



CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



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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:

Board: February 26, 2025

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

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

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

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

Watch the Meetings

The Board approved:

Vancouver Island University Agriculture Development Program Update

Releasing the funds for the \$10,000 2024 contribution to the Vancouver Island University Agriculture Program Development Project, based upon completion of the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement.

The funding is allocated by the Economic Development Cowichan Division in each of the 2024 and 2025 budget years with the intent of supporting the staffing required to coordinate the activities involved in developing and offering professional development and training programs for the agriculture and food-related sectors of the Cowichan region.

Mesachie Lake Hall Post Office Lease Agreement 2025-2030

The CVRD will enter into a lease agreement with Heather Campbell, for the Mesachie Lake Hall Post Office, 9315 South Shore Rd., Mesachie Lake, BC, commencing immediately from the previous tenant, in the sum of \$177.26 per month, plus applicable taxes until May 31, 2025, thereafter the remaining financial terms as outlined in the agreement.

To the Board for Information

Public Feedback on the 2025 Budget

For the 2025 budget, a change was made to the format of public consultation. The new format included an online video presentation outlining the 2025 budget, as well as four open houses held throughout the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD). The video presentation was developed to outline basic budget information, including specific impacts on all areas within the CVRD. It was recorded and linked to the CVRD website and social media pages. Details about the open houses were included on the CVRD Events Calendar and advertised on the CVRD website and social media platforms.

The following is being recommended by the EASC to the Board

British Columbia Water Meter Pilot Project Application

CVRD Utilities Division proposes that an application be submitted to the British Columbia Water Meter Pilot Project for funding to implement Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) in the three remaining unmetered water systems.

Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw – 2025 Engagement Plan

CVRD Community Planning Division recommends that the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Project Charter (January 2025), be endorsed.

The following is being recommended by the COTW to the Board

Request for Additional Funding from Island Corridor Foundation (ICF)

That \$30,000 be provided to the Island Corridor Foundation from the Strategic Investment Fund within Function 100 - General Government for their participation in the shared visioning project; and that staff be directed to write a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit requesting that the Province provide ongoing funding to support the Island Corridor Foundation in continuation of their proposed work.

The following is referred back to staff, and postponed to a future COTW meeting

Regional District Service Establishment Bylaw

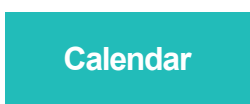
The report from the Legislative Services Division Re: Regional District Service Establishment Bylaw was referred back to staff, and postponed to a Committee of the Whole meeting after the Short-Term Rental Workshop.

To the COTW for information:

Indigenous Relations Framework Report

The purpose of **this report** is to provide the Committee with an update on reconciliation activities relating to the Corporate Strategic Plan as well as CVRD organization activities externally and internally. The report includes information on the draft reconciliation work plan.

CVRD MEETING & EVENT 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

Ballet Edmonton: Momentum Tour

Feb. 28, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Regular price: \$55 Senior: \$45 Student: \$10

Ballet Edmonton offers audiences original, inspired contemporary dance that reflects unique narratives of the artists whose creators they help bring to life. The MOMENTUM Tour features a mixed program of works by Ballet Edmonton's Artistic Director, Kirsten Wicklund, as well as choreographers, Emilie Leriche and Anne Plamondon.

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



Shane Koyczan

March 1, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Regular price: \$45 Student: \$28

In the rise of Spoken Word's popularity, that open door cannot be discussed without saying the name Shane Koyczan. Shane brings an authenticity to his work that connects with audiences, as evidenced by his fiercely honest TED Talk, which highlights the kind of humanity he brings to each performance. Not just a poet moving on from one subject to the next, Shane weaves his pieces together in a spellbinding narrative that show audiences themes that stretch over our lives.

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

CVRD Utilities: Water System Flushing

CVRD FACEBOOK

Hey Cowichan,

Are you a customer of a CVRD water system? Water main flushing is set to begin on Monday, Feb. 24 and ends on Friday, April 25, 2025.

Residents may experience some air in the lines and discolouration of the water supply during these operations. Should this occur, running a cold water tap for a short period should help to restore the water quality to normal.

Should the problem persist, please call the CVRD's Utilities Division at 250.746.2530 or by email: utilities@cverd.bc.ca.

View the water flushing schedule: cverd.ca



Did You Know?

The CVRD is conducting a 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey!

Share your thoughts and opinions on the services you receive from the Cowichan Valley Regional District by participating in the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey. Residents will be phoned at random to participate in the statistically valid survey, but all residents are invited to complete the survey online by visiting cvrld.ca. Feb. 25, - March 18, 2025.

Why participate? By providing us feedback on services you receive, we can focus on service areas that may need more attention and your opinion helps us understand if there are areas of engagement fatigue.

The 2025 survey is open from Feb. 25 to March 18, 2025 and is conducted by Leger.


For information on the previous 2019 Community Satisfaction Survey, please visit: <https://cvrld.ca/DocumentCenter/View/96517/2019-Community-Satisfaction-Survey-Report>



LEADER IN SUSTAINABILITY

Cowichan Valley Regional District

is hereby recognized as a 2024 Leader in Sustainability for diverting 10,224 kilograms of batteries through the Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! battery collection and recycling program. We applaud your commitment to the environment and responsible battery management.


