

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on May 8, 2024.



CRD Board Highlights: May 8, 2024

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Transportation Governance Update

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board received a report for information summarizing the engagement activities planned to advance the regional transportation governance initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to create more tools to advance regional connectivity and mobility by establishing a new regional transportation service. To support the development of a service establishment bylaw, targeted engagement is needed to seek input from mayors, councillors, electoral area directors, First Nations, senior local government staff and senior staff from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit.

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Long-Term Biosolids Management Strategy

The CRD is required to submit a long-term biosolids management strategy to the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy by June 18, 2024, as a requirement of the CRD's commitments under the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan. The CRD Board endorsed a portfolio of options in alignment with the Long-Term Biosolids Management Strategy utilizing each option under a prioritization structure.

The CRD Board also directed staff to continue to explore biosolids beneficial use opportunities with those First Nations that express interest both in-region and out-of-region and to address any concerns First Nations may have regarding the beneficial use options. The Long-Term Biosolids Management Strategy and portfolio of options will be referred to the Technical and Community Advisory Committee and it will be posted online from May 13 to June 3 for public and First Nations review and comment. Staff will bring the comments received for the Board's consideration and approval at the June 12, 2024, Board meeting for submission to the Province by June 18, 2024.

2025 Service and Financial Planning Guidelines

The CRD Board received a report that outlines the service and financial planning annual process and approach for 2025 including key budget drivers. Board Priorities, Corporate Plan initiatives, and core service delivery form the foundation of the 2025 to 2029 five-year financial plan. To proactively influence the planning process, the report recommended planning guidelines in the context of observed trends, assumptions and drivers impacting the organization. The guidelines are the policies and assumptions by which the CRD Board and staff determine the most appropriate allocation of resources to deliver the Corporate Plan. The CRD Board approved the financial planning guidelines and directed staff to prepare the draft financial plan review based on the timelines presented.

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Capital Regional District 2023 Annual Report

The CRD Board received the CRD 2023 Annual Report, which provides a profile of CRD services and our progress and accomplishments in advancing Board and Corporate Priorities, together with service delivery results and financial highlights. The report also features key activities of the CRD's other corporate entities, the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC), and the many CRD-appointed Commissions.

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Capital Region Housing Corporation Annual General Meeting

The CRD Board, as the sole shareholder of the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC), approved the CRHC's financial statements and received the 2023 Annual Report as part of the CRHC Annual General Meeting.

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Regional Parks and Trails – 2023 Progress Report

The CRD Board received the 2023 Regional Parks and Trails Progress Report for information, which identifies progress toward the CRD's Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032. In 2023, the CRD progressed on several initiatives and has identified where focused efforts need to be made or increased to achieve targeted actions and outcomes. The overall status for the 2023 year was calculated as 'on track', meaning 75% to 100% of the yearly target of actions were progressed as envisioned within the Strategic Plan's 10-year action plan.

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Solid Waste Management Plan – 2023 Progress Report

The CRD Board received the Solid Waste Management Plan 2023 Progress Report for information. The CRD's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) includes four goals and 15 strategies, and

staff began implementing the SWMP in 2021. It is expected that with the implementation of the new policies, the per capita disposal rate will further decrease, which will make progress towards the SWMP disposal rate target. The CRD's 2023

SWMP Progress Report will be reviewed by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

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Climate Action – 2023 Progress Report

The CRD Board received the 2023 Climate Action Progress Report which outlines actions the CRD has undertaken to advance the Climate Action Strategy, Board priorities, and commitments as a signatory to the BC Climate Action Charter over the past year. Overall, in 2023, the CRD progressed on several climate action initiatives and has identified where focused efforts need to be made or increased to achieve targeted actions and outcomes. The overall status for the 2023 year was calculated as 'on track', meaning 75% to 100% of the yearly targets for actions were progressed as envisioned within the Strategy's five-year action plan. The Board directed staff to report back on options for reducing corporate transportation and building emissions, including the CRHC buildings and advise on options for advancing a corporate and regional adaptation strategy.

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The next Board meeting will be held on June 12, 2024

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