



# NEWS RELEASE

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## CONSULTANT HIRED TO CONDUCT SORRENTO-BLIND BAY INCORPORATION STUDY

The study of possible incorporation of Sorrento and Blind Bay into a separate municipality moved ahead with the awarding of a contract to the consultant who will guide the process.

At the September 19 meeting, the CSR D Board approved the \$118,500 contract to Neilson Strategies Ltd. for the work to produce the study, which is largely being funded through a \$100,000 provincial grant.

The principal consultant, Allan Neilson, led the consulting work for both the Electoral Area C (South Shuswap) Governance Study in 2017 and the Electoral Area C Boundary Analysis Study in 2018.

The study will conduct a thorough, objective and technical examination of the incorporation option and its implications for residents in the proposed area. It will also contrast the findings with those associated with the proposed "default option" of dividing the existing Electoral Area C into two separate Electoral Areas. The complete work plan is available on the CSR D website.

A timeline for the process is as follows:

- The research and analysis phase of the study is to be completed by July 31, 2020.
- A preliminary report is to be submitted by September 30, 2020.
- A community engagement process is anticipated to occur between October 1, 2020 and December 15, 2020.

The Incorporation Study will be completed and delivered to the CSR D and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs by February 28, 2021.

The CSR D is also looking for citizens who want to be a part of the Sorrento-Blind Bay Incorporation Advisory Committee, which will work with the consultant in shaping the process.

More information on joining the committee and access to an Expression of Interest form is available on the CSR D website, [www.csr.d.bc.ca](http://www.csr.d.bc.ca) under the Electoral Area C tab, or at this link: <https://www.csr.d.bc.ca/area-c-governance-study/sorrento-blind-bay-incorporation-advisory-committee>

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