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Board Initiatives	Resolutions	Summary of Completed Actions
<p>1a Improve regional connectivity and safety across transportation modes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board, Feb. 8, 2023</i> • <i>Board, August 9, 2023</i> • <i>Board, September 13, 2023</i> • <i>Board, December 13, 2023</i> • <i>Board, March 13, 2024</i> • <i>Board, July 10, 2024</i> • <i>Board, October 9, 2024</i> 	<p>The Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) has approved its 2023 priority action areas: distracted driving, speeding and impaired driving. These will be implemented through education and awareness campaigns. TSC provided their annual update to the CRD Transportation Committee on September 12, 2023. The TSC has completed the research for the report on eMobility in the region. Media Release: CRD Traffic Safety Commission Awards Seventh Annual Cst. Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship (October 11, 2023). TSC completed research and delivered a report on micromobility to Transportation Committee and CRD Board in Q1 2024. CRD Traffic Safety Commission launched the multi-modal intersection safety campaign. Media Release: Investments in EV charging ports a bright spark for greener motoring in Greater Victoria (April 22, 2024). The TSC received a presentation of findings related to the evaluation of the PARTY (Prevent Alcohol Risk Related Trauma in Youth) program on September 10, 2024. The program is a one-day injury awareness and prevention program for youth ages 15 and older that has been operating since 1986. Initial results suggest the online program (since the pandemic) has been effective. The TSC will determine whether to extend research into the program to a larger sample at its next meeting. The Traffic Safety Commission delivered its annual program update to the Transportation Committee outlining a range of advocacy program and studies aimed at improving traffic safety. A report on automated speed enforcement will be forthcoming in Q1 2025.</p> <p>A partnership with Saanich Police, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and ICBC was established to deliver road safety campaigns working through sporting associations and clubs. Programing will be delivered through 2025.</p> <p>Engineering contractor retained to prepare design proposal for potential trail on Pender Island from Magic Lake Fire Hall to the island’s school. Completed the 2022 Origin Destination Household Travel Survey and presented results to the CRD Transportation Committee. Media Release: Household Travel Survey Shows Increase In Walking And Cycling (September 13, 2023). Media Release: Salt Spring Island Active Transportation Network Plan focuses on five big moves (August 8, 2023).</p> <p>Advocacy to provincial government on Motor Vehicle Act amendments to allow mobility aids to operate in bike lanes. Due to changes in the types and volumes of trail users, including the increasing presence of motor assisted personal mobility devices, the CRD Board directed staff on July 10, 2024, to advance interim options to enhance safety on multi-use trails. These options include augmenting the signage program on the regional trails that reinforce legal requirements and courtesy protocols (i.e. speeds, passing with courtesy, etc.). As a follow up action, on September 25, 2025 the Regional Parks Committee approved the staff recommendation to engage a consultant to provide comprehensive recommendations to further enhance safety on the CRD’s multi-use trails.</p>



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<p>1b Support investments, expansion and equitable access to active and low carbon transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board, June 14, 2023</i> • <i>Board, September 13, 2023</i> • <i>Board, November 8, 2023</i> • <i>Board, May 8, 2024</i> • <i>Board, July 10, 2024</i> • <i>Board, October 9, 2024</i> 	<p>Regional all-ages and Abilities cycling facility criteria to support consistent planning and reporting on implementation of the regional cycling network was received by the Transportation Committee on March 15, 2023. Increased Saturday transit service on Fulford Harbour to Ganges, including southbound service along Cusheon Lake Road for select trips effective May 6, 2023. Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission Schooner Way Active Transportation project at 30% engineering design completion. Phase 1 of Schooner Way Trail to connect the Magic Lake neighbourhood with the school approved for funding by BC Active Transportation Fund. Design and development has been initiated, and collection of community donation pledges underway. Kimta E&N Connector construction completed. The Ganges Harbourwalk Project is a community project being developed in consultation with interest holders. This project is overseen by the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commissions and the Ganges Harbourwalk Steering Committee. Conceptual designs are currently being developed for consultation with First Nations, Upland owners and the community.</p> <p>CRD Regional Trails Closure Policy information report provided to Transportation Committee and CRD Board. Presented Regional Trails Widening and Lighting Project funding options and directed to accelerate by inclusion of the project in the 2024-2028 Financial Plan and that staff continue to develop partnerships, pursue grant opportunities and report back with options to generate additional funds through non-tax revenue. Selkirk Trestle upgrades and Galloping Goose Regional Trail Widening & Lighting Project design and construction, loan authorization in place Q4 2023. The regional trestles renewal and trails widening and lighting project has been initiate an is ongoing.</p> <p>Juan de Fuca Parks submitted a grant application in to develop an Active Transportation Network Plan to guide future active transportation infrastructure investments. Grant funding for the Juan de Fuca Active Transportation Network Plan was confirmed in March and has now been received. A consultant has been selected and the plan is now expected to be completed by Q2, 2025. Mayne Island Regional Trail Phase 1 Development Project construction completed.