

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District (CVRHD) provides capital funding to Island Health for the following facilities:

- Cowichan District Hospital
- Quw'utsun Hulutun-ew't-hw/Quw'utsun Valley Hospital (*new hospital build*)
- Cairnsmore Place
- Ladysmith Community Health
- Chemainus Health Care Centre

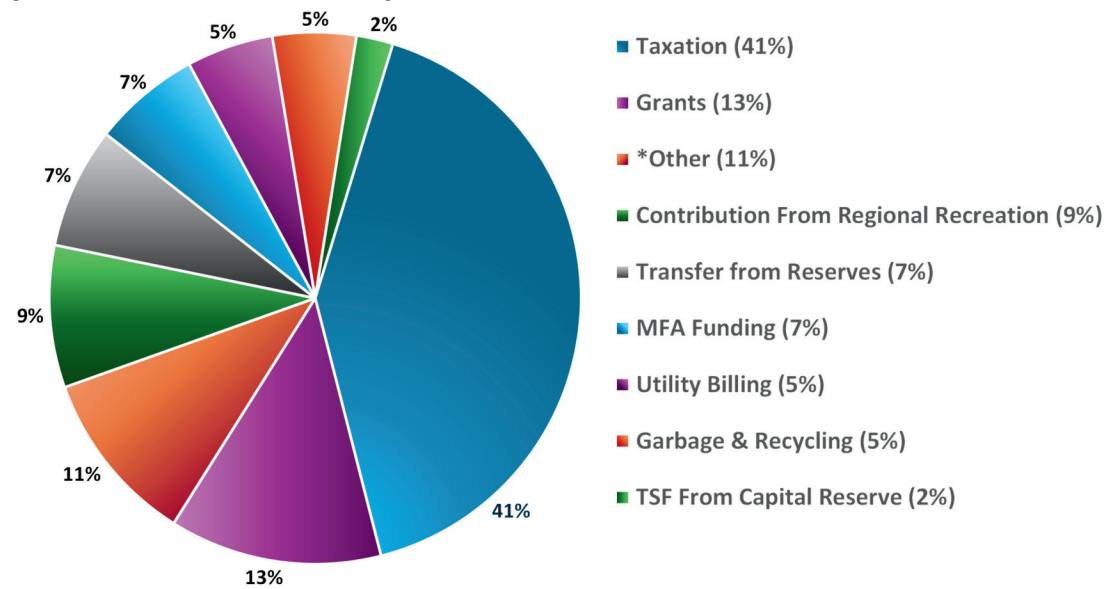
Capital funding of the new hospital build is cost-shared, with the province funding 60% and the CVRHD funding 40%.

Since 2010, the CVRHD has been reserving funds to meet its 40% contribution.

Construction began in 2022 and it is anticipated that the hospital will be ready to welcome the first patients into the new facility in 2027.

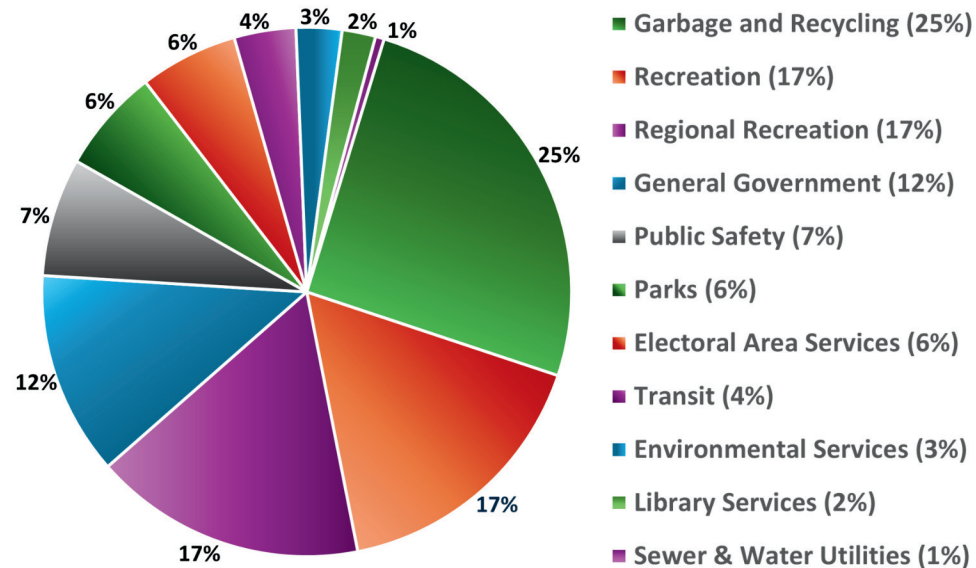


HOW REGIONAL DISTRICT SERVICES ARE FUNDED (REVENUE SOURCES)



*Other includes Recovery of Costs, Prior Year Surplus, Rental Income, Transit, Program Fees, Admissions, Connection Charges, Connection Capital

WHERE REGIONAL DISTRICT FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED (EXPENDITURES)



*Sewer & Water Utility expenses will vary based on individual property connections.



