

CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



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CVRD Board and Committee Highlights

The following meeting highlights do not include all meeting items; meeting agenda packages and minutes are available on the [CVRD.ca](https://cvrld.ca) website.

Upcoming CVRD Meetings:

Special Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): April 30, 2025

Regular Board: April 30, and May 14, 2025

Committee of the Whole (COTW): May 14, 2025

For COTW, EASC & Board Meeting Agendas & Minutes, visit:

<https://cvrld.primegov.com/public/portal>

Watch the Meetings

The Board approved:

Recycle BC Agreement

CVRD staff reported and recommended that the CVRD enter into a five-year (2025-2029) Master Services Agreement, including associated Statements of Work, with MMBC Recycling Inc.

MMBC Recycling Inc. (Recycle BC) is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper product (PPP) recycling in BC. The partnership between the CVRD and Recycle BC is governed by an MSA and associated SOWs related to curbside and depot recycling material collection. In September 2024, Recycle BC submitted a new MSA and SOWs for the 2025 – 2029 term to regional districts and municipal partners (Collectors) for review and signature.

Review the [staff report](#) from Recycling & Waste Management/Operations Dept.

Municipal Type Service Agreement with Member Municipalities for Consolidation and Transfer of Curbside Solid Waste

CVRD staff reported and recommended that the CVRD enter into a five-year (2025-2029) Municipal Type Service Agreement, with optional renewal provisions, with the Municipality of North Cowichan, Town of Ladysmith, Town of Lake Cowichan, and the City of Duncan for the consideration and transfer services of curbside garbage, recycling, and organic material.

The CVRD provides curbside garbage, recycling, and organics consolidation and transfer services to all CVRD Municipalities at the Bings Creek Recycling Centre (Bings Creek). The Municipalities collect curbside material from residents in their jurisdiction, and deposit it at the Bings Creek transfer station for consolidation and shipment to the next destination. The Municipalities pay the designated fee for the curbside material they drop off at Bings Creek. The Municipalities and the CVRD have identified the need for an MTSA to meet the Recycle BC Statement of Work (SOW) for Consolidation and Transfer Services as part of the Recycle BC Master Services Agreement.

Review the [staff report](#) from Recycling & Waste Management/Operations Dept.

Transit Fare Change Implementation Date

CVRD staff reported and recommended that the Cowichan Valley Transit Services (conventional and handyDART) fare change that was approved for implementation April 1, 2025 be deferred until August 31, 2025.

Review the [staff report - Fare Change Deferral](#) from Facilities and Transit/Community Services Dept.

Disaster Resiliency and Innovation Fund 2024/25 – CVRD Application

The EMCR DRIF grant is available to local authorities and First Nations to help support risk assessment, mitigation, and resiliency building for natural hazards and climate-related risks in their region. The Emergency Management Cowichan/Community Services Dept. is submitting a full proposal to the BC Disaster Resiliency and Innovation Fund with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness in the amount of up to \$400,000 for a funding application for Tsunami Modelling through the Disaster Resiliency and Innovation Fund program.

Review the **staff report** from Emergency Management Cowichan/Community Services Dept.

Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan Stage 1 Engagement What We Heard Report

Report from the Parks & Trails Division Re: Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan Stage 1 Engagement What We Heard Report was presented for information purposes.

It was moved and seconded that the Stage 2 Engagement period for the CVRD Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan review and update project proceed in September 2025.

Review **Stage 1 Engagement What We Heard Report** from Parks & Trail/Operations Dept.

Short-Term Rental Principal Residence Requirement

CVRD Land Use Services Dept. reported and recommended that a request be sent to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to remove Cowichan Valley Regional District Electoral Area E – Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora and Electoral Area G – Saltair/Gulf Islands from Schedule 1 of the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Regulation so that these areas will be exempt from the Principal Residence Requirement.

Review the **staff report** from the Land Use Services Dept.

To the Board:

Economic Development Cowichan Response to Tariffs

The report, Economic Development Cowichan Response to Tariffs was presented for information purposes by the Economic Development/Corporate Services Dept.

