

Media Advisory: For immediate release

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The community has spoken – We don't entertain a pool for a \$25 Million price tag at this time.

With over 30% of the eligible voter's exercising their rights, this is an embodiment of a true democratic process. The "NO" votes (A 63% of those who voted) in this referendum has sent a clear and consistent message of "Fiscal responsibility" to the three elected south end Cowichan Valley Directors.

I sincerely wish to thank everyone that made significant contributions in both camps; in particular,

- The "Yes" camp for a spirited fight;
- The local Media (Cowichan News Leader - John Mckinley /Mike D'Amour; Cowichan Valley Citizen – Sara Simpson) for airing our views;
- CVRD staff and CVRD Chief Elections Officer Kathleen Harrison for professionalism and ensuring a smooth/clean voting process;
- The volunteer staff that manned the polling booth and did the vote count; and
- The "NO" camp campaigners specially those who braved "rains" and contributed long hours in wet conditions.

Grass roots democracy at work -- Your VOTE & participation matters!

Assert your democratic rights; and

Preserve our RURAL quality of life in South Cowichan.

Balu Tatachari (CHAIR)

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