

## Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Meeting Highlights – February 10, 2010

### Board Adopts Cowichan Food Charter

The Cowichan Food Charter was created by the Cowichan Food Security Coalition in cooperation with the Cowichan Green Community in 2008. The Charter states “that food security exists when all members of the community have access to enough nutritious, safe, ecologically sustainable, and culturally appropriate food at all times”.

Contact: Kate Miller, Regional Environmental Policy Manager

### Bamberton Consultation Strategy Approved

The Board approved a consultation strategy for various referral agencies for the Bamberton Official Community Plan and Zoning application. The proposed Bamberton amendment bylaws will be circulated to 32 various organizations and agencies for comment.

Contact: Mike Tippett, Community & Regional Planning Manager

### Grants-in-Aid of \$7,500 Approved

The Board approved issuing Grants-in-Aid to Frances Kelsey Secondary School to assist six students with their post secondary education; to Cowichan Secondary School to assist one student with their post secondary education; and to the Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society to assist with the organization’s objectives.

Contact: Sharon Moss, Financial Services Manager

### Next Regional District Board Meeting

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

### Fuel Treatment Program Funding Application

The Board of Directors supported submitting applications for grant funding to prepare Fuel Management Prescriptions and to implement a Community Operational Fuel Treatment Program in five community parks. The program’s purpose is to assist communities in the development of prescriptions intended for the treatment of fuels that pose a wildfire risk to the wildland urban interface. The intent of fuel management is not to eliminate the risk of wildfire but to alter the fuel composition and structure in order to reduce the potential behavior of a fire. If funding is approved, the program will be implemented in Marble Bay Park (Area I); Silvermine Trail (Area B); Quarry Nature Park (Area C); Bright Angel Park (Area E); and Mill Bay Nature Park (Area A).

Contact: Brian Farquhar, Parks & Trails Manager

### Security Issuing Bylaws Adopted

The Board of Directors adopted two Security Issuing Bylaws for the borrowing of funds from the Municipal Finance Authority. The funds will be used for the following projects:

- 1.75 million for the District of North Cowichan to construct two ground water wells, ancillary works, a watermain and two reservoirs in Chemainus.
- 4.5 million for the CVRD to upgrade the sewage treatment plant and disposal field for the Kerry Village sewer system; the renovation of the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena; the purchase of a mobile water tender firefighting apparatus for Sahtlam Fire Protection Service; and to construct a new Bings Creek Operations Facility.

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