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Welcome to Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls :
Electoral Area F

Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls is located in Electoral Area F and your Director is Ian Morrison.

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 in response to requests from residents who must provide consent to be taxed and must be approved by the Board.

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.

Do you want to know what is happening in the CVRD? Register for Notify Me to receive regular updates.

www.cvrd.bc.ca

From the Director

As the Electoral Area Director for Area F, I welcome you to Cowichan Lake South and Skutz Falls 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.

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

Key Contacts

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| 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.

Ian Morrison

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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, especially if it involves alterations or vegetation removal next to a water course, 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 renovations to existing structures. Contact the CVRD's building inspector.

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) – riparian regulations
- 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:

Cowichan Lake Recreation
Youbou Parks and Recreation
CVRD Office,
175 Ingram Street, Duncan

There is an off-leash park in Honeymoon Bay.



Fireworks

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. These permits will only be issued for events held on January 1, July 1 and October 31.

Parks & Trails

There are a variety of parks and trails in Area F. For a complete listing visit: www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks.

Recreation

Cowichan Lake Recreation operates the arena complex at 311 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan, as well as Centennial Hall, Youbou Hall, Honeymoon Bay Hall and Mesachie Lake Hall. Cowichan Lake Recreation provides a wide range of exercise and recreation programs including pickeball, bowling, baseball, yoga and ice sports. Visit www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks-recreation for a complete listing of programs.

Recycling

The CVRD provides curbside recycling and garbage pickup for your area every two weeks. Enhanced weekly garbage pickup is provided from June to October. 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.

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 conventional transit and limited handyDART transit services in rural areas. For more information visit 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.