

CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



Latest News: BC Housing will Fund a Temporary Winter Shelter in Heart of Cowichan



Emergency Shelter and Supportive Housing Siting Policy



CVRD Advocates for Transit Expansion at UBCM Convention

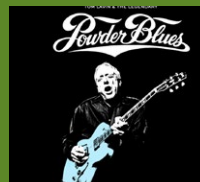
CVRD Bylaw & Fireworks Safety for Halloween



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Events

Check out some of the latest events happening in October & November!

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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): Nov. 5, & Nov. 19, 2025

Board: Nov. 12, & Nov. 26, 2025

Committee of the Whole (COTW): Nov. 12, & Nov. 26, 2025

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

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

Watch the Meetings

The Board Approved:

Cowichan Women's Health Collective

That the Cowichan Women's Health Collective presentation be referred to staff to consider appointing a staff member to their committee, Homelessness Response Leadership Table.

Review [the presentation](#) from Cowichan Women's Health Collective.

Emergency Shelter and Supportive Housing Siting Policy

That development of an emergency shelter and supportive housing siting policy be funded to a maximum of \$50,000 through Function 100 Strategic Investment, and that the Board direct staff to request Cowichan Housing Association (CHA) allocate funding for siting policy work through the annual CHA Contribution Agreement.

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

2025 Climate Gathering Funding Proposal

That \$10,000 from the 2025 Function 131 Climate Action Program budget be allocated to support the 2025 Cowichan Region Climate Gathering.

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

Cedar – Yellowpoint – Cassidy Water Budget Study

That \$54,000 from Function 532 (Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program) be allocated to the Regional District of Nanaimo as the CVRD's proportionate share of the Phase 3 Water Budget Study for the Yellowpoint-Cedar-Cassidy Area.

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

Accessibility Plan

That \$25,000 from the Strategic Initiatives Fund be allocated for the engagement of a consultant to complete an updated Accessibility Plan.

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

Review the [2023 Work Plan CVRD Accessibility Advisory Committee](#)

To the COTW for information:

Parks & Trails Invasive Plant and Habitat Management Program

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the status of the CVRD Parks & Trails Invasive Plant and Habitat Management Program.

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

Stoney Hill Regional Park Management Plan Planning Process

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the proposed planning process to develop a Stoney Hill Regional Park Management Plan.

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

Review [the Stoney Hill Regional Park Context Map](#) from Parks and Trails/Operations Dept.

Review [the Stoney Hill Regional Park Management Plan Process Outline](#) from Parks and Trails/Operations Dept.

CVRD Parks and Trails Visitation Summary (January – June 2025)

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of 2025 visitations monitored for Electoral Area Community Parks, Sub-Regional Parks, Regional Parks and the Cowichan Valley Trail, for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2025.

Review [the staff report](#) from Parks and 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 - Cowichan Performing Arts Centre



Tom Lavin and the Legendary Powder Blues

Date: Oct 30, 2025

Time: 7:30 pm

Price: \$68.75

For over four decades Powder Blues has been Canada's leading blues band. The mix of swing, blues, jazz, rock & roll and r & b has an appeal so wide that people from seven to seventy swing side by side at a Powder Blues concert. Over the years the band has toured non-stop through Canada, the United States and overseas, spreading feel-good music that makes folks dance and shout.

Visit [CPAC](#) for more information.

EVENTS

Let's Go Surfin' – A Salute to The Beach Boys

Date: Nov 1, 2025

Time: 7:30 pm

Price: \$45

Get ready to be swept away by the timeless melodies of the Beach Boys! Join us for a nostalgic evening filled with their iconic hits and concert favorites. Let's Go Surfin is performed by BACKBEAT, Canada's most authentic musical tribute to the 60's. They nail the incredibly intricate Beach Boys harmonies perfectly!

Visit [CPAC](#) for more information.



Halloween Night At Youbou Hall

Date: Oct. 31, 2025

Time: 5:30 - 9:00 pm

Free

Join us for a night full of fun and festivities at this FREE community event! Enjoy hot dogs, tea, and coffee while taking in the spooky excitement. Dare to enter the haunted house, open from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, and don't miss the costume contest at 7:00 pm, it's your chance to show off your best spooky or creative look!

How to register: www.reccowichan.ca

Phone: 250.749.6742.ext.0.



Halloween Open House At Ladysmith Fire Hall

Date: Oct. 31, 2025

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Free

We will be out front of the hall from 4pm until about 7 pm, handing out treats and a hot chocolate to warm up! Join us around a fire to get the crew ready for the next block of houses!

Visit [Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle](#) for more information.



Did You Know?

