

## News Release

### Work begins on Cowichan Lake Branch

**NANAIMO January 28, 2013** – Work has begun on the new library branch in Lake Cowichan near the corner of South Shore Road and Renfrew Avenue. Heatherbrae Construction is the general contractor.

"We are very excited that the work has begun on our first purpose built library, says Vancouver Island Regional Library Board Chair Ronna-Rae Leonard. "Thank you to the Town of Lake Cowichan who donated the land. We appreciate this partnership which will benefit those who live in Lake Cowichan and the surrounding area."

"It indeed gives us great pleasure to see that work on the construction of the library has begun," says Ross Forrest, Mayor of Lake Cowichan. "We look forward with anticipation to the completion of a facility that the residents of Lake Cowichan, adjacent areas and beyond can be proud of. Our efforts at revitalizing the Town are being realized through the new library, the town square and improvements to South Shore and Cowichan Lake Roads."

**A photo op at the library site will take place on Wednesday, January 30 at 2 pm** with Mayor Ross Forrest; Councillor and VIRL Trustee for Lake Cowichan, Bob Day; Director and VIRL Trustee for the Cowichan Valley Regional District, Mel Dorey; and Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Library.

The new library will be more than twice as big as the current branch and will include more public access computers, a laptop bar, comfortable lounge seating, study space, new children's literacy computer stations and a designated area for children's programs. An enhanced collection will see many new items added to the books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs and CDs available at the branch.

The Cowichan Lake Branch is anticipated to open in the fall of this year.

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