



CRD Board Highlights: January 13, 2021

CRD Board Highlights provides a brief summary of items from each monthly regional Board meeting. The summary is not inclusive of all agenda items. Please refer to the [CRD website](#) for the full agenda, minutes and webcast.

CAO Quarterly Progress Report No. 4, 2020

The Board received the fourth Quarterly Progress Report in 2020 for information. The report provides an update on Corporate Activities and Initiatives, progress made on the 2019-2022 Board and Corporate Priorities, Corporate Climate Action Initiatives, Capital Project Variances, and Human Resource Trends across the organization.

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Outreach Summary on First Nations Inclusion in CRD Governance

The Board received a report summarizing outreach efforts and feedback received from regional First Nations on the CRD's proposed model for inclusive governance. The Board approved an amendment to the CRD Board Procedures Bylaw No. 4368 and an amendment to the Terms of Reference for all CRD standing committees to allow for First Nation Member participation. This effort to facilitate increased participation of First Nations in CRD governance is an important and measurable step towards the Board priority of First Nations Reconciliation and in working toward strong relationships with First Nations based on trust and mutual respect, partnerships and working together on shared goals.

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Amendment to CRD Board Remuneration and Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy to Include First Nation Members

The Board approved an amendment to the CRD Board Remuneration and Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy to support remuneration and reimbursement of First Nation Members when they participate on CRD standing committees. This allows the CRD to appropriately compensate First Nation Members for their time and expertise as well as acknowledge their important responsibilities as representative government

within their communities. This will play an important role in supporting the first steps towards more inclusive governance.

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Connected Coast Proposal for the Southern Gulf Islands

Connected Coast is a backbone fibre project that will bring high speed internet accessibility to rural and remote communities along the BC coast. The Board approved a letter of support for the Connected Coast project to secure all necessary permits to bring much needed broadband solutions to the Southern Gulf Islands. The Board also resolved to support grant applications for over 25 million dollars in federal and provincial funding to support last mile fibre to the home projects on Mayne, Galiano, Saturna and North Pender Islands. If the applications are successful, a 10% contribution in kind will be provided by the communities to be served by last mile projects, subject to successful service establishment and voter assent, and to mutual agreement to the terms of any required partnership agreements.

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CRD's response to COVID-19

In keeping with directives from the Province of BC, the public is not able 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](#).

To find out if the committee/commission you are interested in has an upcoming meeting, [click here for agendas](#).

For more information on the CRD's response to COVID-19, please visit www.crd.bc.ca/covid.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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