</p> <p>The Active Transportation Infrastructure Stream – BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program approved \$500,000 for the Mayne Island Regional Trail Phase 1 Development Project. Construction continues in Q3 2023 on Project Area 1 of the Mayne Island Regional Trail project. The focus over the next few months will be completing trail support structures, culvert extensions, and placement of base and final surface materials. Negotiations to continue into the new year for the remaining Mayne Island Regional Trail statutory right-of-way. The contractor working on the Mayne Island-Regional Trail is currently working on wall 2 of Phase 1, from the ferry to Maple Drive. Working with realty to finalize the alignment of Phase 2. It is anticipated that Phase 2 will proceed shortly with an anticipated completion later in the year.</p> <p>Salt Spring Island Administration preparing contract to retain contractor to complete the Regional Trail Feasibility Study by November 2024. The planned 2024 regional trail maintenance projects have been completed. Projects delivered in Q4 included work on the Galloping Goose Regional Trail at Talcott Road, Seaton Road, and Hospital Way. In addition, a capital project was initiated in Q4 related to the full-depth refurbishment of the Lochside Regional Trail at Weiler Road. This project will continue into Q1 2025.</p> <p>Electric vehicle (EV) charging station installations are planned for high-use parks and two EV chargers were installed in Q4 2024 at Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park – Beaver Beach.</p>



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<p>1c Present options for changes in governance for transportation in the region, including the Electoral Areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board, April 12, 2023</i> • <i>Board, June 14, 2023</i> • <i>Board, November 8, 2023</i> • <i>Board, December 13, 2023</i> • <i>Board, July 10, 2024</i> • <i>Board, September 11, 2024</i> • <i>Board, December 11, 2024</i> 	<p>Initiated the planning required to scope regional transportation governance options with a background report to the Transportation Committee on March 15, 2023. Media Release: CRD to gather input on regional transportation governance (June 14, 2023).</p> <p>Initiated an engagement process with municipal councils, electoral areas and agency partners on regional transportation governance. The transportation workbook was distributed to all stakeholders earlier in the summer. The completed workbooks and feedback have been requested by September 29, 2023.</p> <p>13 municipal councils, three electoral area and two partner agencies provided input to a survey on transportation governance in the region. Two First Nations indicated interest in participating in the initiative. The CRD Board directed staff to initiate concept development and analysis for a service feasibility study and develop an engagement plan. The CRD Board also endorsed three guiding principles on transportation governance. Initiated the feasibility study phase of the transportation governance initiative. Timing change due to delays in procurement of consultant services for the transportation service design and feasibility study.</p> <p>A CRD Transportation Workshop was held with local governments, agency partners and First Nations on May 24, 2024 to seek input on service categories for the establishment of a regional transportation service. The Transportation Committee received a summary report on June 19, 2024. A service feasibility study by KPMG is underway to inform this work. The CRD Board introduced the Regional Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw on September 11, 2024, read it for the first, second, and third time, and directed staff to forward it to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. Participating area approval will be obtained by a regional alternative approval process. Media Release: Capital Regional District Introduces Regional Transportation Service Bylaw (September 12, 2024). The Regional Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 4630 has been advanced to the Inspector of Municipalities for endorsement in preparation for a regional alternative approval process.</p>



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<p>2a Increase supply of affordable, inclusive and adequate housing in the region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board, May 10, 2023</i> • <i>Board, September 13, 2023</i> • <i>Board, October 11, 2023</i> • <i>Board, December 13, 2023</i> • <i>Board, March 13, 2024</i> • <i>Board, May 8, 2024</i> • <i>Board, September 11, 2024</i> 	<p>Opened 58 units of affordable rental housing at 2782 Spencer Road in Langford in November 2022 , in partnership with the Capital Region Housing District (CRHC) through the Community Housing Fund. Opened 72 units of affordable rental housing at 210 Gorge Road in Victoria in February 2023, in partnership with the Cool Aid Society through the Regional Housing First Program (RHFP). Media Release: More than 130 affordable rental homes open in Langford (Feb 17, 2023). Opened 52 units of supportive housing at 2933 and 2949 Albina Street in Saanich in February 2023, in partnership with BC Housing and Our Place Society through Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Round 1. Media Release: Fifty-two new homes with 24/7 services open in Saanich (Feb 10, 2023). Opened 75 units of affordable rental housing at 2170 Charters Road in Sooke in partnership with the M’akola Housing Society through the RHFP. Project completed December 2022. Tenant move-ins began February 2023. Opened 51 units of affordable housing at Prosser Place (7612 East Saanich Road) in Central Saanich, in partnership with the CRHC through the RHFP. Opened 39 units of supportive housing at 1909 Prosser Road in Central Saanich, in partnership with BC Housing and Pacifica Housing through the RHI Round 2. Opened 45 units of supportive housing at 865 Catherine Street (House of Courage) in Victoria in partnership with BC Housing and the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness through the RHI Round 2. Media Release: B.C., Canada opening supportive housing in capital region (Mar. 31, 2023). Development Permit Application to the City of Victoria submitted through Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing process for Village on the Green redevelopment, in partnership with the CRHC though the Regional Housing First Program (RHFP). After completing the