



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 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://pub-cvrd.escribemeetings.com/) website.

Upcoming CVRD Meetings:

Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): Oct. 1, 2025

Board: Oct. 8, 2025

Committee of the Whole (COTW): Oct. 8, 2025

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

<https://pub-cvrd.escribemeetings.com/>

[Watch the Meetings](#)

The Board Approved:

TS'UUBAA-ASATX Addition to Reserve (ATR)

That a letter be provided to Indigenous Services Canada expressing the CVRD Board's support for the Ts'uubaa-asatx Proposed Addition to Reserve, encompassing about 34 hectares in the Cowichan Lake District, including the lands described as:

- Lot 1 District Lot 27 Cowichan Lake District Plan EPP133231 (PID 032-146-132);
- Lot 2 District Lot 54 Cowichan Lake District Plan 37714 (PID 001-033-611); and
- That part of District Lot 54 Cowichan Lake District shown coloured red on Plan DD 14181I (PID 014-646-081).

That CVRD staff engage with Ts'uubaa'asatx staff in relation to potential servicing agreements to be implemented following the Addition to Reserve process.

Review the [staff report](#) from Land Use Services Dept.

MSW Hauling and Landfilling Contract Extensions

That the CVRD enter into an extension agreement with Marpole Transport Limited for the hauling of municipal solid waste in accordance with the terms and conditions as outlined in the extension agreement for the term of October 1, 2025, to February 29, 2028.

That the CVRD enter into an extension agreement with Regional Disposal Company for municipal solid waste landfilling consistent with the terms and conditions as outlined in the extension agreement for the term of October 1, 2025, to February 29, 2028.

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

To the COTW for information:

Parks & Trails Wildfire Risk Assessment and Management Strategy (WRAMS)

The purpose of this report is to introduce the CVRD Parks & Trails Wildfire Risk Assessment & Management Strategy (WRAMS) project and to have an overview presented of the initial work completed by Blackwell Consulting Ltd., the consultant retained to undertake the project.

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

Review the [WRAMS Presentation](#) from Parks and Trails/Operations Dept.

To the COTW for information:

CVRD Capital Plan Projects – Q2 2025 Status Report

Review the [Capital Plan Projects Quarterly Report](#) to Board Q2 from Corporate Services Dept.

CVRD Strategic Plan 2023-2026 – Q2 2025 Status Report

Review the [Strategic Plan Quarterly Report](#) to Board Q2 from 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 - Culture Days & Cowichan Performing Arts Centre



The CVRD Arts & Culture division is excited to share the upcoming Culture Days festivities across the region!

This year, it runs from September 19 to October 12 with two dozen FREE events put on by local organizations including **CPAC!**

Don't miss out on this vibrant celebration of creativity and community!

For more information, visit: **Culture Days Events.**

CVRD Budget 2026 - Duncan Farmer's Market

Looking to chat with us in person about the 2026 CVRD Budget plan? Visit us at the Duncan Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 4 and Saturday, October 25. Engage online after Sept. 29 at planyourcowichan.ca!

The 2026 Board Budget Calendar and the 2025 Budget are available online on the [CVRD Finance webpage](#).

Budgeting in the CVRD is a year-round process, and community input is always encouraged. We invite you to share your thoughts on the services your tax dollars support.





National Day for Truth & Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day September 30, 2025

We acknowledge and recognize that for families, friends, neighbours, and all community members in the region, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day are opportunities for reflection, education, learning, healing, and remembrance. Wearing orange shirts, on this day or any day, is a meaningful way to express and share our understanding, acceptance, and support.

We encourage you to honour survivors and the community by attending an event, either in person or online. Below is a short list of some local events taking place. Please check your local event listings, newspapers, and online or radio sources for more information.

Penelakut: Returning to the Healing Circle

Wed, Sep 24, 7pm-9pm, Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

For more info: <https://culturedays.ca/en/events/>

One Heart, One Mind, One Voice, One Heart

Fri, Sep 26, 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

For more info: <https://culturedays.ca/en/events/>

Every Child Matters - Walk With Us

Tue, Sep 30, 9am-2pm, Charles Hoey Park, Downtown Duncan

Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation - Every Child Matters

Tue, Sep 30, 8:30am - 3:00pm, Kaatza Adventures Lake Cowichan

For more info: <https://culturedays.ca/en/events/>

South Island Powwow

Tue, Sep 30, 10 am, Royal Athletic Park, 1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria, BC

For more info: <https://www.songheesnation.ca/>

Resources for Learning:

Truth and Reconciliation Week 2025 - Sept. 22 – 26, 2025

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation offers Lunch and Learn sessions aimed at an adult audience, and open to the public. It will be hosted virtually over Zoom Webinar and streamed to YouTube from September 22-26, 2025.

