

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 CVRHDs portion being 40%.

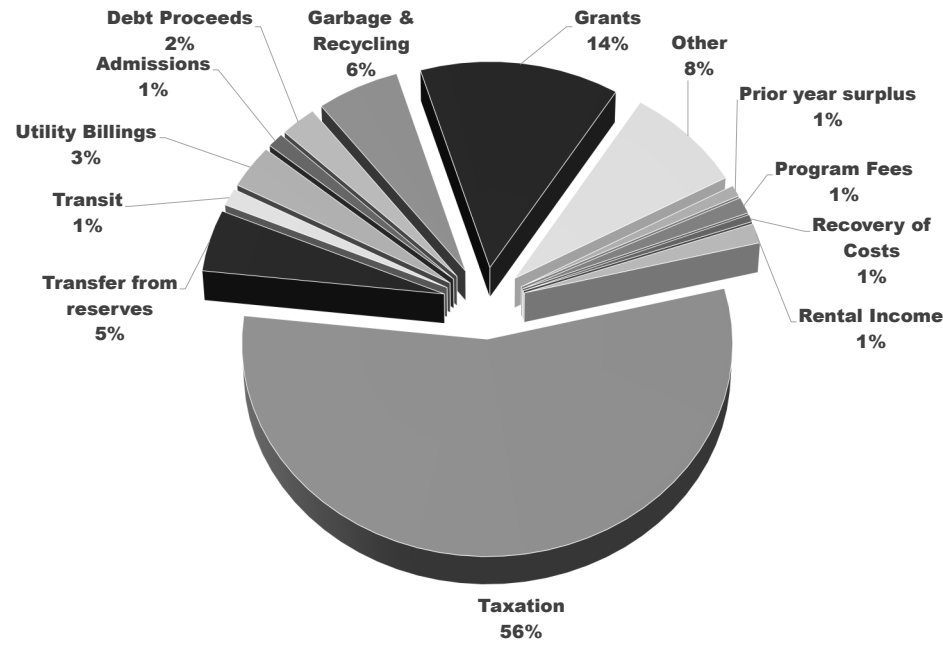
Starting in 2010, the CVRHD has been putting funds aside to raise the Regional Hospital District's 40% share of the new hospital.

The business plan to replace the Cowichan District Hospital was approved by the provincial government and on Dec 18, 2020, Island Health, through Infrastructure BC, issued a Request for Qualifications. The RFQ is the first step towards selecting a contractor team to design and build a new Cowichan District Hospital on Bell McKinnon Road in North Cowichan.

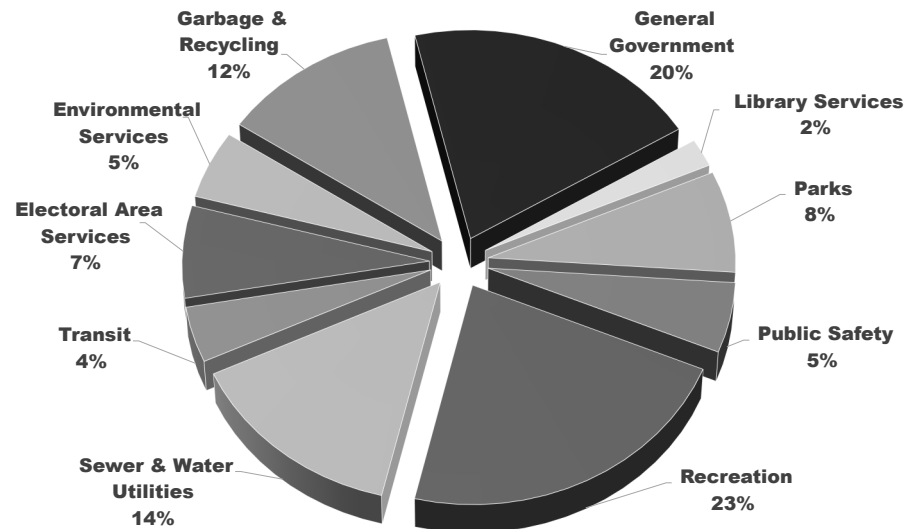
The new CDH will be a 201-bed, modern community hospital that is nearly three times larger than the current facility. The current hospital on Gibbons Road has 134 funded beds.

