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Board Priority #1 Community Wellbeing – Transportation & Housing								
Tracking #	Issue	Objective	Advocate(s)				Comments	Status/ Update
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19-01-01	Housing First	Advocate for matching \$10M funding commitments from BC Housing and Canada Mortgage and Housing (CMHC) to enhance the \$90M Housing First Program and enable the acquisition of up to 2000 units of affordable housing to address core housing needs.	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>Board Chair Plant and CRHC Board Chair Helps leading advocacy.</p> <p>Various municipalities advocating for support. Partner BC Housing has committed \$10M of additional matching funding.</p> <p>Letter received from BC Housing committing to match funding.</p> <p>Request for \$10M of matching funding under consideration by partner CMHC.</p> <p>Housing-Staff advocating and participating in housing needs events.</p> <p>CRD Board introduced Bylaw Amendment to increase borrowing authority and referred to municipalities for approval and for consent process in EA's.</p> <p>Director Helps met with Federal Ministers and staff in Ottawa to continue push for additional matching funding in late January.</p>	Consent of municipalities requested and assent of electors required for Electoral Areas. AAP Process successfully complete March 2020. Discussions continue with CMHC and BC Housing on the additional funds
19-01-02	Property Purchase Tax on housing properties acquired by CRD	Request and advocate for the Ministry of Finance to exempt the CRHC from Property Purchase Transfer Tax (PPTA) on affordable housing property purchases.	✓	✓		✓	<p>CAO correspondence to Provincial Property Tax Enquiries Agency and Minister of Finance requesting that the CRHC be granted an exemption from PPTA on affordable housing purchases.</p> <p>CRHC Board Chair Helps to lead any advocacy.</p> <p>Letter to Property Transfer Tax Enquiries</p> <p>Letter to Minister James</p>	Report on Provincial Budget Submissions indicates no relief.



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19-01-03	UBCM Housing Needs Application	Ask local municipalities to support collaborative grant request for needs assessment.	✓	✓		✓	<p>Letter requesting partner municipalities to endorse the collaborative grant based on prior support. Sent to eight municipalities and three EA areas that expressed an interest.</p> <p>Letter to Central Saanich Letter to Esquimalt Letter to Highlands Letter to Juan de Fuca Letter to Langford Letter to Metchosin Letter to North Saanich Letter to Saanich Letter to Salt Spring Island Letter to Southern Gulf Islands Letter to Victoria</p> <p>Letter from Central Saanich Letter from North Saanich Letter from Saanich</p>	Grant request submitted with resolutions confirming support requested, some received.
19-01-04	South Island Transportation Study	Advocate for improvements in Regional Transportation. Requested that the Provincial government study address governance and that EA areas be included in the study.	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>Letter to Minister Trevena Letter to Minister Trevena Letter from Minister Trevena</p> <p>Board Chair Plant and staff conferenced with Minister Trevena to discuss items included in the letters.</p>	Inter-municipal CRD TAC meeting ongoing. Report to Board once study is complete in

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							Staff continue to liaise with the South Island Transportation Study working group reporting to the Board and Committee.	Spring 2020. Update meeting in late January.
19-01-05	Protection of Sooke Hills Wilderness park	Protect from development of highway infrastructure.	✓			✓	Letter to Premier Horgan Letter from Minister Trevena Staff continue to liaise with the South Island Transportation Study working group reporting to the Board and Committee. Province announced December 16 th , no alternate route pursued at this time.	Complete for now. Part of South Island Transportation Plan.
19-01-06	Protection of Greater Victoria Water Supply area	Protect from development of highway infrastructure.	✓			✓	Letter to Premier Horgan Letter from Minister Trevena Staff continue to liaise with the South Island Transportation Study working group reporting to the Board and Committee. Province announced December 16 th , no alternate route pursued at this time.	Complete for now. Part of South Island Transportation Plan.

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Board Priority #2 Climate Action & Environmental Stewardship								
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19-02-01	Climate Emergency	Ask Federal government to strengthen national efforts to meet the Paris Agreement. Ask Provincial government to fully implement CleanBC and provide data on utilities vehicles and community energy emission inventories to local governments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Letter to Premier Horgan Letter to Minister McKenna Representation from all CRD local governments on Climate Action Task force and staff Working Group sharing information and collaborating on projects. Partner with NGO's, Academic Institutions and Utilities with staff support through shared research, policy development and program delivery.	Quarterly update to enhance Annual Community and Corporate Climate Action reporting.
19-02-02	Climate Action Leadership	Seek Strategic partnership	✓				Letter to Minister Heyman Response from Minister Heyman Letter to Minister McKenna	Continue to seek partnership with senior Govt's.
20-02-01	Solid Waste Policy advocacy	Ongoing Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities special committee on provincial Solid Waste policy and diversion programs.	✓			✓	Link to policy resolutions submitted to AVCC for debate, if passed would move on to UBCM then if passed would move to Province. Parliamentary Secretary Malcolmson toured the Hartland Landfill in early May. Memo to Parliamentary Secretary Malcolmson .	

