

October 16, 2009

---

**Court Finds In Favour of North Cowichan  
Campbell River Awaits Decision in Catalyst Taxation Challenge**

The BC Supreme Court dismissed the Catalyst Paper petition to overturn the District of North Cowichan's tax rates bylaw today.

*"The City of Campbell River looks forward to receiving the Court's decision shortly with respect to the Catalyst petition against Campbell River,"* says Mayor Charlie Cornfield.

Catalyst Paper requested the review of "unfair property taxation" earlier this year and paid the City only a portion of property taxes owed. The payment was based on Catalyst's assessment of services received. Catalyst challenged the bylaws in all four mill communities in an attempt to change the existing assessment-based taxation model to their proposed consumption-based model.

*"Campbell River and the other communities where Catalyst operates consistently rejected the proposal to revise property taxation according to this model,"* the Mayor adds. *"We made it clear we would defend our property tax bylaw and that we expect all taxpayers to pay their bill."*

– 30 –

**Contact:**

Mayor Charlie Cornfield 250-286-5710

Bill Halstead, General Manager Corporate and Protective Services 250-286-5705