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ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 16, 2012
6:00 PM – CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street

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Distribution:

CVRD Director Gerry Giles	Justin Straker
CVRD Director Rob Hutchins	Judy Stafford
CVRD Director Phil Kent	Roger Wiles
CVRD Director Jon Lefebure	Peter Keber
Rodger Hunter	Janna Jorgensen
Dave Polster	Sophy Roberge
Tyler Innes	Roger Hart
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Warren Jones, CAO
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Engineering and Environment Services
Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy
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Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning and Development Services	

Minutes of the regular meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on January 19, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Justin Straker Director Lefebure
Dave Polster Director Kent
Roger Wiles Director Giles
Judy Stafford Janna Jorgensen
Rodger Hunter Roger Hart
Sophy Roberge Pete Keber

ALSO PRESENT: Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Engineering & Environment
Bob McDonald, Manager, Recycling and Waste Management
Warren Jones, CAO; Jacob Ellis, Corporate Services
Director Morrison
Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Tyler Innes
6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR

The Manager of Regional Environmental Policy called for nominations for Chair.

Director Lefebure was duly nominated.

DECLARATION OF CHAIR FOR 2012

There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed and Director Lefebure was declared elected by acclamation as the Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District Environment Commission.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIR

The Manager of Regional Environmental Policy called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Justin Straker was duly nominated.

DECLARATION OF CHAIR FOR 2012

There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed and Justin Straker was declared elected by acclamation as the Vice-Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District Environment Commission.

ASSUMPTION OF CHAIRS

Director Lefebure assumed the Chair and Justin Straker assumed the seat of Vice-Chair. A decision was made by the commission members that the Chair and Vice-Chair will work together as co-chairs for the Environment Commission.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were given around the table as there were new members present and new elected representatives. Electoral directors named to the Environment Commission for 2012 are Directors Giles, Lefebure and Kent.

OVERVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Overview of a Regional District – tabled until next meeting. CAO will return to present the overview.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended with a change of order moving NB1, 2, 3, and 4 to the first order of business, before Business Arising.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the December 15, 2011, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS
NB1**

Private Sector Green Building Strategy – Rachelle Rondeau presented an overview of the Green Building Strategy. Discussion ensued

It was moved and seconded to receive the Private Sector Green Building Strategy report for information, and that further discussion and feedback from the Environment Commission be provided at a subsequent meeting; and furthermore, that other municipalities be included in these discussions.

MOTION CARRIED

Kate Miller, Rachelle Rondeau, Jon Lefebure and Justin Straker will work together to organize the next session on Green Building Strategies. Suggested that all municipalities be involved and that there could be a unified approach to this strategy, with a goal of attaining the highest standards possible.

NB2

Solid Waste Management Plan – Bob McDonald, Manager, Solid Waste and Recycling.

Mr. McDonald distributed a handout showing the diversion rate of recycling vs the disposal amounts in the CVRD, from 1990 to the present and explained key aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan. CVRD is the leader in recycling programs in BC. Goals are to increase the amount of organic components diverted from the waste stream and to have manufacturers reduce packaging and waste. Discussion ensued. North Cowichan will start picking up organics in the spring of 2012; the Town of Ladysmith and City of Duncan are currently picking up household organic waste at curbside.

The Environment Commission will establish a sub-committee to work on the Solid Waste Management Plan, specifically the mandated role of the Commission to act as the Monitoring Committee for this plan.

NB3

Tri-Regional Waste to Energy update – Bob McDonald

An assessment of thermal treatment technologies for municipal solid waste on behalf of three regional districts – Regional District of Nanaimo, Cowichan Valley, and Capital Regional District. Discussion ensued.

NB4

Corporate Strategic Plan Implementation – Jacob Ellis

A handout was distributed with further information stemming from the previous discussion in November focussing on areas where the

Environment Commission might assist the implementation of the CVRD Corporate Strategic Plan. Key components to consider are:

- a) Regional Sustainability Plan process – including research on climate change and updating the State of the Environment Report.
- b) Develop regional Watershed Management strategies and Water Planning Policies including shoreline protection public education.
- c) Strategies for a Healthy Environment – pursue and promote strategies on transportation, green energy, water, adaptation, etc.
- d) Air shed strategy – assist in implementation of burning bylaw.
- e) Agricultural Plan – work with the Agricultural Commission.
- f) Communications Strategy – raise public awareness on various topics related to the environment.
- g) Solid Waste Mgmt Plan – assisting in a siting of a regional composting facility.
- h) Assist in the siting of a composting facility and in implementation of an organics collection service.
- i) Help develop an overall environment strategic plan

The Commission would like to be part of discussions on a forest land use plan and to work with the planning department re zoning of forest lands.

