

# FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

## Updates from Capital Regional District meetings



June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

As a member municipality of the Capital Regional District (CRD), the District of Sooke Council appoints a representative to sit on the CRD Board of Directors, as well as several CRD Committees and Commissions.

As Sooke's representative to the CRD Board of Directors, as well as the Vice-Chair of the CRD Hospitals and Housing Committee, I represent the interest of our residents in discussions regarding regional issues and services. Some interesting updates from the CRD meetings lately include:

- The release of the CRD 2016 Annual Report, which provides an overview of how the CRD functions and the services they provide to residents of the region. Progress towards strategic goals, and updates on regional projects are also included, among other interesting information. The full report can be found here: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/.../how-we-are-governed/progress-reports>
- The CRD is also moving into a non-binding mediation process to address disputes with several areas of the 2016 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS). The RGS is document that guides regional decision making and updates policy on issues of regional significance including water servicing, growth management, the environment and infrastructure, housing and community, transportation, and economic development. Seven of the thirteen CRD municipalities did not accept the 2016 RGS (Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, North Saanich, Saanich and View Royal) and will now move forward with mediation. Three municipalities who did accept the RGS will also participate in the mediation process, including Sooke.

For 2017 my CRD Portfolio includes:

CRD Regional Board and Hospital Board - Director  
Chair, Integrated Resource Management Advisory Committee  
Vice Chair, Housing & Hospitals Committee  
Vice Chair, Special Task Force on First Nations Relations  
Regional Parks Committee Member  
Environment Services Committee Member.

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at the Main office in Victoria and are also web-cast.

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