

CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



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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 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): December 3, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole (COTW): December 10, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board: December 10, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

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

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

[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 11 months on November 12, 2025.

Director Tim McGonigle was declared Vice-Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District and Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District Boards for the next 11 months on November 12, 2025.

Malahat Creek Restoration Grant Funding Partnership

That the CVRD act as the lead municipality for Malahat First Nation's application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Initiatives for the Malahat Creek Restoration Feasibility Study.

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

2026 Emergency Management Cowichan – Grant Applications

1. That a grant application in the amount of up to \$150,000 be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Operations Centre's Equipment and Training, with the CVRD as the primary applicant that will apply for, receive and manage the grant funding;
2. That a grant application in the amount of up to \$150,000 be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services, with the CVRD as the primary applicant that will apply for, receive and manage the grant funding; and
3. That a grant application in the amount of up to \$2,300,000 be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment Fund for FireSmart Community Funding Supports, with the CVRD as the primary applicant that will apply for, receive and manage the grant funding.

Review [the staff report](#) from Emergency Management/Community 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

Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

A Celtic Holiday in Motion

Date: Dec 7, 2025

Time: 2 pm

Price: Regular \$27 | Senior \$25 | Student \$25 | Child \$20

Celtic Rhythm Dancers of all ages and dance genres perform a holiday show that features favourite Christmas movies and music!

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



QMS: A Joyful Merry Christmas

Date: Dec 9, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Price: Regular \$15 | Student \$10

Join us for an evening of festive music and holiday cheer featuring performances by the QMS Bands (Grades 6–12), String Orchestra and Choir. Enjoy timeless holiday favourites and new seasonal classics as our talented students fill the hall with the spirit of the season.

Come together with friends, family, and community for a joyful night of music and celebration!

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

Royal City Youth Ballet's The Nutcracker

Date: Dec 13, 2025

Time: 12 pm and 4 pm

Price: Regular \$38

Senior \$32 | Student/Child \$18 | Family \$97

Experience the magic of The Nutcracker this holiday season with RCYB's annual full-length ballet. Featuring a cast of 100+ dedicated and enthusiastic dancers, The Nutcracker is under the direction of Artistic Director Keitha Campeau and Associate Artistic Director Sarah Sankovic.

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



Recreation Centres

Christmas Family Skate

Sun | Dec 14

1:00 - 2:00 pm | Code: 102201

2:30 - 3:30 pm | Code: 102203

4:00 - 5:00 pm | Code: 102207

5:30 - 6:30 pm | Code: 102209

FREE Admission | Pre-registration required

Registration opens on Dec 1 at 9:00 am

Kerry Park Recreation Centre

How to register: 250.743.5922

Shawnigan Kids' Theatre Troupe's performance of Snow White and the Seven Little Fellows

Thu | Dec 4 | 6:30 pm

Fri | Dec 5 | 6:30 pm

Sat | Dec 6 | 2:00 pm

Sun | Dec 7 | 2:00 pm

Adult \$20 | Children \$15

Shawnigan Lake Community Centre

How to register: 250.743.1433

WINTER BREAK CAMP | Ages 6 - 12

Monday - Wednesday | Dec 29 - 31 | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

3/\$105 | Code: 99991

Cowichan Lake Recreation - Centennial Lower Hall.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR TODDLERS | Ages 2 - 6

Monday | Dec 22 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm

1/\$10 | Code: 98823

Cowichan Lake Recreation - Arena Playschool Room

HALF-DAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT CAMP | Ages 6-12

Monday | Dec 22 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

1/\$30 | Code: 98822

Cowichan Lake Recreation - Arena Playschool Room

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR TODDLERS | Ages 2 - 6

Tuesday | Dec 23 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm

1/\$10 | Code: 98823

Cowichan Lake Recreation - Arena Playschool Room

For full course descriptions, check out [the Fall Rec Guide](#) or give them a call!

How to register: www.reccowichan.ca

The Cowichan Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Adaptation Plan



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The Cowichan Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Adaptation (DRRCA) Plan is underway! This collaborative effort with Emergency Management Cowichan (EMC), CVRD, municipalities, First Nations, and community organizations is building a roadmap to increase resilience across the Cowichan area.

