

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012  
7:00 PM**

***(RDN Board Chambers)***

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1. That the Regional Board approve the following District 69 Recreation **Youth Grants**:

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The Whalers Football Support Society - storage bin	\$2,500

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Kidfest - event costs	\$950
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Ravensong Masters Swim Club- pool rental	\$500

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5. That the Regional District Board consider in the 2013 budget process the request from the Arrowsmith Community Enhancement Society for an additional funding amount of \$9,700 for the service delivery of recreation services.

## O'Halloran, Matt

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**From:** J HOUTBY <j\_houtby@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 10:28 AM  
**To:** O'Halloran, Matt; andre.sullivan@integralwealth.com  
**Subject:** RDN Delegate this evening

**Importance:** High

Good Morning Matt:

Sent on behalf of Andre Sullivan:

Andre Sullivan would like to be added as a Delegate to address the RDN meeting this evening regarding rail.

Mr. Sullivan will be representing the Young Professionals of Nanaimo. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you!

Jenn

## O'Halloran, Matt

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**From:** philmakow@shaw.ca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 10:33 AM  
**To:** O'Halloran, Matt  
**Subject:** RDN Meeting Nov. 13, 2012.

Hi Matt, My name is Phil Makow (resident area G. of RDN) and would like to appear as a delegate to speak about property taxpayers funding the ICF, at the meeting tonight. Please, send me any details as to the time and place for the meeting, plus an agenda if available. Thank you, Phil Makow ([philmakow@shaw.ca](mailto:philmakow@shaw.ca)) Sent on the TELUS Mobility network with BlackBerry

## O'Halloran, Matt

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**From:** Jim & Brooke <bergotjb@shaw.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 10:43 AM  
**To:** O'Halloran, Matt  
**Subject:** ICF

Hi Matt

As discussed, could you please register me to speak tonight on the above noted subject. Thank you.

Jim Bergot  
596 Walnut Place  
Qualicum Beach BC  
250 752-1912  
[bergotjb@shaw.ca](mailto:bergotjb@shaw.ca)

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Gaylene Rehwald

**To:** feedback@comoxvalleyrd.ca

**Cc:** Cumberland Mayor & Council ; City of Courtenay: Mayor and Council ; Comox Mayor & Council ;

Chief Judith Sayers ; Joe Stanhope ; Jack Peake

**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2012 2:23 PM

**Subject:** ICF Railway - property tax vote Nov. 20

Re: E&N Line funding and Property Tax

Hello,

Just wanted to voice my full support for the proposed small tax towards refurbishing our E&N railway. \$1.74 per year on the average house is a miniscule sum to retain & restore this vastly important Vancouver Island asset. Thank you all for working hard to ensure this valuable transportation & recreation gem is not lost - it is logical and a very good application of your leadership capacity and our tax dollars. Go for it!

PS Have you considered sharing or facilitating a donations link for the many people in our community who get the significance of this? Everyone I have talked to about it supports having a functioning railway and I suspect many would be willing to donate to see that happen. What is needed is a simple way to channel that support so it can do the most good.

Thank you,  
Gaylene Rehwald & family  
Courtenay, BC

**O'Halloran, Matt**

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**Subject:** FW: Island Corridor Foundation request for funding

