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## **CVRD Breaks Ground for North Oyster Fire Station Upgrades**

**Ladysmith**, **BC** – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) has officially broken ground to signal the start of upgrades to the North Oyster fire department. Plans to upgrade and expand the building have been underway for a number of years and will include an approximately 4100 square foot, four apparatus bay fire station for the area.

"Upgrades to the North Oyster fire department will ensure that public safety remains paramount, now and into the future," said CVRD Board Chair Jon Lefebure. "We are delighted that this project is finally becoming a reality."

The North Oyster fire department currently serves more than 2300 residents and covers over 8300 hectares within the Area H fire protection district.

"Fire protection is a critical service and I am pleased that the North Oyster fire station will be receiving necessary upgrades," said Area H Director Mary Marcotte. "These important building improvements will help our amazing volunteer firefighters to continue providing excellence in fire protection services to our citizens."

The construction management contract was awarded to Kinetic Construction, as per the CVRD's public procurement process. It is expected the project will be completed in spring 2019.

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