

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District (CVRHD) provides capital funding to Island Health for the following facilities:

- Cowichan District Hospital
- Cairnsmore Place
- Ladysmith Community Health
- Chemainus Health Care Centre

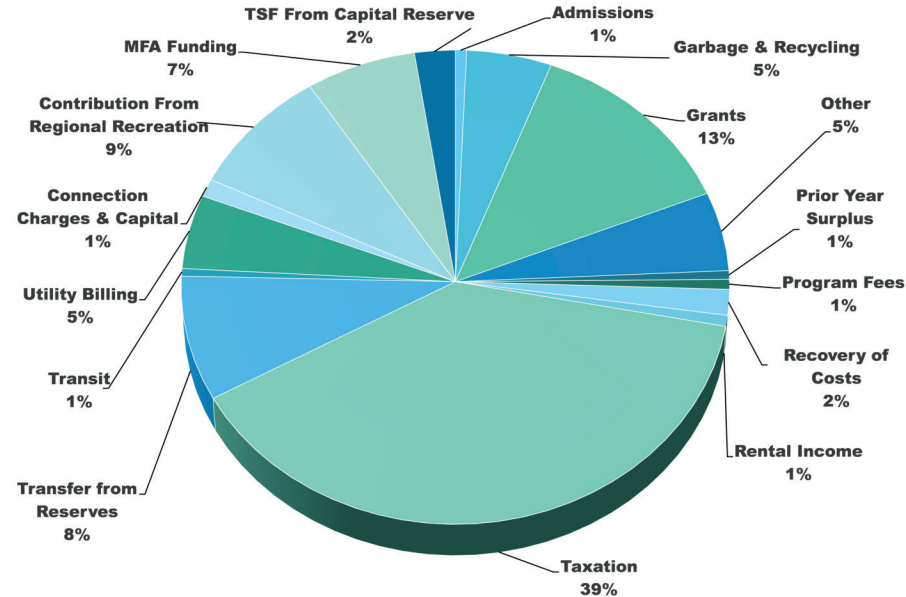
Capital funding is cost-shared, with the province funding 60% and the CVRHD funding 40%.

Since 2010, the CVRHD has been putting funds aside to raise the Regional Hospital District's 40% share of the new Cowichan District Hospital.

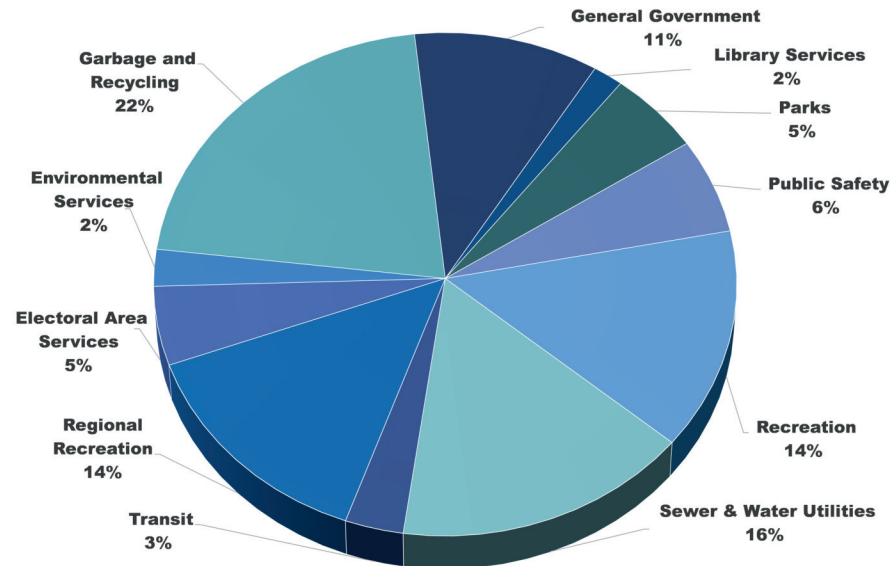
Construction began in 2022 and it is anticipated that the hospital will be ready to welcome the first patients into the new facility in late 2027.



CVRD funding sources for all services in ALL areas



CVRD expenses for all services in ALL areas



*Sewer & Water Utility expenses will vary based on individual property connections.



Electoral Area I Youbou, Meade Creek 2025



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Message From The Chair

The Cowichan Valley Regional District spans from Nanaimo Airport in the north to the Malahat in the south, and from the west coast of Vancouver Island to Valdes Island in the east.

