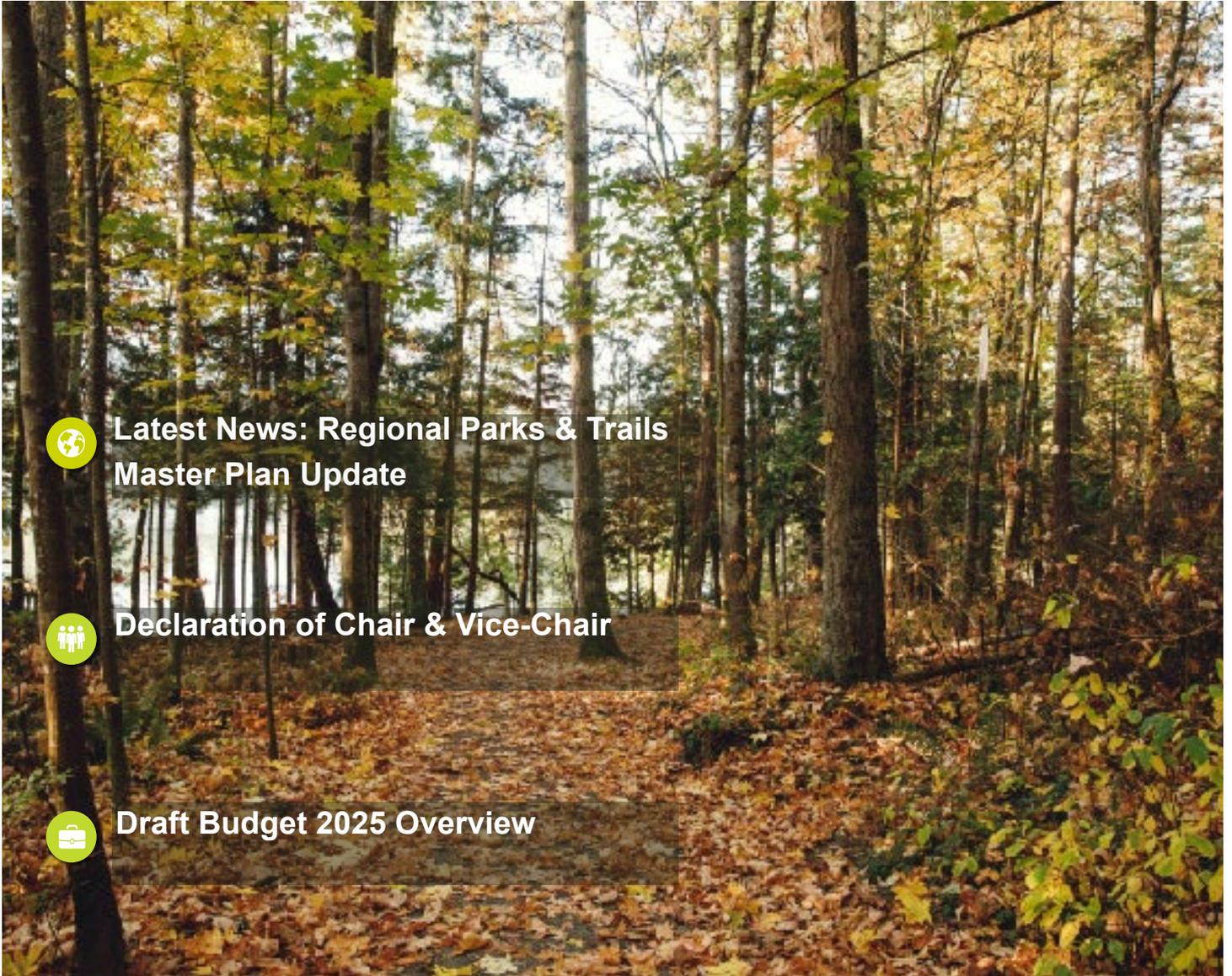




# CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



**Latest News: Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan Update**



**Declaration of Chair & Vice-Chair**



**Draft Budget 2025 Overview**

## Let's Talk Regional Parks & Trails!

The CVRD is updating the 2007 Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan, and would like your input!



Take the online survey and add ideas to the interactive map (open until December 6, 2024) at [planyourcowichan.ca](http://planyourcowichan.ca).

Or join us for a public Open House event this November in Ladysmith, Duncan, Lake Cowichan and Mill Bay!

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### The Nutcracker



### Events

Check out some of the latest events happening in November and December from the CVRD and CPAC.

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### Careers at CVRD!

Come work with us! Check out our featured job opportunities in the Cowichan area.

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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:

Regular Board: November 27, 2024

Committee of Whole (COTW): November 27, 2024

Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): Dec. 4, 2024 - Special and Regular

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

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

Watch the Meetings

### The Board approved:

#### Declaration of Chair and Vice-Chair

Director Kate Segall was declared elected as Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District Boards for the next 12 months.

Director Tim McGonigle was declared Vice-Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District Boards for the next 12 months.

