

Convening for Action on Vancouver Island Leadership in Water Sustainability



Showcasing Green Infrastructure Innovation On Vancouver Island: The 2007 Series

WHEN & WHERE:

Friday, September 14, 2007	Regional District of Nanaimo
Friday, September 28, 2007	Cowichan Valley Regional District
Friday, October 12, 2007	Regional District of Comox-Strathcona

Each event comprises presentations in the morning and a tour of project sites in the afternoon

WHO:

The Series will be of interest to Engineering, Planning, Public Works, Development Services, Parks and Environment Departments in Regional Districts and Municipalities

AGENDA:

Refer to page 2 for details of **September 28** program

TO REGISTER ON SEPT 28:

Contact Kate Miller at the Cowichan Valley Regional District at kmiller@cvrld.bc.ca

There is a Registration Fee of \$25 to cover venue, bus transportation and lunch costs. Please make cheques payable to Cowichan Valley Regional District. Payment must be received to guarantee a place on the bus and a lunch.

Attendance will be capped at 40. First come, first served. So respond quickly! To accommodate bus and lunch arrangements, the deadline for registration is **Thursday, September 20, 2007**

Showcasing Innovation in the Cowichan Basin: 'Partnerships and Collaboration – Moving from Concept to Reality'

The Cowichan Valley Regional District, District of North Cowichan and City of Duncan will showcase the role of partnerships – first, in developing a shared vision of what the 'valley future' can look like; and next, in implementing actions that will bring the vision to fruition. The unifying theme is: *to make things happen, local governments need to partner and pool resources.*

The *Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan* has been developed through a uniquely inclusive consultation process; and provides the umbrella for aligning community development policies with emerging best practices. Featured projects will cascade down in scale from the basin.... to a neighbourhood and subdivision.... to an industrial park....and to the site/house.

The setting for an interactive experience will be *O.U.R. Ecovillage*, located near Shawnigan Lake. The theme is *blending urban with rural to achieve quality of life*. Participants will be challenged to brainstorm what aspects of the Ecovillage experience can local governments transfer to an urban development setting?

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Time	Program for Friday, September 28, 2007	Speakers
0830	Meet & Greet at the Freshwater Eco-Centre at 1080 Wharncliffe Road in Duncan	
CONTEXT PRESENTATIONS (Kim Stephens, Moderator)		
0900	Context & Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening Remarks – “Learning outcomes for today” ▪ Water for BC – Safe, Sustainable and Valued by All ▪ Convening for Action on Vancouver Island: Leadership in Water Sustainability 	Mayor Jon Lefebure Zita Botelho, MOE Eric Bonham, CAVI
0920	Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan: from Awareness to Action Moving ‘green infrastructure’ and ‘water sustainability’ from awareness to action requires equipping local governments and the development community with new tools and the capabilities to use those tools.	Tom Anderson, CVRD
	City of Duncan – Vision for a Livable Small Town Consistent with the direction provided by the Water Plan, the City has adopted a new <i>Official Community Plan</i> that establishes expectations for implementation of green infrastructure standards in conjunction with redevelopment and densification	Cheryl Wirsz, City of Duncan
1010	Blending Urban with Rural in the District of North Cowichan Two projects will be profiled: the Echo Heights neighbourhood in Chemainus and Stonegate subdivision. This will be an interactive session as the District wishes to tap the expertise and commonsense of participants. Feedback on Vancouver Island examples that show how to implement green infrastructure effectively will become input to the District’s planning framework for Echo Heights. This segment will also frame the desired learning outcomes for the Ecovillage segment.	Facilitated by Brigid Reynolds & Peter Nilsen, District of North Cowichan
	Koksilah Industrial Park - Adding Value through Green Design Multi-stakeholder collaboration and property redevelopment combine to create an opportunity for development and implementation of a Master Plan that will produce ‘green value’ by retrofitting green infrastructure and stream habitat restoration	Kate Miller, CVRD
1145	Depart by bus for O.U.R. Ecovillage near Shawnigan Lake where lunch will be served	
1230	O.U.R. Ecovillage – What Can Local Governments Learn? Ecovillages are full featured settlements in which human activities are harmlessly integrated into the natural world in a way that is supportive of healthy human development and can be successfully continued into the indefinite future.	Guided tour and presentation by Brandy Gallagher
	Roundtable Forum – How transferable is the Ecovillage experience to a small town urban setting?	Facilitated by Brigid Reynolds
	Closing Remarks - “What we learned today”	Sharon Jackson, Duncan Councillor
1530	Return by bus to Freshwater Eco-Centre in Duncan	

For more information on the Showcasing Innovation Series, contact sustainabilitycoordinator@shaw.ca