

## Application to the Cowichan Water Use Plan Public Advisory Group

Thank you for your interest in participating on the Cowichan Water Use Plan Public Advisory Group (PAG). PAG members will be the core group of people who run through the Structure Decision Making planning steps, which includes identifying and evaluating future water storage options towards recommendation(s) for consideration by CVRD and Partner organizations on a water supply target for the Cowichan Lake system.

Candidates interested in being considered to participate on the PAG are asked to fill out an Application Form. To ensure an efficient consultative process, total PAG membership will be limited to approximately 15-20 members.

### Application Criteria

Applicants chosen to represent public interests will be selected based on:

- Duration lived and/or worked in the region
- Ability to represent one or more interest groups
- Knowledge and past experience with water management issues in the Cowichan Watershed
- Number and type of primary interest area(s)
- Familiarity and past involvement on public planning processes
- Willingness to participate in an open, inclusive and collaborative process
- Ability to attend the first PAG meeting (end of November/early December, 2017) and serve for the full PAG process

### Responsibilities

- Attending 4 one day long meetings;
- Actively participating in all committee meetings;
- Articulating their issues and interests related to a future supply target and storage solution;
- Reviewing relevant information and coming to meetings prepared;
- Providing input on objectives and alternatives;
- Exploring the consequences of alternatives and considering key trade-offs;
- Seeking areas of agreement on preferred alternatives;
- Making recommendations on preferred alternatives and/or alternatives that will be the subject of a broader public consultation

### Time Commitment

The PAG is expected to meet for a total of four one day long meetings from November 2017 to April 2018 (approximately once every two months).

### How Appointments are Made

The final PAG will be selected by an independent interagency Steering Committee which has been created for the Cowichan Water Use Plan. All applicants will receive an email from the Steering Committee once appointments have been made.