Construction is expected to begin in 2022 and it is anticipated that the hospital will be ready to welcome the first patients into the new facility in late 2026.

Where does the money come from?*



Where does the money go?*



Electoral Area F Cowichan Lake South/Skutumpah Falls

2021



Cowichan Valley Regional District

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

Message from the Chair

The Cowichan Valley Regional District stretches from the Nanaimo Airport in the north to the Malahat in the south, and from the west coast of Vancouver Island to Valdes Island to the east. Our region has amazing diversity, from forest lands to farms, to lakes and rivers flowing to the ocean, rural properties and unique village centers, small towns and cities. All of this is divided into 9 Electoral Areas and 4 Municipalities. Elected representatives from the 13 jurisdictions come together at the CVRD Board to work with CVRD staff to provide 178 local and regional services to the over 83,000 people in our region.

Our Board and staff remain dedicated to managing the changing landscape of service delivery in this challenging and unparalleled COVID-19 pandemic. We maintain a keen focus on the issues presented during this global crisis, and advocate on behalf of our region to ensure residents do not face increased financial hardship while ensuring we provide the services and supports necessary. Through 2021 we look forward to moving from crisis management to economic and community recovery.

I want to assure you that the CVRD Board, and myself as Chair, will continue to advocate on behalf of all of the businesses and residents in the CVRD for support where required.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at: chairperson@cvrld.bc.ca

Aaron Stone, Chair

Understanding Your Tax Notice

You have just received your 2021 property tax notice from the province. 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:

	2021	2020
Lake Cowichan Fire	72.98	81.22
Mesachie Lake Fire	114.68	124.03
Honeymoon Bay Fire	106.21	115.99
Sahtlam Fire	84.54	97.69
Mesachie Lake Street Lighting	14.86	15.75
Honeymoon Bay Street Lighting	14.75	15.75
Cowichan River Flood Management	1.66	1.72

Your electoral area taxes per \$100,000 assessed residential value

SERVICES	2021	2020
General Government	8.55	10.09
Vancouver Island Regional Library	16.27	17.33
Commuter Transit	1.31	1.41
Transit	11.63	12.51
Emergency 911	3.70	4.40
Grants-In-Aid	4.13	3.87
Economic Development	2.16	2.32
Regional Tourism	0.47	0.51
Electoral Feasibility Studies	0.06	0.06
Environmental Initiatives	2.48	2.65
Emergency Planning	3.41	3.63
Community Parks	16.98	17.02
Electoral Area Services	6.74	7.63
Regional Parks	5.26	5.02
Kinsol Trestle	0.42	0.45
Regional Parkland Acquisition	2.95	1.06
Animal Control	0.53	0.57
Building Inspection	2.73	2.91
Bylaw Enforcement	5.41	5.84
Parks & Trails	7.77	8.00
Planning	19.76	21.13
Arts and Culture	0.51	0.55
Cowichan Lake Recreation	95.27	102.53
Victim Services West	0.51	0.55
Cowichan Lake Activity Centre	1.91	2.05
Senior Centre Grant	0.49	0.53
Kaatza Historical Society	1.02	1.10
Cowichan Aquatic Centre	0.47	0.49
Cowichan Valley Hospice Society	0.24	0.26
Cowichan Housing Association	2.95	3.17
Drinking Water & Watershed Protection	2.71	2.92
Solid Waste Complex	24.54	23.67
	253.37	266.23

The average Area F home valued at \$565,911 would pay \$1,433.83

This is an estimate calculated on the 2021 financial plan adopted on February 10, 2021. 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 visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant>

Inquiries on provincial taxation and your property tax notice

Please contact Surveyor of Taxes toll free through Enquiries BC 1.800.663.7867 and request a transfer to 250.387.0555. The Property Taxes website has information on home owner grants, the tax deferral program as well as other valuable tax information.

Inquiries on CVRD taxation

For information on average home tax impact please visit 2021 Budget on the CVRD website or directly at:

www.cvrld.bc.ca/budget

Or contact:
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