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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Capital Regional District Board
held Wednesday, January 14, 2015, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC**

PRESENT: **Directors:** N. Jensen (Chair), D. Howe (Vice Chair), R. Atwell, M. Alto, D. Blackwell, S. Brice, J. Brownoff, V. Derman, B. Desjardins, A. Finall, C. Hamilton, L. Helps, M. Hicks, B. Isitt, C. Jensen (for R. Windsor), P. Lake (for W. McIntyre), C. Plant, S. Price, J. Ranns, D. Screech, L. Seaton, M. Tait, K. Williams and G. Young
Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Finance and Technology; T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; A. Orr, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; S. Hallatt, Manager, Aboriginal Initiatives; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer; N. More, Committee Clerk (Recorder)
Also Present: Alternate Directors C. Day and L. Hundleby

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the agenda and supplementary agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2014

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Williams,
That the minutes of the meetings of December 10, 2014, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

1. Board Chair's Inaugural Speech

Chair Jensen delivered his inaugural address (attached).

2. Appointments

Chair Jensen advised that a listing of the Board standing committees and appointments to other Boards and Commissions had been distributed to all Directors. The list below reflects the distributed information plus updates made during the meeting:

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the Board receive the following appointments and endorse the nominations and appointments put forward, as amended:

2015 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD

Chair: Nils Jensen
Vice Chair: Dave Howe
All Directors

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL BOARD

Chair: Dave Howe
Acting Chair: Nils Jensen
All Directors

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair: Nils Jensen
Vice Chair: Dave Howe
All Directors

**STANDING COMMITTEES
(Appointments are made by the Board Chair)**

CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Nils Jensen
Vice Chair: Susan Brice
Marianne Alto
Richard Atwell
Denise Blackwell
Judy Brownoff
Vic Derman
Barbara Desjardins
Carol Hamilton
Lisa Helps
Ben Isitt
Colin Plant
David Screech
Lanny Seaton
Geoff Young

ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair: Mike Hicks
Vice Chair: Wayne McIntyre
Director: Dave Howe

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair: Judy Brownoff
Vice Chair: Maja Tait
Denise Blackwell
Alice Finall
Carol Hamilton
Wayne McIntyre
John Ranns
Ken Williams
Ryan Windsor
Geoff Young
Nils Jensen, Board Chair (ex-officio)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Dave Howe
Vice Chair: John Ranns
Marianne Alto
Denise Blackwell, Chair, Governance
Susan Brice, Chair, Regional Parks
Judy Brownoff, Chair, Environmental Services
Barbara Desjardins
Alice Finall, Chair, Planning , Transportation & Protective Services
Nils Jensen, Board Chair (ex-officio)

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Denise Blackwell
Vice Chair: Ryan Windsor
Susan Brice
Vic Derman
Barbara Desjardins
Dave Howe
Ben Isitt
Colin Plant
Nils Jensen, Board Chair (ex-officio)

PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair: Alice Finall
Vice Chair: Lisa Helps
Vic Derman
Barbara Desjardins
Carol Hamilton
Dave Howe
John Ranns
David Screech
Lanny Seaton
Maja Tait
Ryan Windsor
Nils Jensen, Board Chair (ex-officio)

REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE

Chair: Susan Brice
Vice Chair: Steve Price
Mike Hicks
Ben Isitt
David Screech
Lanny Seaton
Maja Tait
Ken Williams
Nils Jensen, Board Chair (ex-officio)

SELECT COMMITTEES

(Appointments made by the Board)

TRANSPORTATION SELECT COMMITTEE

Chair: Barbara Desjardins
Vice Chair: Lanny Seaton
Marianne Alto
Judy Brownoff
Vic Derman
Alice Finall
Carol Hamilton
Ben Isitt
Wayne McIntyre
David Screech
Geoff Young
Nils Jensen, Board Chair (ex-officio)

WESTSIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY SELECT COMMITTEE

Co-Chair:	Barbara Desjardins, Esquimalt	Beth Burton-Krahn (Alt)
Co-Chair:	Carol Hamilton, Colwood	Rob Martin (Alt)
	Chief Ron Sams, Songhees Nation	Ken Cossey (Alt)
	David Screech, View Royal	John Rogers (Alt)
	Lanny Seaton, Langford	Winnie Sifert, Matt Sahlstrom (Alt)
	Stew Young, Langford	Winnie Sifert, Matt Sahlstrom (Alt)

EASTSIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY SELECT COMMITTEE

Oak Bay: Nils Jensen
Saanich: Richard Atwell
Susan Brice
Judy Brownoff
Vic Derman
Colin Plant
Victoria: Lisa Helps
Marianne Alto
Ben Isitt
Geoff Young

SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT

Marianne Alto
Maja Tait
Ryan Windsor

OTHER APPOINTMENTS
(Appointments made by Board Chair or Board)

ARTS COMMITTEE

Appointments made by municipal councils. Board Chair to appoint Arts Chair.

