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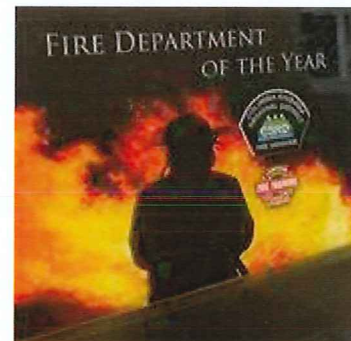


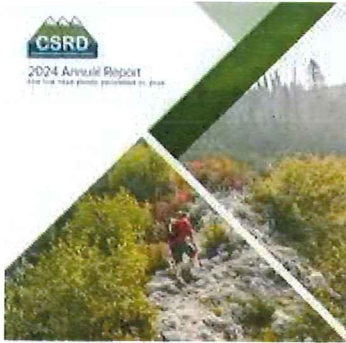
April 2025
Regular Board Meeting

Announcements

Fire Department of the Year

The efforts of the Nicholson Fire Department were acknowledged with the presentation of the Fire Department of the Year honours. The award acknowledges the department's efforts during the summer's wildfire season in battling the Dogtooth wildfire. It also recognizes the outstanding job of recruiting and training new firefighters in 2024, which has boosted the department to one of its highest levels. [View news release.](#)





Business General

Annual Report 2024

The Board approved the receipt of the 2024 Annual Report, which provides a comprehensive overview of the CSRD's services, financial data, programs and projects. The 2024 Annual Report reflects on the impacts of the 2024 wildfire season, outlines progress on the Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail and examines the day-to-day functions of the CSRD. This year, there was an

enhanced effort to increase financial transparency and accountability to the taxpayers by including more detailed information about how tax dollars were spent in each of the CSRD's seven Electoral Areas in 2024. [View report.](#)

CSRD Financial Statements

The Board approved the 2024 Financial Statements and the Statement of Financial Information Report, which outlines the audited financial position of the regional district each year. [View presentation.](#) [View SOFI report.](#)

Administration bylaws

Field Fire & Rescue Service

Establishment

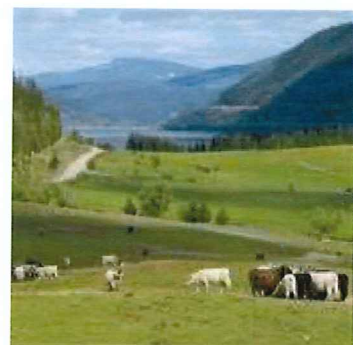
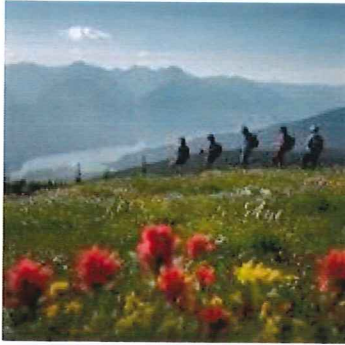
The Board voted to support an Alternative Approval Process to determine if the residents of Field are willing to accept the transfer of Field Fire & Rescue from Parks Canada to a CSRD-operated fire department.



There will be no new taxation for the service to residents of Yoho National Park, as the all the operational and capital costs of providing the fire and rescue service will be paid to the CSRD through a financial contribution agreement with Parks Canada.

As there is no direct tax implication to residents of the area, the Board supported using the lower-cost option of an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) rather than a referendum vote. The Alternative Approval Process allows electors to submit a form if they are against a local government proposal moving ahead. Anyone who does not put in a dissenting form is considered in favour of the service.

With the Board's support, the CSRD will now move forward with the AAP process. More information will be provided to the public through the CSRD's website and social media platforms. [View news release.](#) [View report.](#)



Land Use Matters

Electoral Area D: Salmon Valley Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 2569

The subject property is located at 2219 and 2223 Yankee Flats Road, Salmon Valley and is used by Spa Hills Farm for an organic matter composting facility, agriculture, an auto restoration business, and two single-detached dwellings.

The scale of the Spa Hills Farm organic matter composting facility is beyond what is permitted by Bylaw No. 2500. The CSRD has received complaints about the compost facility. As a result of Bylaw Enforcement action in 2024, the property owner has chosen to submit a bylaw amendment application to seek approval to increase the area permitted to be used for primary composting and curing from 500 m² to 23,725 m², which reflects the scale of the current facility.

The Board voted to deny first reading of the bylaw. This means Spa Hills Farm will need to reduce the area of their operation to comply with the bylaw as it is currently written, including a maximum of area of 500 m² used for primary composting and curing. A bylaw enforcement plan has been developed, and the process of enforcement will begin immediately. As this is a legal process, the CSRD will not be commenting further. [View Board report.](#)

Electoral Area G: Temporary Use Permit 725-06

The Board voted to approve a three-year Temporary Use Permit for a residence at 2266 Eagle Bay Road, Blind Bay to allow for a short-term rental with proof of adequate insurance and registration of a 219 Land Title Act covenant releasing the CSRD for any damages arising from the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit. As the owner of the property, Board Chair Natalya Melnychuk declared a conflict of interest on the matter and did not participate in any discussion or voting on the matter. [View Board report.](#)

For information and background reports for the other Development Services items discussed at this meeting, please see the Board Meeting agenda. If you have questions about a specific application, contact the planning department at plan@csrd.bc.ca

Closed meeting release

The resolutions released from the April 17, 2025 Board Meeting are as follows:

Resignation from the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee

THAT: the Board accept Jackie Casey's resignation from the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Next Board Meeting Board on the Road

Thursday, May 15, 2025


The Regular CSRD Board Meeting will be held at the White Lake Community Hall, located at 3617 Parri Road in White Lake (Electoral Area C). The public session of the meeting will start at 9:30 AM (PT) / 10:30 AM (MT). Any scheduling changes to the meeting start time will be noted on the [Meeting Calendar](#) on the CSRD's website.





The public is encouraged to join the meeting in-person or via Zoom. The access link can be found on the [Meeting Calendar](#) of the CSRD website under the Board meeting date.

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