

## Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Meeting Highlights – July 14, 2010

### First Phase of Environmental Lens Process

The CVRD will be using an environmental lens framework to influence all aspects of decisions made in the delivery of services to the residents and businesses of the region. The Board approved initiating the following actions as the first phase for the establishment of the environmental lens process:

- Initiate a regional sustainability planning process
- Implement a sustainability checklist review system for new development applications
- Implement the Cowichan Regional Area Agricultural Plan
- Develop a plan to ensure that the CVRD complies with the BC Climate Action Charter by the year 2012
- Develop and implement a green subdivision servicing bylaw
- Develop a green team corporate employee engagement plan
- Establish an Eco Depot in South Cowichan to promote recycling and responsible waste management

Contact: Warren Jones, Administrator

### Great Blue Heron Habitat to be Protected

An active Great Blue Heron colony exists alongside Christie Road in Electoral Area H – North Oyster/Diamond. In order to safeguard this Great Blue Heron habitat, the Board has approved the preparation of a development permit area for protection of the nesting colony.

Contact: Mike Tippett, Manager, Community & Regional Planning

### Spirit Stage Gifted to the Community

In a ceremony held prior to the Board meeting, the North American Indigenous Games Society gifted the 2008 Cowichan Spirit Stage to the CVRD and Cowichan Tribes. The Spirit Stage, which was originally used to transport the Spirit Pole through British Columbia, is available to local groups for community events.

Contact: Kirsten Schrader, Manager, Arts & Culture

### Restoration Approved in Polkey Road Park

The Board approved a habitat restoration project in Polkey Road Park on Sh-hwuykweslu (also known as Busy Place Creek). The proposed habitat enhancement works include channel improvements and creation of habitat ponds and alcoves to improve sheltered winter off-channel habitat and wetted summer habitat of coho and trout species. The project is funded by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Living Rivers, and the Pacific Salmon Foundation.

Contact: Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks & Trails

### Cowichan Watershed Board Workshops

The Board of Directors approved hosting four workshops in the coming months in support of Cowichan Watershed Board initiatives. The workshops will address the following topics:

- Water Conservation
- Water Protection
- Aquatic / Riparian Habitat Protection
- Integrated Flood Management

Contact: Warren Jones, Administrator

### Next Regional District Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional District will be held in the Boardroom on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.