

Chair report up to & including December 7,2022

First, I would like to thank the Board for your willingness to attend the large number of orientation sessions and meetings that we have had since our inaugural meeting in November. I know, for some of you, the time commitment has been more than expected, but your attendance is important and hopefully informative for you to perform your duties with more background knowledge. Unfortunately, the bulk of my workload over the past month has been confidential in nature, so I am not able to share it, but it has been a busy few weeks since the inaugural meeting.

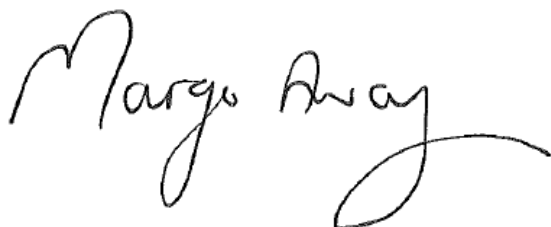
- Many of you will have attended Remembrance Day Services in your respective communities. In my own area, it is an honour to not only attend the service at the forest Grove Legion, but also the one held at the cenotaph on the Canim Lake reserve. The latter is a more casual event, but tugs at the heartstrings as members of the families that had loved ones serve or die in conflict, recant stories about them.
- My work on the Flood and Wildfire review committee with UBCM and the Province continues, and after today's cabinet announcement, it will be interesting to see how the new Cabinet position of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness with Minister Ma, plays into the rewrite of the Emergency Program Act. Unfortunately, we have lost Minister Nathan Cullen (Ministry of Municipal Affairs)

to another position, but we look forward to meeting and working with Minister Kang.

- Most of you will have had preliminary budget discussions with your CRD VFD's, and hopefully these were helpful in giving you background information that will help you during the VFD budget process.
- I would also like to take the time to acknowledge our staff as this year draws to a close. It has not been an easy year, culminating in the resignation of our CAO. However, Ms. Johnston has done a commendable job in handling the CAO duties in conjunction with her Corporate Officer duties, which I might add are busy post election. Hopefully she can breathe a little easier, now we have our interim CAO Brian Carruthers in place, to help share the workload.

Finally, I would like to extend to everyone my best wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season. Just a reminder, all CRD offices are closed from December 24 to January 2 inclusive, but the emergency toll free number for CRD owned water & sewer systems is 1-800-665-1636, and if the complainant is calling after hours please instruct them to press 5 when prompted. This service is available 24/7.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margo Bray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, elegant loop at the end of the last name.