Review the **staff report**.

Review the **Tariff Response** presentation from Economic Development/Corporate Services Dept.

Updates on CVRD's Procurement Practices Amid Trade Tensions

This report is prepared by Finance/Procurement to present the Board with the analysis of the CVRD's current procurement practices and potential “buy Canadian-made goods and services” during the trade dispute with the United States (US).

Review the **staff report** from Finance/Corporate Services Dept.

CVRD MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR

Calendar

Find local events, Board & Committee meetings, online and in-person CVRD information meetings. Sign up to get notified and subscribe to the calendar.

Events

Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

Let Them Cook: A Gen Z Variety Show

Youth Week British Columbia: May 1-7, 2025

Drop-ins welcome | FREE | 4-6pm

Calling all singers, dancers, rappers, poets, rock bands, classical virtuosos, karaoke stars, and those who want to lip sync for their life! Cowichan Performing Arts Centre & Cowichan Community Centre present an opportunity to perform on the Island's largest stage! This show is for youth 13-18. Sign up to perform or come hangout for the snacks and the show.

Visit the [CPAC website](#) for tickets and information.



The Stampeders... One More Time!

May 2, 2025 | 7:30 pm

Regular Price \$96

'They're on their way, to the city lights'...and, THE predominant Canadian Rock 'n' Roll band of the 1970s – The Stampeders – are bringing along all their classic hits: Wild Eyes, Carry Me, Oh My Lady, Devil You, Ramona, Minstrel Gypsy, Hit the Road Jack and, of course, the quintessential Canadian – and Hall of Fame – song, Sweet City Woman! A veritable soundtrack to a whole generation that will 'carry you home'...

Visit the [CPAC website](#) for tickets and information.

Electoral Areas Local Area Plans

PLAN YOUR COWICHAN What is a Local Area Plan?

Local area plans are planning documents that:

- Provide greater detail on growth management for communities.
- Build upon the vision, objectives and policy in the Official Community Plan for the Electoral Areas Bylaw 4373 (OCP).
- Shape more place-specific, well-designed and livable complete communities, and area-specific objectives and policy to address daily needs, infrastructure, transportation and housing.
- Preserve and enhance the qualities that people love and cherish about their community.

[Daft Local Area Plans](#) are now available on Plan Your Cowichan. Learn more about [Electoral Areas Local Area Plans](#).



Emergency Management Cowichan - Emergency Preparedness Expo


Emergency Management Cowichan is hosting an Emergency Preparedness Expo on Saturday May 3rd at Transfer Beach in Ladysmith from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This fun, family event will kick off emergency preparedness week (May 4-10), and is a great way to meet local emergency responders and emergency support organizations, as well as learn how to build resilience and prepare for the types of emergencies that we are likely to face in the Cowichan region.

Try out the Quaker Cottage Earthquake Simulator. There will be a number of organizations participating including BC Earthquake Alliance, Ladysmith Fire Rescue, Ladysmith Ground Search and Rescue, North Oyster Fire Rescue, Marine Search and Rescue Stations 29 & 34, Emergency Management Cowichan, BC Wildfire Service, BC Ambulance, Island Health/Health Emergency Management BC, Scouts Canada, Canadian Coast Guard and RCMP. Food trucks will be on site and there will also be plenty of giveaways.


Join us for the Cowichan Emergency Preparedness Expo!

**Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 10 am
to 2 pm at Transfer Beach in
Ladysmith.**

**At this free, fun family event you
can meet emergency responders,
learn how to make a family
emergency plan and enter to win a
Free Portable Power Station!**



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Important Notices!

