

DATE: November 5, 2020**FILE:** 1700-02 / 2020/ 512**TO:** Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee and
Committee of the WholeSupported by Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer**FROM:** Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer**R. Dyson****RE: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation, Community Works Funds Request and Financial Plan Amendment, Function No. 512 (Regional Growth Strategy)**

Purpose

To obtain approval to use \$40,000 of Electoral Area Community Works Funds (CWF) for the Comox Valley Regional District's contribution towards the installation of four Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at four publically owned properties and further to seek approval for an amendment to the 2020 – 2024 financial plan for the Regional Growth Strategy service, function No. 512.

Recommendation to the Electoral Areas Services Committee from the Chief Administrative Officer:

THAT \$40,000 of Electoral Area Community Works Funds, equally distributed between defined Baynes Sound – Denman/ Hornby Islands (Electoral Area A), Lazo North (Electoral Area B), and Puntledge – Black Creek (Electoral Area C), be committed to support the installation of four (4) electric vehicle charging stations to be situated on publically owned properties within the Comox Valley.

Recommendation to the Committee of the Whole from the Chief Administrative Officer:

THAT the 2020 – 2024 financial plan and capital expenditure program for the Regional Growth Strategy service, function No. 512, be amended by increasing transfers to other governments by \$40,000 in 2020, as the Comox Valley Regional District's portion of the installation costs of four Electric Vehicle Charging Stations secured through the CleanBC Clean Communities Fund, to be funded by \$40,000 of Electoral Areas Community Works Funds.

Executive Summary

- The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) is participating in the Mid-Island Electric Vehicle Network Collective, led by the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and supported by the BC Community Energy Association (BCCEA) with grant funding from CleanBC. In May 2019, through resolution, the CVRD Board supported contribution of up to \$40,000 for installation of four Level II electric vehicle charging units. At that time the Board identified the Exhibition Grounds, Sports Centre, Aquatic Centre and Seal Bay park as preferred preliminary sites (preliminary because no technical assessment has yet been undertaken).
- The CVRD's 2014 CWF agreement provides for the funds to be spent by 2024 on eligible projects within a range of categories including community energy systems, within which electric vehicle charging infrastructure is deemed to fall. The proposed use of CWF is consistent with the Board's climate crisis strategic priority.

- With funding secured (cost shared 73 per cent between CleanBC and 27 per cent each recipient community), next steps include a joint procurement process and community engagement strategy led by the BCCEA, agreements between each community and the RDN as lead applicant, and site finalization. The collective will next meet late this fall to discuss these items.
- Installation is planned for summer/ fall 2021. The CVRD will own and maintain these assets.

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