Joe Zenobio
President
Call2Recycle Canada




CVRD Solid Waste Management Receives Leader in Sustainability Award

We are excited to share that our Solid Waste Management team has received the Leader in Sustainability 2024 Award by Call2Recycle Canada, the country's leading battery collection and recycling organization.

Each year, the Leader in Sustainability Award is granted to organizations that display an exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship through the responsible management of end-of-life batteries. Through our partnership with the Recycle Your Batteries Canada battery and recycling program, we were able to divert 10, 224 batteries from the landfill.

"I am delighted that our organization and hard-working recycling facility staff are being recognized for their good work, which is benefiting the whole region, said Ilse Sarady, Senior Manager, CVRD Recycling & Waste Management Division. "We hope to see more materials come under ERP in the future."

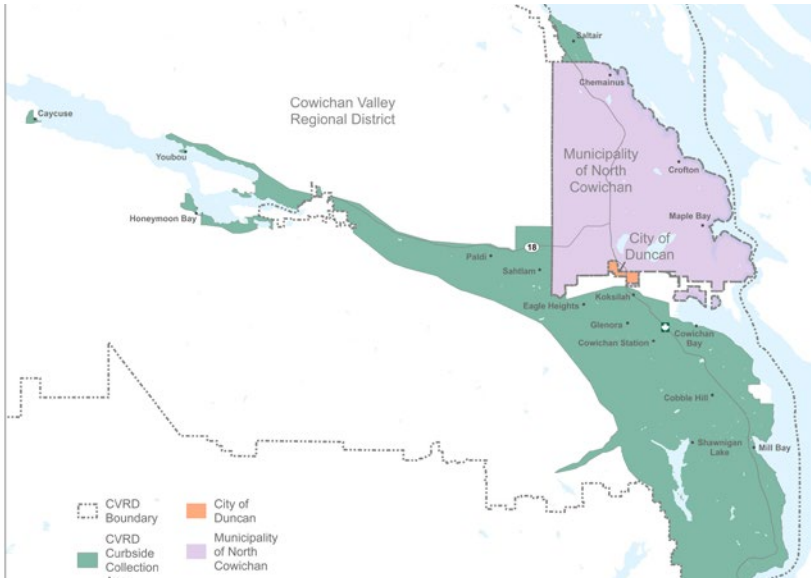
This award wouldn't be possible without the dedication and commitment to recycling by CVRD residents! Every time you drop off used batteries for recycling, you help protect the environment and support a more sustainable future. Thank you for making a difference—one battery at a time!

Free battery recycling is available at all three of the CVRD's Recycling Depots: Bings Creek, Peerless Road and Meade Creek. All 3 depots recycle household batteries (all disposable, rechargeable, and cell phone batteries accepted) and vehicle batteries (car and truck batteries; all sizes and types of lead-acid units accepted). Find out more at cvrld.ca.

The Recycle Your Batteries Canada program has collected 55, 000, 000 batteries since 1997. Find out more about the program at <https://recycleyourbatteries.ca/>.



Linda Lambert, CVRD Recycling Facility Leader



LATEST NEWS

Residents will also benefit from being able to dispose of larger volumes of material and include yard waste along with food waste in the organics cart.

To facilitate the modernization of curbside collection services, residents that currently have service from Duncan, North Cowichan, or the CVRD will be getting new collection carts that will be compatible with the automated trucks.

The new carts will be delivered to residents this spring, along with detailed information to help residents adjust to the changes and support successful curbside collection in all areas.

[Full News Release](#)

To learn more about the modernization of your curbside collection service, visit the planyourcowichan.ca project page: [Waste Reduction Through Three Stream Curbside Collection](#)



NEWS RELEASE

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The use of automated curbside collection trucks and collection carts help to reduce repetitive injuries to curbside collection workers and protect them during weather events such as heat waves.

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 Utilities Water System Flushing:**

If you are a CVRD Water system customer, please note the [Water Flushing Schedule](#) for your system starting Monday, Feb. 24 until Friday, April 25, 2025.

- **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

CAREERS at CVRD

Featured Job Opportunity: 2 Environmental Analyst Positions - Various Levels

Join our organization! We're now accepting applications for two temporary full-time opportunities in the Environmental Services Division within the Land Use Services Department. The successful candidates will be hired in the position of either **Senior Environmental Analyst** or **Environmental Analyst/Technician**, depending on qualifications and experience. These temporary positions are available to December 31, 2025, with the possibility of extension up to 2 years total.

Visit our [Careers Page](#) for more job opportunities!

APPLY

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:

- RFP# 25-02 Operational Fuel Management – Town of Ladysmith - Feb 25th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFP# 25-06 Budget Software Solution - Mar 5th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFQ# 25-04 Clean Wood Waste Processing - Mar 5th 2025, 2:00 PM PST
- RFQ# 25-05 Painted Wood Waste Processing - Mar 5th 2025, 2:00 PM PST



The CVRD Ingram Street offices at 175 Ingram St. in Duncan are open Mon. - Fri. with main reception hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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



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