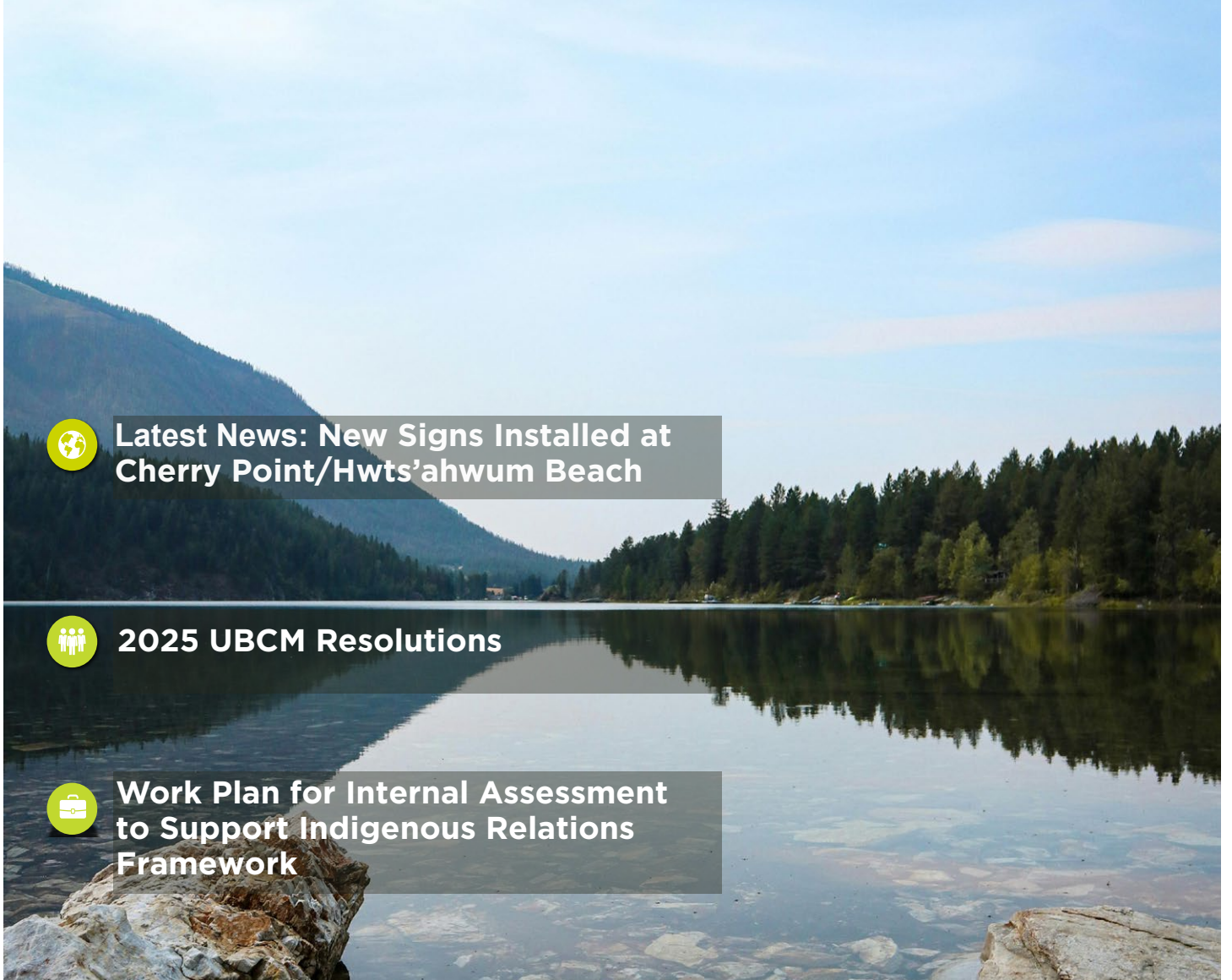




CVRD UPDATE

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT



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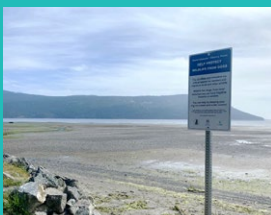


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Check out some of the latest events happening in June & July.

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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 and while the following content is copied from meeting agenda packages and minutes, it may be edited or summarized for clarity and readability to suit a general audience. Meeting agenda packages and minutes are available on the [CVRD.ca](https://cprd.ca) website.

