prior to seeking input: We work cooperatively and respectfully to steward and expand an exceptional system of regional parks and trails that is rich in biodiversity and cultural heritage, resilient to change, connects people to nature and provides healthy outdoor experiences for all.

Staff will now seek stakeholder feedback and provide public engagement opportunities. First Nations in the region are invited to ongoing and meaningful engagement in the Strategic Plan. An updated plan will be presented to the CRD Board for consideration in July 2022.

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CRD Board Policy on Regional Grants-in-Aid

The CRD Board received a report providing an overview and history of the Regional Grants-In-Aid (GIA) Board Policy for information. The CRD has service authority under the Local Government Act to provide funding to regional GIA projects. Historically, the CRD has maintained a no regional GIA policy, except in exceptional circumstances or in a single jurisdiction. The CRD Board directed that the policy of Grants-in-Aid levied only against the taxpayers of an individual municipality be removed, and the option of the Grants-in-Aid for individual electoral areas be retained.

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Bylaw No. 4468, “Capital Regional District Climate Action and Adaptation Service Establishment Bylaw, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2021”

The establishing bylaw for the CRD Climate Action and Adaptation service has a maximum requisition limit that needs to be raised to implement key initiatives within the strategy outlined in the updated regional Climate Action Strategy. The CRD received the consent of 2/3 of the participating area municipalities and electoral areas, as well as approval by the Inspector of Municipalities as required by the Local Government Act.

The CRD Board adopted bylaw No. 4468 which amends the annual requisition of the regional climate action and adaptation service (Bylaw No. 3510).

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CRD's response to COVID-19

In keeping with directives from the Province of BC, there is limited space for the public 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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The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022

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