<https://trw-svr.nctr.ca/>

About Orange Shirt Day:

<https://orangeshirtday.org/>

Did You Know?

The Cowichan Valley

RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT





Did you know that the **Recreation Needs Assessment** is underway?! The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) in collaboration with its municipal partners, is undertaking a Recreation Needs Assessment to update and establish priorities for 2025 and beyond (10 – 15 year horizon). The new Recreation Needs Assessment will focus on providing guidance for future recreation (and related) infrastructure.

More information and a survey is available on the CVRD's engagement website: planyourcowichan.ca.

Open House Events

- Saturday, September 27 from 10:00am - 12:00pm at Frank Jameson Community Centre
- Saturday, September 27 from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the Cowichan Aquatic Centre
- Sunday, September 28 from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the Cowichan Lake Sports Arena
- Sunday, September 28 from 2:00 - 4:00pm at Kerry Park Recreation Centre



Did you know that Mesachie Lake Fire Department held their 75th anniversary celebration, on September 7, 2025!

The CVRD congratulates all past and present members of the department for their dedication to fire services and emergency assistance. We appreciate all emergency responders and volunteers for their efforts in keeping communities safe!

LATEST NEWS

Cowichan Valley Regional District Climate Website Earns International Recognition

Cowichan Valley's climate adaptation website has earned international recognition with a Gold Hermes Creative Award, spotlighting the region's innovative approach to helping residents prepare for climate change.

Developed by Nanaimo-based agency Array in partnership with the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD), the award-winning microsite, cowichanadapts.ca provides real-time tools for residents to track drought levels, water usage and restrictions, fire bans, and extreme weather risks. Residents can explore interactive maps, hazard banners, and downloadable guides to better understand and respond to changing conditions in the region.

Full [News Release](#)

LATEST NEWS



NEWS RELEASE

New report outlines the 2024 regional impact of the arts and cultural sector in Cowichan

CVRD Arts & Culture Division has released their first annual Arts Impact Report, highlighting the cultural initiatives of the CVRD and the value of the creative sector across the region.

The report is a directive by Creative Cowichan, the 2024 Arts & Culture master plan, the report demonstrates that cultural activities and organizations offered a significant, positive impact on the local economy and community offerings in 2024.

“The arts offer more than just economic benefit by creating opportunities for connection, increasing wellbeing, and enhancing the beauty of our communities,” said Patrick LeBlanc, Manager of CVRD Arts & Culture Division. “This report helps communicate the impact of the region’s cultural sector. Understanding the significance of the arts and culture scene is crucial to ensuring its long-term sustainability.”

Stats from the 2024 Impact Report:

- In 2022, the arts and culture sectors provided \$78 million of the CVRD’s GDP (as cited from Stats Can most recent data).
- 10 organizations received arts and culture grants in 2024. Their combined programming contributed an estimated \$4.8 million economic spinoff in the region.

Full [News Release](#)

Visit the document: [Arts Impact Report](#)

Important Notices!

- **Cowichan Valley Transit Strike Over - TransDev and Unifor reach agreement**

BC Transit will determine when bus service resumes. Vehicle maintenance, inspections and operations undergoing assessment before service restoration dates are announced. Visit the [BCTransit webpage](#).

- **CVRD Curbside Collection - Do not include Household Hazardous Waste - HHW**

Incorrect disposal of HHW not only contaminates curbside recycling, but is also harmful to the environment and may cause explosions or fires in collection vehicles, at recycling facilities, during transport, or at landfills. Please take your HHW to a [CVRD recycling facility](#). More information at [CVRD Recycling webpage](#).

- **Cowichan Valley Trail (CVT) - Maintenance - Annual Mowing - Sept. & Oct. 2025**

The CVT will not be closed to trail users during maintenance. Please obey all posted signage and use caution when approaching the work zones.

CAREERS at CVRD

Featured Job Opportunity: Senior Accounting Analyst

Join our organization! A temporary full time position for a Senior Accounting Analyst in the Financial Planning Section of the Finance Division within the Corporate Services Department. This temporary vacancy is resulting from a maternity leave backfill and is expected to end on January 1, 2027.

Reporting to the Manager - Financial Planning, the Senior Accounting Analyst is responsible for performing complex accounting work, maintaining and auditing computerized financial records, and performing a variety of technical functions.

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:

- NOI# 25-32 Notice of Intent - Supply & Installation of Exterior Windows, Sep 25th 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
- NOI# 25-26 Notice of Intent to Participate in Kinetic GPO, Jun 30th 2026, 2:00 PM PDT

CVRD Office Closure

The CVRD Ingram Street offices at 175 Ingram St. in Duncan will be closed Tuesday, Sept. 30 for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. We'll re-open on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025 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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