



CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



Latest News: CVRD Purchases 75 Hectares on Bald Mountain in Parkland Aquisition



New 5-year Licence Agreement with the Cowichan Branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library



Regional Emergency Management Local Authority Agreement

Volunteers Wanted - Accessibility Advisory Committee

The CVRD is accepting applications for 2 vacancies at-large .



Provide feedback regarding accessibility barriers and best practices to ensure Regional District services and Regional District - owned infrastructure is inclusive and accessible.

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Check out some of the latest events happening in January and February from the CVRD and CPAC.

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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; meeting agenda packages and minutes are available on the [CVRD.ca](https://cprd.ca) website.

Upcoming CVRD Meetings:

Regular Board: February 12, 2025 and February 26, 2025

Committee of the Whole (COTW): February 12, 2025 and February 26, 2025

Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): February 5, 2025

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

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

Watch the Meetings

The Board approved:

New 5-year Licence Agreement with the Cowichan Branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library

The CVRD adopts a new 5-year Licence of Use Agreement with Vancouver Island Regional Library, Cowichan Branch, as per the terms outlined in the [staff report](#) to the Cowichan Core Recreation Commission meeting of January 9, 2025.

Regional Emergency Management Local Authority Agreement – CVRD and Member Municipalities

As recommended by the COTW, the CVRD and member municipalities; Corporation of the District of North Cowichan; City of Duncan; Town of Ladysmith; and Town of Lake Cowichan adopt the 2025 Cowichan Emergency Management Local Authority Agreement. Once the CVRD Chair and Corporate Officer have signed the 2025 Cowichan Emergency Management Local Authority Agreement, it will be forwarded to the Member Municipalities for signature.

Recommended by the COTW to the Board:

Vancouver Island University Agriculture Development Program Update

That the \$10,000, 2024 contribution to the VIU Agriculture Program Development Project, based upon completion of the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement, be released.

Vancouver Island University Cowichan presentation at the committee meeting on January 22, 2025. ([Annual Activity Report 2024 Cowichan Agriculture Program](#)).

For Information:

[CVRD Strategic Plan 2023-2026 – Q4 2024 Status Report](#)

[CVRD Capital Plan Projects – Q4 2024 Status Report](#)

Special Board Meeting -January 15, 2025 *No video recording

Board Agenda

<https://cvrld.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=5391>

Board Minutes

n/a at this writing.

For information:

[2025 Curbside Fee – Detailed Analysis \(links below\)](#)

[Staff presentation](#)

[Presentation Q&A](#)

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

International Guitar Night XXV

January 30, 2025 at 7:30 PM

The 25th annual International Guitar Night is back with a brand new line up of internationally-acclaimed musicians. Join us for an unforgettable evening of music and storytelling.

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



Cowichan Musical Society's Legally Blonde: The Musical

January 31, February 1, 7 & 8, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Matinees: February 2 & 9 at 2:00 PM

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde The Musical, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!

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



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.

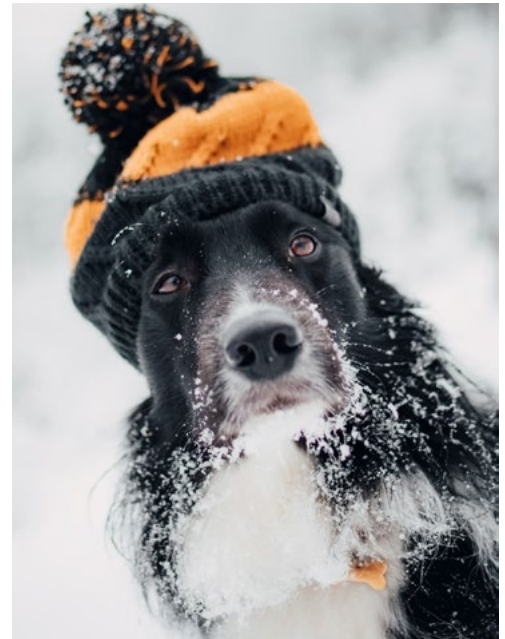
Coastal Animal Control Services of BC is contracted to provide dog control services to the Electoral Areas of the CVRD. They are the first contact for all dog related issues.

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.



Catch a Break on licence rates in January 2025!
Visit the [website](#) to learn more.

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

Volunteers Wanted! Accessibility Advisory Committee



CVRD FACEBOOK

Volunteers Wanted! The CVRD is accepting applications to fill two at-large vacancies on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Please visit our <https://www.cvrld.ca/3539/Accessibility-Advisory-Committee> webpage for further information, including the Committees' Terms of Reference and the Committee Application Form. Applications will be accepted until the vacancies are filled.

If you have questions, please contact legislativeservices@cvrd.bc.ca or 250-746-2500 (Legislative Services Dept.).

The next Committee meeting is currently scheduled for Feb. 19th at 9:30 AM, at 175 Ingram St., in Duncan.

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LATEST NEWS

NEWS RELEASE

CVRD purchases 75 hectares on Bald Mountain in parkland acquisition

The CVRD is pleased to announce the acquisition of approximately 75 hectares (185 acres) in Electoral Area I – Youbou/Meade Creek that will significantly increase the size of Bald Mountain Park.

The CVRD purchased the land from Cowichan Lake Holdings Ltd., the owner of the Woodland Shores development, for a price of \$2.5 million. The acquisition included a generous donation of a portion of the lands equal to approximately \$800,000, as the purchase price was well below the current appraised market

value of the property. This parkland acquisition increases the overall park size to approximately 425 hectares, which was originally acquired/established by the CVRD in 2008 as part of the Woodland Shores project, and contributes towards completing a regional park originally envisioned in the CVRD Regional Parks & Trails Master Plan.

“This represents the largest parkland purchase by the CVRD since the regional parkland acquisition service was established in 2008, and we are very excited about what this means for the future of Bald Mountain Park,” said Kate Segall, Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board of Directors. “On behalf of our Board and residents across the Cowichan region, I’d like to thank Cowichan Lake Holdings for working with the CVRD to achieve its long-term vision for this scenic and ecologically important area of the western Cowichan Valley.”

In comparison to the existing park area, which includes primarily the mountainous, steep sloped portion of the peninsula, the 75-hectare parcel extends across the low benchland portion of the peninsula between Marble Bay Road and the north arm of Cowichan Lake.

Read the [Full News Release](#).



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.

CAREERS at CVRD

Featured Job Opportunity: Utilities Assistant

We're now accepting applications from prospective candidates to work as a **Utilities Assistant** with the Utilities division for summer 2025. Working under the Senior Manager, Utilities Division, this position assists Division staff by: reviewing system drawings and responding to utility locates; assisting with water quality and environmental sampling; operational monitoring; assisting with capital projects and inspections of capital works; collecting field data; updating emergency response plans; and preparing technical reports. Closes Jan.31, 2025

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# 24-47 Asset Valuation Services, Feb 5th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- ITT# 25-01 Reservoir Replacement – Lambourn Estates Water System, Feb 6th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFP# 25-02 Operational Fuel Management – Town of Ladysmith, Feb 11th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFSQ# 24-46 General Contractor for Structural and Civil Construction of a Waste Transfer Buildings at Bings Creek, Feb 12th 2025, 2:00 PM PST



The CVRD Ingram Street offices in Duncan will be closed on the Family Day statutory holiday on February 17, 2025.

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



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