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Robin & Christie

**To:** [corpsrv@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:corpsrv@rdn.bc.ca)

**Cc:** [jstanhope@shaw.ca](mailto:jstanhope@shaw.ca) ; [diane.brennan@nanaimo.ca](mailto:diane.brennan@nanaimo.ca) ; [alecmcpherson2011@gmail.com](mailto:alecmcpherson2011@gmail.com) ; [maureen\\_young@shaw.ca](mailto:maureen_young@shaw.ca) ; [gholme@shaw.ca](mailto:gholme@shaw.ca) ; [fjfell.at.rdn@gmail.com](mailto:fjfell.at.rdn@gmail.com) ; [janetmarc@shaw.ca](mailto:janetmarc@shaw.ca) ; [bill.veenhof@shaw.ca](mailto:bill.veenhof@shaw.ca) ; [dwillie@qualicumbeach.com](mailto:dwillie@qualicumbeach.com) ; [john.ruttan@nanaimo.ca](mailto:john.ruttan@nanaimo.ca) ; [bill.bestwick@nanaimo.ca](mailto:bill.bestwick@nanaimo.ca) ; [diana.johnstone@nanaimo.ca](mailto:diana.johnstone@nanaimo.ca) ; [jim.kipp@nanaimo.ca](mailto:jim.kipp@nanaimo.ca) ; [george.anderson@nanaimo.ca](mailto:george.anderson@nanaimo.ca) ; [ted.greves@nanaimo.ca](mailto:ted.greves@nanaimo.ca) ; [bdempsey@telus.net](mailto:bdempsey@telus.net)

**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2012 1:19 PM

**Subject:** Island Corridor Foundation request for funding

Dear Regional District of Nanaimo Board Member,

As Nanaimo rate payers we are writing in support of the Island Corridor Foundation's funding request for regional support on the trestle repairs that are required to get rail freight and passenger service moving effectively again on the Island.

If this opportunity to preserve our rail services should be lost the right-of-way itself will surely be in peril of being permanently lost.

Every car or truck not using the Island Highway makes us all safer. Not just now but increasing so as our population continues to grow.

Now is the time to invest in maintaining the rail route for the future of transportation on the Vancouver Island.

Sincerely,

Christie and Robin Thompson

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**From:** "Jim Sturgill" <jim@saveislandrailway.org>

