

CAVI – Convening for Action on Vancouver Island *Leadership in Water Sustainability*

2009 Comox Valley Learning Lunch Seminar Series
An Integrated Watershed Approach to Settlement



Getting Ahead of the Wave: *Regional Plans – Pathway to Water Sustainability*

Vancouver Island - A Demonstration of the 'Regional Team Approach'

**Ultimate goal of the regional team approach
is consistency at the front counter !**

THE LEARNING LUNCH CURRICULUM

Seminar #1: Understand the Dynamics of
Settlement Changes

Seminar #2: **Regional Plans –
Pathway to Water Sustainability**

Seminar #3: Commitment to the
Regional Team Approach

Last month, you learned....

WHY now is the time to 'move from awareness to action' in the Comox Valley

WHAT drives settlement on the East Coast of Vancouver Island – we have choices!

Today you will learn....

HOW working together we can implement a 'regional team approach' that ensures *'water for life and livelihoods'*

**These sound-bites provide a 'mind map'
for the Learning Lunch Series**

Call to Courage!

**One Market –
Cobble Hill to Campbell River**

Mission Possible!

CAVI - Mission Possible

“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.”

John Muir



President Teddy Roosevelt
John Muir
Yosemite National Park
1903

“Decision Maker. Visionary”



CAVI is facilitating Georgia Basin collaboration

CAVI has facilitated relationship-building within and between four regional districts that represent ~90% of the Island population

The New Business As Usual:

Visualize What We Want Vancouver Island to Look Like in 50 years

CAVI promotes water-centric planning and a ***Design with Nature*** way-of-thinking and acting to create livable communities in balance with ecology

A Perspective on Climate Change

*"If mitigation is about CARBON,
then adaptation is about WATER."*



Jim Mattison, Assistant Deputy Minister
Water Stewardship Division
Ministry of Environment
April 2008

Collaboration, a 'Design with Nature' approach, and re-use of resources are keys to climate change adaptation

- Develop compact, complete communities
- Increase transportation options
- Re-use and recycle water, energy and nutrients from liquid wastes
- Protect and restore urban 'green' space
- Strive for a lighter 'hydrologic footprint'
- Achieve higher levels of stream, wetland and marine environment protection





*“One market,
from Cobble Hill
to Campbell River.”*

Tim Pringle
Real Estate Foundation of BC

Balance *Settlement Change* with *Ecology* for two reasons.....



- Ecology can exist without habitation
- Habitation cannot exist without ecology!

What → So What → Now What →

Then What?

Will communities protect our well-being?

Will we choose to treat settlement change and ecological resources with equal understanding?

Will we find balance?

Vision and Task

“A vision without a task is but a dream.
A task without a vision is but drudgery.
A vision with a task is the hope of the world.”

Church inscription
Suffolk, England 1786

At the end of the seminar,
we will ask you three questions:

- What was your 'Ah-Ha' moment today?
- How should Seminar #3 build on today?
- What is your vision for a 2010 Series?

Think about what you want to take away from the 2009 Series!



Regional District of Nanaimo

Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Action Plan

A Conversation With

John Finnie, General Manager, Water & Wastewater
Mike Donnelly, Manager of Water Services