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Board Priority #3 First Nations Reconciliation								
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19-03-01	First Nations Reconciliation	Enhance Indigenous reconciliation at the community level.	✓			✓	<p>Letter from Minister Robinson identifying the opportunity to meet with Snr. Provincial staff from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.</p> <p>Letter to Ministers Fraser and Robinson Letter from Minister Robinson Met with senior provincial staff on March 7, 2019 and agreed to follow up as required. Letters to MPs (Collins, Garrison, MacGregor and May) Letter to JOŁEŁP (Tsartlip First Nation) Chief and Council Forum of All Councils took place on November 28, 2019.</p>	Ongoing

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Board Priority #4 Advocacy, Governance & Accountability								
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19-04-01	Electoral Areas Rural Status	Change in definition for CRD electoral areas to rural for various Federal and Provincial Funding programs.	✓	✓		✓	<p>Letter to Premier Horgan and then follow up to MLA Olsen.</p> <p>Letter to Premier Horgan requesting the CRD Electoral Areas of Salt Spring Island, Southern Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca in the regions be approved for investment by Islands Coastal Economic Trust.</p> <p>Letter to Minister Bains requesting inclusion of the rural Southern Gulf Islands in the regional jurisdiction of the Community Futures Cowichan Valley office. Follow up letter to Minister Bains</p>	Ongoing
19-04-02	SSI Water Optimization Study	Seek funding for review of governance and delivery systems.	✓	✓			<p>Letter to Minister Robinson</p> <p>Letter from Minister Robinson</p>	Funding now confirmed.
20-04-01	Rural Home owner grant to apply in the CRD rural EA areas	Change Provincial policy to allow designation of our EA as rural	✓	✓			Resolution to UBCM through letter from Board Chair Plant	

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19-05-01	Water Sampling local Waterways and Beaches	Express displeasure with decision to stop sampling at local beaches and recreation areas to Island Health and Ministry of Health.	✓				Follow up to change in Island Health policy. Letter to Dr. Stanwick	Ongoing
19-05-02	Abandoned Boats	Advocate for additional federal funding to continue program and ask Federal Government to take on 100% of costs.	✓		✓		Letter to Minister Garneau CRD and Dead Boat Society have an MOU to partner on Abandon Boat identification and disposal. The Society and its partners are advocating for continued Federal funding to take on the project directly.	Ongoing
19-05-03	Canada Goose Management Strategy	Ask Federal Government to enhance non-migratory goose management approach.	✓				Letter to Minister McKenna	Ongoing
19-05-04	Victoria Sexual Assault Funding	Advocating for additional funding to Victoria Sexual Assault Centre so that this Society and can continue its work.	✓				Letter to Premier Horgan Letter from Minister Farnworth	Short term funding provided.
19-05-05	Deer Management	Encourage province to take responsibility for wildlife.	✓	✓			Letter to Ministers Popham, Heyman and Donaldson Several municipalities are now advocating as a group and individually for Provincial action and support. Letter from Nancy Liesch, ED, Natural Resources	Ongoing

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19-05-06	Elk & Beaver Lake Remediation	Seek funding partnership from federal and provincial government as a capital project, CRD would commit some funds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Board Chair Plant leading Board advocacy with the Premier and local MLAs. Saanich is member partner. Staff researching how other lakes received grants. Letter to Minister Popham Board Chair Plant and CAO Lapham met with Minister Popham December 11, 2019. Letter to Minister Popham	Enhanced service plan proposal for 2020.
19-05-07	Weed Control Invasive Species	Ask Province to add additional species to weed control regulation.	✓				Letter to Minister Donaldson Letter from ADM Paul Rasmussen	Ongoing
19-05-08	Ocean Legacy Foundation Report	Seek favourable consideration and action on the five recommendations in the report.	✓				Letter to Minister Heyman Letter from Minister Heyman	Ongoing
19-05-09	Plastics Action Plan	Call on Province to adopt bold legislation to significantly reduce and regulate plastics	✓	✓	✓		Letter to Minister Heyman , CRD signatory	Ongoing
19-05-10	Letters of Congratulations to locally elected Members of Parliament	Relationship building, discuss issues of mutual interest and establish regular means of communication	✓				Letters to MPs (Collins, Garrison, MacGregor and May)	Complete

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20-05-01	Advocate to allow stacking of gas tax funds to contribute projects for municipalities and electoral areas	Ask Federal Government to change the way this operates for municipal governments	✓	✓	✓	✓	Resolution sent to Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities meeting January 2020 and reply letter from FCM Resolutions	
20-05-02	Letter of Support from Board for application by TELUS	Support TELUS grant application to expand fiber optic network connectivity in Juan De Fuca EA	✓		✓		Letter to TELUS	
20-05-03	Request province develop a strategy and plan for ongoing coordination between BC Ferries, BC Transit and MoTI on integrated, low carbon, active transportation oriented solutions for SSI and SGI	Advocate for this approach mostly around integration of transportation planning	✓	✓			Letter to Minister Trevena	