



## COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

### BYLAW NO. 2943

#### A Bylaw to Establish an Environment Commission for the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

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**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District wishes to establish an Environment Commission to direct and provide input to the CVRD on environmental issues;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

#### CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “**CVRD Bylaw No. 2943 – Environment Commission Bylaw, 2007**”.

#### DEFINITIONS

2. In this bylaw:
  - a) “Commission” means the Environment Commission established by this Bylaw.
  - b) “Board” means the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

#### MEMBERSHIP

3. The Commission shall consist of fifteen members, as follows:
  - a) Three Commission members shall be Directors of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.
  - b) One Commission member shall represent First Nations in the CVRD.
  - c) Eleven Commission members shall be drawn from applicants in response to advertising and represent citizens, environmental professionals, community groups, organizations and/or sectors concerned with environmental sustainability within the Cowichan Valley Regional District.
  - d) All Commission members shall be appointed by Regional Board resolution adopted at a regular Board Meeting.

**TERM OF OFFICE**

- 4. a) The term of office for Commission members shall be one year.
- b) In the event of vacancy of office, a replacement appointee shall hold office for the otherwise unexpired term of office.
- c) The Regional Board may remove from membership any member appointed who has failed to attend three consecutive Commission meetings without good cause.

**PROCEDURE**

- 5. a) At the first meeting in each year, and yearly thereafter, the Commission shall elect from amongst its own members, a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who shall hold office until a successor is elected.
- b) In the absence of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, the Commission shall elect from the members present a temporary Chairperson for the purpose of that meeting only.
- c) All decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Commission shall be made by a majority of the members present at the meeting, with each member having one vote.
- d) Where not otherwise covered in this bylaw, the rules of procedure governing Commission meetings shall be those of the Cowichan Valley Regional District's Board Committee and Commissions Procedures Bylaw.
- e) Minutes shall be kept for all meetings of the Commission, and a copy of such minutes shall be forwarded to the office of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 6. The responsibilities of the Commission shall be as follows:
  - a) Develop an Environmental Strategic Plan that will provide strategic guidance on priority environmental issues and responses for the Cowichan Valley Regional District.
  - b) Act as the Plan Monitoring Committee for the CVRD's Solid Waste Management Plan, Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan, and to be the Local Advisory Water Protection Committee.
  - c) Undertake specific inquiries aimed at evaluating a major issue or issues affecting the community and the environment and recommending solutions to the Board.
  - d) Report to the Board within one year after the inaugural meeting of the Commission on the appropriateness of the Commission mandate, structure and administration.

GENERAL

7. All members of the Commission shall serve without remuneration, except for mileage and meals as provided by the Regional District.
8. The Commission may strike sub-committees as appropriate to deal with particular issues and may refer matters to other appropriate committees prior to consideration by the Board.
9. No recommendation of the Commission or other matter requiring ratification by the Regional Board shall be acted upon until it has been considered by the Regional Board.

READ A FIRST TIME this     11<sup>th</sup>     day of     April     , 2007.

READ A SECOND TIME this     11<sup>th</sup>     day of     April     , 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME this     11<sup>th</sup>     day of     April     , 2007.

ADOPTED this                     11th     day of     April     , 2007.

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Chairperson

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Corporate Secretary