Township of Esquimalt: Councillor Meagan Brame (Alt. O. Liberchuk)
District of Highlands: Councillor Karel Roessingh
District of Metchosin: Councillor Kyara Kahakauwila
District of Oak Bay: Councillor Tara Ney
District of Saanich: Councillor Colin Plant
Town of Sidney: Councillor Barbara Fallot
City of Victoria: Councillor Pam Madoff
Town of View Royal: Mayor David Screech - Chair

CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY SERVICES TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CREST)

Shareholders (for a 4 year term 2014–2018):

Juan de Fuca: Mike Hicks
Salt Spring Island: Wayne McIntyre
Southern Gulf Islands: David Howe

CREST Board Members (term to expire May 2015):

Juan de Fuca: Jeri Grant
Salt Spring Island: Elizabeth Zook
Southern Gulf Islands: Rob Reeleder

CAPITAL REGION HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD

Board Chair appointed by Board as shareholder representative. Shareholder representative to appoint CRD

Directors & Alternates for a term January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015:

Directors:	Alternate Directors:
1. Alice Finall	1. Celia Stock
2. Dave Howe	2. Paul LeBlond
3. David Screech	3. John Rogers
4. Colin Plant	4. Dean Murdock (V. Sanders, L. Wergeland, F. Haynes)

Community Representatives:

1. Rick Cooper (January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015)
2. Johnny Carline (term January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016)

Community Member/Tenant Representative:

1. Sharlene Law (January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Board appointment

1. Director Mike Hicks, Juan de Fuca
2. Director Dave Howe, Southern Gulf Islands
3. Director Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring Island
4. Bob Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer
5. Diana Lokken, General Manager Finance & Technology
6. Kevin Lorette, General Manager Planning & Protective Services
7. Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager Parks & Environmental Services
8. Ted Robbins, General Manager Integrated Water Services
9. Travis Whiting, Senior Manager Protective Services

FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Board appointment (4 year term)

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee:

Salt Spring Island: W. McIntyre

Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee:

Southern Gulf Islands: D. Howe

GREATER VICTORIA COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Board appointment

1. Director Wayne McIntyre
2. Alt. Director Kevin Murdoch
3. Alt. Director Vicki Sanders
4. Alt. Director Charlayne Thornton-Joe
5. Alt. Director Jeremy Loveday

GREATER VICTORIA HARBOUR AUTHORITY BOARD

Board appointment – Member Representative

Board Chair nominates Director to CRD Board

1. Member Rep: David Screech
2. Board nominee: Nils Jensen

GREATER VICTORIA LABOUR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

Board appointment

Representative: Geoff Young
Alternate: Ben Isitt

GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK RESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

Board appointment

Representative: David Howe
Alternate: Paul LeBlond

ISLAND CORRIDOR FOUNDATION

Board appoints Member Representative and nominates ICF Board member

Member Rep: Lanny Seaton

Nominee: Ben Isitt (two year appointment April 2014 – 2016)

MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Board appointment (effective at March AGM)

Representative: Susan Brice

Alternate: Geoff Young

Representative: Nils Jensen

Alternate: Dave Howe

REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMISSION

Municipal Council nominations to Board Chair for appointment

District of Central Saanich: Councillor Alicia Cormier

Township of Esquimalt: Councillor Susan Low

District of Highlands: Councillor Karel Roessingh (Alt. Cllr. Baird)

District of Metchosin: Councillor Moralea Milne

District of North Saanich: Councillor Geoff Orr (Alt. Cllr. Gartshore)

District of Oak Bay: Councillor Tara Ney

District of Saanich: Councillor Fred Haynes

Town of Sidney: Councillor Barbara Fallot (Alt. Cllr. Bremner)

