

Mayor's Report – November 20, 2023

Wed. Nov. 8th, CRD Board Meeting

Saanich Councillor Colin Plant was re-elected as the CRD Board Chair for the sixth consecutive year. Metchosin Mayor Marie-Térèse Little was acclaimed as the CRD Board Vice-Chair for the first time. She replaces Maja Tait, who stepped down to run in the next federal election as a candidate in the Esquimalt–Saanich–Sooke riding held by Randall Garrison. The consent agenda consisted mostly of housekeeping items and grant applications for the Electoral Areas. You can read the Grants Update here:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=33866&GUID=39EFC62-9048-4241-89C0-851CCEDBB12E>

The CRD Board gave its blessing to continue implementing the organics diversion strategy as outlined in the new Solid Waste Management Plan:

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=33786&GUID=C659982B-B5C7-42B6-BF18-5C3F08874663>

North Saanich applied to amend the Management of Onsite Sewage Systems Establishment Bylaw (2007). They wish to take part in this service to help deal with properties within the Coles Bay Watershed where septic leakage is affecting the shellfish harvest.

This service will require 2/3 approval of the participants and approval from the Inspector of Municipalities. This cost averages out to approximately \$18.14 per property with a septic system. The process won't take effect until 2025.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=33927&GUID=EA783AD1-F3D1-4985-BD73-B3369AD3403C>

A motion to canvas Local Governments in the Foodlands Access Service (staff recommendation) was amended by Director McNeil-Smith from "receiving feedback from local government on the service" to actually preparing the bylaw with options for bylaw approval. This will show a more definitive commitment from local governments to joining the service, but the bylaw could be approved with the alternative approval process.

<https://crd.ca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=33906&GUID=1A617136-B593-4625-9D33-7BBE2B1D492C>

Highlands Firefighter, Lt. Ryan Hobbs, with our flag at the Cenotaph during the Remembrance Day Ceremony

