

Convening for Action Vancouver Island Guide to WaterWise Land Development Workshop – Workshop Summary

Meeting name:	Comox Valley (CV) Convening for Action Vancouver Island (CAVI) Guide to WaterWise Land Development (Guide) Workshop		
Location:	Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) boardroom, 550B Comox Road, Courtenay BC		
Date:	December 10, 2015	Time: noon	File: 5225-06
Attendees	Appendix A		
Distribution:	Attendees		

ITEMS DISCUSSED	
A.	<p>Workshop objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have attendees become comfortable discussing the Guide • Initiate collaboration between various jurisdictions and agencies • Begin modelling sustainable watershed systems in the Valley
B.	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>The Comox Valley is a part of an inter-regional educational initiative (IREI). The IREI develops educational materials and tools, supports collaborative asset management, and envisions designs which keep nature in mind. As partners in the Georgia Basin IREI, the CV-CAVI team represents local interests focused on a water-wise land development process. This focus will be attained through a coordinated approach, consistent application of strategies and tools, as well as transparency in the development of the new paradigm – watersheds as integrated systems.</p>
C.	<p>The Guide and Express tool:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Guide provides a written approach to consistent communication between jurisdictions on water-wise land development in the Valley. • The Express is the online tool for designing and evaluating on-site rainwater management mechanisms.
D.	<p>Group Summary:</p> <p>Attendees broke into four smaller groups to discuss what knowledge they had gained at the workshop and relay what they would like to learn more about.</p> <p>See table below – under the summary section, the categories high-lighted in yellow are the categories each group made comments on. Each group’s comments are identified by the color black, red, blue and green and the column “occurrence” indicates the number of groups which share comments in the same categories.</p>

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<p>Road-blocks: Legacy of "old time practices", normalizing best practices, recognition of the value of natural assets, competing interests - drain the land; <i>dealing with existing developments</i></p>	XX
<p>Historical: Contributed to infrastructure deficit</p>	X
<p>Regulatory solutions: Regulations and/or bylaws, vary DCC's based on performance; <i>professional organizations (PIBC, APEG, ABCFP); real change tool and strategies must be enforceable, voluntary approach not much benefit</i></p>	XXX
<p>Collaboration Communication - Inter Jurisdictional: Interdepartmental sessions like this (inter-jurisdictional); <i>build dialogue between parties, lunch and learns (within organization, collaborative with other groups, public outreach), collaboration amongst groups educating public; CAVI contact each local government so that staff can easily get answer to question from property owners they are unable to answer and where applicable a contact person for each tool, present material at branch meetings (go to staff instead of staff to us), present material to executive teams</i></p>	XXXX
<p>Collaboration Communication - External: Bring in developers, neighborhood watershed meetings; <i>public education (homeowners, developers, realtors), web-page; workshops for public (water management, sustainability, interflow), facebook; develop mobile version of Express, develop YouTube video to be used in conjunction with hardcopy Guide to convey key messages</i></p>	XXXX
<p>Marketing: Provide incentives; marketing swamps; <i>create and spread similar language "slow it - spread it - sink it" - manage your water on your property - don't divert to ditches, neighbor</i></p>	XXX
<p>E. Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express training 2016 • Web-page: www.cvwaterwise.squarespace.com • Inventory gap analysis • Continual collaboration 	

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.

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Appendix 'A'

Jurisdictions Represented (alpha):

- City of Courtenay
 - Comox Valley Land Trust
 - Comox Valley Regional District
 - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Village of Cumberland
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