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CRD Board Chair Geoff Young

Biography

Geoff Young, CRD Board Chair and Victoria City Councillor, has a doctorate in economics from Harvard University. He has worked as a University Lecturer, an economist with the Provincial Government and is currently senior partner in Victoria based firm, Discovery Economic Research Consulting. Young combines a variety of experience in academic, public and private sectors; he has been a member of Victoria's council from 1983-1999 and 2005 to the present.

Statement

As CRD Board Chair I am hoping to see a number of projects within the Capital Region move forward. For the Core Area, an appropriate solution to secondary wastewater treatment is at the top of my priorities; we face a challenging year, with deadlines in June and December and decisions needed on siting, structure and design. We must ensure that new technologies for treatment and resource recovery are explored, allowing us to find a solution which minimizes long term net costs while serving the concerns of stakeholders.

Waste reduction, emergency operations, parks acquisition and regional planning are also important issues. We need more comprehensive land use planning in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. Transportation projects need to become a priority, and I am hopeful that the realignment of CRD committees to unite transportation and planning will help to address climate change issues and the need for a sound regional transportation plan.

Our hospital district will be challenged by the implementation of the new capital funding framework; I anticipate continued funding for health capital projects and hospital equipment, ensuring the best possible health care service delivery for our region.

Ecological sustainability, economic stability and solid infrastructure are the cornerstones of successful operations at the CRD; I will work to ensure that the CRD embraces its responsibilities and its role as steward of this region.