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## LIVING IN THE CVRD

Welcome to Cowichan Bay : Electoral Area D

Cowichan Bay is located in Electoral Area D and your Director is Lori Iannidinardo.

The CVRD is governed by a Board comprised of appointed directors from four municipalities and an elected director from each of the nine electoral areas.

The regional district provides a broad range of services to its residents. While a small number of these services are mandated by the Province (solid waste, emergency planning, land use planning), the majority of services provided by the CVRD are determined by the Board. However, services can only be provided with the approval of the electors who will receive them.

Funds required to operate the various regional district services are generated through property taxes, fees and charges. Unlike municipalities, regional districts are required to match the costs and benefits of its services to the residents that benefit from them; this means residents pay for the services they receive.

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## From the Director

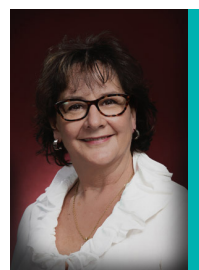
As the Electoral Area Director for Area D, I welcome you to Cowichan Bay and am glad you chose to be a part of our community. This welcome letter is to provide you with an overview of some key services provided by the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and answer some common questions.

Cowichan Bay was the first North American community to be designated as a Cittaslow community. This award is based on the philosophy that a better world starts in one's own community [www.cittaslowcowichan.org](http://www.cittaslowcowichan.org)

The CVRD provides a broad range of services to its residents, including solid waste management, 911 and emergency planning, environmental services and fire protection to name a few.

## Key Contacts

CVRD Office	250.746.2500
Animal Issues (SPCA)	250.746.4646
Building & Development	250.746.2620
Bylaw Enforcement	250.746.2500
Garbage & Recycling	250.746.2530
Water & Sewer	250.746.2530



If you have any issues or questions, feel free to contact me.

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## Building & Development

There are a number of land use regulations and a BC Building Code in place aimed at protecting the environment and ensuring the health and safety of residents. Before starting a project, it is the owner's responsibility to find out what is permitted.

Development Services staff are available to assist residents with understanding requirements for their specific project and particular location. Building permits may be required for new structures over 10 square metres (108 square feet) or major renovations to existing structures.

**If you are planning any work on your property involving the following, please check FIRST and contact the CVRD:**

- Steep Slopes
- Land Adjacent to Water Bodies (creeks, lakes, rivers, wetlands, ocean)
- Land Clearing
- Tree Cutting or Topping
- Building Construction

## Dog Licencing

All dogs four months and older must be licenced by January 31 annually. The \$25 dog licences and tags are available at:

Pier 66 in Cowichan Bay

CVRD Office,  
175 Ingram Street, Duncan



## Fireworks

Fireworks permits will only be issued for events held on January 1, July 1 and October 31. The use of fireworks is limited to public special events or festivals where the person or organization has a fire safety plan and holds a valid Fireworks Discharge Permit.

## Outdoor Burning

The CVRD's backyard burning bylaw is aimed at improving local air quality and addressing health impacts linked to smoke pollution. Open burning is only permitted from March 15 through April 15 and from October 15 through November 15 when the BC Venting Index is rated as "good." To protect Cowichan Bay's air quality, residents are asked to refrain from outdoor burning. [www.cvrld.bc.ca/1463/Know-the-Rules](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/1463/Know-the-Rules)

## Parks & Trails

There are a variety of parks, a boat launch, a wharf and numerous trails in Cowichan Bay.

For a complete listing visit: [www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks).

## Recreation

There are two recreation centres serving Cowichan Bay. Island Savings Centre at 2687 James Street, Duncan and Kerry Park Recreation Centre, 1035 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road, Mill Bay. They provide a wide range of exercise and recreation programs such as yoga, pickleball and baseball and ice sports. Visit [www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks-recreation](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks-recreation) for a complete listing of programs.

## Recycling

The CVRD provides curbside recycling pickup for your area every two weeks. Recycling/garbage depots are also located at Bings Creek, Meade Creek and Peerless Road recycling centres. Collection schedules, depot locations, and information on what can be put in the blue tote are available at [www.cvrld.bc.ca/recycling](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/recycling).

## Roads

Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is responsible for roads. To report maintenance issues call Mainroad South Island Contracting at 1.877.391.7310.

## Taxes

Unlike municipalities, the CVRD does not directly bill residents for property taxes. Tax notices are sent to electoral area residents from the Surveyor of Taxes, a division of the Province of BC.

## Transit

The CVRD, in partnership with BC Transit, operates the regional transit system which offers three services in your area. These include local, commuter and handyDART transit services. For more information visit [www.cvrld.bc.ca/transit](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/transit).

## Water and Sewer

The CVRD operates 35 water and sewer systems in its electoral areas. Please check with the CVRD to determine if your property is serviced by one of these systems.