

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Meeting Highlights – May 12, 2010

Regionally Significant Projects Approved

Over the next four years, the CVRD will be receiving approximately \$2.25 million through the Regionally Significant Projects (RSP) Fund from the Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues. The purpose of the RSP Fund is to provide financial support for capital projects that are larger in scale or regional in impact. After consulting with the Electoral Area Services Committee and local municipalities, the Board of Directors approved the following projects:

- Regional Flood Mitigation Plan
- CVRD Facilities “Green” Review
- Regional Sustainability Plan
- Cowichan Basin Implementation Plan
- Bio-Diesel Building Upgrades
- CVRD Greenhouse Gas Plan
- Regional LIDAR Mapping
- Regional Water Quality Monitoring
- Cowichan Lake Recreation Centre Paving
- Cowichan Valley Trail Completion Initiative

Contact: Warren Jones, Administrator

Nature and Habitat Fund Proposed for Youbou

The Board gave first three readings to Bylaw No. 3384 which will create a Nature and Habitat Fund in Electoral Area I – Youbou/Meade Creek. This fund will be used for nature and habitat projects which environmentally enhance Electoral Area I and will be financed by voluntary contributions from developers in Youbou. Recommendations regarding which projects to fund will be provided by a Nature and Habitat Advisory Committee.

Contact: Joe Barry, Corporate Secretary

Non-Motorized Use Reaffirmed on CVRD Trails

The network of trails managed by the Regional District has historically been for non-motorized use only. There has been recent discussion as to whether or not motorized recreation access should be permitted on some CVRD trails. The Board of Directors has decided not to open up the trails to motorized recreation use.

Contact: Brian Farquhar, Manager, Parks and Trails

Agricultural Advisory Committee to be Formed

The Board agreed to establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee comprised of government, community, farmers and other stakeholders to address the issues and actions identified in the Area Agricultural Plan. The Committee will also advise the Board on issues of importance to the agricultural community and on Agricultural Land Reserve exclusion applications.

Contact: Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development

Sixteen Grants-in-Aid Approved by Board

The Board issued 16 Grants-in-Aid to various groups and organizations. These included:

- \$4,000 to the Cowichan Lake District Chamber of Commerce from Electoral Area I to assist with the expenses of the Tourist Information Centre.
- \$3,500 to the Evergreen Independent School from Electoral Area C to assist with repair and upgrades of the original Cobble Hill School.

Contact: Sharon Moss, Manager, Finance

Next Regional District Board Meeting

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