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File No.: 4020-20 Fireworks/LUSD

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To Whom it May Concern:

**Re: Regional Approach to Fireworks Regulations**

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board of Directors has had numerous discussions recently with regard to the regulation of fireworks within the region.

Notwithstanding community concerns with regard to environmental impacts, and impacts on animals and livestock, the multiplicity of regulations and jurisdictional authority makes this a complicated issue.

- [CVRD Bylaw No. 39](#) regulates the sale and discharge of fireworks within CVRD electoral areas, the Town of Ladysmith (TOL) and Town of Lake Cowichan (TOLC).
- [TOL Bylaw No. 2115](#), provides additional regulations for the sale, possession and discharge of fireworks within Town of Ladysmith boundaries. Persons wishing to sell, possess or discharge fireworks within TOL boundaries must comply with both TOL and CVRD bylaws.
- [TOLC Bylaw No. 807-2005](#), regulates fireworks, firecrackers and explosives within TOLC boundaries. Persons wishing to sell, possess or discharge fireworks within TOLC boundaries must comply with both TOLC and CVRD bylaws.
- The Municipality of North Cowichan (MNC) and City of Duncan (COD) have their own respective bylaws to regulate fireworks: [MNC Bylaw No. 3810](#) and [COD Bylaw No. 3116](#).
- Local government bylaws, including fireworks regulations, do not apply to lands within First Nations reserves.

At the CVRD Board meeting of Wednesday, April 27, 2022, the Board passed a resolution inviting municipal councils and First Nations to participate in the development of a regional approach to fireworks regulations.

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The CVRD Board has expressed its commitment to supporting this important endeavor and I would respectfully request, on behalf of the CVRD Board, that your council take the opportunity to discuss this important issue and the opportunity to participate in the development of a regional approach to fireworks regulation, and respond to Ms. Danielle Myles Wilson, CAO at [Danielle.MylesWilson@cprd.bc.ca](mailto:Danielle.MylesWilson@cprd.bc.ca) at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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