

## CVRD celebrates 50 years of serving the community

Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) provides a broad range of services to its residents, with the exception of road maintenance and policing. The services provided by the CVRD include the following examples:

### Regional Services

- Solid Waste Management
- 911 & Emergency Planning
- Administration
- Economic Development
- Environmental Services
- Parks & Trails (9)

### Sub-Regional Services

- Land Use Planning
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Building Inspection
- Fire Protection (3)
- Recreation Centres (3)
- Bright Angel Park
- Transit

### Local Services

- Fire Protection (6)
- Water & Sewer Utilities (36)
- Community Centres /Halls (6)
- Street Lights (18)
- Parks & Trails (209)

Incorporated on September 26, 1967, the CVRD is one of 27 regional districts in British Columbia. It covers roughly 3,500km<sup>2</sup>, whereas, the Nanaimo Regional District is roughly 2,000km<sup>2</sup> and the Capital Regional District is 4,860km<sup>2</sup>.

## 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 Hospital
- Chemainus Hospital

Capital funding is cost-shared with the province on a 60/40 basis, with the CVRHD's portion being 40%.

The CVRHD's 2017 budget is \$10 million and the impact to a residential property is \$53.41 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

The Cowichan District Hospital is nearly 50 years old and is Island Health's number one capital priority on Vancouver Island. The cost of the new hospital, once completed, is anticipated to be between \$340 and \$400 million. Starting in 2010, funds have been put aside to raise the Regional Hospital District's 40% share. At this point in time there is \$27.2 million in the reserve fund with another \$7.4 million to be added in 2017.

The proposed new hospital is expected to take four years to build once the Ministry of Health commits to funding its 60% share, which could be as high as \$240 million. During 2016, the Regional Hospital District purchased land where the new hospital will be built. The site is on Bell McKinnon Road just south of Herd Road. The next stage in the process is the completion of a concept plan which will take place in 2017.

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## Cowichan Valley Regional District Property Taxes

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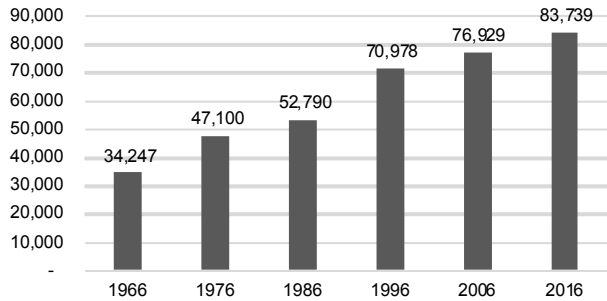
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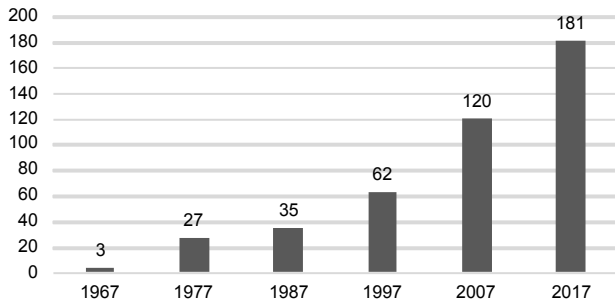
## See how we have grown



### Population



### # of Services



## Did you know?

- The Cowichan Valley Trail is part of the 20,000 kilometre Trans Canada Trail, connecting communities in the region.
- The CVRD manages over 2,000 hectares of community and regional parks and over 155 kilometres of trails.



## Where do my local Regional District taxes go?

The CVRD provides 176 services to over 83,000 residents within its boundaries. Not every municipality or electoral area participates in the same services. The following table shows the services that are included in your Regional District tax levy for 2017.

These taxes are billed on your municipal tax notice, and your municipality in turn forwards the funds to the Regional District to be used for the delivery of these services.

### CVRD taxes paid by the property owners within the Town of Lake Cowichan per \$100,000 assessed residential value:

SERVICES	2017	2016
General Government	11.74	12.57
Commuter Transit	0.45	0.50
Transit	14.72	20.27
Emergency 911	5.71	5.87
Economic Development	2.23	2.44
Regional Tourism	0.69	0.76
Environmental Initiatives	3.32	3.39
Emergency Planning	4.46	3.92
Regional Parks	6.37	6.02
Kinsol Trestle	0.59	0.64
Regional Parkland Acquisition	4.89	5.37
Arts & Culture	0.75	0.82
Cowichan Lake Recreation	123.56	133.25
Victim Services West	0.64	0.71
Cowichan Lake Activity Centre	2.81	3.11
Senior Centre Grant	1.42	1.59
Kaatza Historical Society	1.53	1.69
Cowichan Valley Hospice Society	0.35	0.31
Solid Waste Complex	24.38	24.36
Cowichan Valley Flood Management	2.32	0.00
	<u>212.91</u>	<u>227.59</u>

This is an estimate calculated on the 2017 financial plan adopted on December 14, 2016. It will vary slightly from your actual tax notice due to rounding and potential assessment changes.

## Who else is paying for these services?

Some services – Emergency Planning for example - are provided to the entire region and some are for specific areas only. An example of the latter is Cowichan Lake Recreation which is funded by taxpayers of the Town of Lake Cowichan and Electoral Areas F & I.

## What do electoral areas pay in taxes?

Rural residents pay many of the same taxes that municipal residents do. They pay taxes for:

- BC Assessment Authority
- Municipal Finance Authority
- Regional Hospital District
- Vancouver Island Regional Library
- School taxes
- Police tax
- Rural Tax (Road Maintenance)

## About the CVRD

The Cowichan Valley Regional District includes:

- Duncan
- Ladysmith
- Lake Cowichan
- North Cowichan

And the Electoral Areas of:

- A - Mill Bay/Malahat
- B - Shawnigan Lake
- C - Cobble Hill
- D - Cowichan Bay
- E - Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora
- F - Cowichan Lake South/Skutz Falls
- G - Saltair/Gulf Islands
- H - North Oyster/Diamond
- I - Youbou/Meade Creek