

Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Meeting Highlights – November 10, 2010

VIA Rail Passenger Service Improvements

The Board passed a resolution supporting the Island Corridor Foundation's (ICF) \$15 Million infrastructure investment request for improvements to the VIA Rail passenger service. The ICF's proposal includes necessary infrastructure improvements to the line, relocation of the main terminal to Nanaimo and a new 8:00 am passenger rail service running from Nanaimo to Victoria and returning in the late afternoon. The ICF reports that approximately \$30 Million in improvements have been completed to date that include rail and trail improvements, several new bridges, the Langford transit exchange, the Admirals Road crossing and a new Nanaimo station now under construction. For more information on the proposal visit the ICF's website at <http://www.islandrail.ca>.

Contact: Warren Jones, Administrator

Certificates of Appreciation Received

Representatives of the South Cowichan Community Policing Society presented Certificates of Appreciation to the CVRD Directors representing the District of North Cowichan, the City of Duncan and Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay, in recognition of their contributions to improving safety in our communities.

Contact: Joe Barry, Corporate Secretary

Next Regional District Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional District will be held in the Boardroom on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.

911 Call Answer Levy

The Board enhanced cost recovery of 911 services through a Call Answer Levy (CAL) with the adoption of Bylaw No. 3436. This bylaw authorizes the Board to more fully recover the costs from all telecommunications providers for providing a Primary Service Answering Point (RSAP) for Central Island 911 services at the RCMP detachment located in the City of Nanaimo. The CRTC approved the collection mechanism which involves telephone service providers collecting the CAL through customer billing and remitting monthly payments to the City of Nanaimo who manage the service on behalf of three participating partners: the City of Nanaimo; the Regional District of Nanaimo; and the CVRD.

Contact: Sybille Sanderson, A/ GM, Protective Services

Mill Bay/Brentwood Bay Ferry Service

Over concerns with the discontinuation of the Mill Bay/Brentwood Bay Ferry service (Route 12), the Board has requested an urgent meeting with representatives of BC Ferry Senior Management to discuss the future of the Mill Bay Ferry. The intent of the Board is to review options with the BC Ferry Authority to ensure the continued operation of the Mill Bay to Brentwood Bay Ferry.

Contact: Warren Jones, Administrator

The Great BC ShakeOut

To increase awareness of earthquake safety the Board passed a resolution promoting region-wide participation in the Great British Columbia ShakeOut drill to be held on January 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The Board encourages individuals, families, businesses and organizations to participate in this region-wide event.

Contact: Sybille Sanderson, A/General Manager, Public Safety