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES**

B1

Commission Work Plan – Selection of committee members J. Straker
Volunteers for the following committees needed for this year are:

- 1) Communications – Janna Jorgensen, Roger Hart, Gerry Giles, Dave Polster, Judy Stafford
- 2) Solid Waste – Sophy Roberge, Roger Wiles, Pete Keber, Phil Kent, Judy Stafford

Dyan will send out a doodle poll to set up the first meeting of the first two groups.

Request for clarification on the Role of the monitoring committee and provincial expectations. Staff will bring a report back.

B2

Update on land use recommendations –recommendations forwarded to planning and development and will be integrated into the Regional Sustainability plan process. The Regional Integrated Sustainability Plan approach/Terms of Reference will be brought forward in February or March to Regional Services Committee and the interest of the Environment Committee participation will be referenced.

B3

Economic Development Committee appointment:

It was moved and seconded to appoint Roger Hart as the representative of the Environment Commission to the Economic Development Commission for a term of one year.

MOTION CARRIED

R. Hunter advocates for the amalgamation of the Economic Development Commission and the Environment Commission. It will be discussed at a

future date. A new Economic Development representative to the Environment Commission will be announced shortly.

Judy Stafford requests to be appointed to the Agricultural Commission if there is to be a formal Environment Commission Representative. Roger Hunter and Peter Keber are current representatives on this committee.

B4 Meeting Schedules. Will continue to be the third Thursday of each month. Afternoon meeting are not convenient to some member's work schedules.

CORRESPONDENCE none

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

R1 **Communications Committee** – Video Contest Feedback. Janna Jorgensen supplied feedback on the video contest. She requests commission members to also send her feedback by email, to further discussion for future planning

R2 **Agricultural Workshop** – Judy Stafford gave an update regarding the Agricultural Forum at Duncan United Church from 9 -3 pm, January 19th, 2012. There were 125 people registered, including small scale farmers, a variety of people with personal gardens, horticultural societies, natural growers groups, people from Victoria, Maine Island, Salt Spring Island. Very informative and a worthwhile, well organized and well run workshop.

Watershed Board is having Ted Vander Gulik from the Partnership for Water Sustainability hold a workshop in March. More information to come.

INFORMATION

IN1 North Cowichan Climate Action and Energy Plan – send comments and ideas to www.ncclimateaction.ideascale.com by February 15, 2012.

IN2 Natural Capital Policy Review

IN3 Annual Report – Vancouver Island Drinking Water Team

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING February 16, 2012

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____



COMMITTEE REPORT

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 16, 2012

DATE: February 9, 2012

FROM: Justin Straker, Co-Chair

SUBJECT: Regional Environmental Strategic Plan (RESP)

Recommendation:

That a Regional Environmental Strategic Plan (RESP) be developed by staff working with the Environment Commission.

Purpose:

The RESP would broadly consist of identifying regional environmental objectives and targets, and subsequent actions that local governments can take towards meeting those objectives/targets.

Financial Implications:

We propose allocating a substantial amount, (i.e. at least half or \$25k) of the commission's 2012 budget to this project (towards an external contract), with an additional amount to the Communications Committee to support this effort and communicate it to the community.

Background Discussion:

The idea of a Regional Environmental Strategic Plan for the CVRD comes up in many places:

- in CVRD Bylaws 2943/3243 (2007), which established the Environment Commission (EC), and identified the development of an 'Environmental Strategic Plan' as one of its four areas of responsibility (4th responsibility was to monitor and advance implementation of this plan, and report annually);
- in correspondence from Warren Jones to the EC, December 2012, in which he raises the idea of a 3-5-year Environmental Strategic Plan as a component of sustainability planning for the CVRD;
- in our final 2012 workplan; and
- in Jacob Ellis' January 19, 2012, presentation to the Environment Commission on how the Commission can contribute to the CVRD's implementation/achievement of the 2010 Corporate Strategic Plan.

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How this action is relevant to the environment commission's goals and how it links with desired outcomes?

An RESP follows logically on our 2010 State of the Environment Report, as "2nd volume", or a plan to address the issues identified in this report. Based in part on the above, we believe that the top priority of the EC in 2012 should be to work with CVRD staff to develop a RESP.

The RESP would broadly consist of identifying regional environmental objectives and targets, and then actions that local governments can take towards meeting those objectives/targets. Objectives and actions should be designed to be measurable, so that we can track our progress towards meeting them (e.g., see backgrounder document on 'SMART' objectives and strategic planning).

The proposed model for plan development would be collaborative, led by CVRD staff, with multiple agencies contributing, and EC members contributing to a project steering committee. Development of the plan would also include community outreach and soliciting input.

If this proposal is approved by motion at the February 16, 2012 Environment Commission meeting, we would present at the next opportunity to the CVRD Board (March), and commit to providing a Terms of Reference within a month. If approved by the CVRD Board, CVRD EC volunteer members will be asked to form a subcommittee to develop, along with CVRD staff, the project Terms of Reference, and to oversee a contract award.

Submitted by,

Justin Straker
Co-Chair of the Environment Commission Member

Goals, Objectives and Vision*

Goals, Objectives and Vision—all dreams—but different in their immediacy

“You gotta have a dream. If you don’t have a dream how you gonna make a dream come true?”

Vision

Vision is a statement of what or where you would like to be in 5-10-20 years. Getting to where you want to go may require some changes to what you are currently doing. As a result, most strategists believe that creating the corporate vision statement is the first step in the planning process. You need to know where you are going before you can accurately determine what **needs** to be done today.

Mission

Mission is about position—about where you are and what you are doing today.

Goals

Goals are general but directional, and not yet specific

To achieve these goals, you need to develop appropriate **specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART)** objectives.

Objectives

The underlying difference between objectives and goals is that objectives must be measurable, while goals are only directional. Objectives, whatever adjective applies, must be:

- **Specific:** the objectives are clear about *who, what, where, when, why, and how much* the situation will be changed.
- **Measurable:** the targets and benefits can be quantified
- **Achievable:** the objectives are attainable (knowing what resources and capacities are at the disposal of the community)
- **Relevant:** the objectives make sense in the current situation
- **Time-bound:** the time period by which the objectives will be accomplished are stated

Strategy

Strategy is the plan to achieve an objective. It is the *how* part—how you will achieve the objective, nothing more, nothing less. Tactics are the action steps that you will take to implement the strategic plan.

Strategic Plan

A Strategic Plan is the plan to achieve a set of objectives over a multi-year period.

Directional Plan

A Directional Plan is the plan to achieve a set of objectives over much shorter period, e.g. one year. The objectives for a Directional Plan should be stepping stones towards achieving the longer-term objectives of the Strategic Plan.

Operational (or Implementation) Plan

An Operational Plan simply operationalizes the Directional Plan. Organizations often move from the Strategic Plan to an Implementation Plan and this can work well if the Senior Management Team has a multi-year mandate. The danger is that unless there are specific objectives that can both be achieved within a shorter (one year) period and move the organization towards the longer term (strategic) objectives there will not be a clear link between the Operational Plan and the Strategic Plan and, in extreme cases, there can be a disconnect.



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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

DATE: February 8, 2012
FROM: Janna Jorgensen
SUBJECT: EC Communications Committee Activities

Recommendation:

N/A

Purpose:

- To update the EC on progress of the Communications Committee and its activities.

Members:

- The Communications Committee held its first meeting of 2012. Members are Roger Hart, Gerry Giles, Janna Jorgensen (Chair) Dave Polster and Judy Stafford.

Projects in Progress:

- Draft Terms of Reference are being developed, with the intention of articulating role(s) and function(s) of the committee (a) in service to the EC, and (b) on behalf of the EC.
- Communications Plan and priorities for 2012 - The committee is in the process of consulting with relevant EC members/committees and the EC work plan for the purpose of identifying priorities for the coming year.
- Video Contest – Contest winners are to be presented to the CVRD Board in the March 2012 meeting. Survey of participants is in process. Recommendations for changes to contest for next year are in development.
- Janna's name has been forwarded to participate in the CVRD's communications consultations being conducted by the external consultant.

Financial Implications:

- Committee budget is under development – request(s) to follow at subsequent meeting.

Submitted by,
Janna Jorgensen, Chair

CVRD ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Time: Monday, 30 January 2012, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Place: CVRD HQ

Attendees: Janna Jorgensen, Pete Keber, Sophy Roberge, Judy Stafford, Roger Wiles

Absentees: Phil Kent, Dave Polster

Guest: Bob McDonald, Manager, CVRD Recycling and Waste Management

Purpose: As defined within the January minutes of the Environment

Commission – “The Environment Commission will establish a sub-committee to work on the Solid Waste Management Plan, specifically the mandated role of the Commission to act as the Monitoring Committee for this plan.”

