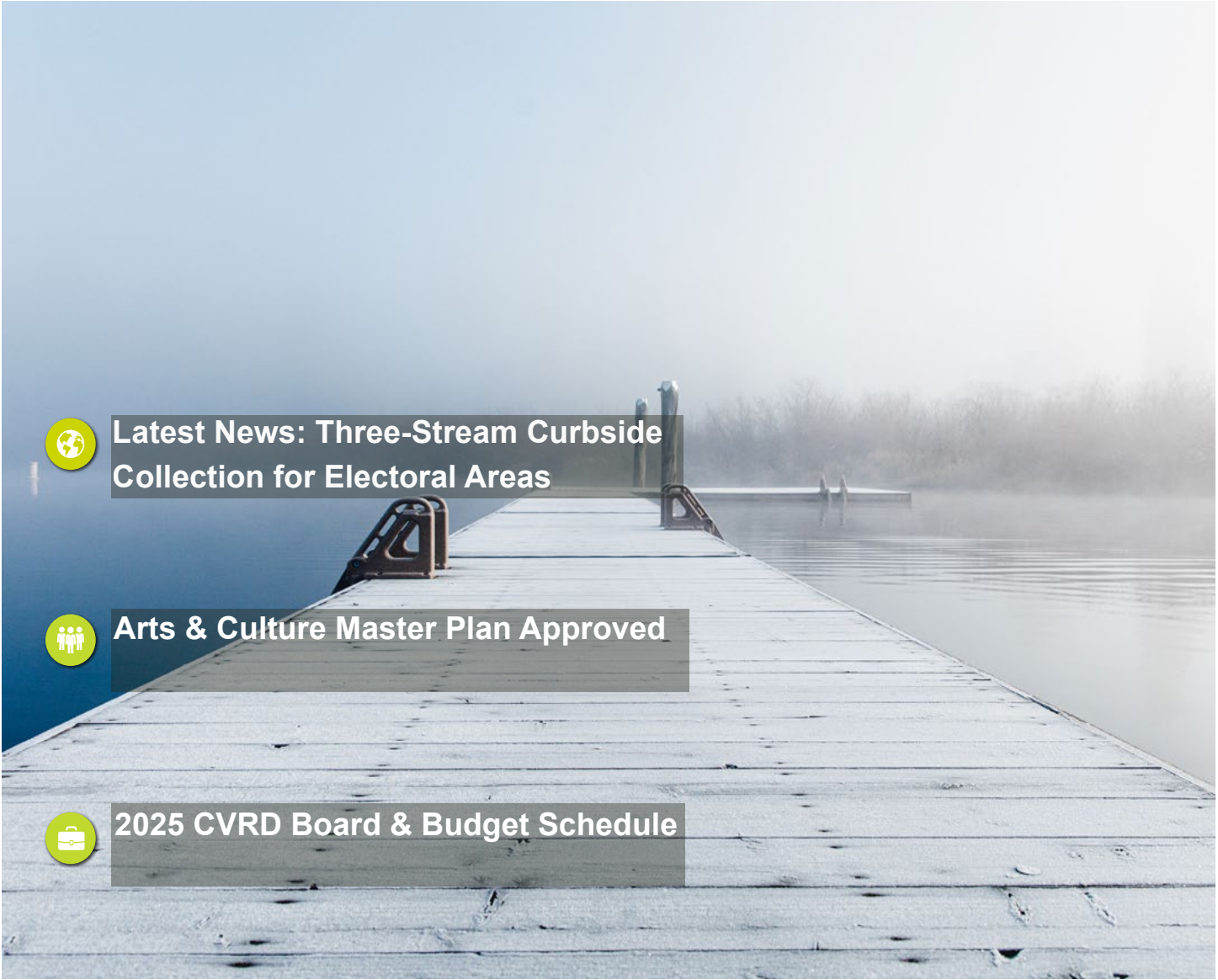




# CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



**Latest News: Three-Stream Curbside Collection for Electoral Areas**



**Arts & Culture Master Plan Approved**



**2025 CVRD Board & Budget Schedule**

## CVRD Board Approves Three-Stream Curbside Collection Utility Fees

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### Careers at CVRD!

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## CVRD Board and Committee Highlights

The following meeting highlights do not include all meeting items; meeting agenda packages and minutes are available on the [CVRD.ca](https://cvrld.ca) website.

