

**For immediate release****March 7, 2017****CVRD hires new Hornby Island fire chief**

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) is excited to announce Doug Chinnery as the new Hornby Island fire chief. Mr. Chinnery will be starting this new role on April 3, 2017.

“Doug Chinnery is going to be a positive leader for the Hornby Island Fire Rescue team,” explains CVRD Manager of Fire Services, James Bast. “He has a strong passion to serve his community and is committed to the health and safety of residents, visitors and the fire rescue team.”

Doug Chinnery moved to Hornby Island in 2007 and joined the Hornby Island Fire Rescue four months later. In 2011, Doug became a Hornby Island Fire Rescue officer and assumed a community liaison role. An active member of the community, Doug lives and breathes the west coast spirit through numerous outdoor activities.

“I am dedicated to maintaining and improving our fire rescue department and increasing its membership,” states Doug Chinnery.

The Comox Valley Regional District is a federation of three electoral areas and three municipalities providing sustainable services for residents and visitors to the area. The members of the regional district work collaboratively on services for the benefit of the diverse urban and rural areas of the Comox Valley.

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