The inaugural meeting made Roger Wiles chair.

An informal roundtable survey revealed a few of the many issues related to solid waste management that members would like to see addressed. Among these were: a “zero-waste challenge,” an audit of the solid waste stream, solutions to the glass market, and heightened awareness and communication.

It was agreed that establishing clarity about our ‘Terms of Reference’ was vital to our success. To that end, Bob generously provided some history and context. Under provincial legislation, the regional district is empowered and obliged to appoint a committee and set ‘terms of reference’ for monitoring the “regional solid waste management plan.” A review of the “Plan” is scheduled to commence in mid-February. Bob has committed to incorporate consideration of our committee’s role as part of his staff’s deliberations as the review gets underway. They will examine how we might best contribute to the overall success of solid waste management policy. This will lead to a mid-March meeting between our committee and staff to discuss their recommendations prior to us adopting clear terms of reference. Bob will keep us informed as this process proceeds.

It was agreed that a guided field trip to regional waste management sites would help committee members become familiar with the CVRD’s infrastructure. Judy suggested we combine our group’s field trip with one already being planned for a Cowichan Green Community delegation. Judy will report back on an exact date and logistics.

It was agreed that there are presently no budget implications to this committee’s work.



STAFF REPORT

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2012

DATE: February 9, 2012 **FILE NO:**

FROM: Bob McDonald, Manager, Recycling and Waste Management Division

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Management Plan – Role of Environment Commission

Recommendation/Action:
For information only.

Relation to the Corporate Strategic Plan:

Sustainable Infrastructure: Responsible Waste Management

Financial Impact: *(Reviewed by Finance Division: not required)*

No directly related costs.

Background:

Following the January 19th update to the commission regarding activities of the Recycling and Solid Waste Division, and the role of the commission in monitoring these activities as they relate to the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP), a Solid Waste Sub-committee was formed to work more closely with staff.

Staff met with the sub-committee on January 30th and collectively outlined proposed next steps to ensure the SWMP monitoring role of the commission was being fulfilled. Attached is an excerpt from the plan as to the role of the commission, but it is short on detail. Also noted below is a link to the Environmental Management Act, and Section 35 that further defines the role of a Monitoring Committee. Again, it is short on detail or any procedures for fulfilling this role.

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/mun-waste/waste-solid/sw-mgmt-plan/guideplan/part-2.htm>

It is in this context regarding a lack of specific details that the following points and next steps are being proposed:

- Sub-committee members would arrange a tour of Bings Creek with staff to gain insight to how the CVRD main facility operates. This tour took place on February 8th and future tours of other facilities, including the Koksilah landfill are being planned.
- Solid waste staff would work on a draft status report / internal 5 year review of the SWMP during February, possibly early March. This review is required under the SWMP, but coincides nicely with ensuring the commission is fully aware of all current and proposed activities.

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- Staff would try to arrange a date in mid-March to meet and discuss such activities and next steps, possibly in an all day meeting. The proposed agenda items would include the following:
 1. development of a Terms of Reference for the commission role with regard to the SWMP implementation;
 2. draft status report/review of SWMP;
 3. SWMP linkages to other initiatives;
 4. any advocacy opportunities for commission
 5. compilation of information in final SWMP Review report
- Staff will also be developing a 2012 Work Plan with priorities identified, and discussing with the committee.

Discussion:

Formalizing a Terms of Reference for the Environment Commission is long overdue. It will help in defining the role of the commission beyond that contained in the SWMP, and can be added to the plan for future reference. Specific steps and procedures for executing this role can also be defined and referenced in future years.

Beyond its role as a monitoring committee, the commission is a valuable resource, representing a cross-section of the community. Although it is not an advisory committee, as it deems appropriate, it may assist in advancing components of the SWMP through recommendations to the Board and/or advocating its' viewpoint in the public forum. These opportunities are to be discussed further, and brought back to the commission for review.


