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Subject: Taxation and Thetis Island Wharf Transparency

Hello CVRD Administrators and Directors,

The Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association as an advocacy organization for Thetis Island wishes to express its concern regarding the CVRD Directors increase in Area G taxation as well as the lack of transparency regarding the Thetis Island Wharf.

Taxation has increased over 63% between 2022 and 2026. Budgets in discussion and consideration by the CVRD and yourselves continue to off-load expenditures onto our community with no apparent or tangible increase of service or benefits to the community.

The CVRD exhibits a significant lack of transparency for expenditures associated with the Thetis Island Wharf, information which is not available to the public. The Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association requests that the CVRD provide a detailed summary of the prior expenses (2022 \$24,200, 2024, \$214,463 and 2025, \$31,929). Further we request that staff verbal summary reports provided to the Thetis Island Port Commission be made publicly available. The Thetis Island Port Commission passed a motion for the CVRD to engage "Herold Engineering to prepare an updated Future Forecasting". Please provide detailed expected expenditure of costs associated with that forecasting work.

Respectfully submitted by,

Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association