

Happy New Year everyone!

Thank you to all Members who attended, CWSA's first online virtual conference held November 2020.

To fulfill Membership's request, CWSA is excited to hold an Information Session on Improvement Districts & Gas Tax Funds this February 25, 2021. The Information Sessions is open to all CWSA Members.

We would like to welcome Larry Dawe from Gillies Bay Improvement District as the newest CWSA Director.

### ***Membership Renewal***

It's membership renewal time! The Annual Membership Application is available to renew online on our website at [www.cwsa.net](http://www.cwsa.net) or click [here](#) for an application and pay by cheque.

### **Please save this date!**

**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time:** 9:00am – 10:00am

### **CWSA 2021 Information Session "Improvement Districts & Gas Tax Grant Funding"**

**Place:** Virtual Classroom Setting via Zoom Video Communications

Please ensure to provide your email address in the Annual Membership Application 2021 form.

Zoom links will be emailed to all registered Members who would like to attend.

Administrative Information Session Presentation:

**Lucas Banton, BBA, Management Consultant**, is currently balancing two careers as a Management Consultant (specializing in business turnarounds and local government) and Fire Chief of the Cherry Creek Fire Department.

Past boards include Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, Island Corridor Foundation, Vancouver Island Regional Library, Municipal Insurance Association of BC, Municipal Finance Authority of BC, and Cherry Creek Improvement District. He obtained a Degree in Finance and a Diploma in accounting at Vancouver Island University and continued further education in Project Management and Leadership. In the past, Lucas has worked for a number of government contractors in the area of administering financial benefits to small businesses. He has also spent time working in the resource sector.

Highlight: I have always liked the Improvement District level of government because it often maintains the Community's sense of ownership. The discussion will focus on a little history of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Cherry Creek's situation leading up to the conflict, the formidable process of securing the gas tax funds and if Improvement Districts should consider a transition plan.

Lucas Banton between 2014 to 2018 as Area Director for Cherry Creek Area F, represented Cherry Creek Waterworks Improvement District to acquire two separate grants, one in 2014 for \$385,000 and a second in 2018 for \$625,000 that was used for long overdue water main replacement upgrades.

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### **Notice of Annual General Meeting - Revised**

The Annual General Meeting will take place Zoom, Video Conference.

Date: Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Time: 1:00 pm

### **2021 Conference: Administrative Workshop & Operator Courses October 2021**

Conference & Courses will be announced to all Members and Water Operators to acquire valuable CEU's.