### Upcoming CVRD Meetings:

Special and Regular Board: January 15, 2025 and January 22, 2025

Committee of the Whole (COTW): January 22, 2025

Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): January 15, 2025

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

<https://cvrld.primegov.com/public/portal>

Watch the Meetings

### The Board approved:

#### Arts and Culture Master Plan

On February 23, 2023, the Board approved moving forward with an Arts and Culture Strategy process for the CVRD (Resolution No. 23-91) and included \$78,388 in the 2024 budget for this initiative. The consultant firm “Happy Cities”, was hired to develop the master plan. On Nov. 27, 2024, the Committee of the Whole recommended to the Board that the Arts and Culture Master Plan be approved. The Arts and Culture Master Plan is presented as [Attachment A](#) and the accompanying presentation is [Attachment B](#).

#### Recycle BC Agreement

MMBC Recycling Inc. (Recycle BC) is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper product (PPP) recycling in British Columbia. The CVRD has partnered with Recycle BC since 2014 to provide PPP collection at curbside and CVRD Recycling Centres.

MMBC Recycling Inc. Amending Agreement will extend the CVRD’s existing Master Service Agreement and applicable Statements of Work to May 1, 2025.

CVRD staff is directed to continue to work with other jurisdictions to complete a legal review of Recycle BC’s proposed Master Service Agreement and Statements of Work for the 2025-2029 term.

#### MRDT OAP Allocation to Affordable Housing

That the CVRD allocate Online Accommodation Platform (OAP) Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT) revenues to affordable housing for the remainder of the 5-year MRDT agreement period, up to the repeal date of July 1, 2027, subject to municipal support; and that the CVRD send letters to each municipality seeking support for the continued allocation of Online Accommodation Platform Municipal Regional District Tax revenues to affordable housing.

#### MRDT 2025 Tactical Plan and Budget and Affordable Housing Plan

The Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT) Tactical Plan and Budget for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025 was approved, subject to municipal support for the use of Online Accommodation Platform (OAP) MRDT for affordable housing.

**The Board approved:**

**Transit Fare Review**

Transit fares as outlined in [Table 1.0](#) of the staff report to the Committee of the Whole on November 13, 2024 for implementation, effective April 1, 2025. ProPASS and EcoPASS fare discount programs be authorized for conventional transit; and BC Transit and the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) be advised that the CVRD concurs with the proposed reduction of fares to the Nanaimo – Cowichan Express (NCX) Route 70 as outlined in [Table 1.0](#) of the staff report to the Committee of the Whole on November 13, 2024.

**Three-Stream Curbside Collection Utility Fees**

An annual curbside collection utility fee of \$345 per household has been approved for 2025 in all Electoral Areas. The new fee rate is scheduled to be in effect as of January 2025, when curbside assets, such as trucks and totes, start to arrive at the CVRD for the extensive preparation of the service rollout. Residents can expect to have their new totes delivered to their household from April through May, with the first pick-up occurring in June. The new curbside service will consist of:

- weekly collection of organics (food and yard waste),
- alternating, bi-weekly collection of garbage and recyclables, and
- monthly collection of glass, such as glass bottles and jars.

**The following is being recommended by the COTW to the Board**

**Grant Funding to Support the Reuse of Wash Water, Landscaping and First Nation Connections at Bings Creek Recycling Centre**

That the application for grant funding be submitted for the following grants:

1. \$10,000 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' Infrastructure Planning Grant to support the planning of a system to reuse wash water at the Bings Creek Recycling and Waste Management Centre;
2. \$30,000 from the Green Municipal Fund's Growing Canada's Community Canopies to plant trees to fight climate change and support enhanced landscaping with trees at the Bings Creek Recycling and Waste Management Centre; and
3. \$15,000 from the Real Estate Foundation of BC to be used to support work to highlight local First Nation history, culture, and values related to the Bings Creek Recycling and Waste Management Centre.

**To the COTW for information:**

**CVRD 2025 Budget Introduction and Overview**

Verbal Report to the Board by the Chief Financial Officer. Watch the [YouTube video](#) for information.

