

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

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(RDN Board Chambers)

A G E N D A

PAGES

CALL TO ORDER

DELEGATIONS

- 6 **Corey Vanderhorst, MNP**, re 2015 Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report.
- 7-11 **Kim Stephens, Partnership for Water Sustainability**, re Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative (IREI).
- 12 **Kevin Goldfuss**, re Proposal Regarding Open Burning Concerns.

MINUTES

- 13-19 Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

That the Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

- 20-29 **Lisa Griffith, Gabriola Historical and Museum Society**, re Request to consider proposal for Community Works Funds for the Museum.
- 30-34 **Joyce Babula, Gabriola Island Community Hall Association**, re Application for \$17,364 from Community Works Funding.
- 35 **Els King**, re Proposed Ban on Outdoor Burning.

Delegation: Kim Stephens, Partnership for Water Sustainability, re Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative (IREI).

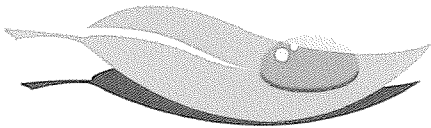
Summary: On behalf of the Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC, and as the Executive Director, my purpose in attending as a delegation would be to:

- thank the Directors for their continuing support of the Partnership, and
- provide an update on the Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative (IREI).

The RDN is one of five regional districts that is a partner in the IREI program.

At the conclusion of my presentation, please note that I would present the RDN Chair with a framed “letter of recognition” because the RDN is a Champion Supporter of the Partnership. Hence, this would be a photo opportunity.

Thank you, and I look forward to receiving confirmation about May 10. Should you require background information, I would suggest that you consult with Randy Alexander and/or Mike Donnelly.



the partnership for water sustainability in bc

April 25, 2011

RDN Board
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road,
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Re: **Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Educational Initiative**
Delegation Request for Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on May 10, 2016

We are writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC to thank the RDN Directors for your continuing support of the Partnership, and the *Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Education Initiative* (IREI).

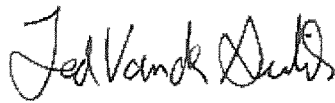
The Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC (www.waterbucket.ca) brings together, and supports the efforts of, local and regional governments across British Columbia. Its overarching goal is to provide tools to help organizations achieve their water sustainability goals, and opportunities for shared learning. The IREI is an outstanding example of this shared learning approach, and is endorsed by 5 Regional Boards representing 75% of the population in BC (Regional District of Nanaimo, Capital Regional District, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Comox Valley Regional District, Metro Vancouver). The attached letter of congratulations from the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Environment underscores provincial recognition of the relevance and significance of our combined efforts.

We would like to make a presentation to the RDN Board at your May 10 Committee of the Whole meeting, to provide you an overview of the work of the Partnership, our goals for the coming years, and to introduce you to **"Beyond the Guidebook 2015: Moving Towards Sustainable Watershed Systems through Asset Management"** (http://waterbucket.ca/viw/files/2015/11/Beyond-Guidebook-2015_final_Nov.pdf), the third in a series of guidance documents. As part of the roll-out, we have already met with the Boards of the other four IREI participants.

We all learn from stories, and the most compelling ones are based on the experience of those who are leading their communities. Beyond the Guidebook 2015 showcases five "regional stories", including the successes of the RDN's *Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program*, and the inter-regional and provincial recognition the RDN is receiving for this program.

In closing, we would like to thank the RDN Board for your leadership in water sustainability efforts and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the opportunity to present to the Board on May 10.

**On behalf of the Partnership for
Water Sustainability in BC**



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February 15, 2016

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Dear Kim Stephens:

Re: **GEORGIA BASIN INTER-REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE**
Beyond the Guidebook 2015: Moving Towards Sustainable Watershed Systems

Congratulations on the release of *Beyond the Guidebook 2015*. This is a milestone accomplishment, and was made possible with provincial funding assistance. The Ministry of Environment appreciates that the **Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC** (the “Partnership”) embraces shared responsibility for the *Water Sustainability Action Plan for B.C.* and *Stormwater Planning: A Guidebook for B.C.* The ministry acknowledges that the Partnership is also adding depth to the Guidebook through the *Beyond the Guidebook Report Series* and the *Beyond the Guidebook Primer Series*.

The work of the Partnership is supporting the Province’s Living Water Smart vision and Green Communities initiative. In particular the Partnership’s efforts to bring together five regional districts—Metro Vancouver, Capital Region, Cowichan Region, Nanaimo Region and Comox Valley—to implement the Georgia Basin Inter-Regional Educational Initiative (IREI) has been particularly successful. This program is effectively demonstrating how to align regional and local actions with the provincial policy, program and regulatory framework.

Other partnership capacity-building tools and resources developed by the Partnership such as the Water Balance Model for BC and Water Conservation Calculator are helping to build community resilience and align well with the goals of both the *Water Sustainability Act* and the Climate Leadership Plan.

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The next phase of the IREI program through 2017 will add to *Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery: A BC Framework* and integrate watershed systems thinking and adaptation to a changing climate into asset management. Moving beyond traditional engineered infrastructure asset management to also account for nature's services will help influence 'standards of practice' and represent a leading-edge evolution in how infrastructure is planned, financed, implemented and maintained in BC. The long-term success of the IREI program will be measurable when community development activities and alterations of the built environment result in cumulative benefits, not impacts.

In closing, and on behalf of ministry staff who are participating in Partnership initiatives and activities, thank you and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Shoemaker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

W.H. (Wes) SHOEMAKER
Deputy Minister

cc: Kaaren Lewis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Sustainability and Strategic Policy Division
Lynn Kriwoken, Executive Director, Water Protection and Sustainability Branch, Ministry of Environment
Jennifer McGuire, Regional Operations Branch, Environmental Protection Division, Ministry of Environment
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