



## Columbia Shuswap Regional District Electoral Area C Governance Study

### Dear Resident or Property Owner,

Do you live or own property in Sunnybrae, Tappen, White Lake, Blind Bay, Sorrento, Eagle Bay, Notch Hill or another Area C community? Have you ever wondered who provides your local services, what these services cost or how they are paid for? Have you ever considered how decisions are made for the South Shuswap or how you can express your views? Get involved in the Area C Governance Study to find answers to your questions and share your perspectives about what's working and what's not!

### Get Informed!

#### Governance Study Overview

There may be services you never knew the CSR D provided to Area C – and perhaps some you thought it did that it doesn't. As a first step to evaluating how services are governed and delivered, the study **overview** has been prepared to provide information about your Area C services and about how Area C participates in regional government. To read the overview and the Governance Study's full **Interim Report**, go online to [csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study](http://csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study)

### Get Involved!

#### Spring Open Houses

Six **open houses** will be held throughout the South Shuswap in **May and June of 2017**. Come and ask questions and discuss your ideas and concerns with your fellow community members, Governance Study Committee Representatives, and study consultants. See the next page for open house details.

### Have Your Say!

#### Governance Study Survey

Residents and property owners are encouraged to complete the **study survey** online at [csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study](http://csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study) to provide feedback about the current governance framework for services. We want to hear about your experiences, your concerns and changes you think are important.



## Why is the study important?

Area C is made up of a number of unique communities with a range of different local service needs and expectations. It is important from time to time to step back and consider whether the current system of local government remains well-suited to deal with these needs and expectations, as well as with any future challenges that may arise as the communities continue to grow. The Area C Governance Study is being undertaken to examine these points.

It is important to note that the Governance Study is not an incorporation study. The aim at this point is simply to determine whether the current system of local government suits the communities' needs. The outcomes of the Study, including the input from residents, will help to determine if other local government options, such as incorporation, should be considered further.

The outcomes of the Study will help determine the governance of Area C for many years to come.

## Did you know?

With a population of close to 8,000 people, Area C is larger than 3 of the 4 CSRD municipalities and is one of the largest electoral areas in BC. In 2017, nearly \$12,650,000 in property taxes will be collected in Area C.

## Who is involved in the study?

The study is being guided by a Governance Study Committee of local Area C community volunteers. A governance consultant has been hired by the CSRD and will carry out the research and analysis. A draft report and a final report will be prepared by the Committee for consideration by the CSRD Board of Directors and the Province of BC. The Board of Directors will determine, after receiving the Committee's report, what further action, if any, is needed to improve governance and service delivery to Area C.

## What you need to know!

**WE NEED YOU!** Public involvement is the key to a successful study. The views of all South Shuswap residents and property owners are important to this process.

## Mark Your Calendar - Find an Open House Near You

### Upcoming Area C Governance Study Open Houses:

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Drop-In | Discussion Groups: 6:00 pm start

- **Monday, May 15** – Sorrento Memorial Hall – 1150 Passchendaele Road, Sorrento
- **Tuesday, May 16** – Sunnybrae Community Hall – 3595 Sunnybrae Canoe Point Road, Tappen
- **Thursday, June 8** – White Lake Community Hall – 3617 Parri Road, Sorrento
- **Friday, June 9** – Eagle Bay Community Hall – 4326 Eagle Bay Road, Eagle Bay
- **Tuesday, June 13** – Notch Hill Town Hall – 1639 Notch Hill Road, Sorrento
- **Wednesday, June 14** – Shuswap Lake Estates Community Centre (Lodge) 2905 Centennial Drive, Blind Bay

## Governance Study Committee

- Steve Wills (Chair)
- Larry Stephenson (Vice-Chair)
- Henry Schnell
- Renee Rebus
- Karen Brown
- Cal Heschuk
- Edith Rizzi
- Lenore Jobson
- Don Paterson
- Andy Bartels
- Gareth Seys
- Paul Demenok (Ex-Officio)  
(Area C Director)

## How can you stay informed?

Complete the Study Survey at [csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study](https://csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study)

Sign-up for email updates at [csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study](https://csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study)

Talk with your Governance Study Committee contact person – there's one in your area! Call 250.832.8194 to find the contact in your community.

Attend the next Governance Study Committee Meeting - Check the project website for meeting details at [csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study](https://csrd.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study)

## Questions?

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