

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

Shared Responsibility and the Regional Team Approach



**Convening for Action in the Comox Valley:
*A Regional Response to Infrastructure Liability***

CAVI–Comox Valley Regional Team



CAVI

- Convening for Action on Vancouver Island.
- Part of a broader province wide program of Convening for Action.
- Initiated by the Province, Real Estate Foundation of BC and the BC Water and Waste Association.
- Collectively these groups formed the “Water Sustainability Action Plan for BC”



CAVI Goals

- Functions as a grass roots collective partnership committed to creating settlement in balance with ecology.
- It has now grown to be a “Clearing House” of knowledge and skills for innovation in land use and service delivery.



Water Sustainability

- CAVI's original priority was to introduce the "Water Sustainability Action Plan for BC".
- Lead to the development and introduction of the Water Balance Model (WBM).
- Promoted the use of "Beyond the Guidebook" as a means of achieving a watershed based ISWMP.
- Endorsed the Province's "Living Water Smart" document.



Beyond the Guidebook – The New Business as Usual

- In 2008 the City of Courtenay hosted a series on “Beyond the Guide Book”.
- Series highlighted practical examples of SWM within Courtenay and Nanaimo.
- Legal and Policy Strategies to support Green Infrastructure.
- Nature Knows No Boundaries.



The Four 'C's

- The Four “C’s formed the outcome of the 2008 City of Courtenay Series.
 1. Communication
 2. Collaboration
 3. Cooperation
 4. Coordination



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

- In 2009 the Comox Valley Regional District hosted the CAVI series.
- Nature Without Borders – Call to Courage.
- A Positive Settlement Strategy for Vancouver Island.
- Water In = Water Out.
- A commitment to a Regional Team Approach.



CVOPS

- The result of the 2009 Series was the creation of the Comox Valley Engineering/Operations Liaison Group (CVOPS).
- Participants include the City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland and the Comox Valley Regional District.
- Purpose was to work towards common goals and standards in all manner of issues.



Developers Dialogue

- In 2010 the City of Courtenay hosted the Developer's Dialogue event.
- The Local Government's perspective.
- What is driving the need for ever increasing environmental controls.
- The Developer's perspective.
- What can be done to create certainty and streamline the application process.



2011 Comox Valley Learning Lunch Seminar Series: A Regional Response to Infrastructure Liability

Water is finite. People are not.

Seminar #1

("Managing Water = Managing Growth = Managing Infrastructure")

Understand Consequences of 'Infrastructure Liability'

Strive for 'Sustainable Service Delivery'

Recognize Benefits of Green Infrastructure

Regional Collaboration 👍

Seminar #2 (*"Too Little Water"*)

Climate Change = Droughts

So, Design with Nature

Make Level of Service Choices

Adaptation 👍

Seminar #3 (*"Too Much Water"*)

Climate Change = Floods

So, Respect Power of Nature

Make Level of Service Choices

Risk Management 👍

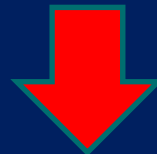


Green infrastructure will make a difference over time!

Establishing Expectations:

This is what we want our valley to look like!

- a. Why We Are Convening for Action
- b. Align Efforts at a Watershed Scale
- c. Sustainable Service Delivery



Town-Hall Sharing Session #1:

*Prepare for the Future Through a
Well-Planned Front-End*