**Date:** Mon, 12 Nov 2012 00:28:28 -0800

**To:** <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>; <pm@pm.gc.ca>; <Lebel.D@parl.gc.ca>; <Duncan.j@parl.gc.ca>; <Lunney.J@parl.gc.ca>; <nanaimo@jameslunneymp.ca>; <premier@gov.bc.ca>; <env.minister@gov.bc.ca>; <Ida.Chong.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; <Ron.Cantelon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; <don.mcrae.mla@leg.bc.ca>; <mayor@duncan.ca>; <mayor.council@nanaimo.ca>; <litchen@parksville.ca>; <qbtown@qualicumbeach.com>; <ljangula@courtenay.ca>; <davina\_sparrow@portalberni.ca>; <jstanhope@shaw.ca>; <denise.savoie@parl.gc.ca>; <john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca>; <info@comoxband.ca>; <janetmarc@shaw.ca>; <denise.blackwell@shaw.ca>; <rhutchins@ladysmith.ca>; <liannidinardo@cverd.bc.ca>; <mdorey@cverd.bc.ca>; <lduncan@cverd.bc.ca>; <fraser@islandnet.com>; <ggiles12@shaw.ca>; <ruth.hartmann@northcowichan.ca>; <jon.lefebure@northcowichan.ca>; <barb.lines@northcowichan.ca>; <mmarcotte@cverd.bc.ca>; <trlm@shaw.ca>; <imorrison@cverd.bc.ca>; <mwalker@cverd.bc.ca>; <nana.pat@shaw.ca>; <diane.brennan@nanaimo.ca>; <alecmcpherson2011@gmail.com>; <maureen\_young@shaw.ca>; <gholme@shaw.ca>; <ffell.at.rdn@gmail.com>; <bill.veenhof@shaw.ca>; <dwillie@qualicumbeach.com>; <john.ruttan@nanaimo.ca>; <bill.bestwick@nanaimo.ca>; <diana.johnstone@nanaimo.ca>; <jim.kipp@nanaimo.ca>; <ted.greves@nanaimo.ca>; <george.anderson@nanaimo.ca>; <bjolliffe@comoxvalleyrd.ca>; <jimgillis@shaw.ca>; <edwingrieve@shaw.ca>; <jambler@courtenay.ca>; <mtheos@courtenay.ca>; <swinchester@courtenay.ca>; <pfletcher@comox.ca>; <igrant@comox.ca>; <gwynsproule@gmail.com>; <dwillie@qualicumbeach.com>; <"mailto:stanner@qualicumbeach.com"@cds057.dcs.int.inet>; <bluchtmeijer@qualicumbeach.com>; <mbrouillette@qualicumbeach.com>; <cburger@parksville.ca>; <hockeypuck1@shaw.ca>; <peter.morrison@shaw.ca>; <bill@billneufeld.com>; <kfsue@shaw.ca>; <cpowell@shaw.ca>; <bill.mckay@nanaimo.ca>; <fred.pattje@nanaimo.ca>; <banglin@courtenay.ca>; <dhillian@courtenay.ca>; <leonard@courtenay.ca>; <swinchester@courtenay.ca>; <leonard.krog.mla@leg.bc.ca>; <jean@jeancrowder.ca>; <gyoung@victoria.ca>; <wergeland@shaw.ca>; <jranns@metchosin.ca>; <wmilne@sooke.ca>; <jmendum@telus.net>; <directorssi@crd.bc.ca>; <mayor@saanich.ca>; <oakbaymayor@oakbay.ca>; <bisitt@victoria.ca>; <directorgi@crd.bc.ca>; <ghill@viewroyal.ca>; <directorjdf@crd.bc.ca>; <mayor@colwood.ca>; <mayor@victoria.ca>; <barb.desjardins@esquimaltcouncil.ca>; <vicderman@shaw.ca>; <teddaly@shaw.ca>; <lcross@sidney.ca>; <alastair.bryson@csaanich.ca>; <jbrownof@telus.net>; <sgbrice@shaw.ca>; <susanbrice@silverthreads.ca>; <Denise.Blackwell02@gmail.com>; <malto@victoria.ca>; <douglas.routley.mla@leg.bc.ca>; <regionaldirector@mybamfield.com>; <mikekokura@shaw.ca>; <tonben1@telus.net>; <coteart@shaw.ca>; <mcnabb54@hotmail.com>; <lyleprice@shaw.ca>; <john.j@huyuahaht.org>; <cindysolda@me.com>; <john\_douglas@portalberni.ca>; <schmunk@tofino.ca>; <birving@ucluelet.ca>; <al.mccarthy@ufn.ca>; <bluebirdmotel@shaw.ca>; <rob@islandtimebt.com>; <info@wendykerr.ca>; <jmcln@shaw.ca>; <dWASHINGTON@alberniengineering.com>; <dave@bwparty.net>

**Subject:** Op-Ed: Call For Railway Cash Needs Scrutiny

## Call For Railway Cash Needs Scrutiny

By Jim Sturgill

The Island Corridor Foundation, the nonprofit organization that owns the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, recently started asking regional districts up and down Vancouver Island for \$3.2 million to repair bridges along the route.

So far, Alberni-Clayoquot has agreed to contribute \$115,000, and the Cowichan Valley district has pledged \$488,100. Last week, the CRD's Finance Committee approved \$1.2 million for the ICF, pending approval of the CRD board.

CRD and all Island taxpayers need to be concerned. A CRD staff report stated the \$3.2 million won't cover the upgrades needed for commuter and freight rail services. Worse yet, the ICF has not obtained any commitment from VIA Rail to resume basic passenger service.



Regional districts should think twice about handing over funds without asking hard questions about how the ICF will spend the money -- and how the ICF is governed.

The ICF is already getting over \$400,000 a year in property tax exemptions from the very regional districts who are being asked to fund the \$3.2 million, and these exemptions were approved based on the ICF not asking them for more financial aid.