FIREWORKS SAFETY

DISCHARGE DATE:

BY PERMIT ONLY; OCTOBER 31ST; ONLY

CVRD Fireworks & Discharge Regulation Bylaw No. 4514

- The goal of the Bylaw is to reduce the risk of personal injury, noise, and property damage from fireworks use.
- Minimize the impact on livestock and pets.



Did you know that the goal of **Bylaw No. 4514** is to reduce the risk of personal injury, noise, and property damage from fireworks use?

Please be mindful of your neighbours while celebrating Halloween. Respectful communication goes a long way for healthy neighbourly relations.

Check for livestock and pets in your area. Fireworks can scare and overwhelm pets, farm and wild animals. The loud noises and flashing lights can cause animals to become disoriented and possibly flee from their homes, roosts and dens. Applications where fireworks discharge location is within 500m of a livestock property will not be approved.

Have a safe and scary good time!

CVRD Fireworks Permits & Safety

To report unlawful fireworks discharge, contact:

- CVRD Bylaw Enforcement: 250.746.2655 (for CVRD Electoral Areas and Town of Lake Cowichan)
- Municipality of North Cowichan Bylaw Enforcement: 250.746.3266
- City of Duncan Bylaw Enforcement: 250.746.6126
- Town of Ladysmith 250.245.6417 or email: foi@ladysmith.ca

CVRD Advocates for Increased Provincial Funding for Transit Service Expansion in Rural Communities at Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention

Did you know that at the September 2025 UBCM meetings, a key topic for the CVRD was Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System Improvements – Need for New Hospital Service.

Key Points:

- The endorsed 'Three-Year Transit Expansion Plan' (2026/27 – 2028/29) requests 4,875 hours to implement priorities in the South Cowichan Local Area Transit Plan, additional round trips in the Chemainus/Crofton corridor, and new service to the Bell McKinnon area for the new Cowichan District Hospital.
- A top priority is 700 Annual Service Hours to service the new Cowichan District Hospital for its anticipated opening in 2027.

The CVRD advocated for:

- Increased Provincial funding through a UBCM endorsed resolution.
- BC Transit to revise its multiple account evaluation process to ensure equitable distribution of transit service expansion funding, addressing the needs of rural areas.

This advocacy highlights the CVRD's push for equitable transit funding to support vital services in rural and Indigenous communities.

LATEST NEWS



NEWS RELEASE

BC Housing will fund a temporary winter shelter in heart of Cowichan region

The Cowichan Valley Regional District is proud to announce that BC Housing has confirmed funding for a temporary winter shelter for the Cowichan region for the 2025/2026 winter season.

A local working group, comprised of the CVRD, City of Duncan, Municipality of North Cowichan (MNC), and the Cowichan Housing Association (CHA), has worked over the last year with BC Housing to secure funding for a temporary winter shelter, which will operate at 140 Trans-Canada Highway, Duncan (the Ramada Inn site), from November 15, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

Supported by a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) issued by the City of Duncan, and subject to final budget and operating agreement approval, the shelter will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing up to 24 spaces for individuals experiencing homelessness during the winter months.

"This announcement brings tremendous relief and hope to our community, as homelessness continues to be one of the most urgent challenges in the Cowichan region," said Kate Segall, Chair of the CVRD Board of Directors. "Unlike our previous emergency warming centre, which opened only during extreme weather, this new 24/7 shelter will offer safety, warmth, and dignity every day through the harshest months of the year. We are deeply grateful to BC Housing for their funding commitment, and to all the local partners whose dedication made this possible."

Review the full news release at cvrd.ca

Important Notices!

- **Notice of Thinning Activity — Bush Main, Trans-Canada Trail, Christie Falls Loop**

In early October 2025, Mosaic Forest Management will be commencing commercial thinning harvesting and road activities on the private managed forest lands along Bush Creek Main. [Learn more](#)

- **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 - 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: Utilities Operator

Join our organization! The Operations Departments has an immediate opening for a motivated person to join the team as either a Utilities Operator I or Utilities Operator II in a regular full time capacity.

Reporting to the Manager - Utility Operations and supervised by the Senior Operator, the Utilities Operator contributes to the effective operation of the CVRD Utilities Division through the safe and efficient operation and routine maintenance of the water, wastewater, drainage and street lighting systems.

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# 25-37 Notice of Intent - CVRD Emergency Shelter / Supportive Housing Siting Policy - Oct 30th 2025, 2:00 PM PDT
- RFP# 25-35 Design and Build – Outdoor Bandshell (Performance Stage) at Cobble Hill Common – Area C Nov 13th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFP# 25-36 Cowichan Region Tsunami Modelling - Nov 18th 2025, 2:00 PM PST

CVRD Office Closure

The CVRD Ingram Street offices at 175 Ingram St. in Duncan will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 for Remembrance Day. We'll re-open on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 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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