

Board Highlights

From the March 11, 2015 Regular Meeting



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1. Rock of the Woods Temporary Use Permit to Be Considered on April 8

The Board of Directors gave notice that they intend to approve, at the April 8th Board meeting, a Special Event Temporary Use Permit for the July 23 – 26 Rock of the Woods music festival. In addition to the terms, conditions and requirements outlined in the Temporary Use Permit, the applicants will have to limit the attendance to 900 persons and ensure that amplified music stops within one hour after live bands are finished. Contact: [Rob Conway](#), Manager, Development Services

2. Cowichan Region Youth Safety Lens Report Adopted

The [Cowichan Region Youth Safety Lens Report](#) was developed by Safe Youth Cowichan and the Duncan Junior Youth Council in partnership with the CVRD's Community Safety Advisory Commission, Safer Futures (Cowichan Women Against Violence Society), and the Community Options Society. The purpose of the Cowichan Region Youth Safety Lens is to provide decision makers with a tool to assess safety factors for youth when they are considering questions about community planning and development. Contact: [Joe Barry](#), Corporate Secretary

3. Legal Services Providers Selected

Over the past decade, the CVRD has obtained legal services from a number of different firms. With increasingly complex regulatory, legislative, management, environmental, and other issues arising across the region, the expected demand for legal services is expected to grow in the years to come. In an effort to better streamline and manage costs related to legal services, staff brought forward a report to the Board with options to improve service and reduce costs which led to the Board directing that a request for proposals be issued for the provision of legal services. Nine submissions were received and the Board has authorized entering into agreements with Stewart McDannold Stuart for the provision of local government law legal services, and Sheen Arnold McNeil for the provision of labour law legal services. Contact: [Jacob Ellis](#), Deputy CAO

4. Cowichan Valley Community Radio Society Antenna Placement Approved

The Cowichan Valley Community Radio Society requested support from the Board for the installation of a FM Radio transmitter antenna onto an existing utility pole at the end of Deer Road on the south side of Youbou Road. This will enable the community radio society to launch a stronger signal which will provide FM radio coverage throughout the entire Lake Cowichan area. From a public safety perspective, the CVRD Emergency Program is pleased to know the community radio society has the ability to broadcast off the grid in times of a power failure during an emergency or disastrous event. Broadcasting via their new transmitter antenna will afford maximum listener coverage at times when it will be of benefit to all the residents of the greater Cowichan Valley. The Board of Directors gave their approval for placement of an antenna at the new location. Contact: [Conrad Cowan](#), Manager, Public Safety

5. Special Board Meeting Called For Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw

The Board considered granting first three readings to Five Year Financial Plan (2015 – 2019) Bylaw No. 3906. In a weighted vote, the Bylaw was defeated with 33 votes against and 14 votes in favour (*there are a total of 47 votes available in a full weighted vote situation*). Since the *Local Government Act* requires the adoption of a Five Year Financial Plan bylaw by March 31 each year, the Directors passed a resolution that a Special Board meeting be scheduled on March 25. The meeting will begin at 2 pm. Contact: [Joe Barry](#), Corporate Secretary

6. Financial Assistance Provided to Various Groups and Organizations

The Directors approved the issuance of \$4,500 in grants-in-aid funding to the following organizations:

- \$3,000 to Inspire Arts Heritage & Culture Collection from Electoral Area B – Shawnigan Lake to assist with funding for the Shawnigan Gathering March 13-14 community event.
- \$500 to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation from Electoral Area G – Saltair/Gulf Islands to provide a bursary for a Saltair student attending Ladysmith Secondary School.
- \$500 to Chemainus Secondary School from Electoral Area G – Saltair/Gulf Islands to provide a bursary for a Saltair student attending Chemainus Secondary School.
- \$500 to Chemainus Secondary School from Electoral Area G – Saltair/Gulf Islands to provide a bursary for a Thetis Island student attending Chemainus Secondary School.

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