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## **CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Climate Action Program was established in 2009 to act as a hub, resource and facilitator for municipalities, citizens and organizations in the capital region on energy and climate issues. The Program has five major focus areas:

- provide support to local governments in developing and implementing climate action plans and programs (emissions reductions and climate adaptation) as part of legislative requirements under Bill 27 and voluntary commitments under the BC *Climate Action Charter*.
- increase public awareness of climate change issues and catalyze action through partnerships with public and private sectors, non-governmental organizations and community organizations.
- liaise with senior levels of government on climate change related programs, policies and legislation that impact the capital region.
- provide scientific information, data and indicators related to local and regional greenhouse gas emissions and projected climactic impacts.
- support the CRD in fulfilling its own community climate objectives, including climate-related Board strategic priorities.

CRD staff directly support municipalities/electoral areas by assisting with development of policies, programs and actions, identifying funding sources, researching best practices and establishing projects and initiatives to educate citizens and stakeholders across the region.

Further, the service plays a critical role in disseminating and translating relevant information from the Province of BC for elected officials and local government staff and providing capacity building and professional development.

### **PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE**

The Climate Action Program reports through the CRD Parks and Environment Committee. The CRD Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force acts as an additional reporting and feedback mechanism for elected officials in the capital region. The Task Force will be chaired by the Senior Manager, Environmental Protection Division.

**Membership:** The Task Force shall consist of one elected representative of each municipality as well as three electoral area Directors.

**Meetings:** The Task Force shall meet twice a year at the availability of its members.

**Term:** Task Force Members will sit for a four-year term. Should a municipality wish to change its representative on the Task Force, they can do so at any time by contacting the CRD Climate Action Program.

### **ROLE OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS**

- To provide guidance to CRD staff on emerging climate-related issues and priorities in their community.
- To provide feedback on the CRD Climate Action Program's current initiatives, projects or programs and/or identify priorities for future work planning purposes.
- To address issues of common interest related to greenhouse gas mitigation and climate adaptation.
- To share information on progress and challenges related to achieving corporate or community climate action objectives.
- To share information from Task Force meetings with their respective Councils as required.
- To consider issues referred directly from the Parks and Environment Services Committee.