



CRD Board Highlights: October 13, 2021

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Regional Trails Widening and Lighting Project

Public engagement on the Regional Trails Widening and Lighting Project was conducted in spring 2021. Results indicate strong support for the separated use pathway design and lighting concept, as well as for the proposed implementation sequence. Municipal and provincial partners are also in support of advancing the project by identifying project synergies, collaborating on design and pursuing funding. The CRD Board has directed staff to actively develop partnerships and pursue grant funding opportunities, including submission to the federal Active Transportation Fund, to support implementation of the separated use pathway design with lighting.

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Updated Capital Regional District Climate Action Strategy

The CRD Climate Action Strategy provides a renewed vision, goals and plan to guide the organization's climate action activities for the next five years. Developed in consultation with municipal partners, the Strategy includes an implementation plan for where and how the CRD will influence, lead or support our region in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate impacts through various services. The CRD Board approved the Regional Climate Action Strategy and directed staff to forward the report to municipal councils and the Electoral Areas Committee for information. Implementation of the Strategy will require participant approval of a budget increase in the climate action service, to be brought forward in an amendment to the service establishing bylaw later this fall.

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Capital Region Energy Retrofit Business Case

Building off of lessons from previous programs, the CRD completed a CRD Residential

Energy Retrofit Program Business Case that provides costs and a design framework that will provide the capital region a pathway to achieving our emission reduction goals associated with the residential built environment. The CRD Board received the Capital Region Energy Retrofit Business Case for information and implementation will be considered as part of the Climate Action 2022 service planning process.

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Core Area Wastewater Treatment Final Closeout Report

Construction across all of the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project components are now substantially complete. The total forecast cost to final completion is \$768.7 million, reducing the Program Reserve to \$6.3 million to remain within the \$775 million budget. Cumulatively, the CRD has received \$358.8 million of the estimated total of \$462.3 million in eligible grant revenue. The remaining (up to) \$103.5 million is expected to be received by the end of the year. The CRD Board received the Final Closeout Report for information.

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Chief Administrative Officer Quarterly Report

The Board received the third Quarterly Progress Report in 2021 for information. As part of staff's commitment to enhanced quarterly reporting to the Board, the CAO Quarterly Progress Report provides a status update of Progress on Board and Corporate Priorities, Activities and Initiatives, Capital Project Variances, and Human Resource Trends across the organization.

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Outcomes from Board Meeting (September 8, 2021) on Region-Wide Participation in the Arts and Culture Support Service

At the Board meeting on September 8, the CRD Board directed staff to prepare draft amendments to the establishing bylaw to gain full regional participation in the Arts and Culture Support Service, with non-participating electoral areas and municipalities added as Group 2 Participating Areas. Staff were asked to include a report with the removal of the 2-year exit clause and include additional service requisition scenarios that reflect 30% participation for new members and a general increase to the service budget. However, the motion to proceed with a regional alternative approval process as a means to obtain elector approval was defeated.

At the Board meeting on October 13, the CRD Board directed staff to take no further action to draft amendments at this time, including removal of the exit clause, to the establishing bylaw of the Arts and Culture Support Service, Bylaw No. 2884. It was also decided that the CRD Board Chair send a letter to non-participating jurisdictions, outlining the benefits of joining the Arts and Culture Support Service and associated costs, and request non-participating jurisdictions consider joining the existing service voluntarily.

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Outcomes from Board Meeting (September 8, 2021) on a New Regional Performing Arts Facilities Service

At the Board meeting on September 8, the CRD Board defeated a motion to proceed with a regional alternative approval process as a means to obtain elector approval for bylaw No. 4445, establishing a Regional Performing Arts Facilities Service. At the Board meeting on October 13, the CRD Board directed staff to take no further action related to Bylaw No. 4445 at this time. Staff were also directed to report back to the CRD Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee with options regarding moving forward with a full regional service that does not include the Alternative Approval Process, or a sub-regional arts facilities service. The motion to have the CRD Board Chair send a letter to all CRD jurisdictions to encourage non-participating jurisdictions join was postponed until after the CRD Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee review the options above.

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CRD's response to COVID-19

In keeping with directives from the Province of BC, there is limited space for the public 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](#).

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

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