Upcoming CVRD Meetings:

Board: June 25 & July 9, 2025

Committee of the Whole (COTW): June 25 & July 9, 2025

Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): June 18 & July 2, 2025

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

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

[Watch the Meetings](#)

The Board approved:

2025 UBCM Resolutions

That the following resolutions be submitted to the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention Resolutions Session:

- The UBCM urge the provincial government to increase funding for transit service expansion in rural communities recognizing how essential the service is to these populations; and that it be further resolved that BC Transit revise its transit service expansion allocation scoring criteria to ensure that rural communities also benefit from provincial transit expansion funding.
- The UBCM lobby the provincial government and BC Hydro for increased support and resources to manage Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) across the province including control, containment, eradication and prevention.
- That CVRD staff request meetings with Ministers during the 2025 UBCM Convention regarding:
 - a) Regional issues on water and water licensing; and
 - b) Trans-Canada Highway corridor safety.
 - c) Private Managed Forest Lands (PMFL) infraction and enforcement in the CVRD, or at subsequent meetings in Victoria.

Review the [staff report](#) from Office of CAO.

Review the [Draft Resolutions for UBCM](#) from Office of CAO.

Municipality of North Cowichan Parks and Recreation Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 3899 – Proposed Amendments for Fuller Lake Arena

That the proposed Fees and Charges amendments specific to the Fuller Lake Arena as outlined in the staff report to the CVRD Board meeting on June 11, 2025, be approved.

That the Board request the Municipality of North Cowichan to amend North Cowichan's Parks and Recreation Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 3988 accordingly.

Review the [staff report](#) from Community Services Dept.

Review the [MNC Staff Report and Attachments](#) from the May 27, 2025 CNRC Meeting.

To the COTW:

CVRD Youth Services Support

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with information on current areas of youth support in the Cowichan region, and options for the CVRD to support the sustainability of Cowichan Valley Youth Services (CVYS).

Review the [staff report](#) from Community Services Dept.

Review the [Current Youth Services in Cowichan – May 2025](#) from Community Services Dept.

To the COTW for information:

Work Plan for Internal Assessment to Support Indigenous Relations Framework

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with information on the work plan for the Internal Assessment to support the Indigenous Relations Framework.

Review the [staff report](#) from Corporate Services Dept.

Review the [Work Plan for Internal Assessment to Support Indigenous Relations Framework](#) from Corporate Services Dept.

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

June is National Indigenous History Month! Local events are ongoing but if you miss attending one, you can always learn more!

There are many ways to celebrate and learn more about local First Nations through their own experiences; attend a storytelling event or reading/listening to a book, watching a movie or listening to music from Indigenous artists.

We're grateful to live in this beautiful region with local First Nations, including the Quw'utsun (Cowichan), MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat), BOKEĆEN (Pauquachin), ɛ uubaʔsaʔtx (Ts'uubaa-asatx), xeláltxw (Halalt), Spune'luxutth (Penelakut), Stz'uminus, Leey'qsun (Lyackson), Diitiidʔaaʔtx (Ditidaht) and P'a:chi:daʔaht (Pacheedaht). We encourage everyone to learn more about the culture and history of the lands and people who have called this area home since time immemorial.

Visit the [About National Indigenous History Month](#) website.



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Events

Canada Day - July 1

Canada Day Celebration at Mesachie Lake July 1st

Come out and celebrate Canada's birthday at Mesachie Lake. CVRD staff will have music, dancing, arts and crafts, kids' games, concession, and birthday cupcakes.

Tuesday | July 1 | 4:00 - 6:00 pm
FREE Event | CLR - Mesachie Lake Community Hall



Canada Day at the Legion in Mill Bay - July 1st

What are you doing for Canada Day? Kick off the morning with a Pancake breakfast from 8:30 am to 11 am. Hosted by the Mill Bay Lions. Cost \$6.00

Join into the Shawnigan parade starting at 11:30 am across from the Legion at the park. Come back for a fun afternoon with P.A. and the 2 Tones from 1 pm to 4 pm and Canada Day cake. Free admission.

Address: 1625 Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd.



Habitat for Humanity Pop-Up Donation Drop Event

CVRD FACEBOOK

Hey Cowichan,

Help support local affordable housing projects and waste reduction this summer by attending a Habitat for Humanity Pop-Up Donation Drop event!

Donate your new or gently-used building materials or clean, good-working condition appliances and home décor to Bings Creek Recycling Centre from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on one of the following dates:

- June 21
- July 19
- August 16

For a complete list of accepted materials, visit the [Habitat for Humanity website](#).

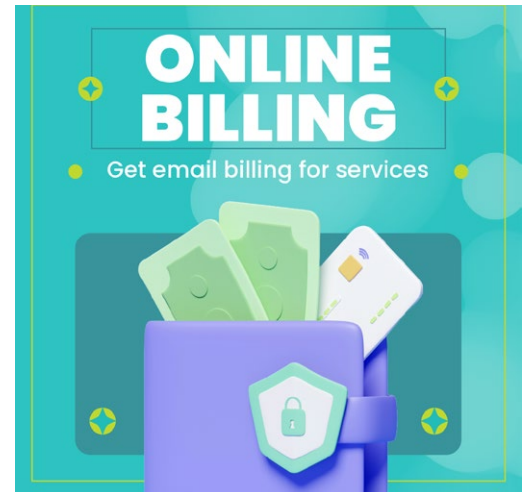
Did You Know?