District of Sooke: Councillor Brenda Parkinson

City of Victoria: Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe

Town of View Royal: Councillor Ron Mattson

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area: Director Wayne McIntyre

Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area: Director David Howe

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TREATY TABLE

Board appoints one representative, and one alternate

Representative: Maja Tait

Alternate: Marianne Alto

ROYAL AND MCPHERSON THEATRE SOCIETY

Board appointment

1. Oak Bay: Councillor Tara Ney

2. Saanich: Councillor Vicki Sanders

3. Victoria: Councillor Pam Madoff

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Board Chair appointment

1. Representative: Colin Plant

2. Alternate: Ben Isitt

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Board appointment

1. Representative: Mike Hicks

2. Alternate: Wally Vowles

JUAN DE FUCA WATER DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

Municipal Council appointments and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director

City of Colwood:	Councillor Gordie Logan (Alt. Day)
District of Highlands:	Councillor Gord Baird (Alt. Roessingh)
City of Langford:	Councillor Winnie Sifert (Alt. Sahlstrom) Councillor Lillian Szpak (Alt. Wade)
District of Metchosin:	Councillor Bob Gramigna (Alt. Ranns)
District of Sooke:	Councillor Kevin Pearson (Alt. Berger)
Town of View Royal:	Councillor John Rogers (Alt. Mattson)
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area:	Director Mike Hicks (Alt. Vowles)

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION

Municipal Council appointments and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director

City of Colwood:	Councillor Gordie Logan (Alt. Day)
City of Langford:	Councillor Winnie Sifert (Alt. Sahlstrom) Councillor Lillian Szpak (Alt. Wade)
City of Victoria:	Councillor Chris Coleman Councillor Jeremy Loveday Councillor Ben Isitt Councillor Geoff Young
District of Central Saanich:	Councillor Zeb King (Alt. Paltiel)
District of Highlands:	Councillor Gord Baird (Alt. Roessingh)
District of Metchosin:	Councillor Bob Gramigna (Alt. Ranns)
District of North Saanich:	Councillor Geoff Orr (Alt. Thornburgh)
District of Oak Bay:	Councillor Eric Zhelka (Alt. Kirby)
District of Saanich:	Councillor Vic Derman (Alt. Atwell) Councillor Fred Haynes (Alt. Brice) Councillor Dean Murcock (Alt. Plant) Councillor Vicki Sanders (Alt. Brownoff) Councillor Leif Wergeland (Alt. Atwell)
District of Sooke:	Councillor Rick Kasper (Alt. Parkinson)
Town of Sidney:	Councillor Mervyn Lougher-Goodey (Alt. Fallot)
Town of View Royal:	Councillor John Rogers (Alt. Mattson)
Township of Esquimalt:	Councillor Tim Morrison (Alt. Burton-Krahn)
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area:	Director Mike Hicks (Alt. Vowles)

SAANICH PENINSULA WATER COMMISSION

Municipal Council appointments and CRD Directors

District of Central Saanich:	Councillor Zeb King (Alt. Paltiel)
District of North Saanich:	Councillor Jack Thornburgh (Alt. McClintock)
Town of Sidney:	Councillor Peter Wainwright (Alt. Fallot)
Community-at-Large, Central Saanich:	Michael C. Williams
Community-at-Large, North Saanich:	To be confirmed
Community-at-Large, Sidney:	Adrian Rowland
Tsawout First Nations:	Marie Vander Heiden
CRD Directors:	
Central Saanich:	Director Ryan Windsor
North Saanich:	Director Alice Finall
Sidney :	Director Steve Price

SAANICH PENINSULA WASTEWATER COMMISSION

Municipal Council nominations and CRD Directors for Board appointment

District of Central Saanich:	Councillor Zeb King (Alt. Paltiel)
District of North Saanich:	Councillor Jack Thornburgh (Alt. McClintock)
Town of Sidney:	Councillor Peter Wainwright (Alt. Fallot)
Community-at-Large, Central Saanich:	Michael C. Williams
Community-at-Large, North Saanich:	To be confirmed
Community-at-Large, Sidney:	Adrian Rowland
Peninsula Agricultural Commission:	Michael Doehnel
CRD Directors:	
Central Saanich:	Director Ryan Windsor
North Saanich:	Director Alice Finall
Sidney :	Director Steve Price

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- 1) Bryan Gilbert, re agenda items 5.1: spoke about the public engagement process
- 2) Norma Brown, re agenda items 5.1: spoke in favour of the formation of the Eastside and Westside select committees. The delegation provided a written submission, on file at Legislative and Information Services.
- 3) Janet Riddell, re agenda item 5.1: spoke in favour of the motion on best practices.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

5.1 CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – JANUARY 7, 2015

1. Progress Report – Westside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee (EHQ 15-02)

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That the Progress Report – Westside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee be received for information.

