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New leadership and committee structure adopted for CVRD Board

DUNCAN, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board of Directors has elected Lori Iannidinardo as the new Chair and Sierra Acton as Vice Chair of the CVRD Board.

Chair Iannidinardo has been the Director for Area D – Cowichan Bay since taking office in 2008, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience gained through the performance of her core duties and representing the CVRD in numerous external appointments. Vice Chair Acton has held the role of Director for Area B – Shawnigan Lake since her successful election in 2016, and has chaired several committees and sub-committees during her time in office.

“My goal for this year as Chair of the Board is to keep the regional district on its current course of delivering our many core services effectively and efficiently, particularly with all the changes and challenges we continue to face,” said Lori Iannidinardo, Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “I thank my colleagues for their vote of confidence in my leadership, and congratulate and look forward to working with Director Acton in her new role as Vice Chair.”

A significant procedural change has also been adopted in the elimination of topic-specific standing committees, including the Community Services Committee, Regional Services Committee, and Corporate Services Committee. Instead, two Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings occur each month, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. This change is anticipated to create greater efficiency for CVRD staff and elected officials, as meeting agendas are not restricted to items related to specific service areas or groupings.

“In talking with Directors and staff about this new model, I heard a great deal of enthusiasm for Committee of the Whole meetings as an improved means for governance and decision-making,” said Chair Iannidinardo. “It’s a model that municipalities already follow, and I think a great example of efficiency is in the amount of time that may pass between items being discussed at service-specific committee meetings and when they are ultimately considered at a Board meeting.”

Electoral Area Services Committee will continue to meet at 1:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

The full schedule of meetings can be found in the [CVRD Meeting Calendar](#) and agendas and minutes for past and upcoming meetings can be found on the [CVRD Board and Standing Committee Meetings](#) page of the CVRD website.

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