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Cliff McNeil-Smith, Chair
and Directors
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Sent via email: crdchair@crd.bc.ca

Dear Chair McNeil-Smith and Directors:

Re: Acknowledgement of Receipt of the Long-term Biosolids Management Strategy

Thank you for the submission of the Capital Regional District's (CRD) Long-term Biosolids Management Strategy on June 18, 2024. The Long-term Biosolids Management Strategy was a commitment in the CRD's Biosolids Beneficial Use Strategy (May 2019) submitted to fulfill the ministerial condition placed on the November 18, 2016, approval of the CRD's Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) Amendment 11.

CRD's LWMP commits to the beneficial use of biosolids. The ministry defines beneficial use in accordance with the Canadian Council of the Ministers of the Environment *Canada-Wide Approach for the Management of Wastewater Biosolids* (October 11, 2012) and the *Guidance Document for the Beneficial Use of Municipal Biosolids, Municipal Sludge and Treated Septage* (2012). The inclusion of a suite of beneficial use options will place the CRD in a better position to meet its LWMP commitment.

The Long-term Biosolids Management Strategy does not form part of the CRD's approved Liquid Waste Management Plan. Therefore, the CRD must ensure that all beneficial use options outlined in the Long-term Biosolids Management Strategy receive authorization under the *Environmental Management Act*, as required, and that the appropriate mechanism for receiving approval from the electors for any borrowing is pursued.

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Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tamara Davidson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "D".

Tamara Davidson
Minister of Environment and Parks

cc: Luisa Jones, General Manager, Capital Regional District
Valerie Landa, Administrative Secretary, Capital Regional District