

Getting Ahead of the Wave: An Integrated Watershed Approach to Settlement

Comox Valley is Demonstrating the 'Regional Team Approach'

<h3 style="text-align: center;">2009 Comox Valley Learning Lunch Seminar Series</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Agenda for Seminar #2 on November 5: Regional Plans – Pathway to Water Sustainability</p>	
<p>Seminar #2 will elaborate on a Water OUT = Water IN framework for achieving water sustainability; coupled with a <i>design with nature</i> approach to climate change adaptation.</p> <p>Lessons learned by the Regional District of Nanaimo and Metro Vancouver in undertaking bold water-centric planning initiatives will be shared so that participants can apply the universal principles.</p> <p>A desired outcome is that participants will understand WHAT alignment of regional processes with local actions looks like on-the-ground: what all the plans will achieve.</p>	
	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Establishing Expectations – We Can Create Our Future!</h4>
1100 - 1205	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mission Possible: Convening for Action on Vancouver Island <i>(Eric Bonham)</i> 2. Regional District of Nanaimo: Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Action Plan <i>(John Finnie & Mike Donnelly) (55 minutes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Genesis of the Action Plan and its holistic approach to land and water use – Challenges in guiding the plan through the political and public processes – Lessons learned, progress in the first year, and the objectives for 2010 – DESIRED OUTCOME: Participants will be able to connect the dots between the RDN and Comox Valley situations, and understand the relevance of Water OUT = Water IN
Lunch	Take a short break, continue the conversation, and then tell us about your revelations
	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Delivering on Expectations – This is how we can/will get there!</h4>
1235 – 1335	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Metro Vancouver: Integrated Liquid Waste & Resource Management Plan <i>(Ed von Euw)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Different scales, parallel processes, same challenges – Integrating the Sustainability Framework and a suite of regional plans – Lessons learned from a regional team approach to rainwater management – DESIRED OUTCOME: Participants will be ready for the Town Hall Sharing Session
	Take a short break (10 minutes)
1345 – 1445	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Town Hall Sharing Session: Application of Bill 27 to Achieve Water OUT = Water IN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Challenge statement: <i>How we will implement a regional team approach in the Comox Valley, and how this can inform communities beyond the Comox Valley.</i> – Connect the dots between holistic thinking, watershed-based land use planning, outcome-oriented ISMPs (i.e. Integrated Stormwater Management Plans), Water Conservation DPAs (Bill 27), and the Topsoil Primers (developed by the Green Infrastructure Partnership). – DESIRED OUTCOME: Participants will be inspired and there will be a tangible takeaway
1445 - 1500	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Roundtable Recap and Look Ahead to Seminar #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What have you learned? – What are your expectations for Seminar #3? – DESIRED OUTCOME: There will be a common understanding and a clear path forward