



CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



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Little Beach Park - Planning for the Future!

LITTLE BEACH PARK *Planning For The Future!*



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CVRD Board and Committee Highlights

The following meeting highlights do not include all meeting items and while the following content is copied from meeting agenda packages and minutes, it may be edited or summarized for clarity and readability to suit a general audience. Meeting agenda packages and minutes are available on the [CVRD.ca](https://cvrld.ca) website.

Upcoming CVRD Meetings:

Board: Sept. 10, 2025

Committee of the Whole (COTW): Sept. 10, 2025

Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): Sept. 3, 2025

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

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

Watch the Meetings

The Board approved:

2024 Statement of Financial Information

That the Cowichan Valley Regional District's 2024 Statement of Financial Information attached to the June 25, 2025, Board Report from the Finance Division, be received.

The *Local Government Act* and the *Financial Information Act* both require that, each year, the Regional District holds a public meeting for the purposes of presenting the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the preceding year. In addition, the Regional District is required to publicly advertise the meeting when the SOFI is presented and to ensure copies are available, should an individual choose to inspect the statements. The CVRD currently includes ten years of these statements on our website.

Review the [staff report](#) from Finance/Corporate Services Dept.

Review the [Draft 2024 SOFI Report](#) from Finance/Corporate Services Dept.

2025/26 BC Transit and CVRD Annual Operating Agreement

That the 2025/26 Annual Operating Agreement (AOA) with BC Transit for the period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, be approved.

The AOA between BC Transit and CVRD is the governing document that outlines service provisions, service areas, annual hours and exception (no service) days, approved fares, and costs for the CVRD's transit system. The attached letter from BC Transit provides background on the development of the AOA as well as updates on BC Transit initiatives (Attachment A).

The AOA includes the following:

- Transit fares;
- Any newly implemented service expansions (Custom service approved in 2024/25; interregional Sunday and Statutory Holiday service for the Cowichan – Victoria Express (CVX) and the Nanaimo – Cowichan Express (NCX) being implemented August 31, 2025);
- Service terms and conditions including BC Transit contract service fees;
- Any special non-regular funding; and
- BC Transit's negotiated service cost amounts with the transit operating company; noting that BC Transit is responsible for contract negotiations, oversight, day-to-day work and management with the operating company (Transdev).

Review the [staff report](#) from Transit/Community Services Dept.

Review [BC Transit Letter dated April 30, 2025](#)

The Board approved:

2026 Budget Process and Calendars

1. That the 2026 budget mandate be a maximum of 4% on requisition and staff provide options for further reductions to 2.5%; and

2. That staff bring back options for further reductions to the Special Committee of the Whole November 6, 2025, budget meeting.

Review [2026 Budget Engagement Plan](#) from Communications and Engagement/Corporate Services Dept.

Review [2026 Budget Calendar](#) – Staff from Finance/Corporate Services Dept.

Review [2026 Budget Calendar](#) – Public from Finance/Corporate Services Dept.

To the COTW for information:

Agricultural Land Matching Program Annual Update

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Young Agrarians BC Land Matching Program that is being supported by Economic Development Cowichan. This report will be accompanied by a presentation from Young Agrarians.

Review the [staff report](#) from Economic Development/Corporate Services Dept.

Review the [BCLMP Performance Report 2024-2025](#) from Economic Development/Corporate Services Dept.

Review the [BCLMP Work Plan & Budget 2025-2026](#) from Economic Development/Corporate Services Dept.

Review the Young Agrarians BCLMP from Economic Development/Corporate Services Dept.

Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan Update – Key Concepts and Stage 2 Engagement Plan

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the proposed key concepts for the Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan update, and on the project's Stage 2 First Nations and Public Engagement Plan.

Review the [staff report](#) from Parks & Trails/Operations Dept.

Review the [Parks & Trails Master Plan Key Concepts](#) from Parks & Trails/Operations Dept.

Review the [Publicly Nominated Acquisition Interest Areas](#) from Parks & Trails/Operations Dept.

Review the [Proposed Fine Filter Evaluation Criteria](#) from Parks & Trails/Operations Dept.

Review the [Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan](#) from Parks & Trails/Operations 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

Community Arts Caravan Art Tent At Music in the Park

July 31, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Music in the Park at the Cobble Hill Commons – the “ biggest backyard party” in the south Cowichan Valley. Music in the Park is hosted by the Cobble Hill Events Society.

Join the Cowichan South Arts Guild (CSAG) at the Art Tent! Children's craft tent will be sponsored by CSAG.

Family and friends + music + picnics + beautiful park = Building Community.

Visit [Cowichan South Arts Guild](#) website to find out more.



Cowichan Valley Wine Festival

August 1-30, 2025

Discover the magic of Cowichan Valley this summer with this month-long wine festival, an unforgettable journey through our premier wine region.

Your map and tasting glass is your ticket to exceptional wine-tasting experiences at 12 Cowichan wineries. Take a day or take the month.

Visit the [Cowichan wineries](#) website for more information



Did You Know?

Bed & Breakfasts are permitted in most residential and agricultural zones in CVRD Electoral Areas?

A Bed & Breakfast typically involves the rental of bedrooms in a home, where the owner or operator also resides.

