Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on January 8, 2025.



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Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Strategic Plan

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board received the 2024-2027 Salt Spring Island (SSI) Local Community Commission (LCC) Strategic Plan for information. The SSI LCC undertook a strategic planning process to confirm the long-term vision for the services governed by the commission and set priorities to guide future initiatives. The LCC identified five high-level strategic priorities to address over the remainder of their term. The priorities will require ongoing focus throughout the term and progress will be reviewed annually. The LCC's strategic plan aligns with the CRD's 2023-2026 Corporate Plan and CRD services. The LCC's initiatives will set the stage for developing future budget submissions. The Strategic Plan was approved by the LCC in November 2024.

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CAO Quarterly Progress Report No. 4 2024

The Quarterly Progress Report for Q4 in 2024 provides the Board with a quarterly update on Corporate Activities and Initiatives, progress made on the 2023-2026 Board and Corporate Priorities, Capital and Operating Budget Variances, and Human Resources and Corporate Safety statistics up to December 31, 2024.

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Capital Regional District 2024 Audit Planning Discussion

The CRD Board approved the 2024 Audit Plan and related work to be completed by KPMG for the 2024 year-end audit of the CRD's financial statements. KPMG's primary objective of the Financial Statement audit is to present an opinion on the extent to which the CRD's consolidated financial statements are fairly presented, in accordance with the PSAS. The auditors will conduct their audit of the 2024 financial statements

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Bylaw No. 4664: Regional Water Watershed Land Acquisition Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1, 2025

A loan authorization bylaw was prepared to provide financing for a watershed land acquisition which requires the borrowing of \$32.3 million. The CRD Board introduced the Regional Water Watershed Land Acquisition Loan Authorization Bylaw, read it for the first, second, and third time, and directed staff to forward it to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. Participating area approval will be obtained by a regional alternative approval process.

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

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