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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Capital Regional District Board
Sitting as Committee of the Whole
Held Wednesday, February 13, 2013, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC**

PRESENT: Directors: A. Bryson (Chair), D. Blackwell (Vice Chair), S. Brice (1:03), J. Brownoff, L. Cross, T. Daly, V. Derman, B. Desjardins, C. Hamilton, J. Herbert (for N. Jensen), G. Hill, D. Howe, B. Isitt, R. Kasper (for W. Milne), P. Madoff (for M. Alto), W. McIntyre, J. Ranns, L. Seaton, W. Vowles (1:20, for M. Hicks), L. Wergeland and G. Young

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Environmental Sustainability and Acting General Manager, Parks and Community Services; D. Lokken, General Manager, Corporate Services; T. Robbins, Acting General Manager, Integrated Water Services; M. Misk-Evans, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer, and S. Norton, Deputy Corporate Officer (Recorder)

ABSENT: Directors: D. Fortin, F. Leonard, J. Mendum

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED by Director Hill, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS – None.

3. FORUM OF COUNCILS ON REGIONAL COOPERATION: SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

Using a slide presentation, L. Hutcheson reviewed the:

- Regional Cooperation corporate goals and sub goals contained in the CRD Strategic Priorities 2012-14 report
- Regional Cooperation Forum Approach and content of the Forum summary report
- Eight Outcome Statements (or Key Observations) along with their common themes
- Eleven recommendations from the Forum to achieve Regional Cooperation

Discussion ensued regarding the report and the Forum. Generally, the consensus was that the forum was successful and it was helpful to hear the opinions of council members who are not on the CRD Board.

Concern was raised regarding recommendations 6 and 7, which related to building better relationships with First Nations: Recommendation 6 - Initiate a proactive approach by the Board to build and foster relationships with First Nations, building on the outreach meetings between the Board Chair and First Nations held in 2012 initiating the Regional Sustainability Strategy; Recommendation 7 - Establish an effective and coordinated internal strategy at staff level to build relationships and engage with First Nations on

service delivery. The concern was that these initiatives could jeopardize the sensitive negotiations of the Te'mexw Treaty and the work of the Treaty Advisory Committee. R. Lapham advised that staff is cognizant of the sensitivities and that discussions are taking place with the municipal Chief Administrative Officers to develop a framework to be approved by the CRD Board. It was noted that there are ongoing CRD initiatives with other First Nations, who are not part of the Te'mexw Treaty process, which could move forward without threatening treaty negotiations.

The following points were raised during the discussion:

- Councils, municipal staff and the public will benefit from enhanced education and communication initiatives regarding the CRD and regional issues.
- As we move to more electronic communications, it is still important to have printed media available at recreation centres and libraries.
- The provision of background papers on specific issues prior to the Forum would be helpful to educate and facilitate discussion.
- Need to see a work plan and budget for these recommendations.
- Look forward to seeing policy decisions resulting from the Forum, e.g. climate change lens on every Board decision.

Director Brice entered the meeting at 1:03 pm.

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,

- 1) That the summary report of Participant Feedback from the Forum of Councils held November 3, 2012 be received (attached as Appendix A to staff report);
- 2) That staff be directed to undertake the recommendations as outlined in the summary report; and
- 3) That staff be directed to conduct the 2013 Forum of Councils on Regional Transportation and the Regional Sustainability Strategy.

Alternate Director Vowles entered the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Discussion regarding recommendations 6 and 7 continued and concern was raised that the recommendations were not being forwarded to the CRD Board for approval. It was agreed that the recommendations should be amended to include the intention that any policies that are developed as a result of the recommendations would be discussed and approved by the CRD Board before they were implemented.

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Ranns,

That the motion be amended to add the following new recommendation 3) and that 3) be renumbered 4):

That any policy development resulting from the recommendations be forwarded to the Board for approval prior to implementation.

The question on the amendment was called.

CARRIED

The question on the main motion, as amended, was called:

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- 4) That staff be directed to conduct the 2013 Forum of Councils on Regional Transportation and the Regional Sustainability Strategy.

CARRIED

Staff was requested to circulate the report to all Councils.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the meeting be adjourned at 1:27 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

CORPORATE OFFICER