District of Saanich’s Advisory Design Panel review, the Campus View redevelopment is proceeding with a public hearing. Carey Lane, an existing 22-unit CRHC townhouse complex, will undergo a full building envelope remediation as well as upgrades to the ventilation, heating, and cooling systems. The project will provide 170 units of housing for Indigenous peoples, people with low-to-moderate incomes and people with disabilities. Media Release: Province Partners with CRD and CRHC to Build 593 New Homes (March 21, 2024). Media Release: Sixty-six affordable homes underway for Songhees Nation members (February 16, 2024). Media Release: Capital Regional District Announces Acquisition to Support Future Affordable Housing (March 1, 2024). CRHC received financial support from the provincial government for four affordable rental projects. This announcement is expected to advance 593 new homes. Two of the projects approved include partnerships with local governments and two of the projects represent redevelopment opportunities for CRHC. 1183 Verdier Avenue, Central Saanich – The CRD has an accepted offer to purchase the property and is working closely with the CRHC and the District of Central Saanich to add 110 homes in Brentwood Bay Village. 3950 Cedar Hill Road, Saanich – The District of Saanich and the CRHC have partnered to redevelop the Nellie McClung library site. This initiative will advance a new mixed-use development that includes a larger library with 200 affordable rental homes. Two additional projects in Greater Victoria are expected to provide approximately 283 total new homes. Both projects are in the preliminary planning stages. Michigan Square, 97 units redevelopment, is now set to reopen in August 2024. Media Release: Indigenous people in Sooke get access to 170 below-market homes (May 7, 2024) Work ongoing to implement the Rural Housing Strategy. A Rural Housing Program framework is being further developed with proposal for program launch in 2025. A Salt Spring Island housing workshop was held May 22, 2024. Media Release: The CRD and CRHC present 2023 Annual Reports (May 9, 2024).</p> <p>On August 10, 2023, a bylaw amendment to increase the annual requisition for the Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Service to \$85 million obtained statutory approval and the CRD may now proceed with obtaining two-thirds consent on behalf of the participating areas and consent from the Electoral Area Directors without further delay. Consent for the accompanying loan authorization bylaw for long-term borrowing will be obtained by Alternative Approval Process for the entire service area. Media Release: CRD to Increase Borrowing Authority for Housing (June 2, 2023). Elector approval for amendment to the Land Assembly, Housing and Land Banking Service bylaw approved at the December Board meeting. CRHC Chair and CAO met with Minister Kahlon, BC Housing Minister, to advise the Ministry of Housing of the CRD Board’s proposal to increase the borrowing authority and request that the province consider providing up to \$170 million in funding to facilitate the development of approximately 2,000 affordable housing units across the region. Media Release: 2023 Greater Victoria Point-in-Time Count results announced (August 3, 2023). Media Release: Regional Alternative Approval Process launched to increase borrowing authority for housing (January 3, 2024). Media Release: CRD adopts bylaw to increase borrowing authority for housing (February 15, 2024). Throughout 2023, CRHC staff advanced the feasibility analysis and preliminary design work for potential development projects in anticipation of the 2023 Community Housing Fund call for proposals.</p>



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<p>3a Maximize solid waste diversion and resource recovery from waste materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board, Mar. 15, 2023</i> • <i>Board, May 10, 2023</i> • <i>Board, August 9, 2023</i> • <i>Board, December 13, 2023</i> • <i>Board, June 12, 2024</i> • <i>Board, October 9, 2024</i> • <i>Board, November 13, 2024</i> 	<p>The CRD Board approved the new Solid Waste Management Plan to reduce how much material is sent to Hartland Landfill and guide how the region’s solid waste is managed in a safe, secure and sustainable way now and in the future. The final plan includes strategies and actions for reducing and managing all streams of solid waste—including recyclables, compostable material and garbage—with an eye to extending the life of Hartland Landfill to 2100 and beyond. Media Release: CRD releases report highlighting what residents and businesses are putting in the garbage (Mar 8, 2023). Presented proposed amendments to the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee Bylaw, a revised tipping fee schedule and new material bans to better encourage diversion. Media Release: Policy changes and material stream diversion initiatives at Hartland Landfill (May 12, 2023). Remain on track to procure processing for source separated materials and submit final amended Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee Bylaw for Board consideration. Submitted final amended Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee Bylaw for final Board consideration. Initiated procurement for processing of source separated materials to be banned from the landfill in 2024, including wood waste, asphalt shingles, carpet and underlay. Media Release: Changes to Residential Curbside Blue Box Recycling Service Effective January 2, 2024 (October 11, 2023) Media Release: 2024 policy changes at Hartland Landfill (December 13, 2023). Launched Phase 1 of the Hartland Landfill Waste Diversion Policies and Landfill Bans including ban on clean wood waste, changes to the tipping fee structure, introduction of the waste stream collector incentive program, increases in fine rates, reductions for early payment of fines and introduction of an education and warning ticket program.</p> <p>Received Board direction to enter into contract with DLs Bins to construct and operate a material diversion transfer station beginning in Q3, 2024. Received Board direction to initiate consultation on policies to regulate the flow of solid waste within the Capital Region. Received Board direction to enter into contract with DLs Bins to construct and operate a material diversion transfer station beginning in Q3, 2024. Received Board direction to initiate consultation on policies to regulate the flow of solid waste within the Capital Region. Media Release: Hartland Landfill Phase Two Changes begin July 2, 2024 (April 11, 2024). Media Release: More Hours, More Convenience at Hartland Landfill (June 3, 2024).