

# Directors Report Oct 2024

I would like to thank all those that attended the Townhall Meeting earlier this month. It was an opportunity to not only address your questions directly, but to also hear what are the matters that concern you the most.

Thank you for sharing a few hours of your time to talk to me directly.

It was most appreciated !

## Wood Chipping Service Update

At the last Electoral Board Meeting this month the motion to establish Bylaw No 581 ( being the wood chipping service for Area D) and its corresponding service was recommended and this matter has been referred to the Regional Board meeting on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> for the final vote.

Of course this bylaw will still need the voter approval of Area D taxpayers and this will be done with the Alternate Approval Process (AAP).

For those that are wondering what is the costs of this service I have set the yearly requisition to \$52,000 which is the same as 0.0320 per \$1,000 of property assessment.

When I look at services I see tremendous value in this service.

This service will allow property owners to make decisions between “open burning” and or creating “fire smart properties”. It will also allow property owners to clean up their properties in manner that has the least impact to your neighbours, the environment and allow the wood chips to be recycled.

## Transit Service Update

Over the past almost 2 years since taking office there have been many changes with the BC Transit Service that is shared with The City of Campbell River.

This past year SRD staff worked hard with the Ministry of Transportation to not only receive 100% funding for the new Four New Transit Shelters that were installed along Highway 19A but to also actively collaborate with BC Transit, The Ministry of Transportation and Comox Valley Regional District to ensure that the transit exchange at Glenmore Rd and Discovery Foods Mall continues to provide safe Transit services for both the residents of Area D, and the Comox Valley Regional District.

In 2025 I am confident that this much used Transit link will see needed updates that recognizes the need for safety and to enhance Transit Services from this very busy Transit Hub.

In addition to work already in progress I am also looking for a future report from SRD staff on the following upgrades which would see the possibilities of new Transit Shelters at Shelter Point Resort and the bus stop on the water side at Engles Rd and Highway 19A.

All of the planned upgrades are to be completed without a burden to tax payers or an increase to taxes.

## **New MLA for the North Island**

Congratulations to Anna Kindy in this past provincial election.

This past summer I had the opportunity to meet with Anna Kindy in a one to one meeting to discuss the issues that face our community. It was a frank candid discussion that highlighted concerns for Electoral Area's and the issues that concern our community.

I look forward to working with our new MLA for the North Island and I welcome her success over her term.