



This is one of a series of newsletters that will be distributed to the Mount Washington community. The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) has assembled a steering group of stakeholders to re-examine the opportunities for establishing a fire protection service at Mount Washington and to advise staff of these options.



The Mount Washington Fire Protection Study is progressing as planned. The main research phase was completed throughout the summer, and the consultants met with the steering committee late in August to discuss their preliminary findings. Based on the outcome of that meeting, the focus for September has been on some additional research to address questions raised by the committee, and preparing for community consultation.

An Open House is scheduled for **Friday, October 9th at Mount Washington Alpine Resort in the Marmot Room of the main lodge, from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. This is a drop-in style event – community members planning on spending the Thanksgiving long weekend at Mount Washington are strongly encouraged to stop by to learn more about the type/cost of service being considered.

There will be feedback forms to provide your comments and ideas, and the consultants along with Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) staff will be in attendance for conversation and questions.

For those who cannot attend, all of the information presented at the Open House will be available online at **www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mtwashingtonfireproject** – this includes the feedback forms. Community members will have until October 18th to submit comments, at which time the consultants will review and carefully consider all of the input provided to help inform the study recommendations.

The CVRD expects to receive the final report in late October or early November.

We will be keeping the greater Mount Washington community informed via a series of these newsletters and regular updates to the new section of the CVRD website relating to the Mount Washington Fire Service project. Be sure to bookmark this link! **www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mtwashingtonfireproject**

These web pages are a work in progress and will be updated with more details and information regarding community engagement sessions, newsletters, etc. as they become available. Please be sure to check back regularly to keep informed!

If you have any questions, email us at **mtwashingtonfireproject@comoxvalleyrd.ca**

or for general inquiries, contact:

James Bast
Manager of fire services
Comox Valley Regional District

Email: jbast@comoxvalleyrd.ca
Tel: 250-334-6044
Fax: 250-334-8156