</p> <p>Successful launch of phase 2 of the Hartland Landfill Waste Diversion Policies and Landfill Bans including further landfill bans on treated wood waste, asphalt shingles and further changes to the tipping fee structure. The Hartland Material Diversion Transfer Station (MDTS) been constructed and is now in operation under contract with DL Bins. Media Release: Three surveys will explore attitudes and common practices on waste management (July 18, 2024). Continue diverting wood and asphalt shingles to the Hartland Material Diversion Transfer Station (MDTS). Submit an amendment to the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee Bylaw and the CRD Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw for Board consideration.</p>
<p>3b Explore options for a regional approach to biodiversity and the protection of ecological assets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board, October 11, 2023</i> • <i>Board, December 13, 2023</i> • <i>Board, November 13, 2024</i> 	<p>CRD Staff continue with internal discussions to understand the scope and breadth of a regional approach to environmental stewardship with a focus on biodiversity and the protection of ecological assets. CRD Staff are submitting a new establishing bylaw based on internal discussions related to a regional approach to environmental stewardship, with a focus on biodiversity and the protection of ecological assets. Maintain current service level through Climate Action Service Establishing Bylaw for 2024. Media Release: CRD Releases Greenhouse Gas Inventory (October 12, 2023). Media Release: The CRD Invites Families to Explore Biodiversity This Weekend (April 24, 2024).</p> <p>In August 2024, staff started planning for Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No 4575 Regional Coordination of Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship. In November, 2024, the CRD began the regional Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to consider the establishment of a Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Service. Media Release: CRD initiates two regional Alternative Approval Processes (November 21, 2024).</p>



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<p>3c Increase resilience, community and adaptation planning to address climate related risks and disasters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board, October 11, 2023</i> • <i>Board, April 10, 2024</i> • <i>Board, June 12, 2024</i> • <i>Board, October 9, 2024</i> • <i>Board, November 13, 2024</i> 	<p>Launched capital region heat vulnerability mapping project with inter-municipal partners. Received Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions grant to hire a summer intern to support climate adaptation research. Hosted two inter-municipal workshops to collect information and build staff capacity related to climate projections project. Developed Capital Region Extreme Heat Information Portal, and hosted local inter-municipal, inter-agency staff workshop to share information related to forthcoming report and tool. Presented the updated Climate Projections for the Capital Region report and the new Extreme Heat Information Portal to Highlands Council (July 15, 2024).</p> <p>Applied to the Green Municipal Fund’s Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation - Capacity Development Partner Grants to fund a regional initiative to enhance capacity and coordination among local governments and First Nations in the region to plan for and respond to current and projected climate risks.</p> <p>Completed Electoral Area Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans. Adopted new open burning bylaw to prevent human-caused wildfire. Community Wildfire Resiliency webinar series conducted for Electoral Areas. Community Evacuation Guides completed. Media Release: Electoral Area Emergency Programs Share Household Evacuation Guides to Help Residents Prepare (May 9, 2023). Staff secured funding and are offering several Emergency Operations Centre related training. Electoral Area community wildfire exposure maps completed and will be shared with residents. Project is a collaboration between Islands Trust and Protective Services to prioritize wildfire mitigation efforts. Staff continue to socialize the community wildfire exposure and evacuation maps and other preparedness resources to enhance personal and community resiliency planning in the Electoral Areas. With the recent passing of the Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA), CRD will be reviewing the legislation and planning program adjustments necessary to align with the new legislation. Media Release: CRD Electoral Area Wildfire Exposure Maps Show Risk (October 3, 2023). Conducting in-person community speaking engagements to present on wildfire risk, seasonal outlook, FireSmart, evacuations, etc. (Pender Island, Mayne Island, Saturna Island, Galiano Island, Salt Spring upcoming). Applied on NRCAN’s Wildfire Resilient Futures Initiatives grant to establish a region wildfire mitigation workgroup with a 5-year operational horizon. Residential FireSmart 2023 grant final report has been submitted. 2024 application submitted and approved.</p> <p>Climate Adaptation risk assessment grant application successful. Emergency Management Programs actively engaged in the preliminary stages of conducting a risk assessment as outlined in the grant application. Successfully presented four public engagement sessions on emergency management in the Southern Gulf Island Electoral Area (EA) and one in the Salt Spring Island EA. Preparing curriculum for “Fall Storm” public speaking series.</p> <p>Media Release: Park Re-Openings After Wildfire near Sooke Potholes (Old Man Lake Wildfire) (August 15, 2024).</p> <p>Protective Services was successful on an Energy Resource Canada (NRCAN) grant to establish a multi-year, region-wide wildfire mitigation and resilience forum bringing together all levels of government, Indigenous Peoples, public and private sectors, and individuals. Reviewing first draft of the After-Action Report (AAR) for the Old Man Lake Wildfire. AAR conducted to identify opportunities to better prepare for and respond to wildfires within the capital region.</p>



