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City out of riding - report

Erin Haluschak Record Staff

Some Comox Valley residents might be voting in a separate federal riding if a redistribution report is approved by Members of Parliament.

The report, released Monday and prepared by a three-person electoral commission, proposed a variety of changes for the province, with one recommendation of splitting the Valley into two ridings, giving the Island seven ridings, up from six.

The change would see Comox included with the Vancouver Island North riding, while Courtenay would join a redesigned Courtenay-Alberni riding.

It would also see Denman and Hornby islands joining the proposed new riding.

Power River — which currently sits in the riding of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country — would also be included in the Vancouver Island North riding.

"I can't see any advantage in drawing the line the way it has been," said Kathryn Askew, president of the NDP's Vancouver Island North Riding Association. "It divides the agricultural community, the estuary and the harbour into two ridings and I can't see how that's advantageous."

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PAMELA CROWE OF the Comox Valley Child Development Association and former Courtenay mayor Ron Webber, right, receive 2012 Citizen of the Year awards from Keith Pistell of Canadian Tire. PHOTO BY RENEE ANDOR

Pair sharing annual Citizen award

Mark Allan Record Staff

A selection committee for the Comox Valley Annual Community Awards couldn't pick between two deserving Citizen of the Year nominees, so it chose both.

Former Courtenay mayor Ron Webber and Pamela Crowe, chair of the Comox Valley Child Development Association, will share the honour.

Linda Oprica, a 'profes-

sional coach' with Ascent Coaching, and Robert Mulrooney, an investment adviser with Dundee Wealth, were other finalists.

The award was sponsored by Canadian Tire.

In his acceptance speech, Webber thanked his wife Lorraine and his daughters "for being behind me in every thing I've taken on."

That long list includes 18 years as Courtenay alderman and 12 as mayor.

"I'm a slow learner," he joked in a video introduction of his nomination.

In his time on Courtenay council, he was involved with the construction of the River Walkway, the new library, the fire hall, Sid Williams Theatre, the sports centre and the Florence Filberg Centre.

Webber was named a Freeman of the City, the highest honour that a community can give one of its citizens.

As well as serving on the

boards of the Comox Valley Hospice Society, Glacier View Lodge, Comox Valley Community Foundation and the BC Summer and Winter Games, Webber is a 48-year member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Lions Club.

The Comox Valley native served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment Reserve and Canadian Armed Forces.

"This is just an amazing award and what an amaz- ... see CVCDC ■ 2

Business award to ABC firm

Mark Allan Record Staff

When the boss wins the Customer Service Award, the trickledown of that attitude has got to help that company in Business of the Year consideration.

Not long after co-owner Bryan Wiley was announced as the recipient of the Customer Service Award, ABC Printing & Signs earned the coveted top business honours in the Comox Valley Annual Community Awards.

"To be recognized from among an outstanding community of small businesses is really heartwarming," Wiley said Saturday at the Filberg Centre in accepting the award.

"Everyone who was nominated really deserved to win," he stated.

Beltone Hearing and Finneron Hyundai were other finalists for the award, which is sponsored by Thrifty Foods.

"It means a lot that you've recognized the hard work that our team has done," Wiley added on behalf of ABC staff.

"I'd like to thank God, who created the beautiful Comox Valley for us all to live and work here, and to our customers,

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