CARRIED

2. Seaterra Program and Budget Update No. 17

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That Seaterra Program and Budget Update No. 17 be received for information.

CARRIED

3. Seaterra Program and Budget Update No. 18

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That Seaterra Program and Budget Update No. 18 be received for information.

CARRIED

4. Motion with Notice: Implementing a Process for Investigating Best Practices

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That staff be directed to report back, at the next meeting of the Core Area Liquid Waste Committee, on how a process for a market sounding and other possible measures to investigate emerging technologies and best practices for wastewater technologies, as described in the rationale [attached], might be implemented.

CARRIED
Young **OPPOSED**

5. Motion with Notice: Eastside Select Committee

MOVED by Director Young, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That staff be directed to bring forward to the Board meeting of January 14, 2015, terms of reference for an eastside select committee to mirror the Westside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee.

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

6.1 PUBLIC HEARING REPORT ON BYLAW NO. 3928, "COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN FOR WILLIS POINT, BYLAW NO. 1, 2002, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2, 2014" – VOTING BLOCK B

The voting block as listed in the agenda was corrected from Voting Block A to Voting Block B (Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, Central Saanich, Highlands, Langford, Saanich Mayor).

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the minutes that form the Report of the Public Hearing, which is certified as a fair and accurate summary of the representations that were made at the Public Hearing held on December 8, 2014 for Bylaw No. 3928, "Comprehensive Community Plan for Willis Point, Bylaw No. 1, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2014" be received; and

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That Bylaw No. 3928 be read a third time.

CARRIED

6.2 PARCEL TAX ROLL REVIEW PANEL

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,
That the Capital Regional District Board appoint the following individuals to the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel on matters of parcel taxes for the year 2015 to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 12:00 pm in Room 651 of the Capital Regional District offices, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC:

- Nils Jensen, CRD Board Chair
- Mike Hicks, Director, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
- David Howe, Director, Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area
- Wayne McIntyre, Director, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

CARRIED

Director Atwell left the meeting at 2:49 pm.

6.3 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR REMEDIAL ACTION TO REMOVE HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES AT 2661 FULFORD GANGES ROAD, SALT SPRING ISLAND, BC

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,
That the Board order demolition of the structures and removal of all debris from the property to address the hazardous condition and to bring the property into compliance with the Provincial Building Regulation, the BC Fire Code, Section 5.6 of Division B and Bylaw under Division 2 of Part 21 of the Local Government Act [Capital Regional District Regulation Bylaw No. 5, 2010 (Bylaw 3741)].

CARRIED

6.4 APPOINTMENTS TO THE CAPITAL REGION HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board of Directors authorizes the Chair/Alternate of the CRD Board to act as the shareholder representative to the Capital Region Housing Corporation.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Howe,
That the shareholder representative announces the appointment of four CRD Directors/Alternates to the Capital Region Housing Corporation Board for the term January 1 to December 31, 2015, and a community representative for the term of January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2016, at a special shareholder meeting to be held on January 27, 2015.

CARRIED

6.5 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT (CRD) AND THE CITY OF LANGFORD

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the Animal Control Services Agreement between the CRD and the City of Langford be approved and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Agreement.

CARRIED

6.6 2015 BOARD STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES – TERMS OF REFERENCE

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That the terms of reference for the 2015 Board Standing Committees as attached in Appendix A be received and referred to the respective Standing Committees for review and approval.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the establishment and terms of reference for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That the Board Chair be authorized to establish and appoint a Special Task Force on First Nations Engagement to meet with CRD First Nations to develop options for bringing First Nations into the CRD governance framework and report back to the Chair and Governance Committee within 12 months.

CARRIED

The Chair announced the appointment of Directors Alto, Tait and Windsor to the Task Force, and Director Alto as Chair of the Task Force.

6.7 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT (CRD) AND THE TOWN OF SIDNEY

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Price,
That the Animal Control Services Agreement between the CRD and the Town of Sidney be approved and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the Agreement.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

7.1 BYLAW 3917: HARTLAND LANDFILL TIPPING FEE AND REGULATION BYLAW NO. 6, 2013, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1, 2014

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That Bylaw No. 3917 be adopted.