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<p>3d Support energy efficient and low carbon buildings across the region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Board, October 11, 2023</i> • <i>Board, September 11, 2024</i> 	<p>Implemented and promoted Home Energy Navigator program to support retrofits in single family homes. 253 participants between November 8 2022 and February 28, 2023. Support municipalities in advancing new Energy Step Code and new Zero Carbon Step Code policy changes. Participated in Provincial Local Government Retrofit Peer network, Step Code Peer network, and the new Embodied Carbon Peer network and shared learnings with CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Working Group. Salt Spring Island’s rainwater harvesting rebate program was renewed for one year. Implemented and expanded existing rain barrel program for the Southern Gulf Islands. Corporate Green Building Policy and Carbon Price Policy adopted and implementation underway. Released 2022 Regional and Local Government Greenhouse Gas Inventory report. Developed and launched Neighbourhood Navigator pilot targeting fossil fuel heated neighbourhoods. Continued to support staff in several communities to consider Zero Carbon Step Code policy approaches. Launched the Climate Action To Go Kits, including new thermal imaging cameras for borrowing through regional libraries. Media Release: New Thermal Imaging Camera Kits Available at Local Libraries (November 28, 2024).</p> <p>Supported implementation of public Climate Friendly Homes tour. Initiated industry consultation on energy and emission reporting for large buildings in the region, in conjunction with City of Victoria and the District of Saanich. Completed industry consultation on energy and carbon emissions (ECE) reporting for large buildings in the region, in conjunction with City of Victoria and the District of Saanich, and with participation from Town of Sidney, Township of Esquimalt, and City of Colwood.</p> <p>Promoted Building Benchmark BC participation amongst Part 3 buildings owners/managers through the ECE consultations. Completed home retrofit financing study.</p> <p>Ongoing promotion and expansion of the Home Energy Navigator Program via online ads and community outreach events, and refining of marketing strategies through focus group research. Continued to provide support to local governments on Zero Carbon Step Code implementation.</p> <p>Initiated local government staff working group to support forthcoming innovative policy analysis. Advanced scoping of local government policy analysis project in collaboration with municipal partners. Completed research to refine understanding of regional/local government opportunities related to Energy Carbon Emissions reporting/benchmarking program.</p>



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<p>4a Develop mechanisms to hear more from First Nations’ governments as to how they would like the CRD to approach reconciliation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, October 11, 2023 • Board, December 13, 2023 	<p>The Government-to-Government Relationship Building Initiative will, amongst other goals, invite First Nations to share their priority topics for a CRD Reconciliation Action Plan, and will provide an opportunity for Board Directors to hear directly from local Nations. Cultural perspectives training offered to CRD Board Directors and Alternate Directors. Hosted a gathering for CRD staff to learn from WSÁNEC cultural workers regarding archaeology and heritage conservation. Hosted Forum & produced Summary Report that includes feedback from Nations regarding the structure of the event as well as priority topics for collaboration. Co-hosted with WSÁNEC Leadership Council a relationship building event for Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island Directors and Commissioners. Launched Board coaching program. Held a site visit with T’Sou-ke Nation to discuss protected areas management and collaboration opportunities. Met with multiple First Nations regarding their priorities around water and wastewater servicing. Met with the WSÁNEC Leadership Council to continue negotiating a Solid Waste Partnership Agreement. Hosted a lunch & learn for staff: Xe Smun’ Eem “Our Sacred Children” and the Ongoing Legacy of Residential Schools. Sponsored the South Island Powwow for Truth and Reconciliation Day. Supported the Penelakut Coastal Blood Singers to perform on Salt Spring Island at an event for Truth and Reconciliation Day. Partnered with Orange Shirt Day Victoria to fly their Xe Smun’ Eem “Our Sacred Children” flag for Truth and Reconciliation Day. Drafted an Inclusive Regional Governance Final Report to summarize feedback received from First Nations on the topic of inclusive governance. Submitted the final report to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, to close out the Inclusive Regional Governance Study Grant.</p>
<p>4b Collaborate with First Nations to build and strengthen new processes for respectful, reciprocal government-to-government decision-making and service delivery that uplift Indigenous self-determination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, December 13, 2023 • Board, May 8, 2024 	<p>The upcoming Government-to-Government Relationship Building Initiative is an opportunity for the CRD and First Nations to strengthen our relationship and co-create mechanisms to support respectful, reciprocal, ongoing engagement at both the leadership and operational levels. Invites from Board Chair sent to First Nations to participate. New Regional Parks land acquisition notification process launched.</p> <p>Juan de Fuca Community Parks co-hosted an open-house with Pacheedaht First Nation to gather information and identify concerns related to the replacement of playground equipment in Port Renfrew. On September 13, 2023, CRD Board adopted policy direction to support land reversion to First Nations within the island rail corridor, in accordance with a process that is informed by a reconciliation-based approach. The CRD Board Chair wrote to the Island Corridor Foundation in September to inform its Board of this direction. Staff have participated in two inter-governmental island rail corridor planning sessions, facilitated by the province. Government-to-government leadership-level meetings held with T’Sou-ke, Songhees, Pacheedaht, and Pauquachin First Nations.