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**OPEN CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022**

**APPENDIX D
CORPORATE CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES**

In the fourth quarter of 2021, staff continued to work with utilities, municipal, provincial and federal staff on policy and programming initiatives, including multiple consultations on the Clean BC Roadmap.

In conjunction with Integrated Energy Systems UVic, the CRD hosted a Zero Emission Vehicle Transportation showcase that was funded primarily through the FCM-funded Zero Emissions Fleet Initiative (ZEFI). This event provided an opportunity for the CRD to report out the results of the ZEFI hydrogen vehicle pilot and for local governments and industry players to connect and learn about existing initiatives and emerging trends in the Zero Emission Vehicle space.

In conjunction with partner local governments, the CRD extended the successful Bring It Home 4 Climate program. This program offers homeowners looking to retrofit their home with virtual support toward decarbonization. In addition, the CRD continued to promote BC's home heating fuel-switching rebate program with municipal partners.

The CRD continued its work on the Cool It! Program, which provides climate action workshops to schools across the region by coordinating a regional contract with BC Sustainable Energy Association on behalf of several municipalities.

Staff continued the regional Coastal Flood and Inundation Mapping project by providing local governments with current updates to the modeling and mapping reports.

The BC Energy Step Code will come into force for all communities in the CRD as of December 2022, and several municipalities that have already adopted the Step Code voluntarily have expressed interest in accelerating their requirements. The CRD worked with those municipalities in the fourth quarter of 2021 to begin organizing the consultations on what acceleration looks like for some and what mandatory adoption looks like for others.

The CRD received a grant from the Federal Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program to install eight CRD Fleet EV Charging stations.

The CRD initiated building energy audits on Fisgard, IWS, Mill Hill, and Rainbow Road buildings. These energy audits will support climate and energy building upgrades.

Finally, staff attended many municipal council meetings and the Electoral Areas Commission meeting to speak to the Board's newly-adopted Climate Action Strategy and the proposed amendment to the Climate Action Service establishment bylaw.