CARRIED

Item 7.2 and 7.3 were considered in reverse order.

7.3 BYLAW 3958: LAND USE BYLAW FOR THE RURAL RESOURCE LANDS, BYLAW NO. 1, 2009, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 4, 2014 – VOTING BLOCK A

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
That Bylaw No. 3958 be adopted.

CARRIED

7.2 BYLAW 3926: LAND USE BYLAW FOR THE RURAL RESOURCE LANDS, BYLAW NO. 1, 2009, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 3, 2014 – VOTING BLOCK A

MOVED by Director Tait, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks,
That Bylaw No. 3926 be adopted.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS — None

9. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,

That the Board close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district; (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district; and (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the regional district.

CARRIED

The Board moved to closed meeting at 3:05 pm and rose and reported at 4:02 pm.

10. RISE AND REPORT

10.1 APPOINTMENTS TO CRD COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONS

The following persons were appointed to the **Otter Point Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Bud Gibbons, Joanne Hemphill, Kenneth Jones.

The following persons were appointed to the **Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: James Powell, Brian Einarson, Sean Rafferty.

The following persons were appointed to the **Port Renfrew Fire and Emergency Response Service Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Michael Kuzman, Wayne Smith, Rob Wilson.

The following persons were appointed to the **Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Tom James, Garth Hendren, Kees Ruurs, Brian Webster.

The following persons were appointed to the **Traffic Safety Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Judy Dryden, Barb McLintock, Dr. Holly Tuckko, S/Sgt. Jim Anderson, Kim Bruce, Dr. Murray Fyfe, Steve Roberts, Deb Whitten.

The following persons were appointed to the **Capital Region Housing Corporation Board**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Johnny Carline.

The following persons were appointed to the **Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Rod Martens.

The following persons were appointed to the **Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Randy Cunningham, Christine Grimes, Judith Barnett.

The following persons were appointed to the **Southern Gulf Islands Library Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Lyn Greenhill, Sheila Dunnachie, Neil Howard, Ross Tweedale, Nancy Phillips, Patti Locke-Lewkowich, and Pauline Olesen (Alternate).

The following persons were appointed to the **Southern Gulf Islands Economic Development Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: George Harris.

The following persons were appointed to the **Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2015: Michael C. Williams, Adrian Rowland.

The following persons were appointed to the **Saanich Peninsula Agricultural Commission**, for a term to expire December 31, 2016: Michael Doehnel.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Helps, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the meeting be adjourned at 4:02 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER

Attachment: Chair's Inaugural Speech

**CRD Board Chair Nils Jensen
Inaugural Speech
January 14, 2015**

Introduction

- Good afternoon. Welcome everyone to the first Capital Regional District Board meeting of 2015.
- Today marks the start of a new beginning for this Board and for the CRD. It is an honour and a privilege to serve as your Board Chair in what promises to be an exhilarating and challenging year.
- I would like to thank our outgoing Directors: Bryson, Cross, Daly, Fortin, Hill, Leonard, Mendum, Milne and Wergeland.
- There was a lot of hard work done in this room, committee rooms and in the community over the past term and I'm grateful for such a solid foundation to build on.
- I particularly want to recognize the dedicated leadership, during the last term of Board Chair Bryson and Board Vice-Chair Blackwell, on the Board, and for Director Blackwell's work as Chair of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee, succeeding Director Young. Thank you to all three of you for the energy and dedication you brought to your roles during what, at times, were very challenging times associated with high profile, complex issues. Not easy to handle – but you did it with confidence and dignity.
- Welcome to the returning directors, and welcome to the new faces around the table:
 - From North Saanich Director Finall who qualifies in both the new and returning face categories;
 - From Saanich Director Plant;
 - From Sidney Director Price;
 - From View Royal Director Screech;
 - From Sooke Director Tait;
 - From Highlands Director Williams; and
 - From Central Saanich Director Windsor.

Diversity and complexity of CRD

- The CRD is a large, diverse and complex area – we have over 370,000 residents living in 13 municipalities, 3 electoral areas and on many islands.
- The entire region, including ocean, is over 4,860 square kilometres.
- We have 30 Regional Parks, with over 6 million visits annually.
- The CRD provides over 200 services to a diverse variety of community groupings ranging from providing fresh water to the group of 13 municipalities, to arts management provided to a handful of communities, and providing planning services for one Electoral Area with four separate sub-area plans.

