

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on November 13, 2024.



CRD Board Highlights: November 13, 2024

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Capital Regional District 2025 Provisional Financial Plan Approval

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board approved its 2025 Provisional Financial Plan at a special Board meeting on October 30, 2024. The CRD, Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) financial plans combine to form a consolidated budget totalling \$873 million. The Board directed and Board endorsed initiatives were also approved as were recommendations from the Electoral Areas Committee. These initiatives will be incorporated into the final budget, subject to successful service establishment where required. The 2025 Provisional Financial Plan is subject to change prior to final approval by the Board in March 2025 and is now available for public review and comment.

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Capital Regional Hospital District 2025 Provisional Budget Approval

The Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) Board approved its 2025 Provisional Budget at a special Board meeting on October 30, 2024. The primary cost driver for the development of the CRHD Provisional Budget is the 10-year capital plan which captures projects identified by Island Health and incorporates CRHD identified capital initiatives. The 2025 CRHD Provisional Budget is subject to change prior to final approval by the CRHD Board in March 2025.

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Election of Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs

The Capital Regional District (CRD), Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) Boards held their annual elections for Chair and Vice-Chair at the inaugural meetings on November 13, 2024. Director Cliff McNeil-Smith has been elected as the CRD Board Chair, and Director Marie-Térèse Little has been elected as the CRD Board Vice-Chair. Director Kevin Murdoch has been

acclaimed as the CRHD Board Chair, and Director Scott Goodmanson has been elected as the CRHD Board Acting Chair. Director Zac de Vries has been acclaimed as the CRHC Board Chair, and Director Jeremy Caradonna has been acclaimed as the CRHC Board Vice-Chair.

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Water Safety Pilot Program at Thetis Lake and Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Parks - Summer 2024 Update

In the summer of 2024, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board directed staff to implement a pilot program to provide personal floatation devices and life rings at Thetis Lake (Main Beach) and Elk Lake (Hamsterly Beach) and report back after one season of implementation. PFDs and life rings were installed at the two popular beaches for a period of 11 weeks, from July 12 to September 30, 2024. Staff have completed the pilot program and assessed the implications and impacts. The CRD Board directed staff to continue the Water Safety Program at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park and Thetis Lake Regional Park for the foreseeable future.

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AAP Requirements for Bylaw No. 4602 - Foodlands Access Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2024

The CRD Board previously approved obtaining participating area approval by regional alternative approval process (AAP) for the Foodlands Access Service Establishment Bylaw to establish a new regional service for the purpose of coordinating preservation and access to farmland for agricultural use, and to promote regional food security. With an AAP, the Board may proceed with adopting the bylaw unless more than 10% of electors submit a response form to the CRD indicating that they are opposed to the establishment of the new service. The total number of registered electors within the Foodlands Access service area is 331,937 and 10% of that number is 33,194 electors. The CRD Board has approved the synopsis of Bylaw 4602, the Notice of Alternative Approval Process, and the Elector Response Form. The Board also confirmed that electoral response under this process must be submitted by qualified electors within the CRD by January 15, 2025. The current Canada Post service disruption is impacting the delivery of mail to the CRD. Alternatives to mailing the form include dropping it off at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, or scanning a legible, signed copy that can be emailed to legserv@crd.bc.ca.

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AAP Requirements for Bylaw No. 4575 – Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2023

The CRD Board previously approved obtaining participating area approval by regional alternative approval process (AAP) for Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw to establish a new regional service for the purpose of coordinating a regional approach to biodiversity, protection of ecological assets and environmental stewardship. With an AAP, the Board may proceed with adopting the bylaw unless more than 10% of electors submit a response form to the CRD indicating that they are opposed to the establishment of the new service. The total number of registered electors within the Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship service area

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