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Comox Valley Regional District Selects Contractors for the Sewer Conveyance Project

COURTENAY, B.C. – The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) is pleased to announce the selection of contractors for the construction of the Sewer Conveyance Project.

Maple-Knappett joint venture and Wacor Holdings Ltd. have been chosen for their experience and expertise in delivering high-quality infrastructure solutions for regional wastewater.

The contractors' proposals came in below the budgeted amount, allowing the CVRD to adjust the project's projected total cost to $96 million. This figure stands $5 million lower than the approved project budget, signifying a noteworthy success in project procurement.

The Sewer Conveyance Project involves the construction of a new Courtenay Pump Station, retrofits to the K'ómoks First Nation and Town of Comox Pump Stations, and the installation of more than 9 kilometers of new sewer forcemain inland and away from the foreshore where it will no longer pose a threat to the environment.

"The Sewer Conveyance Project holds substantial importance as it will ensure the sustainability of the Comox Valley's entire sewer system for years to come," said Doug Hillian, CVRD Sewage Commission Chair. "Undertaking a project of this considerable scale will yield a notably beneficial effect on the safety of this crucial infrastructure – a change of utmost importance in our commitment to safeguarding the environment and acting as stewards of the lands and waterways."

"Maple Reinders and Knappett Industries, are grateful for the opportunity to support the Comox Valley Regional District, community and the K'ómoks First Nation with the delivery of the Comox Valley Sewer Conveyance Project," shared

Reuben Scholtens, Maple Reinders Group Ltd. Vice President and Yosef Suna, Knappett Industries Ltd. General Manager. “We recognize the vital role this project plays in these vibrant and growing communities, and the significance that the completion of this project will have for the realization of Comox Valley Regional District’s Liquid Waste Management Plan.”

“The contract award from the CVRD is a testament to our expertise and capabilities in constructing, and managing complex infrastructure projects,” said Allen Wakita, Wacor Holdings Ltd. General Manager. “We are honored to have been selected as the preferred partner for this vital endeavor that will contribute to the growth and development of the Comox Valley.”

Construction is scheduled to commence March 2024 and last approximately 30 months. In advance of construction, and to prepare residents, businesses and commuters of what is to come, the CVRD will host a series of public open houses and online webinars to present the full traffic management plan and construction schedule. Full details will be announced early 2024.

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For detailed information about the Comox Valley Sewer Conveyance project and to follow and subscribe to regular project news and updates, visit the webpage at www.engagecomoxvalley.ca/conveyanceproject

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The Comox Valley Regional District is a federation of three electoral areas and three municipalities operating on the unceded traditional territory of the K’ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of the land. The members of the regional district work collaboratively on providing sustainable services for the benefit of the diverse urban and rural areas of the Comox Valley.