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Sea Level Rise

All Chief Administrative Officers
Municipalities of the Capital Regional District

RE: CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BC FLOOD HAZARD AREA LAND USE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

This is further to the letter issued by the CRD's Corporate Officer dated October 10, 2014, regarding the staff report presented to the Board at a closed session pertaining to the in-house review of the proposed amendments to the 2004 Province of British Columbia's Flood Hazard Area Land Use Management Guidelines.

At the Closed Meeting of November 12, 2014, the CRD Board resolved, "*That the Board rise and report at the call of the Chief Administrative Officer, as delegated by the Board Chair, on the October 8, 2014 Closed Flood Hazard Area Land Use Management Guidelines Amendments Update staff report, excluding any legal advice to the CRD, and append a cover letter detailing the methodology and limitations of this analysis.*"

In consultation with provincial ministries, the CRD communicated with the 10 local First Nations with Reserve lands that could be directly impacted with the findings of the materials presented to the Board. This process has now concluded and we are pleased to provide you with the attached staff report, excluding any legal advice to the CRD to be presented to your respective Councils.

The enclosed reports include preliminary in-house information that was conducted to respond to a Province of BC consultation process. The approach applied the more conservative of two methodologies presented by the Province to estimate a year 2100 Flood Construction Level. The enclosed mapping and valuation analysis includes generalized allowances for storm surge, wave effects, and freeboard, and may not necessarily represent areas at risk of Sea Level Rise.

The analysis and associated comments submitted to the Province were developed under CRD authority in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area and may not represent the view of other local governments in the region. The authority for designating flood hazard areas rests with each local government, and local governments will need to develop their own analysis to determine how to interpret, and respond to the guidelines, once enacted.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 250-360-3124 or via email at rlapham@crd.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments (2)

- Staff Report EEP 14-47
- Staff Report EEP 14-46 *Closed report redacted and publicly released Nov 19, 2014