Highlights from the Regional District of Nanaimo Board Meeting of February 25, 2014

Funding Request—Capacity Building to End Homelessness Reserve Fund

The Board allocated $45,000 from the reserve fund to the Nanaimo Region John Howard Society to continue the Rental Support Program that directly supports those at risk of or experiencing homelessness in the Region.

Seaweed Harvesting

The Board directed staff to review potential opportunities to declare the shoreline from Deep Bay to Qualicum Bay as a form of environmentally protected area, and to determine if there are any other opportunities to defend against the seaweed harvest.

Dogs Harassing Livestock

The Board moved that the bylaw policy and review project in the 2014-2016 Agricultural Area Plan Implementation Action Plan consider options to minimize the impact of trespass by at-large dogs on farms with livestock. The Board also directed staff to prepare a report on amending RDN animal control bylaws to include provisions for classifying and regulating “nuisance-to-livestock” dogs.

Playground Zone Signage

The Board directed staff to prepare correspondence to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting that the Ministry replace signage for school zones with signage for playground zones should a school no longer be used for educational purposes. The letter will include the specific request that playground zone signs be erected in the vicinity of the South Wellington School site located at 1536 Morden Road to replace the school zone signs that have been removed.

Hawthorne Rise Sanitary Sewer Extension—Construction Tender Award—Bylaws No. 1696 & 1697

The Board awarded Milestone Equipment Contracting Ltd the construction of the Hawthorne Rise Sanitary Sewer Extension Project and adopted the Financing Bylaws required for the project.

Nanaimo Recycling Exchange Funding Options

The Board referred this matter back to RDN staff and directed staff to continue to work with Nanaimo Recycling Exchange to explore additional options.