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CVRD seeks interest for in-kind contributions to new Cobble Hill bandshell

Cobble Hill, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is seeking interest from the local business community in providing materials and/or services to assist in constructing a new stage and bandshell for outdoor entertainment at the Cobble Hill Common.

Over the years, the CVRD has transformed what was historically a provincial Ministry of Transportation and Transit maintenance yard into a vibrant community park for Electoral Area C – Cobble Hill. This transformation allowed for expansion of the long-standing Cobble Hill Agricultural Fair, as well as for establishment of ‘Music In The Park,’ an annual summer series put on by the Cobble Hill Events Society. In support of growing popularity and interest for outdoor performances at the Cobble Hill Common, the CVRD is moving forward with the design and construction of a covered outdoor performance stage and bandshell.

The new stage and bandshell will be constructed to reflect the historic, rural character of Cobble Hill, while incorporating functional and aesthetic elements suitable for year-round use, including the following components:

- An approximately 24’ x 24’ raised stage platform with a concrete foundation
- Wood post-and-beam open structure with a metal roof
- A front curved stage and/or roofline to enhance visual appeal and acoustic projection
- Accessibility considerations, including a ramp for performer/equipment access
- Potential for future electrical service, lighting and outlet connections integrated into the structure

The CVRD is opening an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to allow for the donation of materials and/or professional construction services that can potentially support the successful design/build proponent. These could include:

- Donation of services to provide architectural, engineering, excavation/backfill, electrical, underground utility installation, carpentry, concrete finishing, painting/staining services
- Donation of materials such as aggregates, concrete, rebar, dimensional lumber, structural timber posts/beams/rafters, fasteners and hardware, metal roofing, gutters, paint/stain products, rental construction equipment

In addition to donated services and materials, the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society (SCHFIAS) will be fundraising cash donations from those who want to financially support the new community amenity.

“The Common is really the heart of Cobble Hill Village and this project, which has been partially funded through the Community Works Fund, will ensure that we can continue to grow our community spirit and collective wellness through events like Music In The Park and many other events that can make use of the bandshell throughout the year.” said Mike Wilson, Director for Electoral Area C – Cobble Hill. “Great generosity amongst our residents and business community

has been demonstrated many times in the past, the most recent being the renovations and lighting at the Cobble Hill Cenotaph and it is my belief that this will be demonstrated once again. I hope we will receive some worthy Expressions of Interest offers, as well as financial donations through the Farmer's Institute to help offset the cost of building this new hub for outdoor performing arts."

Anyone interested in donating materials or professional services can complete the Contribution Form on the CVRD website and submit it through the [CVRD Bonfire portal](#) or by email to purchasing@cvrd.bc.ca. To make a financial donation to the SCHFIAS, please contact Roy Davies, Vice President of SCHFIAS, at vp@farmersinstitute.ca.

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**The above rendering provides a general idea of the size and scale of the new bandshell. However the successful bidder through the Design/Build Request For Proposal process will ultimately determine the bandshell design.*