

## Message from the Chair

The Cowichan Valley Regional District stretches from the Nanaimo Airport in the north to the Malahat in the south, and from the west coast of Vancouver Island to Valdes Island off the east coast of the island. The area has amazing diversity, from forest lands to farms, from lakes and rivers running to the ocean, from rural properties to unique small scale towns and cities. All of this is divided up into 9 Electoral Areas and 4 Municipalities. Elected representatives from the 13 jurisdictions come together at the CVRD Board to work with CVRD staff to provide 180 local and regional services to the over 83,000 people in our region.

Our communities depend on the delivery of these many services in a reliable and cost effective manner. Whether it is solid waste, emergency services, recreation services, bylaw enforcement, environmental services or basic sewer and water, the health and happiness of our citizens, as well as our hopes for a sustainable future, are determined by what we do and how we do it.

We face many major challenges; dealing with growth, impacts on the environment including climate change, homelessness, drug addiction, a lack of affordable housing, water quality and quantity. We are all concerned with the rising cost of delivering these and other services.

Working with residents is the key to the CVRD's success. Please stay engaged as we move forward on a number of issues in 2019. We are committed to providing you with opportunities for public participation in decision-making processes around the many critical issues we will face.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at: [chairperson@cvrld.bc.ca](mailto:chairperson@cvrld.bc.ca)

Ian Morrison, Chair

## 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 Community Health
- Chemainus Health Care Centre

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

The CVRHDs 2019 Budget is \$27 million and the impact to a residential property is \$50.64 per \$100,000 of residential assessed property value.

Included in the 2019 Hospital Budget is \$5.2 million for the CVRHDs share of a new hospice facility.

The Cowichan District Hospital is 50 years old and its replacement is Island Health's number one capital priority on Vancouver Island. Starting in 2010, the CVRHD has been putting funds aside to raise the Regional Hospital District's 40% share. At this point in time, \$46.5 million has been accumulated for the CDH replacement with another \$9.4 million to be added in 2019.

The proposed new hospital is in the planning phase. The Concept Plan has been completed, when it has been approved by the provincial government the next step is the Business Plan phase. Once the Business plan is approved by the Ministry of Health it is expected that the new hospital would be operational within five years. 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.

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## Financial Reporting Award

The CVRD received the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting for its 2016 and 2017 Annual Financial Reports. This award was established to encourage local governments to publish high-quality financial reports and to provide peer recognition and technical guidance for officials preparing these reports. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

## New Regional Services Established

Following public approval via a regional referendum in the 2018 Local Government Elections, the CVRD Board of Directors adopted Bylaw Nos. 4201 and 4202, establishing the Cowichan Housing Association Annual Financial Contribution Service and the Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Service, respectively.

The Cowichan Housing Association Annual Financial Contribution Service will fund costs associated with getting new housing projects underway that will help address the mounting crisis we are experiencing across the Cowichan region. The majority of funds requisitioned through this service will be committed to a housing trust fund that will be used to leverage other sources of government funding and ultimately be directly committed to brick and mortar projects.

The Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Service will enable the CVRD to implement programs and strategies for specific watersheds across the region, which will inform land use and infrastructure planning and result in better long term decision making. The majority of funds requisitioned through this service will be dedicated to developing and implementing these strategies, including watershed monitoring and data gathering, while also working with other levels of government and stewardship groups to meet service objectives.

## Where do my local Regional District taxes go?

The CVRD provides 180 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 2019.

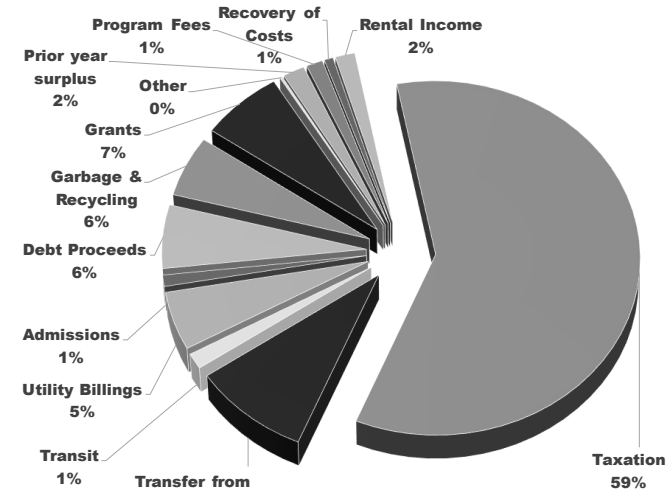
These taxes are billed on your municipal tax notice, and your municipality in turn forwards the funds to the Regional District to be used for the delivery of these services.

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

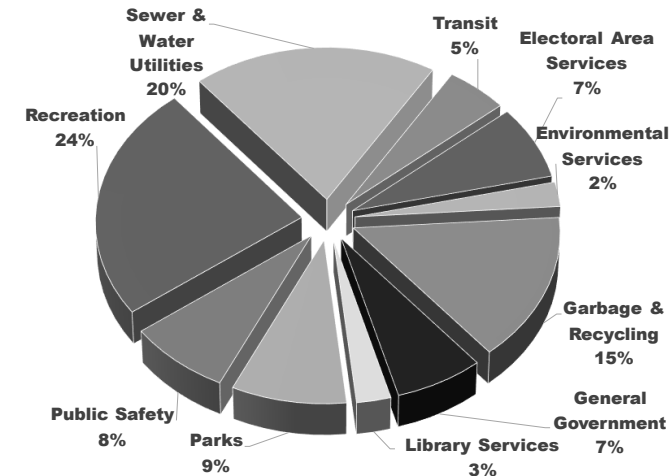
SERVICES	2019	2018
General Government	10.33	11.65
Commuter Transit	1.32	0.00
Transit	12.17	13.21
Emergency 911	4.55	5.03
Economic Development	2.08	2.68
Regional Tourism	0.54	0.61
Environmental Initiatives	2.72	2.97
Emergency Planning	3.73	3.93
Regional Parks	5.67	5.71
Kinsol Trestle	0.47	0.52
Regional Parkland Acquisition	0.67	4.31
Arts and Culture	0.58	0.66
Cowichan Performing Arts Centre	3.05	2.90
Safer Futures	0.15	0.17
Social Planning	0.27	0.31
Cowichan Valley Hospice Society	0.27	0.31
Cowichan Housing Association	3.36	0.00
Drinking Water & Watershed Protection	2.24	0.00
Solid Waste Complex	23.00	22.86
	<u>77.18</u>	<u>77.82</u>

This is an estimate calculated on the 2019 financial plan adopted on March 13, 2019. It will vary slightly from your actual tax notice.

## Where does the money come from?\*



## Where does the money go?\*



\*These graphs are representative of the CVRD as a whole. Your local areas participation will vary slightly.