**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

### Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings 2025

The 2025 CVRD Board, Committee, and Budget meeting schedule is available, visit:

[https://cvrd.ca/DocumentCenter/View/111008/2025-CVRD-Board-Committee-Budget-Meeting-Calendar-](https://cvrd.ca/DocumentCenter/View/111008/2025-CVRD-Board-Committee-Budget-Meeting-Calendar)

Note: All meeting dates and start times are subject to change and/or cancellation.

Please check the [CVRD Event Calendar](#) for updates.

For information on attending Board & Committee meetings, visit [CVRD Legislative Services](#).

### CVRD Ingram Street Office - Holiday Hours & 2025 Reception Hours

The CVRD head office located at 175 Ingram St. will be closed over the holiday season from 2:00 p.m., Tues., December 24, 2024 to Wed., January 1, 2025.

On Thurs., January 2, 2025, the Ingram Street office will re-open to the public with regular reception hours of **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

## Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

### A Christmas Carol

Cowichan Musical Society presents: A Christmas Carol, Dec. 20 & 21, 2024 at Cowichan Performing Arts Centre (CPAC).

Get into the holiday spirit this season with CMS' multimedia presentation of A Christmas Carol! Featuring local artists and choirs, this festive performance is fundraising event for the Cowichan Valley Performing Arts Foundation.

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



## Holiday Transit Schedule

	Local	handyDART	66 CVX (WV/CV)	99 SVX (WV/CP)	70 NCX (WV/CV)
Tuesday, Dec. 24	Regular Scheduled Service				
Wednesday, Dec. 25	No Service				
Thursday, Dec. 26	Saturday Service	No Service	Saturday Service	No Service	Saturday Service
Dec. 27-31	Regular Scheduled Service				
Wednesday, Jan. 1	Sunday Service	No Service			
Thursday, Jan. 2	Regular Scheduled Service				

Transit info: 250-746-9099 • [bctransit.com](http://bctransit.com)

Get ready to ride into the holiday season with ease! Whether you're shopping, celebrating, or visiting loved ones, we've got you covered!

- Find your route online at [www.bctransit.com/cowichan-valley/schedules-and-maps/](http://www.bctransit.com/cowichan-valley/schedules-and-maps/)
- Plan ahead to enjoy smooth travels and holiday cheer!

## Did You Know?

The CVRD provides dog licencing to Electoral Areas in the Cowichan region. Visit <https://www.cvrld.ca/2751/Dogs> to find out where you can purchase 2025 dog licences and pick up tags.

If you find a lost dog wearing a CVRD licence, please call 250.746.2500 during regular office hours and provide the four digit licence number and year the tag was issued. Outside of regular CVRD office hours, call Coastal Animal Control Services.

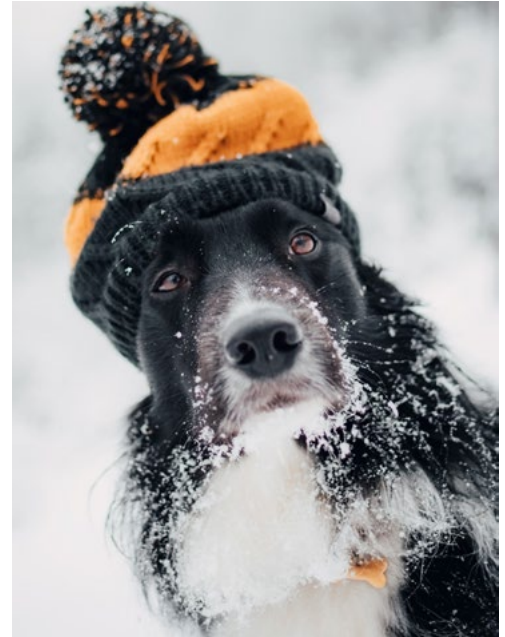
Coastal Animal Control Services of BC is contracted to provide dog control services to the Electoral Areas of the CVRD. They are the first contact for all dog related issues.

Coastal Animal Control Services:

- Investigates dog incidences
- Retrieves dogs at large
- Makes every effort to reunite lost dogs with owners
- CVRD dog licensing vendor

Phone: 250.748.3395

If you live outside of the CVRD electoral areas, please contact your local government authority for information on dog licencing and control services.



