



Update Newsletter

May 2026

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 website. Meetings are subject to change, please visit [the online calendar](#).

Upcoming CVRD Meetings:

Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC): June 3, & June 17, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole (COTW): June 10, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Regional District Board: May 27, 2026, 9:30 a.m. & June 24, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

To the Board for information:

Our Cowichan – Launch of New Data Website

Our Health, Our Community – Health & Wellness Survey website and data [presentation](#).

Cowichan Valley Youth Services

Facilitating connections for good health-Collaborative Efforts to Focus on Youth [presentation](#).

The Board approved:

Grant-in-Aid, Electoral Area E - Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora Re: Take a Hike Foundation

That a Grant-in-Aid, Electoral Area E - Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora, in the amount of \$1,600 be provided to the Take a Hike Foundation to support outdoor programming for Cowichan Youth with mental health challenges.

Grant-in-Aid, Electoral Area A - Mill Bay/Malahat Re: Quw'utsun Sta'lo'Skweyul

That a Grant-in-Aid, Electoral Area A - Mill Bay/Malahat, in the amount of \$1,000 be provided to the Quw'utsun Sta'lo'Skweyul to support implementing the Cowichan River Celebration.

Cowichan Local Authority Emergency Management Agreement Renewal 2026-447

That the 2026 Cowichan Emergency Management Local Authority Agreement between the: Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD); Municipality of North Cowichan (MNC); City of Duncan (COD); Town of Ladysmith (TOL); and Town of Lake Cowichan (TLC), be executed. View [the staff report](#) .

[Attachment A - Cowichan Local Authority Emergency Management Agreement.](#)

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

Steps Ahead Dance: Wonderland

May 29, 2026 6:00 pm

Steps Ahead Dance proudly presents their annual spring dance showcase! Wonderland features dancers across all age levels and genres.





Warmland Dance 2026 Showcase

May 31, 2026 2:00 pm

The Warmland Dance 2026 Showcase is a vibrant celebration of movement, artistry, and community. Featuring dancers as young as three years old through to our senior performers, the recital highlights a full season of growth, dedication, and creative expression across a variety of dance styles. Audiences can expect an engaging and heartfelt performance that reflects the spirit of Warmland Dance - where dancers belong. Join us for an inspiring afternoon of talent, connection, and celebration.

Did You Know?

Explore helpful tips or information about a CVRD service.

Keep Bears and Communities Safe by Securely Storing Waste Materials Between Curbside Collection Days

This is bear country - do your part to ensure that your curbside material does not become a wildlife attractant:

1. Store curbside totes (that have material in them) in a robust enclosure (e.g. garage or shed) until the morning of your scheduled collection day
2. Put curbside material out after 5:00 am on your scheduled collection day
3. Rinse recyclables and totes to prevent smells
4. Freeze smelly items and/or store them separately until collection day
5. Take excess waste to a CVRD [Recycling Centre](#)

Important: To protect wildlife and communities, totes containing bear attractants left unsecured overnight may be subject to a \$250 fine.

Remember: The bear-locking totes are only bear-resistant! A bear that is given undisturbed time to work on a tote will break it. The organics and garbage tote replacement fee is \$150.

Be [Bear Smart](#) and help reduce curbside-related human/wildlife conflicts in the Cowichan Valley.

Latest News



Input Wanted on the Draft Old Baldy Mountain Park Management Plan

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is welcoming community input on the draft Old Baldy Mountain Park Management Plan for the Electoral Area B –...

[Read more](#)

Important Notices

- **Share Your Thoughts on Accessibility in the Region**

What does accessibility mean to you; what barriers you may have faced in CVRD-operated spaces, programs, and services; and what actions the CVRD can take to remove these barriers? Please share your feedback by submitting an [online survey](#). All surveys must be received by Friday, June 5, 2026. To learn more about the Accessibility Plan process and to complete the survey online, visit: planyourcowichan.ca/cvrd-accessibility-plan.

- **CVRD Wildfire Exercise Notice – Cowichan Bay Area**

Please be advised that a large-scale wildfire exercise is planned for Saturday, May 30, 2026, beginning at approximately 8:00 a.m. and continuing throughout the day in the Cowichan Bay area. The exercise will be a wildland interface scenario which is a forest fire that threatens developed areas or communities. Residents may notice emergency vehicles, personnel, traffic cones, and wildfire response activities in the following areas within Cowichan Bay during this time: Falcon Crescent, Wilmot Rd, Galdwell Rd, Rondeault Rd and Hillbank Rd. This is only an exercise. Please do not be alarmed and help ensure crews can safely complete their training by obeying signage and giving personnel and equipment plenty of space. [More information about the event and map of area.](#)

Careers at CVRD

Careers

Featured Job Opportunity: Procurement Specialist

The Cowichan Valley Regional District is now accepting applications for the regular full-time Procurement Specialist position in the Procurement Section of the Finance Division within the Corporate Services Department.

Reporting to the Manager - Procurement, the Procurement Specialist is responsible for performing the purchases of goods, services and construction on behalf of the CVRD. The Procurement Specialist will provide professional procurement services to CVRD

staff on a wide variety of procurement activities in accordance with the commitment to ensure best value for money. [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# 26-19 Commercial Space Lease or Purchase for Temporary Winter Shelter Jun 10th 2026, 2:00 PM PDT
- ITT# 26-18 Roof Replacement – Youbou Community Hall Jun 18th 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 have regular reception hours of operation 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and closed on weekends. We are closed on all Statutory holidays.

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



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