

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Meeting Highlights – February 9, 2011

Construction Projects Update

The Board of Directors received the following update on large scale construction projects that are currently underway by the CVRD:

- **Kinsol Trestle Rehabilitation**
Sixty percent complete at the beginning of this year, the core rehabilitation work is proceeding on schedule with substantial completion anticipated by April 1, opening for public use later this spring .
- **Cowichan Lake Sports Arena Upgrade**
Consisting of an expansion and upgrade to the existing sports arena, this project has obtained substantial completion and full occupancy while coming in on budget. The official opening ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. on March 12, 2011.
- **Cowichan Valley Trail Update**
Nearly 40 km of new and renovated trail along with five new bridges have been completed as part of the Cowichan Valley Trail Northern Completion Initiative. Phase III of the Chemainus Rail with Trail has been finished, including a 1.5 km trail from Stocking Creek Park to North Watts Road.
- **Lambourn Estates Utilities Upgrade**
A water treatment plant, a dedicated water supply line, and a new sewage treatment plant are being constructed to improve and expand the existing systems. This project will also accommodate a proposed 50 lot subdivision.
- **Construction at Bings Creek**
Occupancy has been obtained for the new Bings Creek Operations building that will house both utility operations and Cowichan Valley Search and Rescue. In addition, the expansion of the existing utilities staff building is targeted for completion by the middle of March 2011.

Contact: Warren Jones, Administrator

Bamberton Amendment Bylaws to be Drafted

In response to a request from Three Point Properties to change the scope of the Bamberton development application, the Board has directed staff to prepare draft amendment bylaws. The draft bylaws will focus on expanding light industrial activity at the waterfront near the former cement plant location and creating a new business park west of the Trans-Canada Highway at the Bamberton interchange. The Mill Bay Advisory Planning Commission and the Electoral Area Services Committee will review the bylaws.

Contact: Rob Conway, Manager, Development Services

Board Endorses Rotary Kinsol Trestle Project

The Rotary Club of South Cowichan (Mill Bay) has offered to construct a 450 metre gravel switchback pathway from the north end of the Kinsol Trestle to the Koksilah River below. The Board endorsed this proposal which will also see the construction of viewing/rest areas at key locations overlooking the trestle and the river.

Contact: Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails

Proposed Contribution to Cowichan Station

The Board supported the creation of an annual financial contribution service of \$5,000 from Shawnigan Lake to assist the Cowichan Station Area Association with the maintenance and operation of a community hall; programs; and events. Voter approval still needs to be obtained.

Contact: Kathleen Harrison, Legislative Services Coordinator

Next Regional District Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional District Board will be held in the Boardroom on Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m.