

Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District

The Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District (CVRHD) provides capital funding to Island Health for the following facilities within its boundaries:

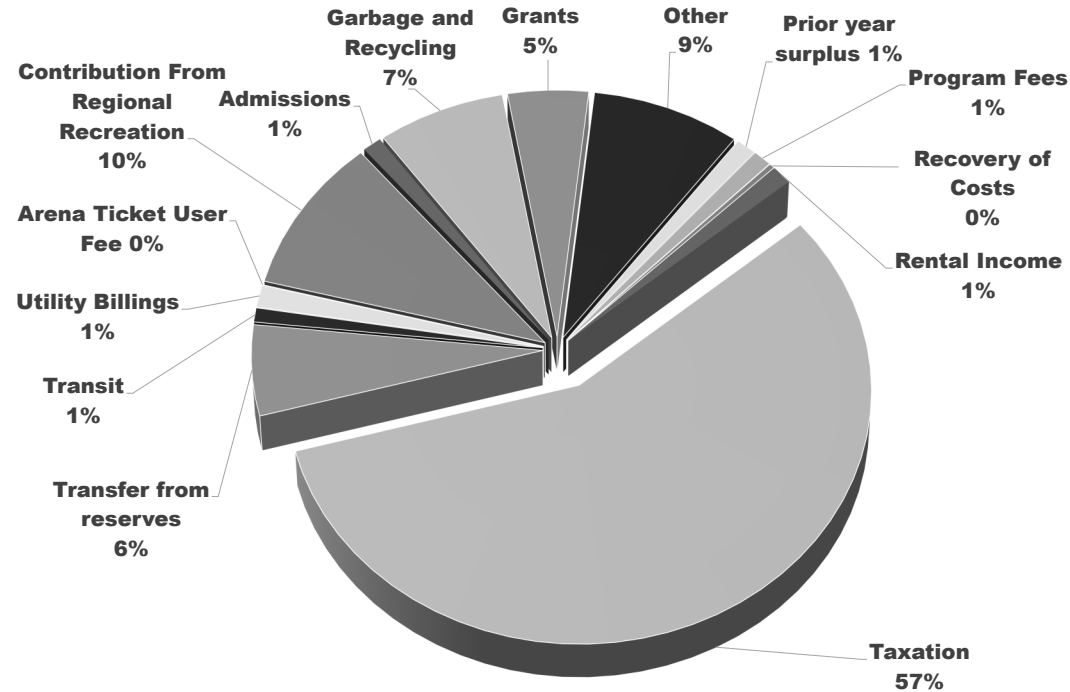
- Cowichan District Hospital
- Cairnsmore Place
- Ladysmith Community Health
- Chemainus Health Care Centre

Capital funding is cost-shared with the province on a 60/40 basis, with the CVRHD's portion being 40%.

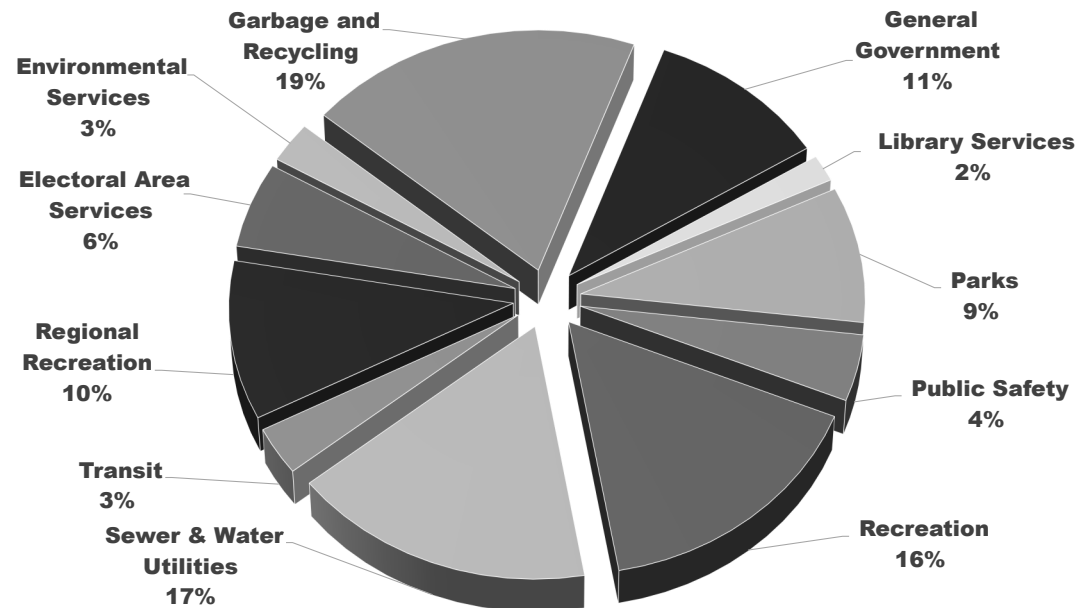
Starting in 2010, the CVRHD has been putting funds aside to raise the Regional Hospital District's 40% share of the new hospital.

Construction has begun in 2022 and it is anticipated that the hospital will be ready to welcome the first patients into the new facility in late 2027.