Submitted by,



Bob McDonald
Manager, Recycling and Waste Management Division

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<p>Reviewed by: Division Manager:</p> <p>Approved by: General Manager:</p> 

- Targeting compostable organics in both the residential and commercial waste streams for diversion
- Increased convenience for residents accessing CVRD Recycling Drop-off Depots
- Enhancing recycling opportunities for the commercial and multifamily sector
- Expansion of industry stewardship programs and reduced packaging initiatives

Plan Monitoring

The CVRD will track the progress of its Plan by preparing a brief annual report summarizing disposal quantities and waste reduction program activities regarding actual waste diversion. Individual programs will be evaluated periodically by the CVRD to assess their impact and effectiveness. Solid waste quantities, composition, and other characteristics and their impacts on regional and municipal programs will be updated by the CVRD every 5 years. Results of periodic reassessments and updated studies will be included with the annual report.

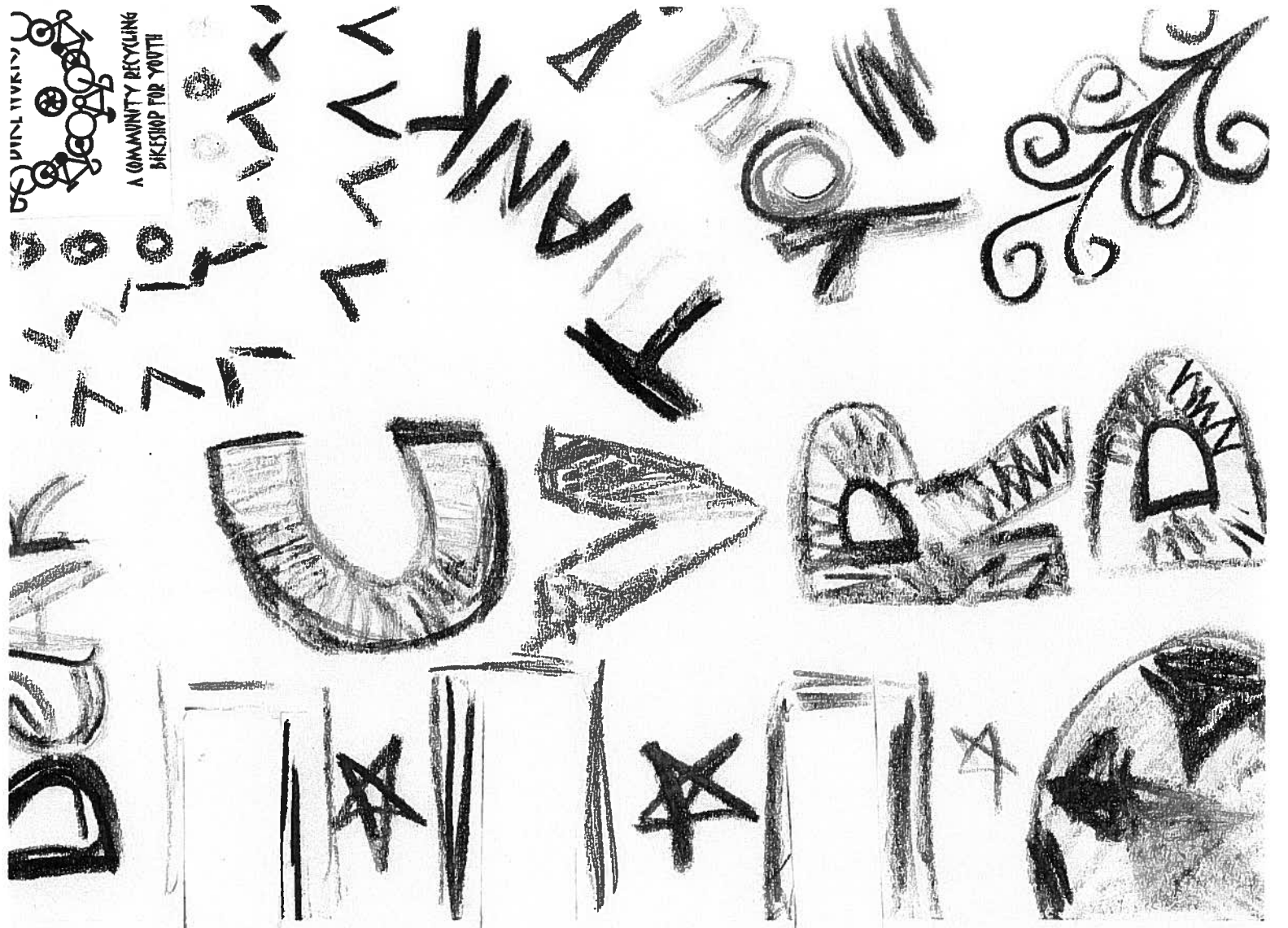
The CVRD Roundtable on the Environment will act as the Plan Monitoring Committee to monitor CVRD progress in implementing the Plan. This committee includes members from the general public, representatives of First Nations, governmental and non-governmental agencies, and staff personnel. The Committee will report its findings to the CVRD Board of Directors.