Learn more and take the survey at:

<https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/cowichanregionaldrrca>

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- Region-wide services like regional parks & emergency management
- Inter-municipal/sub-regional services — like transit
- Planning & land use management for CVRD electoral areas

Watch [the video](#) to learn more and visit planyourcowichan.ca to share your thoughts on the upcoming 2026 Budget or check out cvrld.ca to learn more about regional services.



Curbside Collection Winter Guidelines

Do you know how to correctly space your tote for successful winter weather collection?

Automated collection vehicles require at least one metre (three feet) of clearance on all sides to collect your garbage, recycling, and organics effectively. During winter weather events, this includes making clearance for snowbanks and other debris. For safety reasons, please do not place your totes on a snowbank or in the roadway; residents are responsible for clearing snow around their totes.

Questions?

Call the Recycling Hotline at 250-746-2540 or email curbside@cvrd.bc.ca



LATEST NEWS



CVRD Malahat Fire Rescue Tactical Water Tender with Area A Director Kate Segall, Frank and Catherine Assu from Lak'Was Wildfire Water Service, and members of Malahat Fire Rescue including Fire Chief Tanya Patterson.

NEWS RELEASE

Malahat Fire Rescue Receives Delivery of New Tactical Water Tender

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) has delivered a 2,000-gallon Tactical Water Tender to Malahat Fire Rescue on October 12, 2025. This specialized vehicle will improve firefighting in areas with limited water access and support provincial wildfire response.

The tender was purchased from Lak'Was Wildfire Water Service Ltd., an Indigenous-owned company in Comox, BC. CVRD contributed \$100,000 toward the purchase through Electoral Area A's Community Works Fund, part of the Canada Community Building Fund administered by the Union of BC Municipalities.

"This investment strengthens safety and resilience in the Cowichan Valley," said CVRD Chair Kate Segall. Fire Chief Tanya Patterson added, "The custom-built unit is ideally suited to our geography and will significantly improve operations."

Key Features:

- Freightliner chassis by Fort Garry Fire Trucks
- 4x4 drive
- Darley Pump and Roll 500 USGPM pump
- Front turret and ground spray nozzles
- Fully equipped with hoses and gear

The tender has been officially named "BOB", inspired by a children's book about its wildfire journey.

Read the full news release at cvr.ca

Important Notices!

• Curbside Collection Inclement Weather Policy in Effect Until April 1, 2026

Extreme weather events or acts of nature (e.g. snow, ice, flooding, etc.) may impede drivers from providing regularly scheduled curbside collection service. In some cases, an extreme weather event can cause some curbside collection services to be cancelled on your regularly scheduled collection day. The CVRD will notify residents about curbside service disruptions on [the CVRD website](https://cvr.ca), [Facebook page](#) and the Cowichan Recycles App.

• Cleasby Bike Park – Annual Winter Season Closure

Closed to public use for the winter season beginning November 3rd, 2025 and will re-open again in spring 2026. [Review the notice](#)

CAREERS at CVRD

Featured Job Opportunity: Casual Shift Supervisor

We are now accepting applications from prospective candidates to join our organization as a casual Shift Supervisor at the Cowichan Community Centre, within the Community Services Department. Reporting to the Manager, Cowichan Community Centre and directly supervised by the Recreation Programmer II, the Shift Supervisor is responsible for supervising program staff in the operation of a recreational facility and provides a direct contact to the public.

APPLY

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# 25-36 Cowichan Region Tsunami Modelling Dec 2nd 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFP# 25-41 Stoney Hill Regional Park Management Plan Dec 10th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFP# 25-39 Scrap Metal Recycling Dec 10th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- NOI# 24-36 Notice of Intent to Participate in Canoe Procurement Group Cooperative Purchasing Dec 31st 2025, 2:00 PM PST

CVRD Office Closure



The CVRD offices at 175 Ingram Street in Duncan will be closed over the Holiday Season from 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 24, 2025 to Friday, January 2, 2026. Regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.

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



Cowichan Valley Regional District

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