

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on September 13, 2023.



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### **2022 Capital Regional District Origin Destination Household Travel Survey**

The CRD Board received the results of the 2022 CRD Origin Destination Household Travel Survey for information. The Survey is conducted every five years and provides valuable insight into the travel patterns of the region's residents. The CRD, local governments, the Province and other agency partners will use the results to support transportation and land use decisions, track progress toward regional transportation goals and guide additional research.

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### **Consent on Behalf for Bylaw 4551 - Amendment to Increase Annual Requisition for Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Service**

The CRD Board requires participating area approval to increase the annual requisition for the Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Service. The CRD Board resolved that participating area approval for Bylaw No. 4551, "Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2023" be obtained via two-thirds consent on behalf of municipal and electoral area participating areas. It was also decided that participating area approval in the Electoral Areas for Bylaw No. 4551 be provided by the Electoral Area Directors consenting on behalf, rather than an alternative approval process.

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### **Regional District Wide AAP for Bylaw 4552 - Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3, 2023**

The CRD Board directed staff to obtain approval for Bylaw No. 4552, "Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3, 2023," by conducting an alternative approval process for the entire service area (i.e. CRD). Before the proposed borrowing bylaw can be adopted, the CRD must first amend the service establishment

bylaw to increase the maximum requisition. Participant approval for Bylaw No. 4551, “Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2023” will be obtained with two-thirds consent on behalf of the municipal and electoral area participating areas this fall. The CRD Board amended Bylaw No. 4552 to indicate that participant approval would be obtained by an alternative approval process for the entire service area. The regional AAP is expected to run in early 2024.

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### **Growing Communities Fund Allocation and Project Approvals**

The CRD Board reviewed options to allocate the Growing Communities Fund (GCF) grant to regional infrastructure projects. GCF is a conditional grant with set criteria and reporting standards. Regional Districts are required to allocate funds by the end of 2023. Staff developed and administered an internal grant program to allocate the funds using a multi-criteria decision-making framework. Based on the assessment, the CRD Board have approved a recommendation to fund eight projects including the initial start-up funds for the Regional Trails Widening and Lighting Project and the Village on the Green housing initiative.

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### **Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications Inc. Service Agreement**

The service funding agreement between the CRD and Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications Inc. (CREST) expired on December 31, 2021. CREST, under agreement with the CRD, is delivering an emergency communication service to users within the regional district. Renewal of the service agreement will result in continuance of CRD contributions to CREST, and in turn, the required operations of an emergency communications service on behalf of the CRD. The CRD Board authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a revised Service Agreement and directed staff to amend the Financial Plan to reflect the increased emergency communications service agreement payments for 2022 to 2027. The Board also approved a motion to advocate with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General on the implementation of a call answer levy on cell phone devices, and that the revenue be available to the CRD to fund the CREST service agreement.

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**The next Board meeting will be held on October 11, 2023**

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