Plan Amendments

Changes in factors such as market conditions, waste generation or composition, resource availability, demographic changes; technology, etc. may make deviation from the approved Solid Waste Management Plan desirable and/or necessary. The failure to open, or premature closing, of major facilities may require major plan amendments. Schedule delays, or lesser deviations, will require only minor amendments. It is assumed that the Ministry of Environment will determine whether a particular deviation requires a major or minor amendment, or any amendments at all.

Minor Plan Amendments

The CVRD will make minor amendments to the Plan by documenting the changes in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, the Ministry of Environment and the Plan Monitoring Committee. The documented amendment would then be submitted to the Ministry for approval.



many thanks for sponsoring an environmental contest for youth & for choosing us in your's

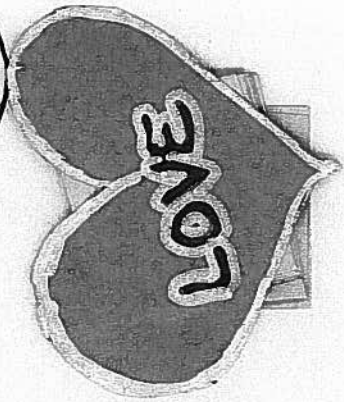
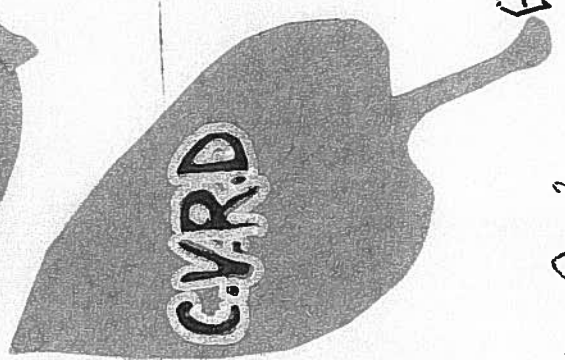
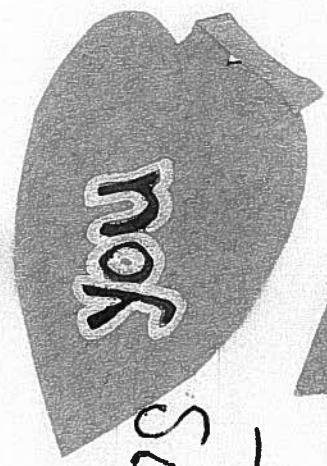
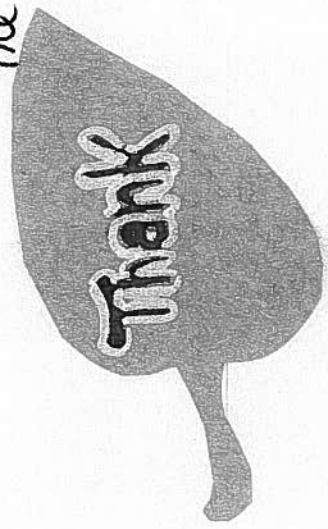
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Cowichan Valley Regional District
Environment Commission
175 Ingram Street, Duncan, B.C.

Attention: Ms. K. Miller, Regional Environmental Policy

Dear Kate,

The U-Fix It BikeWorks and Youth Craft Shop entered your environmental video contest in December, and won! We are very grateful of the support and encouragement that winning has done for our youth out-reach program. At this time, we thought you would be interested in the plans we have for using the \$500 prize. To address our on-going composting efforts, we intend to purchase a drum composter. It will be used for the back of our shop and will be "fed" with compost from a variety of sources. We are also in need of water conserving faucets in the bike shop. For the benefit of hands-off washing and saving water, we intend to purchase a foot controlled water tap. We have also made preliminary plans to partner with the Cowichan Green Community in their community gardens project at the Alderlea St. Kinsmen Park. With the purchase of bolts, wire mesh and weather proof paint, we intend to 'up-cycle' bike rims into gardening domes.

At this time we can expect to spend about \$300 on a drum composter, and likely \$150 or so, on the taps. Hopefully this info is of use to you.

