



September 8, 2020

File: 6630-50

Capital Regional District  
625 Fisgard Street  
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Attention: Glenn Harris, Senior Manager Environmental Protection

Dear Glenn,

**RE: Request for Service: Saanich Peninsula Harbours Initiative**

On August 17, 2020 at closed meeting of Council, the District of North Saanich passed the motion that the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board consider the following resolution:

*That Council endorse the Saanich Peninsula Harbour Initiative in principle and formally request support from the Capital Regional District for the establishment of a Saanich Peninsula (Central Saanich, Sidney, North Saanich, Willis Point) Harbours Initiative.*

A similar request has already been made by the District of Central Saanich is also expected from the Town of Sidney.

Following staff discussions between the Town of Sidney, the District of Central Saanich and the CRD, Council wishes to pursue the establishment of a CRD service similar to the Gorge Waterway Initiative (GWI), for the 2021 budget year. The primary goals of the Saanich Peninsula Harbour Initiative (SPHI) would be similar to the GWI: a forum for the exchange of sharing of information, the promotion of education and awareness programs on appropriate land and water use; to establish and encourage activities that show care and concern for the natural environment. Other stakeholders including First Nations, Coast Guard and Provincial and Federal agencies would be included.

A more formal structure, funding and support would provide clear direction, coordinated effort, defined outcomes and accountability through coordination and logistical assistance from the CRD.

As this matter was discussed by Council at a closed meeting under Section 90(1) (k) of the Community Charter, we ask that the CRD Board of Directors consider this request at a closed meeting.

Sincerely,

  
**Tim Tanton**  
Chief Administrative Officer