



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

DATE: November 8, 2023

To: Chairperson and Directors of the Board

Your Committee of the Whole reports and recommends:

- R1 That a grant application in the amount of up to \$150,000 be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training.
- R3 That the 2023 budget for Function 426 – Cowichan Performing Arts Centre be amended for the inclusion of the \$40,000 emergency capital purchase of a vertical platform lift, funded by the Capital Improvement Fund.
- R4
1. That staff organize a workshop for the CVRD Board on the topic of regional planning and growth management, including a presentation by the Province of BC on regional growth strategies;
 2. That municipal councillors be invited to participate; and
 3. That any costs incurred be expensed to Function 100 General Government.
- R5 That "CVRD Bylaw No. 4526 - Solid Waste Fees and Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2023", be considered for three readings and adoption.
- R6
1. The CVRD send letters to each municipality seeking support for the reallocation of Online Accommodation Platform MRDT revenues to affordable housing; and
 2. Staff work with Tourism Cowichan Society to prepare a 2024 MRDT Tactical Plan and Budget that allocates Online Accommodation Platform MRDT revenues to affordable housing, subject to municipal support.
 3. That Staff work with Tourism Cowichan Society to explore options for increasing the annual grants for Visitor Centers in the region.
- R10 That a Fireworks Discharge Permit for the Festival of Lights Celebration in the Town of Ladysmith at the Aggie Hall Ballfield on Thursday, November 30, 2023, 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., be approved.