

Board Highlights

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1. CVRD Taking Action to Resolve Long-Term Cowichan River Flow Problem

The Board endorsed the Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan's recommendation to store and/or access sufficient spring runoff in Cowichan Lake to sustain river flows during summer and fall. Completed in 2007, the Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan consists of 89 recommendations designed to help ensure a reliable water supply for human use, thriving ecosystems, and a healthy economy.

To ensure progress on this initiative, the Board also agreed to take on a leadership role to investigate and coordinate long term measures to maintain adequate Cowichan River water flows in partnership with stakeholders and other agencies. Since the creation of the Cowichan Watershed Board in 2010, the CVRD has been an active partner in developing and implementing strategies to improve the management and stewardship of the Cowichan Watershed. Contact: [Jacob Ellis](#), Senior Policy Advisor.

2. Bright Angel Park Short Term Borrowing Approved

A short term one year loan for \$28,500 was approved thereby allowing the Recreation Rejuvenation Project in Bright Angel Park to be completed this fall. Instead of waiting until next spring, this borrowing will allow crews to deal with predicted favourable weather conditions this October to finish the project thereby eliminating partially completed works being fenced or otherwise inaccessible over the winter months. Contact: [Brian Farquhar](#), Manager, Parks & Trails

3. Fencing Around Swimming Pools to be Made Mandatory

Following a tragic drowning of a young child in 2013 at a private non-fenced swimming pool, the Coroner's Report recommended that the zoning bylaws in all electoral areas be amended to require swimming pools to be fenced. The Board agreed and has directed that fencing around swimming pools be made mandatory in all electoral areas by amending the zoning bylaws. Contact: [Brian Duncan](#), Manager, Inspections and Enforcement

4. Ballot Questions Approved for 11 Upcoming Referendums

Voters in all nine electoral areas will be asked this Fall if they are in favour of the Board adopting bylaws that would enable the taxation of property owners for the purpose of assisting the Chesterfield Sports Society with costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the Cowichan Sportsplex. Voters in Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls and Youbou/Meade Creek will also be asked if they are in favour of the Board adopting bylaws that would enable the taxation of property owners for the purpose of assisting the Cowichan Aquatic Centre with costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the facility. Voting will take place on November 5, 12 and 15. Contact: [Joe Barry](#), Corporate Secretary

5. Financial Assistance Provided to Various Groups and Organizations

The Directors approved the issuance of \$2,200 in grants-in-aid funding to the following organization:

- \$2,200 to Alexander School to assist with costs for information signs and kiosk for Busy Place Creek project.

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

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