## CVRD Recreation Guide - Winter/Spring 2025

Looking for a new fitness routine or recreation program to try? Check out local recreation activities in your local area of Cowichan! The [Winter/Spring 2025 Recreation guide](#) is available. Register online at [reccowichan.ca](http://reccowichan.ca)



## CVRD Zero Waste Holiday Guide

### CVRD FACEBOOK

Recycle right and reduce waste in your curbside recycling tote this holiday season! The holidays are a time for celebrating, and sometimes extra packaging and paper come along with the festivities. If you aren't sure if a material can be included in your curbside recycling tote, search the item in our very handy Cowichan Recycles App or the online Cowichan Recyclopedia.

<https://www.cvrld.ca/2584/Recyclopedia>

Check out the CVRD's Zero Waste Holiday Guide to learn how to dispose of common holiday waste items to ensure that you are Recycling Right into the new year!

<https://www.cvrld.ca/3524/CVRD-Holiday-Zero-Waste-Guide>

## CVRD Fireworks Bylaw 4514

For January 1 fireworks displays in the Electoral Areas (municipalities regulate their own), permits are required. Permit applications must be submitted at least one week in advance. Applications where fireworks discharge location is within 500m of a livestock property WILL NOT BE APPROVED. More information at [CVRD Bylaw Enforcement](#).



## LATEST NEWS

Curbside totes, bins and trucks are currently being manufactured and will be delivered to the CVRD in early 2025. Residents can anticipate receiving their new curbside totes and glass bins in April and May, with their first curbside collection of the new materials beginning in June.

Utility fees are determined by the annual cost of delivering the curbside collection service after taking into account cost reductions such as funding from Recycle BC and grants. Full [News Release](#)

To find out what costs the 2025 utility fee will cover and more, visit the [planyourcowichan.ca](http://planyourcowichan.ca) project page: [Waste Reduction Through Three Stream Curbside Collection](#)

For FAQs on the new Three Stream Curbside Collection Service for Electoral Areas visit: [2025 Utility Fee FAQs](#) on the project page.



### NEWS RELEASE

## CVRD Board approves three-stream curbside collection utility fees

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is preparing to implement the three-stream curbside collection service to eligible households in all Electoral Areas in 2025.

On December 11, the CVRD Board approved an annual curbside collection utility fee of \$345 per household. This rate is consistent with the range of costs shared with residents during the 2023 public consultation on the service options for implementation. The new fee rate is scheduled to be in effect as of January 2025.

The new curbside service will consist of:

- weekly collection of organics (food and yard waste),
- alternating, bi-weekly collection of garbage and recyclables, and
- monthly collection of glass, such as glass bottles and jars.

## Important Notices!

### • Curbside Collection Inclement Weather Policy in Effect Until April 1, 2025:

Extreme weather events or acts of nature (e.g. snow, ice, flooding, etc.) may impede drivers from providing regularly scheduled curbside collection service. The CVRD will notify residents about curbside service disruptions on the [CVRD website](#), [Facebook page](#) and the Cowichan Recycles mobile app.

### • CVRD Utility Bill Payments:

The final day for [Utility bill payments](#) accepted in person at 175 Ingram Street is Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Online bill payments will still be available. By Statutory Requirement, all outstanding utility balances, as of December 31, 2024 will be transferred to the Surveyor of Taxes.

### Wessex Ravine Park Staircase & Trail Extension: Construction Project

Construction is currently underway, to be completed by Winter 2025 prior to the heron nesting season. [Please respect construction areas, posted signs and fencing.](#)

# CAREERS at CVRD

## Featured Job Opportunity: Planner

Join our organization as a regular full time **Planner** in the Community & Regional Planning Division of the Land Use Services Department. Reporting to the Planning Coordinator, the Planner supports community planning and long-term growth objectives through the provision of professional land use planning expertise.

**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:

- RFQ# 24-45 Supply & Delivery of One (1) Single Axle Side Load Waste Collection Truck, Jan 8th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFEI# 24-44 Parks Caretaker – Bright Angel Park, Jan 9th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFP# 24-39 Waste Management Technology Platform, Jan 10th 2025, 2:00 PM PST



The CVRD Ingram Street offices in Duncan will close to the public at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 24, 2024 and remain closed to the public for the holiday season, reopening on Thursday at 8:30 a.m., January 2, 2025.

CVRD Recycling Facilities are closed on all statutory holidays. For more information please visit: [cvrld.ca](http://cvrld.ca)

We wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday season. See you in 2025!



**Cowichan Valley Regional District**

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