

## **Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Meeting Highlights – October 13, 2010**

### **\$4.1 Million Gas Tax Funds Reserved for CVRD**

The Board of Directors received notice that the Gas Tax Agreement's Partnership Committee has reserved \$4,134,974.00 as the CVRD's portion of the Strategic Priorities Fund for regionally significant projects within the Tier 2 region. At their May 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting the Board approved a number of projects and applied for \$2.25 million in gas tax funding under this program. This announcement provides the Board with options for advancing other regionally significant projects up to an additional \$1.8 million.

*Contact: Warren Jones, Administrator*

### **Shawnigan Lake Parks & Trails Master Plan**

The Board adopted "CVRD Bylaw No. 3429 – Shawnigan Lake Community Parks and Trails Master Plan Bylaw, 2010". This historically significant bylaw is the first of its kind to be adopted for an Electoral Area. This bylaw will be the model used for other Electoral Areas that follow such as Electoral Area C – Cobble Hill, which is nearing completion and Electoral Areas A- Mill Bay/Malahat and D – Cowichan Bay, which are not far behind.

*Contact: Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails*

### **Next Regional District Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Regional District will be held in the Boardroom on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **Cowichan District Hospital Master Site Plan**

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) presented Cowichan District Hospital's Master Site Plan that included the role and scope of services, a site assessment, a comparison of existing and future building needs, and potential options. VIHA conducted a service review with participation from health steering committees, local health care providers and third party consultants, and determined that the CDH needs to upgrade and expand existing infrastructure in order to increase capacity and provide the right services. Two options to address current and future needs were put forward, a "two-phase redevelopment" or "full replacement". Further consultation needs to take place before the Board considers options.

*Contact: Mark Kueber, GM, Corporate Services*

### **Expansion of Conventional Transit Service**

The Board approved expansion of 2,000 additional annual hours for the conventional transit service. Total costs for this expansion is estimated at \$130,000.00 and will be partially funded by BC Transit. Riders can expect increased service on some routes beginning in March, 2011.

*Contact: Jim Wakeham, Manager, Facilities, Fleet and Transit*

### **Certificate of Appreciation Received**

In a presentation held before the Board meeting, the Chair received a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Board from the Saltair Ratepayers Association. The certificate was presented in recognition of the CVRD's support of the Saltair Centennial Celebrations.

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