

## **\$1.9 Million Grant Funding Announcement for the Cobble Hill Sewer System**

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is very pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$1.9 million grant from the Union of BC Municipalities for the integration and expansion of the Cobble Hill Sewer System. This is great news for residents of the Twin Cedars and Gallier Road (Cobble Hill Sewer System) subdivisions and for the core of Cobble Hill Village. Furthermore, the grant funding allows for expansion of the successful effluent re-use program for irrigation at neighbourhood parks.

As was communicated in the past to customers, the CVRD was already working to combine the Cobble Hill Sewer System (located off Galliers road) with the Twin Cedars Sewer System. The grant funding allows the project to start immediately and, most importantly to customers, the funding will cover the entire cost of the project.

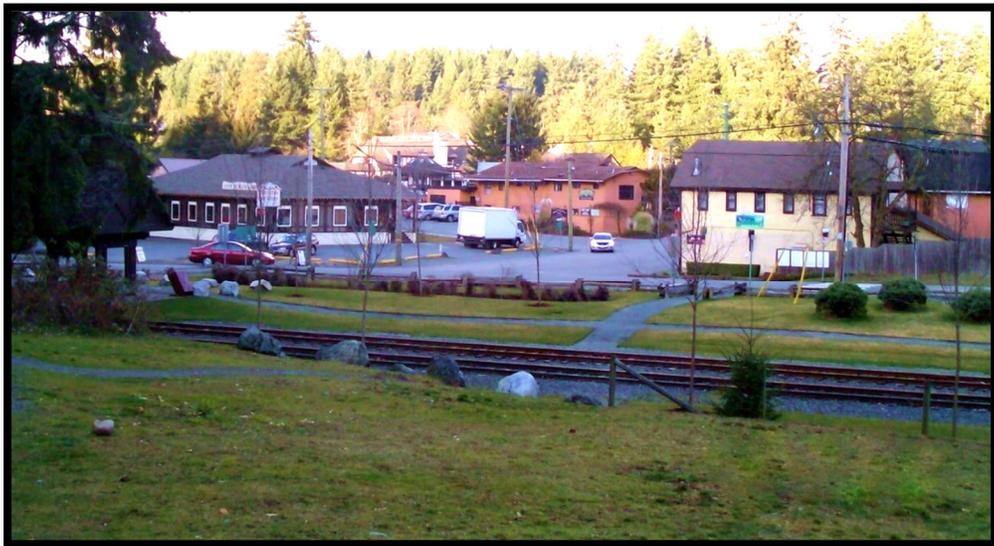
The pipeworks to combine the Cobble Hill Sewer System and the Twin Cedars Sewer System are already in the ground (paid for by a previous grant) and the Twin Cedars wastewater plant has the capacity to accept additional sewage. The effluent from the Twin Cedars Sewer System is currently used to irrigate the Quarry Nature Park and for toilet flushing at the public washrooms. The grant funding will allow for expansion of the effluent re-use to irrigate at the Cenotaph and Cobble Hill Commons. Some upgrades will be necessary to expand the effluent re-use program and these upgrades will be funded by the grant. Aesthetic enhancements such as visual screening, motor noise buffering and newer technology odour management will be added to the Twin Cedars wastewater treatment plant.



Expansion of the Effluent Re-use for Community Parks Irrigation Water

The current Gallier Road (Cobble Hill Sewer System) wastewater treatment plant will be converted to a pump station that will send sewage for treatment to the Twin Cedars wastewater treatment plant. The treated effluent will then be sent to the neighbourhood parks for irrigation or sent to ground disposal at both the Twin Cedars and Gallier Road disposal fields (both fields are already existing). An odour control unit will be added to the pump station at Gallier Road to mitigate any odours.

The collection system for the Cobble Hill Village core will be expanded to allow more properties to be capable of connection to the sewer system when requested. For any utility system, the more customers that are connected and paying into a system, the less costly it becomes for all customers as the cost to operate the system is shared amongst more customers. Expansion of the collection system also makes it viable for properties with failing septic systems to connect to the sewer system and eliminate any environmental concerns.



Once combined, the new sewer system will be called 'Cobble Hill Sewer System'.

We will be hosting a public meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Cobble Hill Community Hall, 3550 Watson Avenue, to further discuss the project and answer any questions from the community.

Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Lisa Daugenet at 250.746.2530 or by email at [ldaugenet@cvrd.bc.ca](mailto:ldaugenet@cvrd.bc.ca)

If you are not able to attend the public meeting and would like to speak in person, please come to the Engineering Services Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC.