



Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System Anniversary Celebrations

This year, the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and BC Transit are celebrating 25 years of transit service in the Cowichan Valley, and a decade of interregional service to Greater Victoria on board the Cowichan Valley Commuter.

To celebrate this double anniversary, the CVRD and BC Transit will be holding two customer-appreciation events on Thursday, September 20:

- Between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. - Lake Cowichan Transit Hub on South Shore Road
- Between 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. - Duncan Transit Hub (Village Green Mall, beside London Drugs on Central Road)

Drop by and meet CVRD board directors, BC Transit representatives and local operating staff. There will be free cookies and Scratch-and-Win bookmarks, offering the opportunity to win free monthly bus passes. Customers will also have a chance to enter a draw to win other great prizes, including a gift certificate to the Pacific Northwest Raptors Centre, and gift certificates from Island Savings Centre Recreation, South Cowichan Recreation and Cowichan Lake Recreation.

Draw prizes are courtesy of First Transit, Cowichan Lake Community Services, CVRD Recreation and Pacific Northwest Raptor Centre.

For further information, please contact Jim Wakeham, Manager at jwakeham@cvrd.bc.ca



Solid Waste Management Plan Public Consultation

The CVRD is seeking public input on a new draft Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan will guide the region's municipal waste management over the next ten years. Attend an open house to provide input to the regional vision for waste management, learn about proposed waste management strategies, and comment on waste reduction targets and goals.

For further information, please contact Tauseef Waraich, Manager at twaraich@cvrd.bc.ca



Harmonizing Electoral Area Official Community Plans

The CVRD is currently undertaking harmonization of its seven Electoral Area Official Community Plans (OCPs) and nine Zoning Bylaws to create one unified OCP and one Zoning Bylaw. This is part of on-going efforts to harmonize and modernize the Regional District's numerous land use Planning policy and regulatory documents. There is as much as 30 years between the oldest and newest CVRD OCPs. Issues, regulations, and even terminology have changed considerably over this period.

In addition, the harmonization project will reduce the size of the exiting OCPs by about 50%, removing repetitive and sometimes conflicting objectives and policies that unnecessarily clutter and complicate the planning process. The outcome of this administrative exercise will be a single, stream-lined OCP document for all CVRD electoral areas with complementary local area plans for village areas focussing on the particular character of each area. The project also includes harmonizing the CVRD's nine zoning bylaws into a single integrated bylaw to complement and implement the policies contained with the harmonized OCP.

A steering committee, comprised of the Chairs from each Electoral Area Advisory Planning Commission, has been established to help work through the review process by providing oversight with respect to harmonized policies, land use designations, development permits, etc. it is anticipated that the first draft will be completed by early Spring.

This work reflects the vision set out within the Cowichan 2050 project by improving the coordination and collaboration in land use planning within the region.

For further information, please contact Coralie Breen, Senior Planner - Special Projects at cbreen@cvrd.bc.ca

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CALENDAR

September

- 17** Area D Parks Commission
Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre
6:30 p.m. Monday, September 17
- 17** Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission
Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
7 p.m. Monday, September 17
- 19** Electoral Area Services Committee
CVRD Board Room
1:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 19
- 19** OPEN HOUSE - Affordable Housing and Drinking Water & Watershed Protection
Cowichan Lake Sports Arena, Curling Lounge
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Wednesday, September 19
- 20** Transit Anniversary Event
Lake Cowichan Transit Hub
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 20
- 20** Transit Anniversary Event
Duncan Transit Hub
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Thursday, September 20
- 20** Area B Parks Commission
Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
7 p.m. Thursday, September 20
- 20** Place-Making Vancouver Island Speaking Series
Ramada Inn
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Thursday, September 20

All meetings are subject to change and/or cancellation.
Please check the Event Calendar at www.cvrld.bc.ca/calendar.aspx



Cowichan Recycles Mobile App

Download the Cowichan Recycles mobile app to access your curbside waste collection schedule and get collection day reminders sent directly to your phone. Unsure about which items can be recycled at curbside? Access the app features the new updated Cowichan Recyclopedial!

For further information visit cvrd.bc.ca/recycling or call the Recycling Hotline at 250.746.2540.

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