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Residuals Treatment Facility Biosolids

The Honourable George Heyman  
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Via email: [ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Heyman:

**RE: FOLLOW-UP LETTER - SHORT-TERM MANAGEMENT TO CRD BIOSOLIDS**

Further to my letter of July 30, 2021, I write on behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board to reiterate the CRD's desire for updates to the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR) and reconsideration of options for biosolids at Hartland Landfill.

The CRD Board continues to receive correspondence from the public highlighting concerns regarding potential negative impact to human health and the environment due to land application of biosolids.

The CRD Board would like to reiterate its requests:

1. That the decision to prohibit landfilling of biosolids in a biocell at Hartland Landfill be reconsidered; and
2. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) proceed with updating the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR) as soon as possible, taking into consideration 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.

Given that the Ministry considers land application in accordance with the OMRR to be a safe practice, we respectfully request that ENV provide updated public information that biosolids land application does not pose a risk to public health or the environment, taking into consideration emerging contaminants of concern and other contaminants that are present in municipal wastewater and biosolids.

Your response addressing these concerns would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Colin Plant  
Chair, Capital Regional District

cc: CRD Board  
Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD  
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