First of all, the ICF's claim that it will cost only \$3.2 million to get all 48 bridges and trestles up to basic operational level strains credibility. A February 2012 report conducted for the Ministry of Transportation said it would cost at least \$8.7 million to get the bridges operational and operating for 10 years. The ICF's recent renovation of the Nanaimo station alone cost \$2.4 million. It's not even clear if the ICF has received cost estimates from contractors for the bridge work.

The ICF has also said they require \$5.4 million for the bridge repairs and have stated they will raise the balance through fundraising and borrowing, but they have not shown any plan for how they plan to do that either. Regional districts can't put money into a project that is not only being underestimated, but already underfunded by \$2.2 million.

Where is the ICF's business plan for this work and their financial statements? It seems the ICF has decided that only its board members and employees need to know what its plan is for this money. The public is supposed to provide cash, and not ask any questions -- even though serious questions need asking.

VIA Rail provided the railway with an annual subsidy of \$1.2 million when it ran the passenger service. The ICF also receives \$340,000 annually from Telus for telecommunications lines that run along its right-of-way. What happened to all those funds? Why has the ICF performed practically no maintenance to the railway?

I have been a member of the ICF's rail operations committee for several years after it acquired the E&N from Canadian Pacific in 2006. In 2010, our committee began questioning the poor condition and overall safety of the railway, but were told by ICF Chief Operating Officer Graham Bruce that this was none of our concern. In January 2011, Graham Bruce told our committee that it was no longer needed, but never explained why. Two months later, VIA stopped passenger service due to the poor condition of the track.

What concerns me is that safety violations had to be brought to VIA's attention before anything was done to stop the train from operating.

The ICF was not happy about this. ICF board Co-chair Mary Ashley told a member of our committee soon afterward that VIA had decided to halt service on the basis of "inaccurate information".

Now the ICF admits that it needs millions to bring that track up to basic operational safety -- effectively admitting that the track was unsafe when passenger service stopped.

In its pitch to regional districts, the ICF has given the impression that the bridge repairs were unexpected. But the problems have been known for some time: in October 2010, a different consultant submitted a report about the state of the E&N's bridges. That report, however, has remained a closely guarded secret. The ICF refused to provide the report to our operations committee, and Southern Railway of Vancouver Island (SVI), the current operator, has tried to block media freedom of information requests for it, claiming its disclosure would "unnecessarily diminish public confidence". What don't they want the public to see?

The 2012 Ministry of Transportation report covers some of these issues, but regional districts need to see the October 2010 report too, and ask why the ICF is claiming that the bridges only need \$3.2 million for the next decade. The ICF seems to be basing its request on what it can get away with, instead of what

the railway actually needs. Let's not forget, that the ICF's first funding request was for \$103.8 million just four years ago in 2008, when there was a detailed plan presented.

Southern Railway of Vancouver Island also needs to be stepping up to the plate and investing ahead of the taxpayer with a large up-front investment, if they feel there is an opportunity to make profits operating the E&N.

Even though the ICF has been committed \$15 million in conditional federal and provincial cash, there is still no detailed plan that shows that will be enough to repair the track component either.

I want to see railway service return. However, I believe the regional districts should refuse the funding request until the ICF has a new executive, a transparent board, and a realistic plan.

Jim Sturgill is a railway consultant, a former E&N locomotive engineer, and a member of the E&N Railway Action Group.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Philip Manders

**To:** jstanhope@shaw.ca ; diane.brennan@nanaimo.ca

**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2012 8:15 PM

**Subject:** We support the funding proposal for the Island Corridor Foundation

Dear Mr. Stanhope and Ms. Brennan,

We believe that the the Regional District of Nanaimo should contribute to the restarting of rail service by the Island Corridor Foundation. One of reasons we chose Nanaimo 8 years ago was because of the passenger rail service and we were saddened when it had to be stopped. We look forward to the restoration of the service, allowing us to easily make day trips to Victoria for medical and other reasons. We believe that years from now Vancouver Islanders will be very glad we saved it from abandonment. Rail service will become increasingly important in the future for sustainability, as the population ages and as highways become more crowded and dangerous, especially through the Malahat.