You can pay your CVRD Water, Sewer and Curbside Collection Service bills online?

For those who have CVRD service accounts, consider the convenience of online billing and electronic payments through your bank. In light of the potential Canada Post strike, e-billing is a great way to pay your bills on time.

Contact the CVRD or visit the website and complete the form “[Add my Email Address](#)” for utility invoicing.

For additional information on billing visit the CVRD [Finance webpage](#).



CVRD Curbside Collection Tips & Reminders

Hey Cowichan,

We've heard your questions – here's some curbside collection basics as we transition to the new service:

Tote Storage

The CVRD is bear country! There's no such thing as a bear-proof tote, only bear-resistant; the longer a bear has with a tote, the more likely it is that it can break into it. Between pick-ups, totes need to be stored in a secure location such as a garage or sturdy shed. Freeze smelly items until pick-up day.

Tote Set Out Time

Place totes at the curb by 7:30 AM and leave them out until 7:00 PM—pickup times may vary during the rollout of the new program. Do not leave totes out the night before.

Tote Spacing

Totes too close? It slows things down—drivers may have to exit the truck to move them apart.

Collection trucks are equipped with automated mechanical arms that lift and empty the totes. These arms require space on all sides to operate properly. Please follow these spacing guidelines:

- Leave 1 metre (3 feet) between each tote and any surrounding objects
- Ensure 2 metres (6.5 feet) of clearance behind the totes
- Maintain 3 metres (10 feet) of vertical clearance — avoid low-hanging branches or wires

Glass

The yellow glass bin is collected by a separate truck, so please leave it at the curb if the other materials are picked up first, or vice versa.

Please visit [curbside collection](#) on [cvr.ca](#) for more info.

LATEST NEWS



NEWS RELEASE

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In collaboration with Cowichan Tribes and the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship, the new signs ask the public to help protect birds and wildlife by keeping dogs on-leash and under control when on the beach or shoreline.

New signage has been installed at four public beach access points: Manley Creek Park, Satellite Drive, Clearwater Road, and Cherry Point Nature Park. The new signs ask the public to help protect birds and wildlife by keeping dogs on-leash and under control when on the beach or shoreline. The sandflats and the shoreline in the Cherry Point / Hwts'ahwum beach area are a critical habitat for many resident and migratory birds, and other wildlife species.

"The CVRD is pleased to be working in partnership with Cowichan Tribes to protect birds and wildlife at Cherry Point / Hwts'ahwum Beach," said Brian Farquhar, Senior Manager of the CVRD Parks & Trails Division. "The wildlife awareness signage developed is being installed at CVRD managed public beach access points to educate beach goers on these critically important natural intertidal and foreshore habitat areas for waterfowl, shorebirds and other wildlife."

Birds and other wildlife perceive dogs as a threat and will often take flight if chased or when a dog is nearby. This can lead to the abandonment of nesting sites, disruption of food foraging and may have other negative stress response impacts. Off-leash dogs may also disturb the nests and eggs of birds that nest along the shoreline or adjacent upland areas.

Wildlife are provided legal protections under the BC Wildlife Act. Migratory birds are also protected under the federal Migratory Birds Convention Act and Migratory Bird Regulations. Disturbances to birds, eggs, nests, or other wildlife could result in fines, imprisonment, and/or other penalties.

Full [News Release](#)

Important Notices!

• CVRD Recreation Guide - Spring & Summer 2025:

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

• CVRD Water Restrictions at Stage 2

All CVRD operated water systems and participating partner systems are at STAGE 2 watering restrictions, except Burnum - Stage 3 and Woodley Range - permanent Stage 3. For information on what watering is allowed, please visit the CowichanAdapts.ca website.

CAREERS at CVRD

Featured Job Opportunity: Planner II or III

Join our organization! We're now accepting applications for a full-time Planner II or III in the Land Use Services Dept. at the CVRD. Reporting to the Manager Development Services/Community Planning/Strategic Initiatives or Planning Coordinator, the Planner supports community planning and long-term growth objectives through the provision of professional land use planning expertise. The Planner provides exemplary service to applicants, the public and elected officials, within their area of professional competency.

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:

- ITT# 25-22 Saltair Watermain Replacement - Porter Road and Valdon Road Jul 24th 2025, 2:00 PM PDT
- NOI# 24-36 Notice of Intent to Participate in Canoe Procurement Group Cooperative Purchasing-Dec 31st 2025, 2:00 PM PST

CVRD Office Closure

The CVRD Ingram Street offices at 175 Ingram St. in Duncan will be closed Tuesday, July 1 for Canada Day. We'll re-open on Wednesday, July 2 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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