

School Site Acquisition Charge Resolution for the Town of Ladysmith and the Cowichan Valley Regional District

Whereas Section 142 of the *School Act* requires that a School Board submit a capital plan to the Minister of Education; and

Whereas *Local Government Act* Section 574.2 requires that before a school board submits the capital plan required under School Act Section 142 it consult with each local government in the school district and, that the school board and local government make all reasonable efforts to reach agreement on the following:

A projection of the number of eligible development units to be authorized over the 10 year period that has been specified by the Minister of Education;

The projection of the number of school age children (as defined in the *School Act*) that will be added to the school district as the result of the eligible development units;

The approximate size and number of school sites required to accommodate the number of school age children projected as a result of the addition of eligible development units;

The approximate location and value of the school sites.

It is resolved that:

Based on information from local government, the School Board of School District 68 estimates that there will be 1,504 new development units in the Town of Ladysmith and Cowichan Valley Regional District over the next 10 years;

These 1,504 development units will be home to an estimated 242 school age children;

The areas of growth that have been identified are located in the Holland Creek area;

The School Board expects that some of these school age children may be accommodated in existing facilities. As most of those existing sites are over building capacity and at or nearing site capacity, there maybe facilities that will require expansion will require acquisition of land adjacent to the existing school site to enable an expansion to occur; and,

The School Board expects that at least one new school site will be required as the result of growth in the school district.

According to Ministry of Education standards the new sites will require 2.7 hectares of land. These sites are expected to be purchased in the next 10 years and, at current land costs, the land will cost approximately \$4.2 million.