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## Capital Regional District

### Meeting Minutes Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force (IMTF)

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Friday, June 2, 2023

9:30 AM

Room 488/MS Teams  
625 Fisgard St.  
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

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Present:

Councillor S. Riddell (Central Saanich), Councillor D. Grove (Colwood), Councillor M. Wagner (Langford), Councillor S. Gray (Metchosin), Councillor S. Duck (Sidney), Councillor T. St-Pierre (Sooke), Councillor M. Gardiner (Victoria), Councillor A. MacKenzie (View Royal)

Electronic Participation: Councillor D. Cavens (Esquimalt), Councillor A. Baird (Highlands), Councillor C. Smart (Oak Bay), Director P. Brent (SGI EA)

Staff: N. Elliott (Manager, CRD Climate Action Programs), M. Rowe (CRD Climate Action Program Assistant; Recorder), M. Greeno (CRD Community Energy Specialist)

Regrets: Mayor P. Jones (North Saanich), Director G. Holman (SSI EA), J. Brownoff (Saanich), Director A. Wickheim (JdF EA)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- N. Elliott provided a Territorial Acknowledgment. A round of introductions were made by Task Force members and CRD staff.

#### 2. CRD Board Priorities 2023-2026 and Corporate Plan Overview

- N. Elliott provided an overview of the climate actions within the [2023-2026 CRD Board Priorities](#) and [2023-2026 CRD Corporate Plan](#).
  - Climate actions generally align with the [2021-2025 CRD Climate Action Strategy](#).

#### 3. Overview of 2022 CRD Climate Action Progress Report

- N. Elliott provided an overview of the [2022 Climate Action Progress Report](#) presented to the Board in May 2023.
  - CRD climate staff have a commitment to report annually on the progress made towards the CRD Climate Action Strategy. Overall, in 2022, the CRD progressed on several climate action initiatives and identified where focused efforts need to be made or increased to achieve targeted actions and outcomes.

#### 4. Update on Key Climate Action Service Projects

- N. Elliott provided background information and updates for the CRD Climate Action

Service, including:

- Heat vulnerability mapping, updating regional climate projections, 2022 regional/local government greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, Home Energy Navigator regional building retrofit program and Charge Your Ride e-mobility campaign.

## 5. Regional Transportation

- Emily Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional & Strategic Planning provided an overview of current transportation roles, regional transportation priorities, and current Board regional transportation governance discussions. Q&A period followed.
  - CRD Regional & Strategic Planning staff will be broadly engaging with municipal councils, Electoral Areas, and transportation agency partners over the summer to seek input on possible changes to transit governance structure. Staff will report back on the level of consensus in the fall and initiate next steps.

## 6. Carbon Budgeting Workshop Update

- N. Elliott presented an update on the upcoming carbon budgeting workshop.
  - Reviewed the tentative agenda informed by previous input from IMTF and the CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Working Group (IMWG).
  - The hybrid workshop will take place on June 26, 2023, from 9 am to 12 pm.
  - CRD Board, local government elected officials and staff are invited to attend.
  - Following the workshop, CRD climate staff will work with the IMTF and IMWG members to review learnings and recommendations, that will inform a report back to the Board.

## 7. Municipal Roundtable – Open Discussion

- Attendees provided brief updates regarding current projects and areas of interest in their respective municipalities and electoral areas. Discussion related to increasing community capacity building and balancing multiple or competing priorities, deconstruction bylaws, urban forest policies, and where to focus public education and engagement efforts.
- S. Gray (Metchosin) encouraged the CRD to pursue opportunities for embedding natural asset management into planning and service delivery.
- T. St-Pierre (Sooke) proposed that the Task Force prepare a recommendation for the CRD Environmental Services Committee to consider increased public climate education efforts as we can't meet climate targets without public buy-in. Request to add to next Task Force meeting agenda for further discussion and vote.
  - Additional discussion related to this topic, included: opportunities for focused public education efforts, utilizing easy-to-understand and consistent metrics, focusing less on public education and more on service delivery, and increasing support to community groups.

## 8. Future Meeting Topics

- Potential topics for future discussion include:
  - Public climate education activities
  - Emergency management
  - Local food/farmlands trust
  - Natural asset management
  - Waste and recycling management

**9. Task Force SharePoint Site**

- Members were asked to contact Megan Rowe, Climate Action Program Assistant at [mrowe@crd.bc.ca](mailto:mrowe@crd.bc.ca) if they had any issues accessing the collaboration site.

**10. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

<b>New Actions</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
To provide a summary of current climate action focused outreach and education activities supported by the CRD.	Staff	Next meeting
Forward Carbon Budgeting Workshop invite to interested colleagues.	All	ASAP
To share the CRD's Green Fleet and Green Building Policies.	Staff	ASAP
To add 'education and outreach' discussion item to next Task Force meeting agenda.	Staff	Next meeting
To provide future meeting topic requests to Manager, Climate Action Programs.	IMTF	Ongoing
Members are encouraged to look at the collaborative site for useful resources. If you need assistance accessing the collaborative site, please contact staff.	IMTF	Ongoing