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TO: Directors
Regional District Board

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Chair

RE: **Annual One-on-One Chair to Director meeting results**

Purpose

To provide Directors the opportunity to individually discuss the past years events and to open the discussion to any concerns or items they feel requires more attention or improvement.

Summary of Comments Heard

- Inform the public regarding key issues that we are working on through public forums in partnership with community groups. Topics with the most support from the board members included:

- CVRD/First Nations relationships and reconciliation,
- Water Forum
- Food Security Forum

Staff will conduct engagement currently planned and consider the means to incorporate forums in the relevant projects highlighted by the Directors

- Promote the forthcoming CVRD Dashboard, which will contain real-time stats and indicators associated with CVRD services and the objectives of the RGS.

It will be widely advertised/promoted by the CVRD and include a public launch event. The release is planned for the new year with a communications plan being developed to respond to the Directors interest.

- The CVRD investigate the creation of a regional land bank for the purpose of developing affordable housing or look at reviving an existing service for this purpose.

Following on the footsteps of the Housing Needs Report we completed the Poverty Reduction and Assessment to gain a better understanding of how to reduce local poverty. Both of these reports will feed into future project work. Some actions may require subsequent studies and approvals. A land bank is not currently under consideration.

- The CVRD consider the addition of another pillar or lens that would focus on equity, diversity and inclusion.

These values are very much a part of CVRD business. Broader consideration of elevating this to a driver can be considered in subsequent year's strategic planning processes if the expectations of the directors and community are not being met.

- The CVRD include a section for consideration of the four pillars/lenses in all reports to the board i.e. triple bottom line.

This was a priority expressed through the Strategic Planning process this is in play and reports will reflect this by the new year.

- The CVRD collaborate with member municipalities, Areas and K’ómoks First Nation to create a fireworks display competition among the Comox Valley fire halls, with the idea being that the fire halls would collect donations to put on the display at specific times of the year and that all firework use is restricted to those events.
This is a new initiative requiring direction and resources.
- The CVRD give a public update on the status of the Air Quality Roundtable with metrics and timelines.
There will be a report coming forward before the spring.
- The RGS review include scope change and funding options and that the Homelessness Support Service also be review concurrently to optimize service delivery and achievement of community goals
At this time staff will undertake a scoping study in 2022 to inform an RGS review in subsequent years.
- The CVRD make an effort to have as few items in-camera as possible to increase public confidence and transparency.
The CVRD has a policy of transparency releasing information on a regular basis. Decisions for in camera matters rest with the Board with the exception of specific topics as prescribed by the act.
- The CVRD prioritize diversion of solid waste and increase recycling programs
A proposal for the CSWM Board to undertake a SWMP review will be considered in the new year. Diversion is a priority.
- That the CVRD establish metrics for the regional Poverty Reduction Strategy may flow from the follow up to the assessment.
To be reviewed with staff relevant to the 2022 work plan.

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