

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on October 9, 2024.



CRD Board Highlights: October 9, 2024

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Safety on multi-use trails

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board reviewed a report proposing an approach to undertake a study on the safety of the CRD's multi-use trails, with a focus on potential risks associated with cyclist speed and the use of e-bikes. Several safety enhancement initiatives are already underway, including widening, lighting and separating trail users on 6 km of the busiest sections of the regional trail system. The CRD Board directed staff to engage a consultant to develop a study to build on previous efforts and provide recommendations to further enhance safety on the CRD's multi-use trails in light of the evolving characteristics of trail users, including the increasing prevalence of motorized personal mobility devices, such as e-bikes. Findings from the safety study will be reported to the Regional Parks Committee through bi-annual Regional Trestle Renewal, Trail Widening and Lighting Project updates.

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Update on Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets

The CRD Board received a report for information on the planned actions to reduce corporate transportation and building emissions for information. The CRD is advancing many key projects to meet its corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions target of 45% reduction from 2007 levels by 2030. Additional opportunities for GHG reductions have been identified that could contribute to meeting the target or accelerate reductions. The expedited renewal of the Climate Action Strategy in 2025 will incorporate these insights, ensuring the renewed Strategy outlines a pathway to achieve the 2030 target and the net-zero emissions goal by 2050. New buildings within the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) portfolio are low carbon and retrofits of existing buildings would require significant investment. The CRHC is progressing on two initiatives to support energy and emissions planning. Results will be provided to the CRHC Board.

New Hartland Policies - Quarterly Update

The CRD Board received a report for information providing an update on the implementation of Phase 1 and 2 of Hartland Landfill policy changes which came into effect in 2024. These changes have diverted 2,878 tonnes of wood and shingles from the Hartland Landfill between January 1 and July 31, 2024. Data from the first month of the implementation of the wood and asphalt shingles bans from general refuse suggest that this new policy will significantly impact diversion rates. Next steps include continued tracking of diversion rates, consultation to determine policy options for keeping general refuse within the region so that it can be managed responsibly, and communication of upcoming policy changes in anticipation of Phase 3.

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Capital Regional District Accessibility Plan

To align with new requirements under the *Accessible British Columbia Act*, local governments must establish an accessibility committee, an accessibility plan, and have a tool to receive feedback on accessibility. With the guidance of its Accessibility Advisory Committee, the CRD has developed its Accessibility Plan, which includes the specific principles of inclusion, adaptability, diversity, collaboration, self-determination, and universal design. The CRD Board reviewed and approved the CRD Accessibility Plan.

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CAO Quarterly Progress Report No. 3 2024

The Quarterly Progress Report for Q3 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 September 30, 2024.

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The next Board meeting will be held on November 13, 2024

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