

Appendix B: Summary of Outreach Efforts and Feedback from Regional First Nations

Pacheedaht First Nation

- December 3, 2020 presentation to Chief and Council from CRD Board Chair and CAO
- First official discussion between CRD and Pacheedaht political representatives
- Pacheedaht expressed an interest in their territory specifically:
 - o Fire protection and emergency response
 - o Juan De Fuca Land Use
 - o Solid Waste and Sewage Treatment
 - o The Electoral Areas Committee
 - o Regional Growth Strategy (Planning and Protective Services)
- Pacheedaht expressed its concern that this would replace consultation, CRD was clear that this is intended to be an additional opportunity for dialogue and to inform decision making and not meant to be a replacement.
- Pacheedaht expressed an interest in the model and finding ways to work with each other's governance systems however will still need more time before committing to participation
- In response to a request from Pacheedaht, CRD shared the committees currently under consideration as well as a graphic of CRD's entire governance system

T'Sou-ke First Nation

- Letters and emails went out to T'Sou-ke Chief and Council and staff in November and December 2020
- Staff were unable to secure a meeting before the holidays
- In the Spring of 2020, the topic was presented to Chief Planes
- Chief Planes said the proposed model was a step in the right direction and was seen as an opportunity to build solid relationships
- The Chief maintained that this still does not go far enough in recognizing T'Sou-ke as the original and ongoing caretakers of the land. Committee participation does not replace recognition of these rights but it is a step in the right direction.
- Chief expressed that he would be reaching out to other Douglas Treaty Nations and further discussions with T'Sou-ke council and community members

Sc'ianew First Nation

- Presentation made to Sc'ianew Leadership via a Mary Hill Working Group meeting November 5, 2020
- Chief Chipps expressed support for the initiative to the Board Chair
- Further information was shared with Sc'ianew legal counsel
- Letter received from Sc'ianew First Nation Legal Counsel that they are interested in furthering discussions but did not offer substantive comments on the proposed model
- Request follow up from the CRD on the initiative as it progresses

Esquimalt First Nation

- Presentation to Chief and Council November 5, 2020
- Appreciation by Esquimalt to receive presentation from Board Chair and CAO as it shows respect
- Interest from Esquimalt Nation in the Hospitals and Housing committee, the Planning and Protective Services Committee and the First Nations Relations Committee
- Email follow up from Esquimalt's administrator indicated their support for the model

Songhees First Nation

- Emails and phone calls to Songhees Liaison and Chief Ron Sam
- Unable to secure a meeting or feedback
- Updates on the governance model were given regularly to Songhees Liaison and an interest was expressed in participating
- Songhees has been vocal in the past about wishing to participate at the CRD Board table

Tsartlip, Tseycum and Tsawout First Nations - through the W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council (WLC)

- W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council (WLC) member Chief Tanya Jimmy attended the October 28, 2020 Board meeting to support the model
- Chief Jimmy's support at the meeting was seen to be enough and a further presentation to the WLC was not seen to be needed at this time
- The WLC issued a letter of support to the CRD on the proposed model
- The letter outlines concerns that the proposed model has limitations in addressing W̱SÁNEĆ rights and cannot be a replacement of the CRD's duty to consult
- The WLC maintains that this initiative does not place First Nations leadership at the appropriate level of decision making however it is a good place to start from.
- The WLC formally passed a motion supporting the CRD's governance work with a commitment to re-assess after two years of participation

Pauquachin First Nation

- Outreach was made to the Pauquachin administrator
- Pauquachin underwent a leadership change in November 2020 and their offices were closed due to Covid-19 concerns, this topic wasn't able to be addressed due to competing priorities
- There has been an interest from Pauquachin in the past through their attendance at Forums of all Councils and further follow up would take place with their Nation on their interest in committee participation