

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

Corporate Strategic Plan Approved

The Board of Directors approved a Corporate Strategic Plan following an inclusive process that included community consultation, staff input and Board direction. This strategic plan will help establish corporate priorities, guide decision making and provide long term direction for the Regional District. The practical result will be to help ensure that organizational funding decisions and work priorities are consistent with the Regional District's key goals and objectives. By developing and implementing a strategic plan, the CVRD will benefit from improved decision making and enhanced organizational effectiveness. The strategic plan can be viewed at www.cvrld.bc.ca.

Contact: Jacob Ellis, Manager, Corporate Planning

South Cowichan Eco Depot Presentation

A South Cowichan Eco Depot has been part of the CVRD's Solid Waste Management Plan since 1995 and the Regional District has purchased a 22 acre site on Cameron Taggart Road to establish a new local recycling facility. The Directors reviewed a presentation that was prepared for the South Cowichan Chamber of Commerce and which is now available for viewing online at www.cvrld.bc.ca.

Contact: Bob McDonald, Manager, Recycling & Waste Division

Mill Bay Tennis Courts Grant-in-Aid Approved

The Board approved a \$2,500 Grant-in-Aid to the Mill Bay Community Tennis Club to assist with costs to resurface two tennis courts.

Contact: Sharon Moss, Manager, Financial Services

Recreation Funding Committee Established

The Board agreed to establish a committee comprised of Directors and staff to develop a public consultation process regarding the sub-regional recreation funding model. The Committee is to report back prior to October 30. The sub-regional funding model will also be financially reviewed by an independent third party.

Contact: Jacob Ellis, Manager, Corporate Planning

Recreation Infrastructure Renewal Requested

A report from the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association concluded that 68% of British Columbia's recreation infrastructure is over 25 years of age and in urgent need of upgrade or replacement. It is estimated that the replacement value of indoor recreation facility assets in the Cowichan Valley exceeds 250 million dollars. The Board agreed to request the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia to make recreation infrastructure a funding priority.

Contact: Ron Austen, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture

Flood Management Applications Supported

The Board supported three proposed Cowichan-Koksilah Integrated Flood Management Plan Emergency Management BC funding applications currently being developed by staff from the CVRD and North Cowichan. The projects have been identified as important works that do not cause any adverse effects and increase the protection of communities from river induced flooding.

Contact: Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy

Next Regional District Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional District will be held in the Boardroom on Wednesday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m.