



UTILITIES GOVERNANCE OPTIONS

COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

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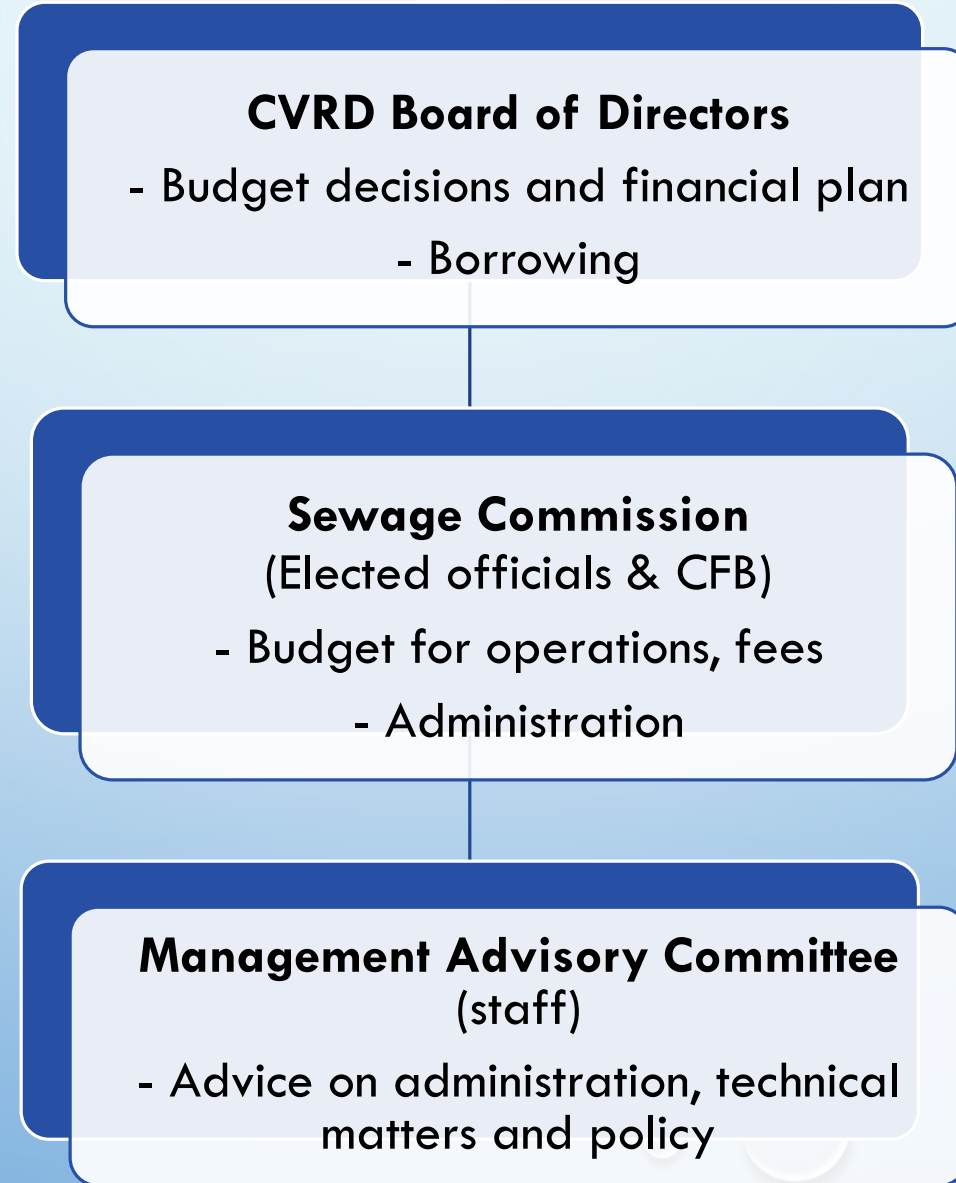
WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

- Examining options for governance of 2 regional district services
 - Sewer service
 - Water service

WHY EXAMINE OPTIONS?

- Issues raised by members of the sewage commission and water committee
- Strategic priority of the board

CURRENT STRUCTURE - SEWER



CURRENT STRUCTURE - WATER

CVRD Board of Directors

- Budget decisions and financial plan
- Borrowing

Water Committee (elected officials + staff as non-voting members)

- Operational & admin policy
- approve/refuse connections

Management Advisory Committee (staff)

- Advice on policy, technical matters

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

- Priority is to hear from you
 - Listen to your objectives, concerns, needs
 - Non-negotiables?
 - Opportunity to involve K'ómoks First Nation in decision making
 - Tailor a Comox Valley solution

Autonomy Spectrum

Governance Options



WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

- Committees/Commissions
 - What are they?
 - What is the difference?
 - Who can be on them?
 - What role can they play?

WHAT ARE THEY

- Local Government Act
 - Standing Committees
 - Select Committees
 - Local Community Commissions
 - Commissions

WHO CAN BE ON THEM?

- Elected officials
 - Accountability to taxpayers
 - Representation
- Appointees
- Volunteers
- Experts

WHAT CAN THEY DO?

- What can't they do?
 - Board retains budget (financial plan) approval
 - Borrowing authority
 - Bylaws
- Delegation of various levels of decision-making authority
 - Spending authority (within their budget)
 - Set priorities

NEXT STEPS

- Next steps
 - Staff interviews
 - Follow-up phone calls with elected officials
- Reporting back – issues paper that identifies what we've heard and path forward

DISCUSSION

- What concerns do you have with the current decision-making structure?
- What is important to include in a new structure?
- Who needs to be at the decision-making table?