Where the CVRD's money comes from*



Where the CVRD's money is spent*



*These graphs are representative of the CVRD as a whole. Your local areas participation will vary slightly.

Electoral Area F Cowichan Lake South/Skutzi Falls

2024



CVRD

Cowichan Valley
Regional District
Property Taxes

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Message from the Chair

The Cowichan Valley Regional District spans from Nanaimo Airport in the north to the Malahat in the south, and from the west coast of Vancouver Island to Valdes Island in the east.

It comprises 9 Electoral Areas and 4 Municipalities, with elected representatives from these 13 jurisdictions convening at the CVRD Board. Together with CVRD staff, they oversee 178 local and regional services for over 89,000 residents.

Despite facing financial challenges such as inflation, high interest rates, and the ongoing housing crisis in 2023, the Board prioritized community well-being in budget decisions for 2024. Efforts were made to minimize the budget while upholding service commitments and maintaining vital infrastructure. However, factors like population growth, maintaining service levels, a regional recreation funding mandate, and increased contributions to provincial budgets led to higher budget increases this year.

The Board acknowledges its duty to advocate for supportive policies and resources from senior governments to bolster community resilience amid current crises. Together, the community will address challenges and uphold standards for quality of life, environmental protection, and economic prosperity. For inquiries, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Aaron Stone, Chair of the CVRD Board of Directors

Kate Segall, Vice Chair of the CVRD Board of Directors

Understanding Your Tax Notice

You have just received your 2024 Property Tax Notice from the Province of BC. The province collects taxes for schools, roads, policing, Regional District services and the Regional Hospital District. The CVRD receives a lump sum payment from the province in August of each year.

The following will explain each line on your property tax notice:

Provincial Services

Provincial School Tax

The Province collects this tax for education and school facilities.

Provincial Rural Tax and Police Tax

The Provincial Government tax is for rural road maintenance provided by the Province and police protection services

Local Services

A Cowichan Valley

This is your electoral area tax for services provided by the CVRD.

Cowichan Valley Hospital

The CVRHD provides capital funding for the hospital facilities in this region.

BC Assessment

BC Assessment Authority is a crown corporation that sets all property values in the province. Their costs are recovered by this tax.

Municipal Finance Authority

The Municipal Finance Authority coordinates financial borrowing for all local governments in the province.

Other Local Services

Persons who own property within the following specified areas will also be assessed these taxes:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Lake Cowichan Fire	55.76	42.51
Mesachie Lake Fire	80.17	67.02
Honeymoon Bay Fire	69.71	59.49
Sahtlam Fire	71.93	57.97
Mesachie Lake Street Lighting	9.15	8.07
Honeymoon Bay Street Lighting	8.80	8.07
Cowichan River Flood Management	1.12	1.06
Honeymoon Bay Drainage	0.00	0.00

Electoral Area F taxes per \$100,000 assessed residential value

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General Government	11.30	9.20
Vancouver Island Regional Library	14.63	12.38
Commuter Transit	0.47	0.85
Transit	8.45	7.59
Emergency 911	2.69	2.28
Grants-In-Aid	2.07	1.67
Economic Development	1.82	1.74
Regional Tourism	0.31	0.31
Electoral Feasibility Studies	0.08	0.08
Environmental Initiatives	1.91	1.83
Emergency Planning	3.26	3.09
Community Parks	13.78	12.88
Electoral Area Services	6.11	4.75
Regional Parks	4.25	4.04
Kinsol Trestle	0.30	0.29
Regional Parkland Acquisition	2.50	1.94
Animal Control	0.40	0.28
Building Inspection	2.10	1.84
Bylaw Enforcement	3.96	3.57
Parks & Trails	6.75	6.40
Planning	15.25	14.45
Regional Recreation	17.79	7.80
Arts and Culture	0.34	0.34
Cowichan Lake Recreation	40.91	51.30
Victim Services West	0.34	0.32
Cowichan Lake Activity Centre	1.29	1.23
Senior Centre Grant	0.33	0.32
Kaatza Historical Society	0.68	0.65
Cowichan Aquatic Centre	0.18	0.23
Cowichan Valley Hospice Society	0.16	0.16
Cowichan Housing Association	1.98	1.96
Drinking Water & Watershed Protection	1.82	1.74
Solid Waste Complex	18.56	17.24
	186.76	174.76

The average Area F home valued at \$875,939 would pay \$1,635.89 in Regional District Taxes

This is an **estimation** calculated on the 2024 Financial Plan adopted on March 13, 2024. It will vary slightly from your actual tax notice due to anticipated assessment changes, rounding and the provincial collection fee of 5.25% that is added to your CVRD rate.

Claiming the Home Owner Grant

The home owner grant process has changed. To claim your grant, please visit:

www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant

Provincial Taxation and Property Tax Notice Inquiries

Please contact the province's Surveyor of Taxes Office toll-free at **1.888.355.2700**.

Other valuable tax information can be found on the BC Government's website at:

www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt

CVRD Taxation Inquiries

Further information regarding the average home tax impact and CVRD's 2024 Budget can be found on our website at:

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