Here at the U-Fix It BikeWorks and Youth Craft Shop we have high hopes to implement our expanded environmental actions, thanks largely to your prize money. From the staff: Dave Ehle, Louise Nadeau, Cal Hosie, Madi Walter, plus the hundreds of youth we support each year.

Madi Walter



Louise Nadeau

Dave Ehle

Subject: FW: Comments

From: verbagaicho@gmail.com [mailto:verbagaicho@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 1:07 PM

Perhaps you are the department who sponsored the latest 'Grow More Food' event at the Duncan United Church. Here are comments for you all to digest on what the public ultimately thought of that debacle.

http://www.usedcowichan.com/classified-ad/Comments---Grow-More-Food-Workshop--Courtesy-of-the-CVRD-and-CGC_16588706

Replies to the posting:

anonymous says : says: thank you for voicing my sentiments ... exactly!

i felt the workshop was a complete waste of my time ...

i couldn't even take advantage of the "free" lunch, since i am a raw vegan ... i quietly left at 12:15 ...

anonymous says: I totally agree with you . I did not come away with anything new , i have heard all this before.

You might note that over 2400 garden minded, conscious Cowichinians viewed this posting based on the headline and attractive image.

A free consultation from the public to you.

Even when you lose, don't lose the lesson. Eg. eco depot.

Blessings,

YG

Hi,

I am working along with our Seed Literacy Team on our most recent upcoming event: *The Seeds for Change Conference 2012; GMOs and The Right to Choose*. We are hoping to get some feedback from you regarding GE free zones in the Cowichan region. I am especially concerned as it seems that the dairies on Vancouver Is. are all using GE Corn. As I wish to continue to eat locally I have a few questions. Do we grow GE corn on Vancouver Island? If not, where is the corn sourced from that is fed to dairy cattle?, is there an alternative feed for farmers to feed their dairy cows? Is the CVRD Environment Commission concerned about this? Are there other cover crops on Vancouver Island that are GM? What are they?

This concern would also be applicable to protecting our biodiversity as well. I believe that a system that requires GMOs requires a monoculture and that is not ecologically friendly. Would you agree with this statement? Perhaps we could foster some sort of relationship with the CVRD during our 30day Live GMO Free Challenge running until Feb 16th, 2012. Or you could have a presence at the Conference coming up on the 18th of February. Or perhaps something with respect to not having GMOs could be added to the CVRD - 12 Things.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this opportunity.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Debra Cebula

Seed Literacy Coordinator

Cowichan Green Community

www.cowichangreencommunity.org

From: Shelley Ma PCICadmin [<mailto:pcicadm@uvic.ca>]**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2012 9:56 AM**To:** Shelley Ma PCICadmin**Subject:** Update! PACIFIC CLIMATE SEMINAR SERIES - Faron Anslow, Wednesday, February 15, 2012

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for Climate Solutions
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PACIFIC CLIMATE SEMINAR SERIES

The Pacific Climate Seminar Series, jointly hosted by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) and the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC), takes place every third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at the University of Victoria. All seminars will be available via live webcast at <http://www.pics.uvic.ca/broadcast.php> or <http://pacificclimate.org/seminars/webcast>.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 | 3:30 – 4:30 pm

LOCATION: Rm002, University House 1, University of Victoria ([View Map](#))

SPEAKER: Faron Anslow, Climatologist, Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium

TITLE: **BC Weather Year in Review for 2011: An Introduction to PCIC Climate Analysis and Monitoring**

PCIC Climatologist Faron Anslow presents "BC Weather Year in Review for 2011: An Introduction to PCIC Climate Analysis and Monitoring" as part of the joint PICS/PCIC Pacific Climate Seminar Series.

This seminar will also be available via live webcast.

Abstract: The climate analysis and monitoring theme at the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium is working with the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions and the BC Ministry of Environment to better describe the climate of British Columbia. Part of this process is following the evolving weather events and seasonal climate of the province utilizing observations from weather and climate stations in the Climate Related Monitoring Program's networks. This presentation will discuss some of the climate anomalies (or lack of anomalies) for 2011. We'll look at a couple of events of extreme rainfall that occurred in the Peace River region, an instance of heavy "pineapple express" rains over the lower mainland, and the occurrence of extended cold and rainy conditions in the spring. Efforts to enhance our ability to describe these events using stations from the Climate Related Monitoring Program will be presented. Finally, the formation of a new climate baseline and gridded climate time series for British Columbia using PRISM will be described.

