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Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan  
General

The Honourable George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2  
Via email: [ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Heyman:

**RE: SHORT-TERM MANAGEMENT OF CRD BIOSOLIDS**

As Chair of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I would like to congratulate you on your reappointment as the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. We are looking forward to continuing to work with your ministry in the coming years to address the environmental challenges facing our region.

Beneficial use and sustainable management of biosolids generated from the CRD's Residual Treatment Facility remain a priority for the CRD. Ministry staff have been made aware of the challenges faced by the CRD this past year with consistently utilizing the biosolids as an alternative fuel, the primary use outlined in the CRD's [Biosolids Beneficial Use Strategy \(2019 Definitive Plan\)](#). Further to my letters of July 30, 2021 and December 17, 2021 (attached), the CRD Board continues to request that the ministry decision to prohibit landfilling of biosolids in a biocell at Hartland Landfill be reconsidered and that the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation be updated as soon as possible to reflect the current science, best practices and the state of knowledge on emerging contaminants of concern, in order to address concerns related to public health and environmental values.

The CRD Board would like the ministry to provide updated public information showing that land application of biosolids does not pose a risk to public health or the environment.



Once again, on behalf of the CRD Board, I would like to extend our congratulations on your reappointment as the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and we look forward to hearing from you regarding these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Plant', with a stylized, cursive script.

Colin Plant  
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

Attachments

cc: The Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia  
The Honourable Lana Popham, MLA for Saanich South  
The Honourable Murray Rankin, MLA for Oak Bay – Gordon Head  
The Honourable Mitzi Dean, MLA for Esquimalt – Metchosin  
The Honourable Grace Lore, MLA for Victoria – Beacon Hill  
The Honourable Rob Fleming, MLA for Victoria – Swan Lake  
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