

Board Highlights

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1. Action Undertaken to Mitigate Drought Effects on Cowichan River

The east coast of the Cowichan region and in particular the Cowichan watershed is facing what may potentially be the lowest water levels on record. The Board has agreed to support a reduction in river flows; provide assistance to undertake strategic drought mitigation measures; accept the lead role in coordinating the 2014 Cowichan River drought response effort; and collaborate with Cowichan Tribes and other agencies to ensure adequate, reliable summer and autumn flows in the Cowichan River. For more information on this issue, the staff report is available [here](#). Contact: [Jacob Ellis](#), Senior Policy Advisor

2. Sport Tourism Function Endorsed

The Board has agreed to establish a sport tourism function for the purpose of developing sport tourism, and support for community organizations hosting events, throughout the Cowichan region. The formation of a sport tourism function had been recommended by the Board's Regional Sport Tourism Committee. As part of their final report to the Board, the Committee prepared a power point presentation which can be viewed [here](#). Contact: [John Elzinga](#), Acting General Manager, Recreation and Culture

3. Recycling Bin Headed to South Cowichan

Fisher Road Recycling has been selected to host a recycling bin in Cobble Hill. South Cowichan residents will be able to drop off their glass, film plastic, paper/cardboard, recyclable containers and other common recyclables closer to home by late August. Contact: [Jason Adair](#), Solid Waste Operations Superintendent

4. Alternative Approval Process Set to Begin For Cowichan Valley Hospice Society

The Board is proposing to establish an annual financial contribution service for the Cowichan Valley Hospice Society to assist with costs associated with providing hospice palliative care. The entire regional district would fund this new service to a maximum of \$62,500 per year (this translates to \$0.50 per \$100,000 of residential assessment). Persons opposed to this new service will have until September 22nd to submit a signed elector response form. The Notice to Electors can be viewed [here](#). Contact: [Joe Barry](#), Corporate Secretary

5. Nine Cowichan Sportsplex Bylaws Headed to Referendum this Fall

The Directors gave first three readings to nine separate annual financial contribution service establishment bylaws for the Chesterfield Sports Society (Cowichan Sportsplex). Each electoral area would have their own bylaw to provide a financial contribution to assist with costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the Cowichan Sportsplex. These bylaws will be taken to referendum this fall in each electoral area. Contact: [Joe Barry](#), Corporate Secretary

6. Two Cowichan Aquatic Centre Bylaws Headed to Referendum this Fall

First three readings were given to two separate annual financial contribution service establishment bylaws for the Cowichan Aquatic Centre. Electoral Area F – Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls and Electoral Area I – Youbou/Meade Creek would each have their own bylaw to provide a financial contribution to assist with costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the Cowichan Aquatic Centre. These bylaws will be taken to referendum this fall in the two electoral areas. Contact: [Joe Barry](#), Corporate Secretary

7. Financial Assistance Provided to Various Groups and Organizations

The Directors approved the issuance of \$5,250 in grants-in-aid funding to the following organizations:

- \$4,000 to Caycuse Volunteer Fire Department from Electoral Area F – Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls to assist with maintenance and repair of firefighting equipment and firefighter training.
- \$750 to Cowichan Intercultural Society from Electoral Area E – Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora to support the upcoming “One World Festival 2014”.
- \$500 to Cowichan Intercultural Society from Electoral Area C – Cobble Hill to support the upcoming “One World Festival 2014”.

Contact: [Sharon Moss](#), Manager, Finance

8. Transit Service Review Concluded

The Transit Service Review participants have been meeting since January 2014. After reviewing several funding models and formulas for the conventional and handyDART systems, the participants reached agreement that the funding formula be based 100% on property assessment, and to be phased in over 3 years. Contact: [Jim Wakeham](#), Manager, Facilities, Fleet & Transit

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