

December 7, 2018

File No: 0400-90 CWB

Via email: info@cowichanwatershedboard.ca

Cowichan Watershed Society
4335 Riverside Road
Duncan, BC V9L 6M8

Attn: Board of Directors

Re: Request for North Cowichan Standing Membership on the Cowichan Watershed Board

Dear Cowichan Watershed Board Members:


At its December 5, 2018 meeting, North Cowichan Council passed a motion requesting that a letter be sent to the Cowichan Watershed Society to ask that the Society consider amending its Governance Manual to include standing membership from the District of North Cowichan on the Board.

Council believes that as the Cowichan Watershed Board's mandate is "to provide leadership for sustainable water management to protect and enhance environmental quality and the quality of life in the Cowichan watershed and adjoining areas" that North Cowichan should have representation at the governance table.

The management of the Cowichan Watershed is important to Council in many ways, some of which include:

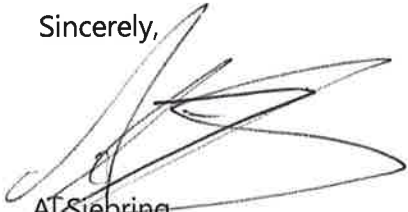
- Quamichan & Somenos lakes, which are part of the Cowichan Watershed, are suffering both as recreational and aesthetic resources and as habitats for wildlife;
- The Cowichan River is important for North Cowichan both as a natural resource and as a source of water for our major industry and the town of Crofton;
- And, of course, North Cowichan's wells, both private and public, tap into the Cowichan Watershed aquifers which are regional in scope.

For the above reasons, Council believes there would be merit in having a North Cowichan Council representative on the Board and some suggestions for consideration could include:

- One of the CVRD positions on the Watershed Board be allocated to one of the CVRD (North Cowichan) Director positions;
 - One of the member at large positions be dedicated to a North Cowichan Council member; or
 - That a new Cowichan Watershed Board position be created and dedicated to a North Cowichan Council representative.
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On behalf of Council, we look forward to your favourable consideration of our request and to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Siebring', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Al Siebring
Mayor

mayor@northcowichan.ca

cc: Dave Conway, Director of Engineering

