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## **CVRD Board and Committee Highlights**

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### **Upcoming CVRD Meetings:**

Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): May 6, & May 20, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Accessibility Advisory Committee: May 6, 1:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole (COTW): May 13, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Special Regional District Board: May 13, 2026, 2 p.m.

Special Regional Hospital District Board: May 13, 1:30 p.m.

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<https://pub-cvrd.escrimeetings.com/>

**To the COTW for information:**

**2026 Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program – Annual Update**

Review the staff report.

**The Board approved:**

**Clements Centre Re: Child Development and Community-Based Services  
Overview for the Cowichan Region**

That the CVRD send a letter of support on behalf of the Clements Center to the Province for an investment of 10 million dollars to enhance the capacity to give young children in this region a strong start to life.

**CVRD Bylaw No. 4650 – Regional Emergency Management Establishment Bylaw**

The Board adopted CVRD Bylaw No. 4650 – Regional Emergency Management Establishment Bylaw, 2025, formally establishing the regional emergency management framework.

**Three-Year Transit Service Expansion Plan and Hospital Service Update**

- That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit and the Ministry of Health emphasizing CVRD's request for transit service expansion to serve Quw'utsun Valley Hospital, in advance of its anticipated Spring 2027 opening.
- That staff be directed to work with BC Transit to develop options to service the hospital by reallocating existing Cowichan Valley Regional Transit service hours.
- That the Chair contact MLAs and provincial ministers to request a meeting regarding the lack of BC Transit funding for hospital-related transit expansion.

**CVRD Meeting & Event Calendar**

Calendar

Find local events, Board & Committee meetings, online and in-person CVRD Calendar information meetings. Sign up to get notified and subscribe to the calendar.

## Events - Cowichan Performing Arts Centre

### Reel Alternatives: Shepherds

Apr. 27, 2026 7:00 pm

Reel Alternatives is a monthly fundraiser bringing Toronto Film Festival's critically acclaimed films to the Cowichan Valley.

**Shepherds:** Following a medical wakeup call, Montréal copywriter Mathyas Lefebure (Félix-Antoine Duval) abandons his life in Canada to reinvent himself as a sheep herder in the French Alps. After a rough start, he's joined by Élise (Solène Rigot), a civil servant tempted by his stories of pastoral life, and together they commit to a summer on the mountainside. Just the two of them. And one border collie. And 800 sheep. French language film with English subtitles.



### Soundcheck '26: A Youth Variety Show

May 1, 2026 7:00 pm

Join us for the second annual Youth Variety Show, a free public event in support of BC Youth Week (May 1-7). This performance showcases talented youths across the Cowichan Valley, which have been selected and organized by the CPAC Youth Committee. The performance is also supported by youth technicians who will be operating lighting and sound, as well as stage management.



# CVRD Emergency Management Cowichan - Event

## Cowichan Emergency Preparedness Expo

This fun, free family event brings together emergency response organizations and showcases emergency preparedness.

Enjoy content presentations, live demonstrations, and food trucks, too!

Join us on Saturday May 2, from 10AM - 2PM

Cowichan Exhibition Grounds  
North Cowichan



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## Did You Know?

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## CVRD Water Use Restrictions start May 1!

Each year on May 1, Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and municipal water systems and participating partners will collectively implement Stage 1 water restrictions in an effort to conserve water use on residential properties and ensure aquifers and lakes can withstand the increasingly dry summers.

This means sprinkling can occur 2 hours maximum, 2 days per week between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. Hand-watering, micro/drip irrigation subject to daily maximum for food or ornamental gardens is allowed.

[Visit the Cowichan Adapts website](#) to learn more about water conversation, what is allowed during water restrictions, including a [Water Restrictions map](#) where you can type in your address to find the current stage of restrictions on each water system in the region.

## Latest News



## CVRD and Community Partners Launch 15 Free Events for BC Youth Week

The Cowichan Valley Regional District's (CVRD) Rec Cowichan and Cowichan Performing Arts Centre (CPAC), in partnership with the Vancouver Island Regional...

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## Hillcrest Chinese Cemetery Tribute





A gathering and ceremony was held on Thursday, April 8, 2026 to formally celebrate the Cowichan Valley Regional District's heritage recognition of the Old Hillcrest Chinese Cemetery. The event brought together members of the Chinese community, the broader local community, as well as Chinese descendants from Duncan and the surrounding Tomb-Sweeping Day). Recognition and appreciation were extended to community volunteers for their many contributions, including former sawmill worker Neil Diom, who dedicated over 10 years to maintaining the cemetery.

The Hillcrest Chinese Cemetery is of profound historical and cultural significance to the Cowichan Valley and broader communities in British Columbia. It stands as a rare and enduring testament to the lives and labour of Chinese sawmill workers who played an essential yet often overlooked role in British Columbia's economic and social development. The cemetery has a direct association with a historically marginalized group, Chinese labourers, who were instrumental to the forestry industry in the Cowichan Valley and throughout BC. It was formally established in 1945.

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## Important Notices

- **CVRD and Community Partners Launch 15 Free Events for BC Youth Week**  
CVRD Rec Cowichan and Cowichan Performing Arts Centre (CPAC), in partnership with the Vancouver Island Regional Library and Cowichan Valley Arts

Council, invite youth aged 12 to 18 to celebrate BC Youth Week with 15 free events across the region from May 1 to 7, 2026.

Learn more: [BC Youth Week](#)

- **Public Information Meeting RE: RZ24A02 (HANDY RD)**

Date: April 30 - The applicant for Rezoning Application No. RZ24A02 will host a Public Information Meeting. Presentations at 5:00 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer period, repeated at 7:00 p.m. [More information](#)

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## Careers at CVRD

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### Featured Job Opportunity: Casual Truckdriver

The Cowichan Valley Regional District is now accepting applications from prospective candidates to join our organization as a casual Truckdriver in Solid Waste Operations within the Recycling & Waste Management Division of the Operations Department. Reporting to the Manager - Solid Waste Operations and supervised by the Logistics Supervisor or the Recycling Leader V, the Truckdriver contributes to the effective operation of CVRD Recycling Facilities through the efficient and safe collection and hauling of residential and commercial waste using tandem axle collection trucks and other equipment as required. [APPLY TODAY!](#)



## CVRD Procurement

Looking for a Cowichan Valley Regional District bid posting?

If you are a consultant, service provider, contractor, vendor, or supplier, the CVRD

[Procurement & Bids webpage](#) is a convenient place for you to find out about current bidding and contract opportunities.

**CVRD Current Contracting Opportunities available:**

- EOI# 26-14 Facility Security Services Apr 30th 2026, 2:00 PM PDT
- EOI# 25-42 Disposal of Obsolete Curbside Totes May 29th 2026, 2:00 PM PDT
- NOI# 25-34 Notice of Intent to Participate in Kinetic GPO Oct 31st 2026, 2:00 PM PDT



## CVRD Office Closure

The CVRD Ingram Street offices at 175 Ingram St. in Duncan will be closed for Victoria Day statutory holiday on Monday, May 18, 2026. Regular reception hours of operation 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

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