Yours truly,  
Philip and Bryony Manders, Nanaimo

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jeannette and Tony

**To:** [feedback@comoxvalleyrd.ca](mailto:feedback@comoxvalleyrd.ca)

**Cc:** [Cumberland Mayor & Council](#) ; [City of Courtenay: Mayor and Council](#) ; [Comox Mayor & Council](#) ; [Chief Judith Sayers](#) ; [Joe Stanhope](#) ; [Jack Peake](#)

**Sent:** Sunday, November 11, 2012 8:10 PM

**Subject:** I fully support the small proposed tax / E&N railway

Just wanted to let you know that I fully support the small proposed tax to go towards refurbishing our E&N railway. For only a couple of dollars per year per household we can move towards restoring and retaining an irreplaceable Vancouver Island asset... what a great place to put our tax dollars!

Personally, I would be willing to make a further donation towards the putting the life back into a Vancouver Island rail system - is there an avenue to donate and support this in some other way?

Thank You,  
Jeannette Macdonald Ryan and Family

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012  
AT OCEANSIDE PLACE**

Attendance: Reg Nosworthy, Chair, Electoral Area 'F'  
Scott Tanner, Deputy Chair, Councillor, Town of Qualicum Beach  
Ross Milligan, Trustee, District #69 School Board  
Bill Veenhof, Director, RDN Board, Electoral Area 'H'  
Gordon Wiebe, Electoral Area 'E'  
Richard Leontowich, Electoral Area 'H'

Staff: Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks  
Dean Banman, Manager of Recreation Services  
Ann-Marie Harvey, Recording Secretary  
Jennifer Hopewell, Recreation Programmer  
Sandra Pearson, Superintendent of Recreation Program Services

Regrets: Joe Stanhope, Director, RDN Board, Electoral Area 'G'  
Peter Morrison, Councillor, City of Parksville

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nosworthy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

**PRESENTATION**

**Staff 2012 Summer Review Presentation**

Ms. Hopewell reported on the success of the 2012 summer programs and the changes that will be made to meet the needs of participants.

**Pacific Sport – Sport for Life Presentation**

Drew Cooper presented about the Sport for Life model of sport development with children through to seniors so that physical activity is a part of a person's lifestyle throughout the ages.

**DELEGATIONS**

**Jaime Fletcher – Associated Family & Community Support Services**

Ms. Fletcher gave an overview of the services that AFCSS provides and the impact of their programs for youth so that the commission had more information about their need for funding before a decision is made for District 69 grant funding.

**MINUTES**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe that the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission Regular Meeting held September 20, 2012 and the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Grant Sub-Committee meeting held October 10, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Milligan, that the Regional Board approve the following District 69 Recreation **Youth Grants**:

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Navy League of Canada- training expenses	0	2,500	1,500
The Whalers Football Support Society - storage bin	0	4,500	2,500
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,131</b>

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Milligan, SECONDED Commissioner Veenhof That the Regional Board approve the following District 69 Recreation **Community Grants**:

Community Group	Approved in 2011/2012	Current Request 2012	Recommended 2012
Arrowsmith Agricultural Association -Family Day event	2,500	939	374
Kidfest - event costs	1,240	950	950
Oceanside Community Arts Council- 100th anniversary event costs	450	2,500	1,500
Parksville & District Association for Community Living- Community Living month celebration	2,530	1,000	500
Parksville Elementary School PAC- noon hour/recess sports equipment	0	1,500	1,500
Ravensong Masters Swim Club- pool rental	1,000	2,000	500
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,324</b>

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Milligan that the Commission does not endorse the following grant requests:

Community Group	Approved in 2011/2012	Current Request 2012
Associated Family & Community Support Services- First Nations snowboard trip	0	2,441
Associated Family & Community Support Services - Ballenas Girls Group Camp	0	2,500

CARRIED

**COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe that following correspondence be received:

S. Stahley, Arrowsmith Community Enhancement Society, RE: ACES Report and Funding Request Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund

J. Hicks to District 69 Recreation Commission, RE: Ravensong Pool

CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Planning Session**

MOVED Commissioner Wiebe, SECONDED Commissioner Veenhof, that the planning session for District 69 Recreation Commission be held Thursday February 21, 2013 from 10:00am-2:00pm at a suitable location.

