Capital Regional Hospital District

PPS/HFP 2012-13

REPORT TO THE
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012

SUBJECT **Expanding the Parameters of the Clean Air Bylaw**

BACKGROUND

There are three potential areas that may require amendments to the CRD's Clean Air (non-smoking) Bylaw. First, in March 2012 Sidney Council requested the CRD consider expanding the Bylaw to include a ban on smoking in parks and playgrounds. Second, in August 2012 the City of Victoria requested the CRD increase the existing three-meter buffer zone near doorways, open windows, and air intakes to six meters. Finally, the Vancouver Island Health Authority's Chief Medical Health Officer (CMHO) Dr. Richard Stanwick recently suggested expanding the parameters of the Bylaw to address the potential health threat associated with the use of non-tobacco hookah/water pipes.

CONCLUSION

The CMHO's office has been requested to provide a detailed report to the CRD around the proposed ban on beaches, parks, playgrounds and sports fields, and increasing the buffer zone, as well as the results of the legal challenge to the City of Vancouver's ban on non-tobacco hookah/water pipes.

Once the CMHO report is complete, a comprehensive staff report regarding amendments to the CRD's Bylaw will be provided for Board consideration. Completion of the CRD staff report is anticipated at the January 2013 Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee:

1. Receive this report for information.

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