

DATE: July 30, 2019**FILE:** 6430-01**TO:** Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee**FROM:** Russell Dyson
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Chief Administrative Officer*R. Dyson***RE: Strategic Planning for Electoral Areas**

Purpose

To respond to a request by the Electoral Areas Services Committee to explore options associated with a strategic planning session dedicated to the electoral areas.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

Receipt.

Executive Summary

The Electoral Areas Services Committee, at its July 19, 2019 meeting, directed staff to provide options for strategic planning in the rural areas.

- A range of specific interests can be identified, when considering the electoral areas: rural residents' needs, economic development in rural areas, infrastructure, environment/climate change, service delivery, partnerships/synergies for cost saving, recreation/health and wellness, parks/trails, active transportation, emergency preparedness and resource stewardship.
- These interests and others can be actively explored within the context of the regional strategic session scheduled for October 2019.
- A portion of the October session will be dedicated to rural areas, with the benefit of all directors respecting the rural areas' interests.
- The outcome of the October session will identify the strategic drivers and how they are applied to the delivery of CVRD core services, including services in the electoral areas.
- The CVRD is in the midst of hiring the General Manager of Community Services (GM). This GM is critical in supporting Electoral Area services. The CVRD can be more responsible to the Electoral Area Once this position has been filled.
- Additionally, orientation on a range of topics will be provided at upcoming Electoral Areas Services Committee meetings, including
 - Parks and greenways – long-term operational and acquisition planning based on the 30-year Rural Comox Valley Parks and Greenways Strategic Plan (2011)

- <https://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/projects-initiatives/strategies/comox-valley-parks-greenways-strategic-plan-2011-2030>
- Asset Management – advancing the asset management workplan within the rural areas. The plan will result in informed decision-making for infrastructure renewal and future development. Includes consideration of electric charging stations when infrastructure is upgraded/constructed.
- Community works funds – prioritizing funding allocation to rural area projects/interests
- Grant programs and feasibility studies – provide greater awareness and prioritization for community interests/benefits
- Liquid waste management in the electoral areas where sewer systems do not exist
- Roadside garbage, recyclables and organics collection – planning and community dialogue for service potential

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