It comprises 9 Electoral Areas and 4 Municipalities, with elected representatives from these 13 jurisdictions convening at the CVRD Board. Together with CVRD staff, they oversee 178 local and regional services for over 89,000 residents.

Despite facing financial challenges such as inflation, high interest rates, and the ongoing housing crisis in 2023, the Board prioritized community well-being in budget decisions in 2024. Efforts were made to minimize the budget while upholding service commitments and maintaining vital infrastructure. However, this year, factors like population growth, maintaining service levels, a regional recreation funding mandate, and increased contributions to provincial budgets led to higher budget increases.

The Board acknowledges its duty to advocate for supportive policies and resources from senior governments to bolster community resilience amid current crises. Together, the community will address challenges and uphold standards for quality of life, environmental protection, and economic prosperity. Please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Kate Segall, Chair of the CVRD Board of Directors

Tim McGonigle, Vice-Chair of the CVRD Board of Directors

Understanding Your Tax Notice

You have just received your Property Tax Notice from the Province of BC. The province collects taxes for schools, roads, policing, Regional District services and the Regional Hospital District.

The following will explain each line on your property tax notice:

Provincial Services:

Provincial School Tax

The Province collects this tax for education and school facilities.

Provincial Rural Tax and Police Tax

The Provincial Government tax is for rural road maintenance provided by the Province and police protection services.

Local Services:

Area I Cowichan Valley

This is your electoral area tax for services provided by the CVRD.

Cowichan Valley Hospital

The CVRHD provides capital funding for the hospital facilities in this region.

BC Assessment

BC Assessment Authority is a crown corporation that sets all property values in the province. Its costs are recovered by this tax.

Municipal Finance Authority

The Municipal Finance Authority coordinates financial borrowing for all local governments in the province.

Specified Local Services

Property owners within the following areas will be assessed these taxes per \$100,000 assessed value:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Lake Cowichan Fire	59.95	55.89
Youbou Fire	21.60	19.00
Bald Mountain Drainage	2.41	2.37
Cowichan River Flood Management	1.10	1.12

Electoral Area I Taxes Per \$100,000 Assessed Residential Value

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Government	11.78	11.32
Vancouver Island Regional Library	15.39	14.68
Commuter Transit	0.93	0.47
Transit	10.18	8.47
Emergency 911	3.00	2.70
Grants-In-Aid	0.33	0.36
Economic Development	1.77	1.83
Regional Tourism	0.31	0.31
Electoral Feasibility Studies	0.08	0.08
Environmental Initiatives	1.79	1.92
Emergency Planning	3.15	3.26
Community Parks	12.60	11.56
Electoral Area Services	7.54	6.13
Regional Parks	4.64	4.26
Kinsol Trestle	0.31	0.30
Regional Parkland Acquisition	2.48	2.51
Animal control	0.52	0.40
Building Inspection	2.36	2.11
Bylaw Enforcement	4.13	3.98
Parks & Trails	7.30	6.77
Planning	14.90	15.30
Regional Recreation	22.49	14.53
Arts and Culture	0.36	0.34
Cowichan Lake Recreation	27.16	40.95
Victim Services West	0.34	0.34
Cowichan Lake Activity Centre	1.31	1.29
Senior Centre Grant	0.34	0.34
Kaatza Historical Society	0.68	0.68
Cowichan Aquatic Centre	0.00	0.14
Cowichan Valley Hospice Society	0.16	0.16
Solid Waste Complex	19.59	18.60
Cowichan Housing Association	1.96	1.98
Drinking Water & Watershed Protection	1.80	1.82
Critical Street Lighting	0.24	0.20
TOTAL	181.93	180.08

The average Area I Home Valued at \$1,047,743 Would Pay \$1,906.19 in

Regional District Taxes

This is an **estimate** calculated on the 2025 Financial Plan adopted on February, 12, 2025. It will vary slightly from your actual tax notice due to assessment changes, rounding and the Provincial Collection Fee of 5.25% that is added to your CVRD taxes.

Claiming the Home-Owner Grant

To claim your grant, please visit:

www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant

Provincial Taxation and Property Tax Notice Inquiries

Please contact the province's Surveyor of Taxes Office toll-free at **1.888.355.2700**.

Other valuable tax information can be found on the BC Government's website at www.gov.bc.ca and search for "Property Taxes in Rural Areas"

CVRD Taxation Inquiries

Further information regarding the average home tax impact and CVRD's 2025 Budget can be found on our website at:

www.cvrld.bc.ca/budget

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