

## **MAYOR'S REPORT MONDAY MARCH 20th, 2023**

### **Wed. Mar. 8th, 2023 CRD Board Meeting**

#### **Victoria Airport Authority Presentation**

The CRD Board received a presentation from President and CEO of the Victoria Airport Authority, Geoff Dickson. He provided an update on the ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32558&GUID=3BEA5A42-7AE2-4DC4-9D91-5FAA77D2768F>

#### **5.1 Presentations:**

There were many objections from presenters to a subdivision application within the ALR for lot B Section 110 Sooke District.

#### **Capital Regional District Investment Portfolio Holdings and Annual Performance Update**

The CRD, CRHC, and CRHD Boards received a report providing an update on their investment portfolios for information:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32528&GUID=0DE7D34E-8A55-4513-94DA-F26280D0DC7F>

#### **2022 Solid Waste Stream Results**

The CRD Board received the 2022 Solid Waste Stream Composition Study Results for information. Since 1990, the Capital Regional District has commissioned waste composition studies to assess the composition of waste being landfilled at Hartland Landfill. Staff will use results from the study to inform future waste diversion initiatives:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32479&GUID=CEC70141-4B3C-4C75-B7D6-C154BDB81564>

#### **2023-2026 Board Priorities**

The Board approved the five high-level priorities to address over its four-year term: Transportation, Housing, Climate Action & Environment, First Nations, and Governance:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32575&GUID=69F0525D-FA09-4CEC-944B-77088BE42602>

#### **Check out CFO Nelson Chan's Highlights of the provincial budget:**

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32570&GUID=E81ACAA4-FE25-4F0A-937A-96BE45517A00>

#### **Biosolids Update - March 2023**

The CRD Board received a report providing an update on developing contingency short-term biosolids management options:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=32574&GUID=3A36231A-2B1E-41F5-A324-6CBCF8985F3D>

#### **Thurs. March 9th, 2023 Colwood Meeting with Dr. Eileen Pepler**

Colwood Mayor Doug Kobayashi invited all the Westshore Mayors plus Esquimalt Mayor Barb Desjardins and RCMP Superintendent Preston to a presentation of the work of Dr. Eileen Pepler at the Colwood Municipal Office. Dr. Pepler is an expert in the study of data analytics. She demonstrated her work in how analytical facts can maximize the impact of local government and provincial government funding, not only in health care, but other social needs as well. Mayor Desjardins noted how these studies persuaded the province for a more focused funding of Esquimalt's actual needs.

**Tues. March 14th Meeting with Royal Roads University President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Philip Steenkamp**

Dr. Philip Steenkamp and staff made a visit to our community hall to give me and our CAO an update on the new campus being built in downtown Langford. The building permit has been issued for the five story net zero emission structure. The university will collaborate with UVIC and Camosun to provide a four year undergraduate course not only for Westshore students but for those living outside our region. This will dramatically reduce travel time and GHGs for students residing in our area. The curriculum is planned to be modern and integrate in a socially and environmentally resilient way with local businesses.

**Wed. March 15th, 2023 CRD Special Budget Board Meeting**

A marathon meeting of the CRD Board debated whether or not to double a CRD requisition to municipalities to create a land banking fund to build even more affordable housing. Many municipalities experiencing potential double digit increases in property taxes voiced concern for the property taxpayers. There is potential for other solutions that came forth and ultimately the decision (Bylaw 4357) is at second reading with an amendment passed, supporting removal of the potential 3.6 million dollar increase in the CRD Budget this year. Third reading will take place March 29th. I'd love to provide a direct link, but a technical glitch is preventing that, probably because of the humongous size of the document. Please try the March 15th Agenda Item 4.1. 23-073 here:

[https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/committeedocuments/capitalregionaldistrictboard/20230315/2023-03-15agendapkqrb.pdf?sfvrsn=a88a57ce\\_5](https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/committeedocuments/capitalregionaldistrictboard/20230315/2023-03-15agendapkqrb.pdf?sfvrsn=a88a57ce_5)

Take note that the budget overview presentation by Nelson Chan is excellent and worth looking at. Budget implications for Highlands (before the now potentially defeated 3.6 million) is charted in Appendix J page 14.