REFERENDUM INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR THETIS ISLAND ELECTORS

This leaflet was compiled by the Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) of the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association (TIRRA) for the purpose of informing eligible electors about the upcoming Referendum.

The Referendum question is:

"Are you in favour of the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District adopting `CVRD Bylaw No. 3713 – Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw, 2013', that authorizes the CVRD to increase the maximum annual financial contribution to the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association (TIRRA) from \$40,000 to \$100,000 per year to assist TIRRA with costs associated with the operation, collection and transportation of solid waste and recycling materials on Thetis Island?" YES or NO?

Please get out and vote:

•Yes = Continued support for an island grown solid waste management system that has a CAP of \$100,000, remembering that the funds spent each year are approved by TIRRA members and non-TIRRA property owners at every October TIRRA General Meeting.

•No = TIRRA steps away from the Solid Waste system which would then be managed offisland by CVRD with little in-put from Thetis Island residents on budget or service. (most likely bi-monthly curbside service with cans at the end of driveways)

There are three voting days in this referendum: (all 8am to 8pm)

- 1. November 27 at the Community Hall*
- 2. December 3 at the Community Hall
- 3. December 7 at Pioneer Pacific Camp

Registered voters must bring signed government photo identification.

*Voting early gives you the opportunity to obtain additional documentation to qualify if needed.

If you are not registered but are eligible to vote, or if you wish to obtain a mail-in ballot, please consult the CVRD website (<u>www.cvrd.bc.ca</u>) as soon as possible and well in advance of polling to check requirements.

Please consult the information posted by the SWMC on the Thetis Island Blog and TIRRA website: questions and answers, 6-year budget projection. Hard copies are available upon request.

The 2014 budget of \$67,300 includes the (estimated) referendum cost of \$12,000 and bridge financing of \$7,500 (until funds come from CVRD, later in the year). This would bring our 2014 solid waste budget to a real total of \$47,800 for operating and capital costs.

If you require additional information or clarification of any of the above points, please contact:

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