

# Elect Rod Nichol for

# FAIRNESS



## Seen your water bill? Does it seem fair?

Area B water comes from Comox Lake. Water for Comox, Courtenay, and Cumberland also comes from Comox Lake.

Why do some residents in the Comox Valley have to pay three to four times as much for the same water!?

What if another utility used similar billing techniques?  
Would you be willing to pay twice or three times as much for BC Hydro as the neighbor across the street? Does that seem fair?

## Water shortage? What water shortage?

Election Day is October 20th. Vote!

There really isn't one! Sure there's lots of places with water shortages, like the Oceanside area, but that's not really the case here in the Comox Valley.

'There is not, and never has been in recent years, a water shortage in the Courtenay/Comox area. We have a great source of abundant clean water and an arrangement with BC Hydro that delivers the water at a very minimal cost.'

Why is it then that we are berated with constant 'water shortage' and 'restriction' messages? Well there are times in the late summer/early fall when lake levels are low and we should use restraint. However, for nine or ten months of the year we have too much water in the lake, and it needs to be released so as not to overflow. The truth is, most of the time, we have too much water!



<sup>1</sup> <http://comoxvalleywaterfacts.blogspot.ca/2011/11/comox-valley-water-facts-this-letter-is.html>

## Area B pays the most in the Comox Valley...

Under the current CVRD system Area B pays more for its water than Courtenay, Comox, or Cumberland. Did any of us vote for THAT?

## Fair. Honest. Trustworthy. Rod Nichol

Vote on October...  
10, 17  
or on Election Day...  
October 20th!

On October 20th Vote for  
**Rod Nichol**

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Like it or not, water is a real issue in the upcoming election in Area B.

Election Day October 20th. Polls also open October 10, 17

## Does it seem fair?

Area B residents are paying significantly different water rates to those in Courtenay and Comox...  
**FOR THE SAME WATER!!!**

## IS THAT FAIR?

## Do you have a garden?

Current 'Tier 1' Water Rates for Area B residents are based on an, 'average household needs'. This seems reasonable in principle, but most rural lots are larger than normal, and many grow vegetables, have large trees, and gardens. Courtenay and Comox residents pay a flat rate. Seems simple; costs to distribute and upkeep system, divide by users (the true 'owners' of the water!) Yet, cost per litre is vastly different depending where you live, **FOR THE SAME WATER!!!**

## Your vote on this issue, in this election, affects us all!

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Those of us who produced this flyer are residents of Area B too, and we have families, and gardens and big trees as well. For us, the issue is simple, the system needs to be fair. That simple quest for 'a fair and equitable' method of water distribution' got us to talking about how this really should be an election issue. The bottom line is, we vote them in, and we vote them out. We have two candidates trying to become our next Director of Area B.

## Demand Fairness. Ask questions. Vote!