</p> <p>Government-to-Government relationship building initiative letters of engagement signed with Sc’ianew First Nation and the WSÁNEC Leadership Council. Implemented new staff-level quarterly meeting series with Pacheedaht First Nation. Government-to-government leadership-level meetings held with Songhees, Tsawout and Pacheedaht Nations.</p> <p>Media Release: CRD and the Pacheedaht First Nation sign Memorandum of Understanding (January 30, 2024).</p> <p>Implemented new Regional Parks land acquisition notification process and held meetings with First Nations prior to acquiring the Royal Oak Golf Course. Discussions with Nations ongoing regarding interim management guidelines and future uses of the Royal Oak property.</p> <p>Established a technical team with the T’Sou-ke Nation to discuss protected areas management and operations within T’Sou-ke’s traditional territories. MOU negotiations continue with four First Nations and are anticipated to begin soon with two additional Nations.</p> <p>Quarterly staff-level meetings held with First Nations on the topic of land altering works. The CRD has been coordinating with Songhees and Kosapsum Nations to schedule meetings to discuss their vision for the island rail corridor.</p>



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<p>4c Invite, respect and incorporate Indigenous leadership and traditional knowledge to enhance initiatives and strategies that support other priorities in the plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, June 14, 2023 • Board, July 12, 2023 • Board, December 13, 2023 	<p>Regional Parks engaging with First Nations for input into the Regional Parks Strategic Plan and the Regional Parks Land Acquisition Strategy, as well as ongoing collaboration on management plans. Feedback presented Regional Parks Committee in June for approval recommendation at the July Board meeting. Ongoing collaboration with First Nations on the conservation and protection of heritage sites, across all service delivery. Ongoing meetings with First Nations regarding Regional Parks Land Acquisition Strategy, land acquisitions, and management plans. Developed and shared with staff a Working with Indigenous Elders guidance document, to support respectful relationships where elders are interested to share their knowledge to inform CRD initiatives. First Nations Feedback on the Interim Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032 brought to Regional Parks Committee in June 2023 and approved at the July 2023 Board meeting. Invited First Nation participation on the Technical and Community Advisory Committee for Core Area Liquid Waste Management Planning. Invited First Nation participation on a Technical Working Group to recommend updates to the Saanich Peninsula Liquid Waste Management Plan. Invited input from First Nations regarding the transportation governance initiative. Ongoing engagement with First Nations regarding the conservation and protection of heritage sites. Environmental Protection and Integrated Water Services staff provided keynote presentation to Tsartlip community event about water and wastewater, as invited. Collaborating with T'Sou-ke and Sc'ianew regarding heritage conservation, ecological restoration and management planning for East Sooke Regional Park. Collaborating with the WSÁNEC Leadership Council on management planning for Mount Work Regional Park. Collaborated with Tsawout First Nation on mosquito management at Island View Beach Regional Park. Partnering with T'Sou-ke and the District of Sooke on the Sooke River Knotweed Control Project. Invited input from First Nations in the development of the HWMET'UTSUM Community Park Interim Management Approach on Salt Spring Island. Invited First Nations to participate in the Canada Goose Regional Working Group.</p> <p>Staff participated in Pauquachin marine stewardship day, interacting with 65 community members and building relationships.</p> <p>CRD staff joined with Tsawout Elders, Tsawout First Nation staff and community members to remove almost 1500lbs of invasive plants at TIXEN and share food and stories on the land. Sc'ianew knowledge keeper shared knowledge as part of archaeological and cultural awareness training related to invasive species removal volunteers in regional parks.</p> <p>Facilitating Malahat Nation to take drone footage in the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area that will be used to build a virtual space for elders and community to virtually visit different ecosystems and cultural spaces around the territory. It will also be used as a communication tool with proponents to teach about Malahat culture, tradition, and values around specific ecosystems, plants, or cultural sites.</p> <p>Pacheedaht and CRD are undertaking a study aimed at better understanding, the archaeological historical and cultural history in Port Renfrew.</p> <p>Completion of the Royal Oak Interim Management Guidelines (IMG) and initiation of the Mountain Forest IMG will guide the management of these properties over the next several years, while the CRD engages Nations that include these areas as part of their traditional territories.</p> <p>Regional Parks is working with First Nations to gather input into the Mount Work Management Plan.</p> <p>Request For Proposals posted for an infrastructure feasibility study for Port Renfrew area, with input from Pacheedaht First Nation. The study will include water and sewer servicing requirements related to both existing users and future development.</p> <p>Ecological restoration projects in East Sooke Regional Park are underway in collaboration with First Nations.</p>



First Nations