- We are grateful to Chief Administrative Officer Bob Lapham and his staff for keeping all those separate and distinct services running efficiently and effectively.
- As one can readily imagine, the accounting needed to apportion costs is incredibly complicated – we are grateful to the efforts of Financial Officer Diana Lokken for keeping the ledgers for such a complex organization.

I want to turn briefly to some of the challenges and opportunities we have before us for the coming year and beyond.

I turn first to Regional Cooperation - a priority identified in our 2012-2014 strategic plan.

- As you have heard me say before- I believe in the CRD. I believe that the CRD is a critical and essential element for our communities - one that is required to deliver many of the services we need, such as our regional water system.
- There are many things we simply cannot do as effectively or efficiently working as individual communities.
- Of course any organization can be better and we know that the CRD can be better, and it falls to each of us individually and collectively to make that happen.
- I believe that the best way we do that is by renewing our commitment to working together in an open and collaborative way.
- Regional Cooperation was set as an over-arching priority of the Board in the 2012-2014 strategic plan.
- This new term will see significant regional priorities that impact us all and call for continued cooperative work.
- We will, as in years past, face challenges in finding common ground between regional needs while balancing local interests.
- I know we are up to this task and that by aiming for the highest level of cooperation we can continue to build public trust and confidence in the CRD.

Turning now to some of the other priorities for the coming terms

Firstly Aboriginal Initiatives

- Regional cooperation extends to our neighbouring First Nations governments
- We continue to build bridges with regional First Nations and to make many in-roads in our own education, knowledge and understanding of local First Nations interests and aspirations.
- One example of how the CRD is doing this is the Westside Wastewater and Resource Recovery Select Committee where First Nations are a key part of the process.

- To promote ongoing collaboration, today I will propose the Board establish a Special Task Force on First Nations to meet with our neighbouring governments in the CRD to explore options for bringing local First Nations into the CRD governance framework. If the Board agrees, I will appoint three directors to carry out this important work.
- The Special Task Force will be expected to report back to the Governance Committee within the next year.
- I look forward to this new opportunity to find common ground with each unique nation and move towards reconciliation, mutual recognition and sharing of infrastructure and services.

Economic Development

- A strong economy means a strong Region.
- The CRD must make economic development a priority. We should look for partnerships to make the region a place where everyone can prosper.
- I will take on the role of working with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, a very key player in the tourism, industrial and economic lifeblood of the region.
- I am very pleased that the wheels of economic development are also in motion elsewhere. Director Helps for instance is organizing a meeting for all mayors with a focus on economic development and bringing businesses and the communities together.
- An exciting possibility indeed.

Climate Change

- It is clear from the many recent dire reports that dealing with Climate Change will be THE challenge of humanity for this generation and many, many generations to come.
- The CRD has to redouble its efforts in this regard.
- Climate action will continue to be a focus for the CRD as we prepare for the impacts of tomorrow.
- Climate change is a complex, multi-year challenge.
- For more than a decade the CRD and its partners have been providing leadership on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate change impacts and I look forward to continuing and increasing these efforts into the new term.

Moving to Committee Structure & Appointments

- Over the past few weeks, I have been in touch with each Director regarding your interest in serving on CRD committees.
- These committees will shape our priorities going forward.
- Committee work is essential to carrying out the many activities we undertake. There are many significant and exciting projects ahead for each committee this term.

- I am grateful for the enthusiasm of the Directors to pitch in and volunteer for these tasks.

Finance Committee

- I have asked Director Howe to Chair the Finance Committee with Director Ranns to be Vice-Chair.
- Building on our priority of economic development, the Finance Committee will make it a priority to achieve maximum value for local taxpayers' dollars and to work smartly with partner municipalities and other service providers.
- Transparency and building public trust and confidence in the work we do is also so important. Along these lines, the committee will focus on improving financial reporting, which includes regular reporting on organizational performance, capital projects, investments and reserves analytics.

Transportation Select Committee

- The Transportation Select Committee will be Chaired by Director Desjardins with Director Seaton as Vice-Chair.
- A critical piece of work that will be undertaken by this committee is examining options and subsequently finalizing recommendations to the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee and Board around transportation governance and operating structure in the region.
- This includes the consolidation of existing transportation functions within the CRD. The outcomes of this review will directly impact the implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Examining options and making subsequent recommendations to improve the working relationship between the CRD Board and the Victoria Transit Commission and BC Transit is also a priority.

Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee

- Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee will be Chaired by Director Finall with Director Helps as Vice-Chair.
- An important piece of the work of this committee will be leading the Regional Sustainability Strategy. Tomorrow a process to seek public input into the draft strategy will begin through an online survey- where we will hear from our residents if we are heading in the right direction and if the proposed targets are too ambitious or not going far enough.
- This feedback will be instrumental in ensuring that our strategy is grounded in community needs.

Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee

- I have the pleasure and opportunity to Chair the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee with Director Brice as Vice-Chair.
- The Committee will navigate the urgent task of identifying solutions for wastewater treatment and resource recovery in a timely way.
- We have been promised \$500 million in grants from the Federal and Provincial government, but time is of the essence.

- I have requested meeting with Federal Minister James Moore, who is responsible for BC. Similarly I have requested a meeting with BC Minister of the Environment, and the Premier. These meeting are intended to clarify how long the money will remain on the table and what the consequences are if we were to pursue new directions.
- In the meantime, we will continue to assess local opportunities as part of a comprehensive regional solution through the Westside Solutions Project (representing the communities of Colwood, Langford, View Royal, Esquimalt and Songhees Nation). And today this Board will consider a motion to mirror the west side approach for the east side communities of Victoria, Saanich and Oak Bay.
- Following my meeting with Federal and Provincial leaders, I will convene a Mayors Summit on Sewage to discuss how we can reconcile our unique interests and collectively take the necessary steps to meet federal and provincial regulations without jeopardizing the grants.
- I am filled with a sense of hope and renewed energy to complete this long outstanding task.

Environmental Services Committee

- The Environmental Services Committee will be chaired by Director Brownoff with Director Tait as Vice-Chair.
- This committee will be key to resolving the issue of kitchen scraps collection and processing in support of the kitchen scraps landfill ban that came in to effect January 1.
- The first task at hand is overseeing the process for the development of a kitchen scraps facility in, or within proximity of the region. Processing proponents selected through the expression of interest process will participate in a collaborative Request for Proposal process over the coming months.
- The committee will shepherd the tendering process and ultimately create the best potential for long term and sustainable local processing.

Regional Parks Committee

- Director Brice will Chair the Regional Parks Committee with Director Price as Vice-Chair.
- An exciting initiative on the horizon this year is the official opening of the Sea to Sea Regional Park Reserve.
- This 3,900 hectare wilderness area in the Sooke Hills offers a range of recreational activities including hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding and will enhance our already enviable Regional Parks service for residents and visitors alike.

Arts Committee

- Director Screech will Chair the Arts Committee.
- The emphasis for the Arts Committee this term is planning for the future. The committee has completed a three year work plan that ended in 2014 and is scheduling a joint Arts Advisory Council and Arts Committee planning meeting for this spring to establish a new work plan and

priorities for the next four years. This is an exciting opportunity for this group to influence priorities on the road ahead.

Electoral Area Services Committee

- The Electoral Area Services Committee will be Chaired by Director Hicks, with Director McIntyre as Vice-Chair.
- The committee will continue to focus on both broad economic activities for the benefit of these areas of our region, as well as local service delivery.
- For the Juan De Fuca area, ongoing discussions with our First Nations partners will be a continued focus.
- In the Southern Gulf Islands, inter-island transportation, an agriculture plan and broadband for the area are the top priorities.
- On Salt Spring Island, improved transportation planning and a major upgrade to the Ganges sewer system are important initiatives.

Governance Committee

- The Governance Committee will be Chaired by Director Blackwell, with Director Windsor as Vice-Chair.
- Bringing First Nations into the CRD governance framework- with recommendations from the Special Task Force on First Nations will be a key area of focus for this committee. There is a wealth of new opportunity here and I'm really looking forward to this important work.

Conclusion

- I am, as I know you are, energized by the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for each committee and for our Board as a whole over the coming term.
- As your Chair, my goal and commitment to you is to ensure our collective focus remains on being innovative, working collaboratively and inclusively and actively engaging and serving this beautiful region we are blessed to call home.
- I know the coming year will bring many successes and I look forward to working with each of you to make a positive difference. Thank you.