



Transportation

Residents have access to convenient, green and affordable multi-modal transportation systems that enhance livability.



Board Initiatives	Resolutions	Summary of Completed Actions
<p>1a Improve regional connectivity and safety across transportation modes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board, Feb. 8, 2023 	<p>CRD Board received a progress report on the regional transportation priorities on February 8, 2023. The Transportation Working Group met on February 13, 2023.</p> <p>Regional Trail construction underway on Mayne Island.</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.</p>
<p>1b Support investments, expansion and equitable access to active and low carbon transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Committee, Mar. 15, 2023 	<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.</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.</p> <p>Increased Saturday transit service on Fulford Harbour to Ganges, including southbound service along Cusheon Lake Road for select trips effective May 6, 2023.</p>
<p>1c Present options for changes in governance for transportation in the region, including the Electoral Areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Committee, Mar. 15, 2023 	<p>Initiated the planning required to scope regional transportation governance options with a background report to the Transportation Committee on March 15, 2023.</p>



Housing

Residents have access to affordable housing that enhances livability.



Making a difference...together

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<p>2a Increase supply of affordable, inclusive and adequate housing in the region</p>		<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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Media Release: More than 130 affordable rental homes open in Langford (Feb 17, 2023).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Work ongoing to implement the Rural Housing Strategy.</p>



Climate Action & Environment

Progress on adaptation, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and triple-bottom line solutions that consider social, environmental and economic impacts.



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<p>3a Maximize solid waste diversion and resource recovery from waste materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Environmental Services Committee, Feb. 15, 2023</i> • <i>Board, Mar. 15, 2023</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.</p> <p>Media Release: CRD releases report highlighting what residents and businesses are putting in the garbage (Mar 8, 2023).</p>
<p>3b Explore options for a regional approach to biodiversity and the protection of ecological assets</p>		<p>CRD Staff have initiated 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.</p>
<p>3c Increase resilience, community and adaptation planning to address climate related risks and disasters</p>		<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.</p> <p>Completed Electoral Area Community Wildfire Resiliency Plans. Adopted new open burning bylaw to prevent human-caused wildfire.</p>
<p>3d Support energy efficient and low carbon buildings across the region</p>		<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.</p> <p>Support municipalities in advancing new Energy Step Code and new Zero Carbon Step Code policy changes.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Salt Spring Island’s rainwater harvesting rebate program was renewed for one year.</p> <p>Implemented and expanded existing rain barrel program for the Southern Gulf Islands.</p>



First Nations

Strong relationships with First Nations based on trust and mutual respect, partnerships and working together on shared goals.



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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>		<p>The upcoming Forum of All Councils is an opportunity for First Nations to share perspectives with Board Directors.</p> <p>The upcoming 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.</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>		<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.</p>
<p>4c Invite, respect and incorporate Indigenous leadership and traditional knowledge to enhance initiatives and strategies that support other priorities in the plan</p>		<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.</p> <p>Ongoing collaboration with First Nations on the conservation and protection of heritage sites, across all service delivery.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>4d Support shared prosperity by enhancing economic opportunities, in partnership with First Nations</p>		<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.</p>



Governance

Effective advocacy, coordinated and collaborative governance, and leadership in organizational performance and service delivery.



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<p>5a Influence regional issues and advocate in a consistent, focused way that aligns with the Board strategic priorities</p>		<p>Corporate Advocacy Dashboard updated and included in CAO quarterly report. A complete list of all advocacy correspondence is available on the Board Advocacy webpage.</p>
<p>5b Strengthen Board decision-making frameworks to include First Nations reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and climate action lenses</p>		<p>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.</p>
<p>5c Develop understanding of, and accountability for, equity, diversity and inclusion across CRD decision-making bodies</p>		<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.</p>
<p>5d Foster greater civic participation among diverse community members</p>		<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.</p>
<p>5e Explore changes to growth management approaches and identify implementation actions appropriate for local, regional and provincial implementation</p>		<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.</p>