



Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce Governance Review Task Force

Background Information

Mission of the Task Force

The best decisions are based on getting accurate facts.

The goal of the Comox Valley Governance Review Task Force is to initiate an independent study to determine if the governance of the Comox Valley is structured in a manner that best satisfies the political, cultural and public services the community needs in order to meet the challenges that growth brings.

At this time the task force is in the process of gathering information in order to be able to determine if there is a desire amongst the general population and levels of government to investigate fully whether it is necessary or even possible to restructure the provision of services and/or the governance of the Comox Valley.

If there is indeed a desire then the primary objective of the task force would be to initiate a request for a study and have a joint committee established to oversee the review process as outlined in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' Review and Program Guide titled ... Managing Changes to Local Government Structure.

This initiative is in line with the BC Chamber of Commerce Policy Statement that has been approved by all member Chambers throughout the Province.

BC Chamber Policy & Positioning Statement

Review of Regional Governance Model in Urban Areas

"It appears the Regional Governance model does not serve the majority of districts well. The fine-tuning of the Regional Governance Structure to meet the needs of particular areas is too short term an approach and longer-term solutions are required. The regions need to be treated fairly and appropriately and review of this important governing body and its role is needed."

THE BC CHAMBER RECOMMENDS

"That the Provincial Government reviews its concept of regional districts and their roles and the manner in which representatives are selected."

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