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Colin Plant, Chair
and Directors
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Sent via email: crdchair@crd.bc.ca

Dear Chair Plant and Directors:

Thank you for the letters of August 10, 2021, and February 10, 2023, regarding the Capital Regional District (CRD) Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) staff have reviewed the CRD SWMP and advise it is consistent with the ENV Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning. ENV staff also advise that a major SWMP target includes reducing the annual per person municipal solid waste disposal rate to 250 kg after 10 years. This would surpass the 350 kg long-term provincial target and could extend the life of Hartland landfill to 2100 and beyond. Reducing waste requiring disposal will help to ensure waste disposal service continuity while keeping the landfill footprint as small as possible.

I am satisfied that there has been adequate public review and consultation with respect to the development, amendment and final content of the SWMP. I also understand that the CRD has committed to continuing engagement with First Nations and stakeholders, particularly recreational users, and communities around Hartland landfill, during SWMP implementation.

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Pursuant to Section 24(5) of the *Environmental Management Act*, I hereby approve the Capital Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan that was attached to the letter of February 10, 2023, with the following condition:

1. Any disposal of waste at sites or facilities covered by this waste management plan must be in compliance with a valid and subsisting operational certificate issued under section 28(1) or permit issued under section 14, of the *Environmental Management Act*, and no introduction of waste into the environment is authorized at the site or facility except in accordance with a valid and subsisting operational certificate or permit.

As necessary, please submit applications for new and/or amended operational certificates or permits for sites or facilities covered by this waste management plan. Requirements will be specified by the site-specific operational certificate or permit. For clarity, in accordance with the *Environmental Management Act*, a valid form of authorization also includes an approval, order or a regulation.

In closing, I commend the CRD for developing the SWMP with its strong focus on reducing the annual per person municipal solid waste disposal rate.

Sincerely,



George Heyman
Minister

cc: Cassandra Caunce, Director, Regional Operations Branch, Environmental Protection Division, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
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