- **CVRD Recreation Guide - Spring/Summer 2025:**
Looking for a new fitness routine or recreation program to try? Check out local recreation activities in your local area of Cowichan! The [Spring/Sumer 2025 Recreation guide](#) is now available. Register online at reccowichan.ca
- **Youbou Little League - Sportsfield Temporary Closure**
Closure March 13 - April 30 for sportsfield and turfgrass maintenance. During this time, users will still be able to access the east side of the park. [Review the notice](#)
- **Boulder Point Beach Access Structure Repair: Temporary Closure**
SALTAIR, BC – Repair work is scheduled to be done on the stairs at Boulder Point Beach Access. The beach access will be closed on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 and is expected to reopen in one to two weeks. [Review the notice](#)



NEWS FLASH

Three-Stream Curbside Collection Tote/Bins Delivery

The CVRD is delivering totes to residents starting April 1 in anticipation of the three-stream curbside collection program beginning in June. Depending on the electoral area you live in, you can expect the following totes/bins to be delivered to your residence this spring:

New Three-Stream Curbside <i>Default</i> Totes and Bins <i>will be delivered to households April through May</i>	
<p>Areas A, B, C & H will receive the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bear-resistant rolling organics tote (132L) • Bear-resistant rolling garbage tote (132L) • Glass bin (27L) • Food scrap kitchen bin (8L) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Look inside for the Three-Stream Curbside Collection Guide 	<p>Areas D, E, F, G & I will receive the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bear-resistant rolling organics tote (132L) • Glass bin (27L) • Food scrap kitchen bin (8L) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Look inside for the Three-Stream Curbside Collection Guide

Any inquiries about curbside collection, please call the CVRD Recycling Hotline at 250.746.2540 or by email: curbside@cvrd.bc.ca

LATEST NEWS

CVRD Water Restriction Stage 1 in Effect May 1

May 1, 2025, water systems across the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) will collectively implement Stage 1 water restrictions in an effort to conserve water use on residential properties and ensure aquifers and lakes can withstand the increasingly dry summers.

Visit the [Cowichan Adapts](#) website to learn more about the updated stages of water use restrictions, including a [Water Restrictions Map](#) to find the current stage of restrictions on each water system in the region.

Thank you for conserving water in your community.

BC Drought Map



Did You Know?

Cowichan Valley Regional Transit Services are offered in partnership with BC Transit, the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and the local transit operating company (Transdev).

BC Transit is the Provincial Crown Agency responsible for the delivery of transit services outside of Greater Vancouver. BC Transit contracts the services of private operating companies to deliver these transit services. These companies hire and manage their own workforces. The current BC Transit labour dispute in the Cowichan Valley is between BC

Transit's contractor – Transdev Canada – and their unionized employees.

The CVRD is hopeful that mediation sessions between the parties involved can hopefully result in a negotiated resolution fairly soon and we will provide updates as more information becomes available regarding the labour dispute.

For the latest BC Transit news update, visit the [BCTransit webpage](#).



CAREERS at CVRD

Featured Job Opportunity: Lifeguard / Instructor

Now accepting applications for a temporary summer Lifeguard/Instructor position at Arbutus Park in Youbou in the Cowichan Lake Recreation Division within the Community Services Department.

The Lifeguard/Instructor/Program Leader provides a healthy and safe environment to the patrons of our busy park located on beautiful Cowichan Lake by assisting with coordinating and instructing the Red Cross Swim Program for participants aged 3 months to seniors and performs lifeguarding when not instructing.

[APPLY](#)

CVRD Bids & Tenders

Looking for a Cowichan Valley Regional District bid posting? Visit [CVRD bids webpage](#).

If you are a consultant, service provider, contractor, vendor, or supplier, this is a convenient place for you to find out about current bidding and contract opportunities.

CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

[CVRD Procurement](#)

CVRD Current Contracting Opportunities available:

- RFP# 25-16 Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Adaptation (DRRCA) Resiliency Planning and Implementation - Apr 29 2025, 2:00 PM PDT
- NOI# 24-36 Notice of Intent to Participate in Canoe Procurement Group Cooperative Purchasing - Dec 31st 2025, 2:00 PM PST

CVRD Office Closure

The CVRD offices located at 175 Ingram St. in Duncan will be closed Monday, May 19 2025 on Victoria Day. Regular reception hours of operation 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

CVRD Recycling Facilities are closed on all Statutory holidays. For more information please visit: cvrld.ca



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