



CRD Board Highlights: September 8, 2021

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Millstream Meadows Remediation Project Update

A report providing an update on the Millstream Meadows Remediation Project was received by the CRD Board. After 14 years, the Millstream Meadows property remediation project is nearing completion, at a total cost of approximately \$14.7M. The remedial target of commercial land use under provincial legislation was selected to best reflect the zoning listed in the District of Highlands' Official Community Plan (OCP). Recently, under the local area planning process for the South Highlands, there is a proposal to alter the land use designation for the Millstream Meadows site and surrounding properties under the OCP. The report states that the proposed land use changes do not reflect the agreed-upon remedial target for the site, and will have negative financial implications to the Millstream Meadow site remediation, and will put future divestment of the site at risk.

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Core Area Wastewater Systems Operations Report

The CRD Board received the Core Area Wastewater System Commissioning and Operations Update and Construction Completion Status Report for information. The CRD accepted operational responsibility for the various facilities constructed under the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project between September 2020 and May 2021. The CRD has not yet accepted operational responsibility for the Arbutus Attenuation Tank.

Although the new conveyance and treatment infrastructure constructed under the Wastewater Treatment Project was tested and deemed ready for service commencement as it was handed over to the CRD for operation, the commissioning

period of the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant (MPWWTP) and the system as a whole is anticipated to extend well into the two year performance period for the MPWWTP (ending December 2022). During this time, the commissioning activities at the MPWWTP and conveyance infrastructure facilities are expected to periodically impact plant performance and effluent quality, and some plant and conveyance facility systems, including odour management. Regular compliance reporting under federal and provincial legislation has been carried out in accordance with requirements.

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Reaching Home Update

The CRD Board received a report for information which provided an update on the ongoing implementation of the Reaching Home Program – Canada’s Homelessness Strategy (RHP) and Reaching Home – COVID-19 Emergency Response Program (RHP-COVID). The CRD has established a Community Advisory Board (CAB) and Indigenous CAB to support the Reaching Home Program in order to fulfill its obligations to the Government of Canada. The CAB and Indigenous CAB are providing direction on a call for proposals for new sub-projects which closed September 10, 2021 for the Indigenous Funding Stream and closing on September 17, 2021 for the Designated Funding Stream.

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Outcomes of Board Initiative to Explore Partnerships to Support 100% Participation in the CRD Arts Function

The Arts Commission was directed by the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board to explore partnerships to support 100% participation in the Arts & Culture Support Service. The Board received a report which outlined that although participation has grown from four to nine CRD jurisdictions since the inception of the service, the initiative to explore partnerships and recruit new participants resulted in no new participation.

The CRD Board also received a supplementary report for information which detailed implications of adding non-participating jurisdictions at the Group 2 membership level for the Arts and Culture Support Service through a regional alternative approval process.

The CRD Board has 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 has also been 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 proposed bylaw requires approval of the service participants before it can be adopted. A motion to proceed with a regional alternative approval process as a means to obtain elector approval was defeated. Staff will report back to a future meeting on other possible means of elector approval.

Performing Arts Facilities Service: Establishing bylaw No. 4445 and Service Plan

The Stage One: A Public Conversation about Performing Arts Facilities report showed strong community support for the CRD taking on an expanded role in supporting performing arts facilities with regional impact. The CRD Board reviewed a service plan and establishing bylaw for a new Performing Arts Facilities Service brought forward by staff.

The CRD Board read bylaw No. 4445, establishing a Regional Performing Arts Facilities Service, a first, second and third time and directed staff to canvas participants of the Royal Theatre and McPherson Playhouse services to gauge interest in participation in the regional service to be established by that Bylaw. A motion to proceed with a regional alternative approval process as a means to obtain elector approval was defeated. Staff will report back to a future meeting on other possible means of elector approval.

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CRD's response to COVID-19

In keeping with directives from the Province of BC, the public is not able 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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