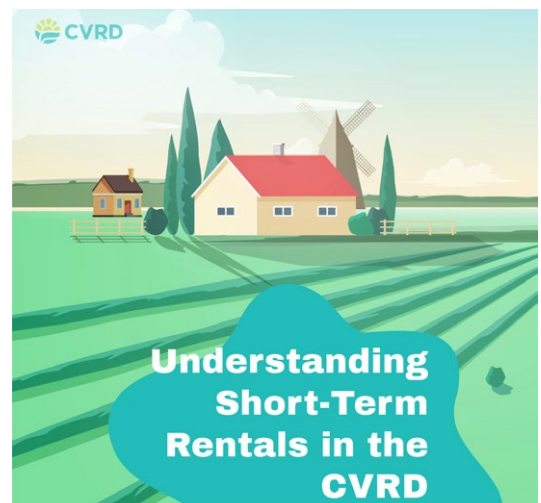
Short-term rentals of entire homes are typically not permitted. Also, registering a property through the Province of BC Short-Term Rental Registry does not make a short-term rental lawful, and operating one may result in bylaw enforcement action.

Residents are encouraged to contact CVRD Development Services staff with questions about their zoning and how to legally operate a short-term rental or bed and breakfast.

Check the CVRD's [Plan Your Cowichan](#) website for more information.

CVRD Development Services/Planning: ds@cvrld.bc.ca

[CVRD WebMap](#)





Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program

CVRD FACEBOOK

Did you know heat pumps have a cooling setting to help you beat the summer heat?

Check out rebates and initiatives for heat pumps with the Cowichan Valley Regional District's Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program! This year's rebate program includes:

- Rebates up to \$2,350;
- An allowance for rural residents to keep existing wood-burning appliances when applying for a heat pump rebate;
- A separate \$300 bounty initiative for residents to remove existing non-EPA or CSA-certified wood-burning appliances without requiring an installation of a new heating appliance.

Please visit the [Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program](#) web page for more information and how to apply for a rebate.

LATEST NEWS

NEWS RELEASE

CVRD Seeks Interest for In-Kind Contributions to New Cobble Hill Bandshell

The CVRD is seeking interest from the local business community in providing materials and/or services to assist in constructing a new stage and bandshell for outdoor entertainment at the Cobble Hill Common.

Over the years, the CVRD has transformed what was historically a provincial Ministry of Transportation and Transit maintenance yard into a vibrant community park for Electoral Area C – Cobble Hill. This transformation allowed for expansion of the long-standing Cobble Hill Agricultural Fair, as well as for establishment of 'Music In The Park,' an annual summer series put on by the Cobble Hill Events Society. In support of growing popularity and interest for outdoor performances at the Cobble Hill Common, the CVRD is moving forward with the design and construction of a covered outdoor performance stage and bandshell.

Full [News Release](#)

LATEST NEWS



NEWS RELEASE

CVRD Invites Input on Future Improvements to Little Beach Park

The CVRD is inviting residents and park users to share their ideas for the future of Little Beach Park, a well-loved riverside destination on the upper Cowichan River.

Located on Greendale Road in Electoral Area F – Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls, Little Beach Park is a popular gathering place for tubing, swimming, paddling, fishing, and enjoying the river. With the recent acquisition of the site by the CVRD as a community park, the public is being asked to help shape the vision for improvements and long-term park management.

“We know how much people value Little Beach and use it in so many different ways,” said Ian Morrison, Director for Area F. “This is a great opportunity for the community to let us know what matters to them—whether it’s river access, facilities, parking, or preserving the natural feel of the space. Your ideas will help guide future upgrades and decisions.”

The CVRD is hosting an open house and launching a survey to gather public input on everything from river access and safety to amenities and environmental stewardship. The goal is to understand what people would like to see at the park and what priorities should be set for the years ahead.

Open House Details:

Saturday, July 26, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cowichan Lake Sports Arena – 311 South Shore Road.

Full [News Release](#)

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 & Summer 2025 Recreation guide](#) is available. Register online at reccowichan.ca

- **CVRD Water Restrictions at Stage 2**

All CVRD operated water systems and participating partner systems are at STAGE 2 watering restrictions; except Burnum - Stage 3 and Woodley Range - permanent Stage 3. For information on what watering is allowed, visit the CowichanAdapts.ca website. Please conserve water in your community, thank you!

CAREERS at CVRD

Featured Job Opportunity: Clerk Receptionist (CLR) - Temporary Part Time

Join our organization! We are now accepting applications from prospective candidates to join our organization as a Clerk Receptionist in a temporary part time position of up to 22 months, in the Cowichan Lake Recreation Division within the Community Services Department. This posting is to fill a maternity leave vacancy. Reporting to the Manager, Cowichan Lake Recreation and supervised by the Secretary III, the Clerk Receptionist primarily performs a variety of reception, clerical and administrative duties and tasks for Cowichan Lake Recreation.

APPLY

Visit our [Careers Page](#) for more job opportunities!

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:

- ITT# 25-22 Saltair Watermain Replacement - Porter Road and Valdon Road Aug. 7th 2025, 2:00 PM PDT
- RFSQ# 25-25 Design and Build – Outdoor Bandshell (Performance Stage) at Cobble Hill Common – Area C Aug. 7th 2025, 2:00 PM PDT
- ITT# 25-23 General Contractor for Bings Creek Recycling Centre Modernization Aug. 18th 2025, 2:00 PM PDT

CVRD Office Closure



The CVRD Ingram Street offices at 175 Ingram St. in Duncan will be closed Monday, Aug. 4 for the BC Day holiday. We'll re-open on Tuesday, Aug. 5 with main reception hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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



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