



the partnership
for water sustainability in bc

CAVI-Convening for Action on Vancouver Island

Mission Possible: *A 50-Year Vision for Vancouver Island*

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Road Map for a Conversation

- About the Partnership
- Convening for Action
- Regional Team Approach
- Aligning Our Efforts



Incorporated as a non-profit society in 2010, the Partnership is....

- The hub for a 'convening for action' network in a local government setting
- Helping the Province implement the *Living Water Smart* and *Green Communities* initiatives
- Building on the *Water Sustainability Action Plan for British Columbia* through partnerships
- Fostering alignment of regional and local actions with provincial goals

***“Convening for Action in British Columbia”
is cross-fertilizing seven initiatives
that are ‘water-centric’ and precedent-setting***

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Comox Valley: An Integrated
Watershed Approach to Settlement

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Regional District of Nanaimo:
Action for Water

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Cowichan Basin
Water Management Plan

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Capital Regional District:
Bowker Creek Blueprint

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Metro Vancouver Integrated Liquid Waste &
Resource Management Plan

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South Okanagan-Similkameen Local Government
Ecological Standards and Practices Capacity-Building Initiative

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Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy



Convening for Action to Do Business Differently:

*Visualize What We Want Our Regions of
British Columbia To Look Like in 50 years*


Settlement Change *in balance with* **Ecology**



- Ecology can exist without human habitation
- Human habitation cannot exist without ecology!

MISSION POSSIBLE

The 'regional team approach' brings together....

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- **The Province** - *those who provide legislative framework*
 - **Local Government** - *those who plan, regulate and...
operate, maintain, build*
 - **Developers** - *those who build*
 - **Stewardship Sector** – *those who advocate for conservation*
 - **Agricultural Sector** – *those who grow food*
 - **Academia** - *those who provide research*

**The ‘regional team approach’
is founded on partnerships and collaboration;
and seeks to align actions at three scales –
provincial, regional and local.**

*“Everyone needs to agree on expectations
and how all the players will work together,
and after that each community can reach its
goals in its own way.”*

Eric Bonham
CAVI Leadership Team



The CAVI network is extensive and expanding.
It is about a new form of governance;
and planning “outside the pipe”.



A map of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, with a red line tracing a route from Port Hardy in the north to Port Angeles in the south. The route passes through Campbell River, Comox Valley, Tofino, Port Alberni, and Victoria. Other locations marked include Powell River and Port Angeles. The map also shows the Pacific Ocean to the west, the border with the USA (Washington State) to the south, and the border with the continental United States to the east. The text 'The New Business As Usual:' is overlaid on the map.

The New Business As Usual:

Visualize What We Want Vancouver Island to Look Like in 50 years

CAVI promotes water-centric planning and a *Design with Nature* way-of-thinking and acting to create livable communities in balance with ecology

Vision and Task

“A vision without a task is but a dream.
A task without a vision is but drudgery.
A vision with a task is the hope of the world.”

Church inscription
Suffolk, England 1786