

## **BONSALL CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTANT'S QUESTIONS**

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Within the suggested methodology outlined in the RFP (pg. 13) the Municipality refers to a "Public Outreach Strategy" (Stage 1) and a "Consultation Plan" (Stage 2) can you clarify how you envision these plans differing?

***Stage 1 is asking what is broadly the consultation strategy envisaged as the plan goes forward and in stage 2 we are asking for a formal consultation plan which would be informed from the stage 1 work.***

The task identified in Stage 2 of the methodology states "Gather and consolidate public input on the Consultation Plan and draft Watershed Management Plan." Is this separate "Consultation Plan" referring to a strategy to communicate the final Bonsall Creek Watershed Management Plan and Implementation Plan to the public and stakeholders once it is approved by Council. Can you please clarify this?

***I would envisage that we would want the consultation strategy to ensure opportunities for public input at key stages but not involving the communication of the plan to the public once it is approved by Council.***

We would like to suggest a rewording of the public engagement task on stage 2 to read "Gather and consolidate public input on the draft Watershed Management Plan and Implementation Plan." Can you confirm whether this aligns with our intent?

***Yes this would align with our intent.***

Within the suggested methodology there are 5 components outlined. Working with a budget of \$100,100 can you clarify how each component should be weighted?

***At this stage we don't necessarily have any suggestions on the weighting but are relying on Professional consultants to produce a proposal which generally aligns with the methodology. We state that "The following ideas are presented for consideration by the consulting team but do not represent an explicit work program" so again we are open to suggestions from consulting teams in case they have a better methodology which delivers the expected product. In addition, we will be scoring proponents on this in relation to point 3 of the scoring matrix.***

Water quality – The RFP advises that there is \$19,500 budgeted for water testing with sampling to be done by volunteers. Who is responsible for organizing and overseeing the volunteer samplers and identifying sampling locations?

***This would be undertaken by the Ministry of Environment.***

Advisory Group – The North Cowichan website has minutes posted from a January meeting of a Bonsall Creek Advisory Working Group. Are there terms of reference for that group? If warranted would changes to the advisory group be possible?

***There are no terms of reference for this group, however the group was brought together given their background in this project and established to advise staff and consultants at key stages in the project, so yes changes to this group could be possible.***