



## CRD Board Highlights: March 11, 2020

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### **Victoria Plaza Hotel – Debris Disposal**

The Board received a report from staff that provided information on the impacts on Hartland Landfill airspace from the disposal of the Victoria Plaza Hotel fire debris. In May 2019, the Victoria Plaza Hotel erupted in fire, largely destroying the building and the debris from the fire and building demolition totalled some 186 truckloads of material that were sent to Hartland Landfill for disposal as asbestos-containing waste.

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### **Regional Parks - Visitor Use Surveys – 2018 and 2019**

The Board received a report from staff that provided information on the outcomes of the 2018 and 2019 CRD Regional Parks visitor use surveys. The surveys summarize key responses provided by respondents regarding their use of, and experiences in, the 10 regional parks canvassed. The survey results will help guide staff in planning for the future management of the regional parks and identify emerging visitor use trends as well as provide a baseline for subsequent surveys.

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### **Elector Assent Obtained for CRD Bylaw No. 4326 and 4327 (Housing First)**

The Board adopted two bylaw amendments and declared that elector assent has been obtained from all 16 participants in the Regional Housing First Program via municipal consent on behalf and electoral area alternative approval processes for CRD Bylaws No. 4326 and 4327. The intent of the bylaws is to increase the CRD's contribution to the Regional Housing First Program (RHFP) by \$10 million, to meet the original program goal of creating 400 units rented at the provincial income assistance shelter

rate and will bring the total program funding to \$110 million. The CRD will now proceed with the construction of units under the RHFP with funding partner BC Housing and will continue efforts to obtain further funding from the CMHC.

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### **Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 3516 - Amendment**

The Board adopted an amendment to CRD Cross Connection Control Bylaw No. 3516, which was implemented to mitigate the risk of contamination to the Greater Victoria Drinking Water Supply System. Since 2006, the CRD Cross Connection Control Program has carried out facility audits and maintained all the data pertaining to the current backflow devices registered throughout the CRD. The updated BC Building Act required the CRD to align with the new legislation and provided the CRD an opportunity to make general updates to the current bylaw. This amended bylaw continues to be an important tool for water quality protection in alignment with today's BC Building Code and CSA Standards.

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### **Millstream Meadows – District of Highlands Correspondence**

Highlands requested the CRD to consider concerns raised by the Highlands District Community Association about proposed gravel extraction on a parcel of land adjacent to Millstream Meadows. Those concerns relate to mining activities that could impact the regional drinking water aquifer. Comprehensive evaluation of permit applications under the Mines Act are the responsibility of the provincial government (EMPR). The CRD Board Chair will write a letter to the Minister of Mines supporting the District of Highlands in their concerns to ensure activities permitted under the Mines Act do not have an adverse impact on drinking water resources in the District.

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### **First Nations Inclusion on CRD Board Standing Committees**

The Board has directed staff to bring back implications and draft amendments to the CRD Procedures Bylaw No. 3828 to enable the inclusion of First Nations elected representatives on Board Standing Committees, Select and Advisory Committees, Commissions and other appointed bodies of the Board. Provincial legislation limits full First Nations participation at the CRD Board prior to the completion of a treaty process, but there are options for the CRD to move towards greater inclusivity in discussions at the CRD Committee and Commission tables. The reconciliation mandate adopted by the Board requires that we look to include the perspective of First Nations in CRD projects and plans, and having greater inclusion on Committees and Commissions.

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### **Remuneration to Support Increased First Nations Participation**

The Board has directed staff to bring back draft changes to the CRD Board Remuneration and Travel Expense Policy to include First Nations elected representatives as well as a draft First Nations Remuneration Policy that establishes compensation for specific cultural, technical or subject matter expertise on CRD projects and activities. The ability for the CRD to appropriately compensate the Nations

for their time, expertise and advice will provide more opportunities for inclusion and collaboration between the CRD and First Nations while also allowing for an increase in cultural confidence relating to project undertakings as the CRD looks to advance the Board Priority of Reconciliation with First Nations.

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**The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

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