Board Highlights

From the July 9, 2014 Regular Meeting.



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1. Temporary Use Permit Application (Balme Ayr Farm) Returned to Applicant

At the June 11, 2014 meeting the Board requested that staff seek a legal opinion regarding the process followed by the Electoral Area Services Committee to deny a Temporary Use Permit application from Balme Ayr Farm to process aggregate. Based on the legal advice received the Board resolved to return Temporary Use Permit Application No. 1-C-14-TUP, and the associated fee, to the applicant as the South Cowichan Official Community Plan does not allow for Temporary Use Permits in the Agricultural designation. Contact: Mike Tippett, Manager, Community and Regional Planning.

2. Financial Contributions for Cowichan Sportsplex Pending Referendum

The CVRD has been providing the Chesterfield Sports Society with a Regional Grant-in-Aid for the past four years. The recently adopted <u>Grant-In-Aid policy</u> states an organization can receive no more than three Regional Grants-in-Aid. Therefore, in order to continue financial assistance to the Society the Board will create Nine (9) separate service areas and seek public approval by referendum during the General Local Elections to be held this Fall. The Financial impact to taxpayers will vary from area to area depending on assessment and will be calculated at the same rate that would have been applied were this to be a region wide service with a max requisition limit of \$200,000. Contact: <u>Mark Kueber</u>, General Manager, Corporate Services.

3. 2014 - 2024 Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) Agreement

The CVRD has entered into a Community Works Fund Agreement that will see the CVRD receive a total of \$7,717,680 in Federal Gas Tax funds over the next five years. Payments begin as early as July, 2014. The Board will have an opportunity to approve proposed projects that meet the new eligibility requirements of revised federal funding categories under the new Agreement this Fall. Contact: <u>Jacob Ellis</u>, Senior Policy Advisory

4. Financial Assistance Provided to Various Groups and Organizations

The Directors approved the issuance of \$2,000 in grants-in-aid funding to the following organizations:

- \$500 to Volunteer Cowichan from Electoral Area C Cobble Hill to assist with production of the film "Stolen Hearts of Cowichan".
- \$750 to West Coast Men's Support Society from Electoral Area E Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora to support men's wellness in the community.
- \$750 to Volunteer Cowichan from Electoral Area E Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenorato assist with production of the film "Stolen Hearts of Cowichan".

Contact: Sharon Moss, Manager, Finance

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