

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN ELECTORAL AREAS

The Comox Valley Regional District board, on occasion, elects to support province-wide concerns and issues in the form of a board resolution. These resolutions are normally forwarded first to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration but may also be forwarded directly to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Based on the nature of the concern, UBCM will either endorse or not endorse the recommendation and if endorsed, will present the concern to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional district.

Date of Board meeting: January 31, 2012

Board Resolution: WHEREAS there are numerous and significant problems with drainage and stormwater management throughout the electoral areas;
AND WHEREAS the authority for managing stormwater and drainage in electoral areas is the primary responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure as well as the development of legislation, policies and programs, and for providing resources to plan, construct and maintain drainage systems and enforce drainage standards;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Comox Valley Regional District board of directors request the Union of BC Municipalities to urge the Province of BC, through the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to improve their approach for the effective management of stormwater and drainage in electoral areas within the province of BC.

This resolution was referred to UBCM on, February 20, 2012

A response was received on October 2, 2012

Response from UBCM: On motion, was ENDORSED at annual convention: The resolutions committee comments: This was submitted to UBCM in 2011 as a late resolution, but did not meet the criteria to be admitted for debate as an emergency resolution. In keeping with UBCM policy, the resolution was forwarded to the Area Association for consideration as part of the 2012 resolutions cycle.
The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to improve the management of stormwater and drainage in electoral areas within the province of BC.

Provincial response Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure: The Province recognizes that drainage and stormwater management is an important issue. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (Ministry) is responsible for

drainage and stormwater management in Electoral areas as they relate to provincial public roads and the subdivision approval process. Local government as well as individual property owners also play a significant role in this matter through the land use planning process and ongoing maintenance and support of the stormwater management systems.

The Ministry supports a cooperative approach to stormwater management planning, in collaboration with local governments.

In recognition of the Province's role, the Ministry is committed to ongoing discussions with local governments, particularly as it pertains to planned and future development, in an effort to minimize future drainage impacts.

In areas where storm water management concerns have already been raised, the Ministry has been actively working with the local government on appropriate solutions.