

Electoral Area C Community Update

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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of your Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Electoral Area C Community Update. This newsletter will be distributed twice a year to give you an update on topics of interest to our community and the CVRD.

View the newsletter online too at:

www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/electoralareac



Area C Director Edwin Grieve

Your Community's Updates

Getting FireSmart this Summer

With high temperatures and drought anticipated this summer, it's time for residents to get FireSmart. Learn how you can prepare for and prevent wildfires by visiting the province's webpage www.firesmartbc.ca – find information about how to prepare, and how you can help your neighbours prepare too. FireSmart facilitators will be on hand at the Area C Open House scheduled for August 14 at the Merville Hall. Come out to talk to trained experts about your specific questions.

Taking Care of your Septic System

Two workshops were hosted in the Comox Valley this spring to educate residents about the maintenance of onsite septic systems on their properties. Thank you to those who were able to attend. We are also planning two more workshops for this fall – dates and locations still to be determined. If you are interested in learning more about proper septic maintenance, visit the CVRD's resource page at www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/septic.

Updating Rural Zoning Bylaw

Thank you to everyone who came out and shared their thoughts on the comprehensive Zoning Bylaw review. It's been 14 years since this bylaw was adopted and it's time for an update. In early June, the bylaw was sent to outside agencies and First Nations for review and comment. For more information visit www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/zoningreview.

Upcoming Dates

July 1 – 'Meet your Director' at Canada Day Celebrations: Directors on hand to say hello and talk about what's on your mind.

August 14 – Area C Open House: Join us at the Merville Hall from 5:00-7:00 pm to learn more about the FireSmart program and septic education.

September 27-29 – Merville's 100th Birthday: I will be joining in the celebrations – come join the fun!

Around Town



Congratulations to the Comox Valley Land Trust who, partnering with the Comox Valley Regional District, have ensured the protection of the Morrison Headwaters Nature Preserve located in Electoral Area C. The undeveloped wilderness area provides critical habitat for the endangered Western Brook Lamprey, known locally as the Morrison Creek Lamprey.



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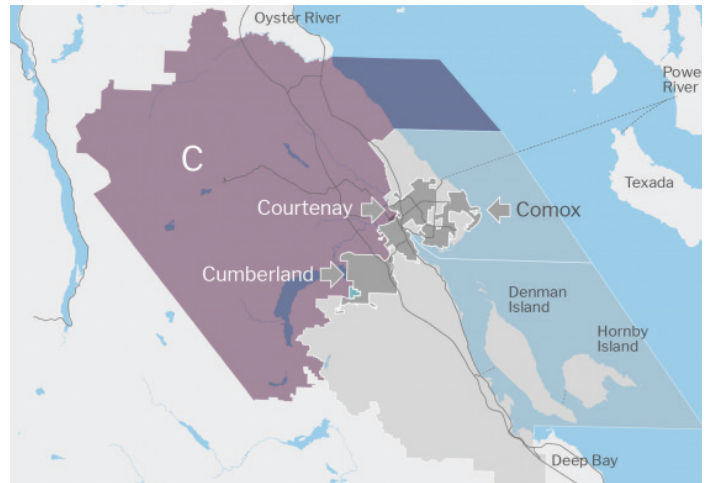


Your Area: Your CVRD Services

Did you know? The CVRD provides 99 services within its boundaries – but each electoral area, or defined portion of an electoral area, participates in a varying mix of services.

Electoral Area C (Puntledge – Black Creek) includes Merville, Black Creek, Dove Creek, Saratoga Beach, Arden (west of Cumberland Road), Powerhouse, Lake Trail, Marsden and Plateau Road. The northern boundary of Electoral Area C is the Oyster River, which doubles as the northern boundary of the CVRD.

To learn more about your property taxes visit www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/propertytaxes.



Services in Your Area

AREA C

- Baynes Sd, Area B & C Parks & Greenways
- Building Inspection
- Comfort Station Service
- CV Airport Service
- CV Animal Control
- CV Community Justice
- CV Economic Development
- CV Emergency Program
- CV Exhibition Grounds
- CV Recreation Complexes
- CV Search and Rescue
- CV Track & Fields
- Electoral Area Arts & Culture Grant
- Electoral Area Emergency Program
- Electoral Areas Governance
- Emergency Shelter Land Acquisition
- Feasibility Studies - Regional
- Feasibility Studies Area C
- Fireworks Regulation
- General Administration
- Grant In Aid Area C
- Heritage Conservation Area C
- Homelessness Supports
- House Numbering Area C
- Liquid Waste Management
- Noise Control
- Planning
- Recreation Grant
- Regional Growth Strategy
- Unsightly Premises
- Victim Services Program
- Weed Control

Want a service in your community?

Different areas of the CVRD contribute to different services – which can be either regional or local in nature. Many of those services have either been established or expanded to include new participants, additional facilities, etc., at the request of communities who advocated for something they wanted to see added.

Sometimes an area's participation in a service needs to be reviewed to determine if it is continuing to provide value to the residents. For the Electoral Area Director, each budget year means considering how each group of services total up as part of a resident's overall property tax bill. A homeowner's annual property tax impact will vary depending on the mix of CVRD services provided in their area.

Is there a service you would like to see provided in your community? Contact me to talk more about your idea.

Questions?

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