

## **Local Community Commission Advisory Committee's Support**

We, the volunteer members of the Local Community Commission (LCC) Advisory Committee, support the proposed CRD LCC bylaws and ask that you support them by voting YES in the October 15 Local Election.

These bylaws provide an excellent foundation for a locally-elected council for Salt Spring. A Salt Spring LCC will broaden elected CRD representation, confer authority over local services, allow more transparent decision-making, and consolidate the siloed nature of CRD service delivery.

While we recommended a broader list of services overseen by this LCC, we are confident that the creation of an LCC will significantly improve CRD service delivery and that its scope of authority can be increased over time as experience is gained.

We understand that expected costs for an LCC include the one-time expense of an election in 2023 as well as a modest annual stipend for Local Commissioners. Determination of any additional administrative support costs will be made by the LCC and will be partly offset by the dissolution of four island-wide commissions and an annual Provincial grant of \$5,000. We believe that the efficiency and governance benefits offered by an LCC justify these costs.

With the dissolution of the four island-wide commissions, it remains essential that this LCC retain the expertise and substantial capacity of our citizens. We suggest focused effort to create stronger volunteer/CRD partnerships.

In summary, we are confident that an LCC will offer a significant improvement in CRD service delivery through increased elected representation, cost effectiveness, and transparency in decision-making.

### **LCC Advisory Committee Members**

Gayle Baker, CRD Transportation Commission

Sonja Collombin, CRD Parks and Recreation Commission

Mary Richardson, (Peter Meyer, alternate) CRD Liquid Waste Commission

Gerard Zentner, Community Economic Sustainability Commission which will be discussing its position regarding the LCC proposal at its September 12 meeting.

Darryl Martin, Member at Large

Kees Ruurs, Member at Large

Brian Webster, Advisor and Primary Author of the LCC Discussion Paper

Representatives of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District and North Salt Spring Waterworks District participated in the committee's work but declined to take a public position on the referendum question