

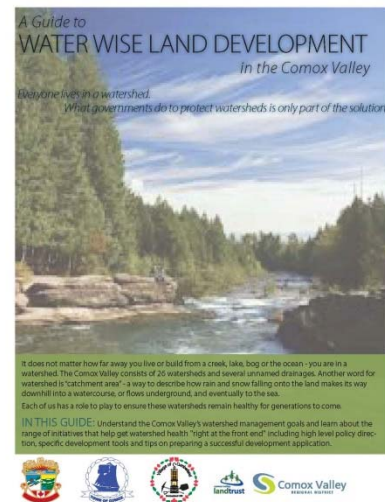
You are invited to the launch of “A Guide to Water-Wise Land Development in the Comox Valley”

On Wednesday June 25 // Board Offices, 600 Comox Road, Courtenay // 9:30am until 3:00pm

Georgia Basin communities have been working together over the past year to develop a consistent, affordable and ecological approach to watershed management. The CVRD is the host for the 4th session in the cross-regional series which brings together participants from all communities involved.

At the June 25 workshop, the Comox Valley will focus on how *Sustainable Service Delivery* integrates *Asset Management* and *Watershed Management* principles to determine what services and levels-of-service are affordable, both now and over time. The session will offer a line-up of diverse speakers (see page 2) and will launch the local Water Wise Land Development guide!

David Allen (CAO, City of Courtenay) will present on Asset Management approaches. **Emanuel Machado** (CAO, Town of Gibsons) and **Melony Burton** (Drainage & Watersheds Coordinator, City of Coquitlam) will share their pioneering approaches to ‘design with nature’ within their municipalities.



| Region | Date | Theme | Venue |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Metro Vancouver | Jan 23 | <i>Watershed Plan Effectiveness</i> | Victoria |
| Capital Region | Mar 28 | <i>Water Quality Assessment</i> | Victoria |
| Cowichan Valley | May 27 | <i>Adapt to a Changing Climate</i> | Ladysmith |
| Comox Valley | Jun 25 | <i>Sustainable Service Delivery</i> | Courtenay |
| Nanaimo Region | Sept 26 | <i>Leveraging Partnerships</i> | Nanaimo |

The inter-regional deliverable from the work of all these communities is **Beyond the Guidebook 2015: Towards a Watershed Health Legacy**. This guidance document will inform community and watershed planning on the east coast of Vancouver Island and in the Lower Mainland. Through collaboration, a goal is to accelerate implementation of *standards of practice* that are *affordable and effective in maintaining healthy watersheds and streams*.

Please join us for an opportunity to collaborate between departments, local jurisdictions and the Bio-region! Planning, Engineering and Finance departments will find these topics of interest.

Inter-Regional Collaboration for Watershed Sustainability

Agenda for “Moving Towards Sustainable Service Delivery” – June 25, 2014

0930 MEET & GREET

0955 Watershed Health Goal

Refer to Exhibit A (“About the Watershed Health Goal”) & Exhibit B (“cloud diagram”)

- ▶ **The Comox Valley Region:** Kris LaRose, Comox Valley Regional District
- ▶ **Vision & Work Plan for Inter-Regional Collaboration:** Kim Stephens, Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC

1015 Module 1 – “Regional Team Approach to Collaboration Across Boundaries”

Comox Valley is a demonstration region for “Living Water Smart, BC’s Water Plan”. The CAVI-Comox Valley Leadership Team will describe the evolution of the “Regional Team Approach” over the 7-year period 2007-2014.

- ▶ **Get It Right at the Front-End for Watershed Sustainability** – Kim Stephens
Focus on the application of the 4Cs - collaboration, cooperation, communication and coordination
- ▶ **Nature Without Borders: Align Efforts at a Watershed Scale** – Jack Minard, Comox Valley Land Trust
Elaborate on the role of the stewardship sector and future responsibilities for watershed health monitoring
- ▶ **Tsolum River: Partnership-Building to Restore Watershed Health** – Chris Cole, TimberWest
Tell the story of how broadening the scope of collaboration to achieve a shared goal resulted in success

1110 STAND & STRETCH

Module 2 – “Educating on Water-Wise Land Development: Comox Valley and abroad”

The CAVI-Comox Valley Leadership Team is learning from and adapting the experience of other regions. The team is working on strategies and tools for protecting and/or restoring watershed function. They will elaborate on why and how the Guide establishes expectations for achieving the Watershed Health Goal over time.

- ▶ **About the Guide** – Nancy Hofer (City of Courtenay) & Judy Walker (Village of Cumberland)
Explain purpose, scope, development and intended use of the Guide to establish watershed expectations
- ▶ **Coquitlam’s Building Better Campaign Celebrates Implementation** – Melony Burton, Coquitlam
Illustrates how to move from a Guide to action by showcasing purpose-built features which mimic nature

1200 LUNCH

1250 Module 3 – “Springboard to Watershed-Based Solutions”

Sustainable Service Delivery integrates Asset Management and Watershed Management principles to determine what services and levels-of-service are affordable, both now and over time. All those involved in land development have a role to play in ‘achieving Sustainable Service Delivery by designing with nature’.

- ▶ **Integrated Rainwater Management Strategy for Electoral Areas** – Marc Rutten & Kris LaRose, CVRD
Explain why and how political support and enthusiasm is a driver for collaboration across boundaries
- ▶ **Look at Watersheds Through a “Sustainable Service Delivery” Lens** – Glenn Westendorp, Comox
Contrast Brooklyn Creek & NE Comox experiences to illustrate the benefits of mimicking the water balance

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Module 4 – “Think Like a Watershed to Reduce Infrastructure Liability”

Sustainable Service Delivery connects land use planning, the “20-80 rule”, and watershed-based solutions in order to ensure that infrastructure services are sustainable over time, both fiscally & ecologically.

- ▶ **Asset Management and Level-of-Service Choices** - David Allen, CAO, City of Courtenay
Level-of-service is the integrator for everything that local government does
- ▶ **Nature is Our Most Valuable Infrastructure Asset** – Emanuel Machado, CAO, Town of Gibsons
The Town has launched an initiative that brings together asset management and nature’s services

1500 CLOSING REMARKS