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<p>4d Support shared prosperity by enhancing economic opportunities, in partnership with First Nations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Board, May 10, 2023</i> 	<p>Partnered with Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, City of Victoria, and the South Island Prosperity Partnership to develop an Indigenous Business Directory for the south island to support enhanced procurement from Indigenous businesses. Media Release: New Business Directory Supports Indigenous Entrepreneurs (June 7, 2023). Released CRD Indigenous Employment Project Reports: Summary Report, Full Findings Report, and Wise Practices Report for Indigenous Employment and Culturally Safe and Supportive Workplaces. Proposed a new HR position for 2024 service planning, to lead the development of an Indigenous Employment Strategy. Funded solid waste bin removal to support a community clean-up for the Pacheedaht First Nation (Q1 - Q2 2023). Provided draft updated water service agreements to T'Sou-ke Nation, Esquimalt Nation, Sc'ianew First Nation and Pauquachin First Nation. Met with Sc'ianew First Nation and Esquimalt Nation to discuss. Provided a draft updated wastewater service agreement to Pauquachin and Tseycum First Nations. Meeting scheduled and confirmed with Esquimalt and Songhees to discuss wastewater projects and capacity in December 2023. Met with a member of Tsartlip First Nation to discuss opportunities for the Water Supply Area to provide wood for carving. Spring Salmon Place Campground Operating Agreement between CRD and T'Sou-ke Nation. Ongoing meetings with Pacheedaht to discuss solid waste management partnership opportunities. Provide firewood to First Nations as available.</p> <p>Met with Pauquachin First Nation and Esquimalt Nation to discuss water and wastewater service agreements. Met with Sc'ianew First Nation to discuss water service agreement. Regional Housing offered support to the Songhees Nation's affordable housing initiative, announced February 2024. Providing mapping support for Esquimalt Nation as requested. Sent a letter to Te'muwx Treaty Association confirming that the Regional Growth Strategy does not prevent water and wastewater servicing to treaty settlement lands. Significant progress made on Water Supply Service Agreements with two First Nations. Expectation is to finalize Agreements in early Q3 and seek approval by Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission and Regional Water Supply Commission.</p> <p>Worked with partners to maintain and update the South Island Indigenous Business Directory. Awarded contracts for cultural workers to monitor land altering works.</p> <p>Engaged First Nation archaeological technicians and representatives to support archaeological work carried out under regulatory permits for a wide range of CRD projects.</p> <p>An updated draft operating agreement with a five year term for the seasonal operation of Spring Salmon Place campground has been sent to T'Sou-ke Nation for review.</p>



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<p>5a Influence regional issues and advocate in a consistent, focused way that aligns with the Board strategic priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, April 12, 2023 • Board, Aug. 9, 2023 	<p>Operationalized. Corporate Advocacy Dashboard updated and included in CAO quarterly report. A complete list of all advocacy correspondence is available on the Board Advocacy webpage. The CRD Board approved an updated CRD Advocacy Strategy on August 9, 2023.</p> <p>Administrative Policy for Intergovernmental Relations information report provided to Board.</p>
<p>5b Strengthen Board decision-making frameworks to include First Nations reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and climate action lenses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, May 10, 2023 • Board, October 25, 2023 • Board, March 13, 2024 • Board, April 10, 2024 • Board, May 8, 2024 	<p>Operationalized. The 2023-2026 CRD Corporate Plan has been developed in alignment with this priority. Additional information has been included in the plan to support the Board’s understanding of how the three lenses impact future initiatives and activities. All staff report templates updated to include decision-making considerations for First Nations reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and climate action lenses. 2024 Service and Financial Planning Guidelines approved by Board. Committees and commissions will consider service plans (Community Need Summaries) for 2024 between September and October 2023. The CRD Board approved the 2024 service plans (Community Need Summaries) and provisional Financial Plans on October 25, 2024 following their deliberation. These documents form the foundation of the CRD budget. Media Release: CRD and CRHD look for public feedback on the 2024 provisional financial plans (October 30, 2023). The Board approved the 2024 to 2028 Financial Plan on March 13, 2024. Media Release: CRD and CRHD 2024 financial plans approved (March 14, 2024). The Human Resources and Corporate Safety Strategic Plan has been completed and received by Board. An addendum to the Corporate Plan has been published highlighting new initiatives which were approved in 2024 but not foreseen in the 2023-2026 Corporate Plan. This addendum will be kept up-to-date annually if more initiatives are approved. Developed Guidance documents for the First Nations, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and Climate Action Implications sections of Staff Reports. These Guidance documents were reviewed by the Governance Committee (April 3, 2024) and the Board (April 10, 2024). Ongoing staff training sessions are scheduled related to guidance documents.</p>
<p>5c Develop understanding of, and accountability for, equity, diversity and inclusion across CRD decision-making bodies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, December 13, 2023 • Board, February 14, 2024 • Board, March 13, 2024 • Board, November 13, 2024 	<p>The CRD has established a statement of Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) to guide internal decisions and policies. Staff training and awareness courses ongoing through 2023. Staff have secured a training specialist for the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion initiative. Staff training for applying the EDI lens for staff reports will be prioritized. Accessibility Advisory Committee established and Terms of Reference approved. Staff have defined the scope of deliverables and learning outcomes for the EDI training seminar for CRD Board members. Consultants have been engaged to secure dates for the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) training which will now be offered slightly earlier than anticipated. The Accessibility Advisory Committee’s inaugural meeting was held in October and orientation is underway.