Electoral Area B Shawnigan Lake 2026



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Message From The Chair

The Cowichan Valley Regional District spans from the Nanaimo Airport in the north to the Malahat in the south, and from the west coast of Vancouver Island to Valdes Island in the east. It includes 9 Electoral Areas and 4 Municipalities, working together to deliver 178 services to more than 89,000 residents.

Each year, the Board's job is to balance cost with the services people rely on every day. Services like emergency response, water and sewer, recreation, waste management, environmental protection and community services.

This year, the Board set a clear direction to keep tax increases as low as possible. This budget was the result of a collaborative effort between elected officials and staff, going through services one by one to find savings while protecting the service levels our communities depend on. It required careful decisions on where we could adjust and where we could not.

We continue to face ongoing pressures: population growth, aging infrastructure, increasing costs passed down from other levels of government, and the need to set aside reserves for future infrastructure upgrades. Being pragmatic now, and saving for what we know is coming, helps avoid sharper tax impacts down the road. These pressures are not going away, and we will continue to advocate for fair support from senior governments.

Our focus remains the same: keep communities functioning, plan responsibly for the future, and be transparent about the choices in front of us.

If you have questions or feedback, we encourage you to reach out.

Sincerely,

Kate Segall, Chair of the CVRD Board of Directors
Tim McGonigle, Vice-Chair of the CVRD Board of Directors

Understanding Your Tax Notice

You have just received your Property Tax Notice from the Province of BC. The province collects taxes for schools, roads, policing, Regional District services and the Regional Hospital District.

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:

Area B 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. Its costs are recovered by this tax.

Municipal Finance Authority

The Municipal Finance Authority coordinates financial borrowing for all local governments in the province.

Specified Local Services

Property owners within the following areas will be assessed these taxes per \$100,000 assessed value:

	2026	2025
Malahat Fire	58.05	56.07
Arbutus Mt Street Lighting	3.91	4.05
Arbutus Mt Drainage	5.64	5.85
Shawnigan Lake East Drainage	6.51	6.77
Shawnigan Creek Cleanout	0.61	0.60
Cowichan River Flood Management	1.08	1.10

Electoral Area B Taxes Per \$100,000 Assessed Residential Value

	2026	2025
General Government	11.87	11.79
Vancouver Island Regional Library	15.59	15.41
Commuter Transit	0.98	0.93
Transit	10.49	10.19
Emergency 911	3.67	3.00
Grants-In-Aid	0.22	0.00
Economic Development	0.77	1.78
Regional Tourism	0.31	0.31
Electoral Feasibility Studies	0.08	0.08
Environmental Initiatives	1.84	1.79
Emergency Planning	3.60	3.15
Community Parks	19.33	19.18
Cowichan Station Association	0.34	0.33
Electoral Area Services	8.76	7.55
Regional Parks	4.68	4.65
Bright Angel Park	1.05	1.26
South Cowichan Community Parks	0.14	0.14
Kinsol Trestle	0.31	0.31
Regional Parkland Acquisition	2.45	2.48
Animal Control	0.60	0.52
Building Inspection	2.82	2.36
Bylaw Enforcement	5.04	4.13
Parks & Trails	7.55	7.31
Planning	15.37	14.92
Regional Recreation	68.56	74.17
Arts and Culture	0.37	0.36
Kerry Park Recreation	0.00	(1.56)
KPRC - Aquatic Services	0.00	0.00
Shawnigan Lake Community Centre	(0.56)	(4.45)
Cowichan Performing Arts Centre	0.00	0.00
Victim Services	0.36	0.36
Liquid Waste Management - South Sector	0.00	0.00
Shawnigan Lake Historical Society	0.91	0.78
Shawnigan Basin Society	0.00	0.00
Safer Futures	0.09	0.09
Social Planning	0.15	0.16
South Cowichan Community Policing	1.07	1.07
Critical Street Lighting	0.02	0.02
South Cowichan Water Study	0.00	0.00
Cowichan Valley Hospice Society	0.16	0.16
Cowichan Housing Association	1.32	1.96
Drinking Water & Watershed Protection	1.83	1.81
Solid Waste Complex	19.63	19.62
TOTAL	211.74	208.13

The average Area B Home Valued at \$1,017,536 Would Pay \$2,154.52 in Regional District Taxes

This is an **estimate** calculated on the 2026 Financial Plan adopted on February 25, 2026. It will vary slightly from your actual tax notice due to assessment changes, rounding and the Provincial Collection Fee of 5.25% that is added to your CVRD taxes.

Home Owner Grant

The Home Owner Grant reduces the amount of property taxes you pay each year on your principal residence.

Learn more:

Visit www.gov.bc.ca and search for "Home Owner Grant"

Provincial Taxation Information

For general information about provincial property taxes, notices, and rural property tax details:

Online:

Visit www.gov.bc.ca and search for "Property Taxes in Rural Areas"

By phone:

Surveyor of Taxes Office: **1.888.355.2700**

CVRD Taxation Information

Further information about average home tax impacts and the 2026 Budget can be found:

Online:

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