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Collaboration and Automation in the Capital Regional District (CRD)

BC Spatial has marked the passing of its halfway point in the Capital Regional District Beta Program with many data sharing milestones. Municipally-maintained parcel fabrics from Sidney, Saanich, Oak Bay, View Royal, Metchosin, and the Islands' Trust are being delivered and integrated on a weekly basis via automated routines, achieving a new standard for timeliness in the delivery of the cadastre to all ICIS members. Automated data transfer implementations are planned for the remaining jurisdictions in the CRD, targeting the achievement of a comprehensive regional cadastre by the end of July.

Janusz Krawczynski, GIS Technician for Oak Bay, reports on his experience: *"Our automated data delivery process was implemented in the spring of 2010. It runs in the background after office hours. It is absolutely independent and worry-free, delivering data weekly. It saves Oak Bay staff time and keeps data up to date for ICIS. The install was smooth and took around 30 minutes. So far, the process seems to be very efficient and bug free, highly recommended!"*

The Province of BC's Parcel Fabric Section has established a compilation and maintenance agreement with the Township of Esquimalt to compile and maintain the cadastre in that jurisdiction, providing another example of how collaboration is leading to improved spatial data for all members. Esquimalt's cadastre is now regularly delivered to ICIS members via the Integrated Cadastral Fabric (ICF).

The active participation and broad-mindedness of all regional data custodians in the planning and implementation of the program has been the key to its effectiveness and will be a highlight for the success of this model elsewhere.