CARRIED

**RAC Assessment Survey**

Mr. Banman updated that a report summarizing the results of the Ravensong Assessment Survey will be at the next commission meeting. He noted early review shows that approximately 150 surveys were submitted, 35% were handed in, 128 of the 150 have used the facility and 60% felt their needs were being met while 40% felt their needs are not being met.

**BC Senior Games Bid**

Mr. Banman stated that the in early September representatives from Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville, School District #69, Regional District of Nanaimo and Oceanside Tourism met to discuss the opportunity for the local communities to submit a joint bid to host a future BC Seniors Games. It was decided at this meeting to further research the possibility of such a bid and the best way to determine

the interest/desire of the community at large in taking on such an event. In addition to these representatives from the local tourism association will be going back to accommodation providers to determine their capability and desire to meet the accommodation needs of such an event. Specifically whether or not they foresee having the availability during the traditional time of year the games are held. The entire group has tentatively planned to meet again in November to not only discuss the BC Seniors Games but other potential sport tourism initiatives.

#### **Track and Field Sports Complex Update**

Mr. Banman noted that the current update on this item will be addressed in the In Camera portion of the meeting.

#### **FUNCTION REPORTS**

##### **Monthly Update – Oceanside Place – September 2012**

Mr. Banman reviewed some highlights of the Oceanside Place – September Update

##### **Monthly Update – Ravensong Aquatic Centre – September 2012**

Mr. Banman reviewed some highlights of the Ravensong Aquatic Centre – September Update

##### **Monthly Update – Northern Recreation Program Services – September 2012**

Mr. Banman reviewed some highlights of the Northern Recreation Program – September Update

##### **Monthly Update of Community and Regional Parks and Trails Projects – September 2012**

Mr. Osborne updated the Commission on the applicable Community and Regional Parks and Trail Projects for the northern portion of the Regional District for September 2012.

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Tanner, that the Function Reports be received.

CARRIED

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

MOVED Commissioner Scott, SECONDED Commissioner Veenhof, that the District 69 Recreation Commission respond to the September 28, 2012 correspondence from Ms. J. Hicks summarizing the meetings staff have held with Ms. Hicks to date, the challenges of aquatic scheduling, and a commitment to continue to look for ways to consider the needs of seniors and the broader community at the Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Wiebe, that the Regional District Board consider in the 2013 budget process the request from the Arrowsmith Community Enhancement Society for an additional funding amount of \$9,700 for the service delivery of recreation services.

CARRIED



MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Scott, that the Regional District submit an application to the Western Economic Diversification Canada Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund for 50% of the eligible costs in replacing the lighting fixtures to a higher efficiency lighting system at the Howie Meeker and Victor Kraatz Arenas at Oceanside Place.

CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Performance Recognition Reception**

Mr. Banman explained to the Commission that the Performance Recognition Reception on November 15, 2012 follows the regular commission meeting and this round of awards is usually a larger number of recipients than the spring.

### **COMMISSIONER ROUNDTABLE**

Commissioner Leontowich reported that working with the VIU students and professors in the Nile Creek Project was a great opportunity and enjoyed their enthusiasm and hard work.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Commissioner Veenhof, SECONDED Commissioner Scott, that the regular meeting be adjourned at 3:20pm and pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) of the Community Charter the Commission proceed to an In Camera Commission meeting to consider items related to land issues.

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Reg Nosworthy, Chair