</p> <p>Board Code of Conduct Bylaw and Member Statement of Commitment approved at the March 2023 Board meeting. Delivered Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) training seminar (Inclusion Literacy and Board Readiness) for CRD Board members January 31, 2024. Filled staffing vacancy for Manager of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility. Corporate Accessibility Plan reviewed by the Accessibility Advisory Committee on March 19, 2024. Delivered follow-up Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) training session for CRD Board members on May 29, 2024 to build upon the learning from previous training. Delivered online sessions of EDI training (Inclusion Literacy) on May 3 and May 17, 2024 to elected officials who sit on CRD committees and commissions as well as Board alternates and those who were unable to attend previous sessions. Promoted National AccessAbility Week (May 26 - June 1, 2024). Media Release: Accessibility and Infrastructure Improvements in CRD Regional Parks (May 28, 2024).</p> <p>Provided an informational presentation to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the work being done internally by the EDI Steering Committee on July 16, 2024. Finalized the CRD Accessibility Plan content with the Accessibility Advisory Committee on September 17 19, 2024. Presented the CRD Accessibility Plan to the CRD Governance Committee and CRD Board, and made available publicly through the posting on the CRD’s Accessibility webpage, which includes our tool to receive feedback on accessibility.</p>



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<p>5d Foster greater civic participation among diverse community members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, December 13, 2023 • Board, February 14, 2024 • Board, May 8, 2024 • Board, October 30, 2024 	<p>The 2023-2026 CRD Corporate Plan includes initiatives to review and enhance engagement practices, tools and frameworks in alignment with this priority. The CRD engagement platform Get Involved hosts initiatives and campaigns that have public participation components. Presentation at the December 2023 Governance committee on provincial engagement tool. Staff presented an overview of CRD Engagement practices and platforms to the February Governance Committee. The CRD has an existing engagement platform in place and is planning to review and update its public participation framework in 2024, ahead of running a competitive procurement process for online engagement solutions in 2025. Media Release: The CRD invites members of the public to learn more about the 2024 Provisional Financial Plan (January 3, 2024). Media Release: Community consultation begins to determine best use for Biosolids (January 11, 2024). Media Release: Have Your Say! CRD Regional Parks and Trails Resident Survey Seeks Input from Invited Residents (January 23, 2024). Media Release: CRD and CRHD look for public feedback on the 2025 provisional financial plans (November 8, 2024)</p> <p>Project charter for website redesign finalized. Procurement process and internal analysis underway for website redesign project. Scope refinement and contract negotiations underway for work to start early 2024 on the website redesign project. Website Redesign Project contract awarded January 2024. Creative and technical planning underway. Website Redesign Project continues to be underway with the launch scheduled for February 2025. Website development phase underway, including third party integrations and identity provider solution. Website Redesign Project development phase and content migration on target for completion by end of year.</p> <p>The Strategic Communications and Engagement Plan has been approved and received by Board. Website Redesign Project underway. Website user feedback sessions completed and design concepts approved. Confirmed collaborative approach with the Regional District of Nanaimo to review and update public participation framework. Engaged consultant to conduct scan of best practices. The Corporate Communications and Engagement Strategic Plan was presented to the May 2024 Board for information.</p> <p>Resident survey planning, vendor assessment and selection completed. Resident survey completed November 2024. Data being compiled and analyzed. Focus group and interviews being conducted through to mid-December.</p>
<p>5e Explore changes to growth management approaches and identify implementation actions appropriate for local, regional and provincial implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, July 12, 2023 • Board, April 10, 2024 	<p>Hosted the Development and Planning Advisory Committee on January 16 and March 13, 2023. Initiated research and analysis to support CRD Regional Housing and local governments to take action on housing and development challenges. The Planning and Protective Services Committee approved a grant application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Complete Communities Fund for a regional growth and mobility study. Recipient of a UBCM Complete Communities grant to undertake a regional growth and mobility study.</p> <p>The timing for a policy white paper has shifted with newly announced provincial legislation on housing, land use and transit-oriented development. Staff will prepare a Growth and Mobility study to document the cumulative housing, transportation and infrastructure impacts of growth to support informed land-use decision making. Initiated Growth and Mobility Study (including project charter and scope of work for consultants). Staff brought forward a report on timing and implications of the work required to consider an update to the Regional Growth Strategy in 2026 in March 2024. Work continues for the Growth and Mobility Study. One year extension for the grant was received as provincial housing legislation was published later than originally anticipated. Work on policy white paper on housing and development challenges has been integrated into the project design for the Growth & Mobility Study. A Request for Proposal for a Growth and Mobility Study was issued and closed with work anticipated to commence in Q4 2024.</p> <p>Virtual information sessions and public engagement on the Regional Water Supply Development Cost Charge Program to help fund eligible growth-related water projects. Media Release: The CRD invites feedback on proposed Regional Water Supply Development Cost Charge Program (May 29, 2024).</p>