#### Emergency Management Division Next Generation 911 TELUS – Local Government Agreement

That the CVRD enter into a Next Generation 9-1-1 Local Government Service Agreement Telus Communications Inc. for the provision of Next Generation 9-1-1 Emergency Services, for a period of five years, with automatic renewal for successive periods of five years each.

#### Utilities Division - Interim Letter Agreement with Cowichan Tribes: Cowichan Bay Sewer Servicing

That the CVRD enter into an Interim Letter Agreement with Cowichan Tribes regarding sewer servicing in Cowichan Bay for up to 24 months.

#### Utilities Division - Amendment to Shawnigan Village Waterworks Purchase Agreement

That the CVRD enter into an Amending Agreement to the February 8, 2024 Shawnigan Village Waterworks Asset Purchase Agreement with Lidstech Holdings Ltd. to amend the Conditions Precedent and revert the closing date to November 29, 2024.

### To the Board for information:

#### CVRD Strategic Plan 2023-2026 – Q3 2024 Status Report and CVRD Capital Plan – Q3 2024 Status Report

Reports to the Board by the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Q3 of 2024. [CVRD Strategic Plan 2023-2026 – Q3 2024](#) and [CVRD Capital Plan – Q3 2024](#).

## Draft 2025 Budget Overview

The Draft 2025 Budget book is available for detailed review by the Board and the public at this time. The [2025 Budget Book Overview PowerPoint](#) presentation provides information on individual schedules in the budget book and how to interpret them.



## 2025 Budget Book Overview

The following is being recommended by the COTW to the Board

### Facilities and Transit Division - Transit Fare Review

- Transit fares as outlined in [Table 1.0](#) of the staff report to the Committee of the Whole on November 13, 2024 be approved for implementation, effective April 1, 2025;
- ProPASS and EcoPASS fare discount programs be authorized for conventional transit
- BC Transit and the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) be advised that the CVRD concurs with the proposed reduction of fares to the Nanaimo – Cowichan Express (NCX) Route 70 as outlined in [Table 1.0](#) of the staff report to the Committee of the Whole on November 13, 2024.

The following is being recommended by the COTW to the Board for information:

### Update on the Bings Creek Modernization Project

The CVRD received a \$6 million grant in 2023 to modernize the Bings Creek Solid Waste Management Complex. Stantec was hired in 2024 to lead the project, which faces challenges such as temporary waste storage, truck washing, water supply, and potential cost overruns. The CVRD is collaborating with Indigenous communities, addressing these issues, and seeking additional funds to complete the project on time.

## 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

### Let's Talk Regional Parks & Trails! - Public Meetings

The CVRD is updating the 2007 Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan, and would like your input! Let's talk ideas for the future of regional parks and trails! Here's how to participate:

Visit the [project website](#) to learn more and give input.

Take the online survey and add ideas to the interactive map (open until December 6, 2024)

In person at an Open House event.

Ladysmith – November 23, 10am-12:30pm,  
Aggie Hall, 1110 1st Avenue.

Duncan – November 23, 2:30pm-5:00pm,  
Quamichan School, 2515 Beverly St.

Lake Cowichan – November 24, 10am-12:30pm,  
Curling Rink at Cowichan Lake Sports Arena,  
311 S Shore Rd.

Mill Bay – November 24, 2:30pm-5:00pm, Kerry  
Park Recreation Centre, 1035 Shawnigan-Mill  
Bay Rd.

Questions? Email: [parks@cvrld.bc.ca](mailto:parks@cvrld.bc.ca)



### Sahtlam Greenway Trail Planting Volunteer Event

Please join the CVRD Parks & Trails Volunteer Program to decommission a small section of closed trail to naturalize the area and prevent erosion. Activities will include digging and planting native species.

WHERE and WHEN: Sunday, December 8, 2024, 10:00am - 1:00pm. Meet at the trail entrance at the corner of Hanks Rd and Sahtlam Estates Rd. ([map](#))

WHAT to BRING: Remember to wear sturdy closed-toe shoes. Please dress for the weather as the event will go on as long as conditions remain safe and workable. Bring drinking water and any snacks or lunch you would like. Light refreshments will be provided for the break. Tools and gloves will be provided.

ACCESSIBILITY: There is no toilet available at this event. We will be working on a somewhat steep slope on uneven ground. Moderate physical fitness is required for this activity.

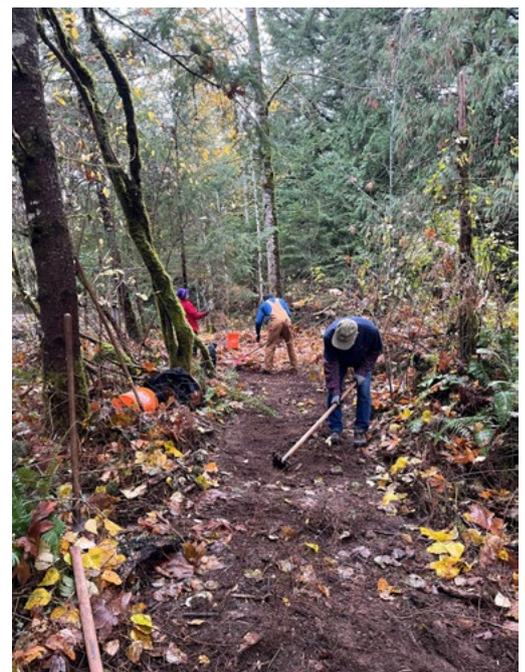
GET IN TOUCH: Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about this event or to pre-register using the following info:

Parks Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 250.746.2649

Email: [Parks.Volunteers@cvrld.bc.ca](mailto:Parks.Volunteers@cvrld.bc.ca)

Website: <https://www.cvrld.ca/275/Volunteering>



**The Nutcracker** at Cowichan Performing Arts Centre. Enjoy this fun, family event on Saturday, December 14 at 12pm & 4pm.

This is an extravagant full-length ballet performed by the Royal City Youth Ballet and includes an extra-large ensemble cast of dedicated dancers, colourful costuming and charming, festive backdrops.

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



## Did You Know?

'Tis the season for snow on our roads in the Cowichan area!

The CVRD is not responsible for road maintenance or snow plowing. In the CVRD electoral areas, [snow plowing and road maintenance](#) is the responsibility of the Province (MOTI) and their contractors.

Municipalities are responsible for snow clearing within their municipal boundaries. Find out more about [who does what](#) for regional and partner government organizations.



## Cowichan Valley Trail (CVT) Agira Road section re-opens

Major repair work to a 40-metre section of the Cowichan Valley Trail (CVT) damaged during an atmospheric rain event in 2021 has now been completed with funding from the British Columbia Provincial Disaster Financial Assistance Program and work provided by a local contractor.

[News Release June 2024](#)



*CVT-Agira Road washout from November 2021*



*CVT-Agira Road repaired and reopened November 2024*



## LATEST NEWS

### **CVRD signs lease for new emergency warming centre site**

The CVRD has signed a lease to use the parking lot of the Ramada Inn on Highway 1 to operate an emergency warming centre as needed between November 15, 2024 and March 31, 2025. The emergency warming centre is anticipated to use the same weather criteria as last winter. The CVRD will be funding extra outreach staff in the downtown core and 24/7 security on the site to mitigate any effect in the use pattern for the surrounding neighbourhood.

The emergency warming centre will be activated when temperatures is at or near 0 C or below, coupled with adverse weather conditions such as high wind, rain, or snow.

Read the [News Release](#).



### NEWS RELEASE

## CVRD seeking public input for updated Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan

The CVRD is engaging with First Nations, residents, interested parties, and other governments for the update of the 2007 Regional Parks and Trails Master Plan.

While the 2007 plan has provided strong direction guiding the CVRD's regional parks and trails program towards the long-term vision, much has changed since 2007 and an update to the plan is required. The process provides an opportunity to consider a renewed vision, principles, goals, and priority actions for regional parks and trails in the Cowichan

region, as well as update regional parkland acquisition priorities. Once completed, the updated plan will guide strategic and operational decisions about the regional parks and trails system for the next 10-15 years.

Visit: [Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan Update](#)

## Important Notices!

- **Curbside Collection Inclement Weather Policy in Effect Until April 1, 2025:**

Extreme weather events or acts of nature (e.g. snow, ice, flooding, etc.) may impede drivers from providing regularly scheduled curbside collection service. The CVRD will notify residents about curbside service disruptions on the [CVRD website](#), [Facebook page](#) and the Cowichan Recycles mobile app.

- **Navigating Your Local Hazards, Risks, and Preparedness Web tool now online:**

Emergency Management Cowichan (EMC) has a new online [local hazards risk tool](#) for residents to search and learn about local risks and preparedness strategies in their neighbourhoods.

- **Wessex Ravine Park Staircase & Trail Extension: Construction Project:**

For safety reasons, the public is asked to stay outside of the active construction areas until the project is complete. Please respect construction areas, posted signs, and fencing. [View project notice](#).

# CAREERS at CVRD

## Featured Job Opportunity: Casual Events Services Worker

Join our organization as a casual Events Services Worker at the Cowichan Community Centre, within the Community Services Department. Reporting to the Programs & Events Coordinator, and supervised by a Recreation Programmer II, the Events Services Worker is involved in a variety of janitorial and maintenance tasks, as well as set-up and breakdown for events relating to the operation of public skating sessions, special events, sports and recreation programs.

**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:

- RFP# 24-38 Supply and Delivery of One (1) Tandem Axle Roll-Off Truck
- RFP# 24-37 Project Development and Implementation Plan for Bings Creek Site
- NOI# 24-40 Condenser Replacement at Cowichan Community Centre (CCC)
- ITT# 24-41 Exterior Cladding Replacement – Cowichan Lake Sports Arena



The CVRD Ingram Street offices in Duncan will close to the public at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 24, 2024 and remain closed to the public for the holiday season, reopening on Thursday at 8:00 a.m., January 2, 2025.

CVRD Recycling Facilities are closed on all statutory holidays. For more information please visit: [cvrld.ca](http://cvrld.ca)



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