

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Meeting Highlights – December 8, 2010

Board Chair and Vice Chair Re-Elected

Cobble Hill Director Gerry Giles was re-elected as Chair of the Board for 2011. Director Giles is the longest serving Board Chair in the history of the CVRD having been elected six times. No other Director has served more than four terms as Chair. Phil Kent, Director for the City of Duncan, was re-elected as Vice Chair for the third consecutive term.

Contact: Joe Barry, Corporate Secretary

Support Given for Somenos Marsh Protection

The Board approved the submission of a \$150,000 Regionally Significant Projects Fund Application for the Somenos Marsh Rainwater Management, Sewer and Trail Development Project. This project will be located at the proposed site of the new Visitor Information Centre at the BC Forest Discovery Centre. The project will create a series of rainwater gardens to filter storm water; provide sewer connections to replace septic fields, create trails to link up with other trail networks and see the installation of a grass grid parking area. The site will become a key trail head for Cowichan Valley residents and visitors and be an example of innovative and environmental friendly rainwater management.

Contact: Jacob Ellis, Manager, Corporate Planning

Next Regional District Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional District will be held in the Boardroom on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m.

New Environmental Initiatives Service Created

The Board created a new Environmental Initiatives Service with the adoption of Bylaw No. 3359. This service will develop and maintain environmental initiatives and programs that restore, rehabilitate and enhance the natural environment, encourage economic and social development compatible with environmental stewardship, and support the work of delivering initiatives and programs for the whole of the CVRD. Currently funded through the General Government budget, environmental initiatives and programs will now have their own budget in 2011.

Contact: Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy

Flood Protection Agreement Supported

The Cowichan Tribes, City of Duncan, District of North Cowichan and the CVRD are all signatories to the Cowichan Valley Bridge Building Protocol Agreement. Building on this agreement, the parties have prepared a Memorandum of Understanding to guide integrated flood management that will protect the health and well-being of all the citizens of the Cowichan Valley including the environmental and fisheries values of the watersheds. The Board supported signing the Memorandum of Understanding for integrated flood management on the Lower Cowichan and Koksilah Rivers.

Contact: Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Board of Directors send their warmest Christmas and seasonal greetings to all residents and visitors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and wish everybody a healthy and prosperous 2011.