Join us for an information exchange:

ECOSYSTEMS AND SPECIES AT RISK

Three Opportunities for Dialogue

Deep Bay, Cowichan Bay, Victoria

February 22-24, 2012

What do Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Critical Habitat mean to you?

For Local
Governments,
First Nations and
Landholders

TENTATIVE AGENDA

GET ACQUAINTED (COFFEE/TEA TIME) - 9:30 AM

WELCOME - 10 AM

PARKS CANADA

The Role of Parks Canada in Species at Risk
(SAR) Recovery Planning (Patrick Yarnell)

ENVIRONMENT CANADA

Protection and Effective Protection (Ken Brock)

BC MIN. OF ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION

Species and Ecosystem Protection in BC
(Jenny Heron/Brenda Costanzo)

OPEN DIALOGUE

LUNCH PROVIDED - NOON

Deep Bay session only: Tour of Marine Field
Station

FIRST NATIONS PRESENTATIONS

First Nations Land Use Planning (Ken Cossey)
Cowichan Bay session only: Species and
Ecosystems at Risk - Thoughts from Cowichan
(Luschium/Arvid Charlie and Tracy Fleming)

SAR CONSULTANT MATT FAIRBARNES

Getting Your Hands Dirty: What Works and
What Doesn't

OPEN DIALOGUE

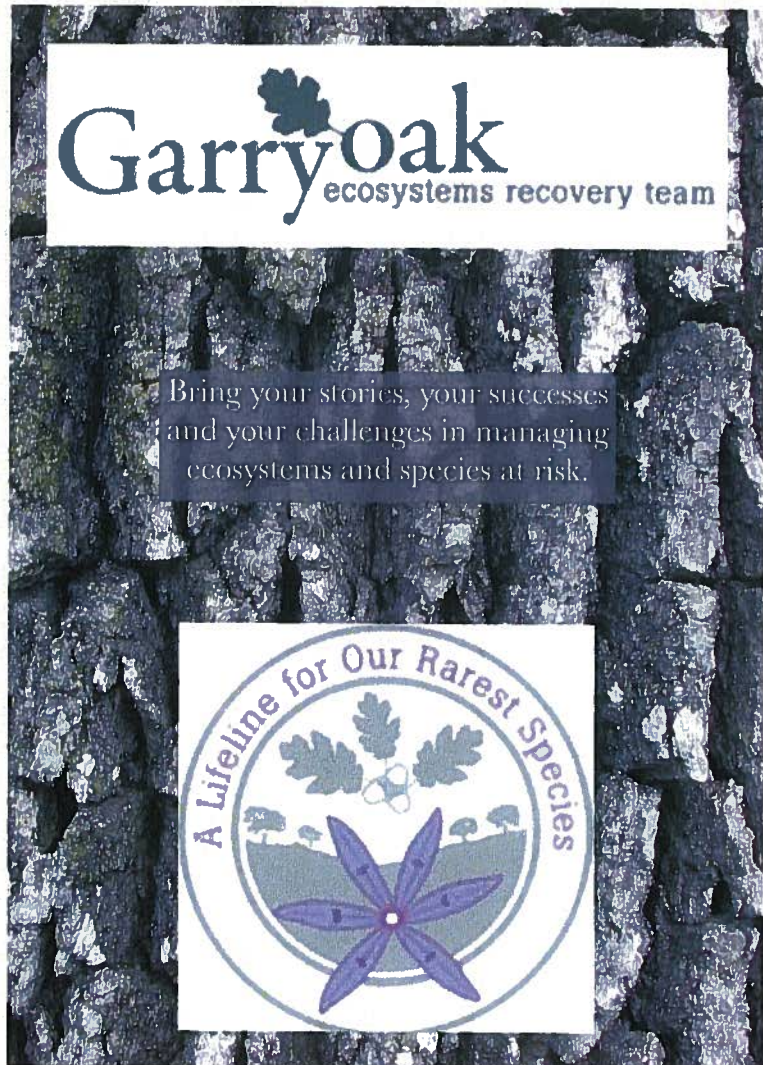
BREAK

GOERT AND PARTICIPANTS

Protecting Ecosystems and SAR in Protected
Areas and on Private Lands

Introducing *Model Bylaws for the Protection of
Garry Oak and Associated Species and Ecosystems*

EXPECTED CLOSE - 3 PM



To register by **Feb 15th** and for more information contact Holly Clermont, holly.clermont@goert.ca | 250-716-6296