



Chair Kennedy: Merry Christmas!

Winter is here! I'd like to take a moment to wish all residents of the Central Coast Regional District a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

I have found that the holidays are a great time to appreciate our family, friends and to think about ways we can support those that need a hand. So whether you're enjoying the season with the people you love or helping out in the community, I encourage everyone to make the most of this winter season.

This winter is proving to be quite busy for the Central Coast Regional District. We've begun important budget engagements with the community. We're looking forward to engaging more with residents in our open house session at the Legion from 12-7 on February 25th, 2025.

As we look forward to 2025, the CCRD is focused on moving the Hagensborg Water and Centennial Pool projects forward, and is looking at some important projects for the outer coast.

On behalf of the CCRD, we wish you a safe and warm holiday season!



January Budget Engagement Sessions

The Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) will host some new budget engagement sessions in January, offering residents an opportunity to participate in shaping the 2025 budget. This is a new initiative by the CCRD Board to provide new opportunities for public involvement in the budgeting process. These sessions provide an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts with their Electoral Area Directors on budget priorities for 2025.

Confirmed Dates:

- Director Leslie Harestad (Electoral Area E): **January 8 & 15**
- Director Lawrence Northeast (Electoral Area D): **January 9 & 16**
- Chair Jayme Kennedy (Electoral Area C): **January 10 & 17 (afternoons).**

Appointments are preferred to reserve one-on-one engagements with Directors. Residents are encouraged to visit the CCRD website to book an appointment with their electoral area Director.

This is a chance for community members to influence budget priorities and discuss the financial future of the CCRD. Give us a shout to set up a meeting.

Board Mulls “Future of Fire Services” Asks for Resident Feedback

The Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) Board of Directors is considering some big changes to fire services in the Bella Coola Valley. Following a review of new fire safety regulations and operational needs, the Board is exploring the potential unification of the Bella Coola and Hagensborg Fire Departments into a single service with two fire halls. The report with this review is available on the CCRD website.

This change aims to address upcoming infrastructure and training requirements while potentially reducing the projected tax needs compared to maintaining two separate departments. Both fire departments currently face new needs complying with new fire safety legislation, including replacing aging equipment and meeting new training standards. A unified fire service could enhance service effectiveness, strengthen volunteer recruitment and training, and support firefighter safety.

The Board of Directors wants your feedback on this potential change. Residents are invited to share their feedback via email at boardofdirectors@ccrd.ca, a dedicated pamphlet on this topic will be released in early 2025. The Board looks forward to feedback on these services to both continue to meet the needs of the Bella Coola Valley while recognizing and supporting the dedication of our volunteer firefighters. Please stay tuned to our social media and website for more info.



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Your CCRD News

2024

Grant Writing Assistance

Did you know that the CCRD offers grant writing support to assist community organizations in securing funding for local projects? This service aims to promote community economic development and help local organizations take advantage of supports that exist for them. Organizations seeking assistance should complete the online form available on the CCRD website. or call (250) 799-5291 for more info.

Be Safe this Winter!

Remember that power outages can happen anytime and without warning. Make sure you have an emergency plan and emergency kit with supplies to support your household for three days to two weeks:

PreparedBC.ca/EmergencyKit

Advocating for Reliable Internet in the CCRD

The Board of the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) recently discussed concerns about the recently undertaken Connected Coast fibre optic internet system. Persistent service interruptions have raised connectivity challenges across the region, affecting residents and businesses. An outage of more than five weeks was experienced by residents in October / November.

After a discussion of these challenges, the CCRD board reached out to the funders of the Connected Coast project to advocate for a review of challenges experienced by residents and to recommend more stringent standards be applied for connectivity projects.

Centennial Pool Revitalization Project Underway

The CCRD is happy to announce that the Centennial Pool Revitalization Project is officially underway. After reusable assets were removed from the site in late November, the contractor has begun demolition to prepare for the new pool configuration. The revitalized facility will feature a 4-lane, 25-meter lap pool and a new mechanical building with modern equipment.

This project includes long needed improvements to a great pool that has meant so much to valley residents over the years. We look forward to sharing updates as construction moves forward!

We look forward to seeing you at the pool after this project wraps up in late 2025.



Denny Island Upgrades

The CCRD Board has applied for funding under the Rural Economic Diversification Program (REDIP) to study the feasibility of a marina/wharf and a barge brow on Denny Island.

The study will look at public access, commercial options and tourism viability while looking at facility needs and ways to manage the asset. The goal is to build public access to upland properties and promote economic growth on the Island.

Landfill Hours for the Christmas Season

Take a look at these landfill hours for the holidays:

- Closed: Wed, Dec 25, and Wed, Jan 1
- Open: Tues, Dec 24 & 31, and Sat, Dec 28 & Jan 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Board Meetings

- January 23, 2025 @ 9AM
- February 25, 2025 @ 9AM
- March 27, 2025 @ 9AM

Budget Engagement Sessions

In-Person Session

February 25 12 - 7pm (Legion)

Virtual Session

11am - February 18, 2025

(recording will be available for those that miss the session)

Holiday Closures

Mark your calendars:

The CCRD office will be closed from Saturday, December 21st, 2024 and will reopen on January 2nd, 2025

Do You Have a Community Event?

Whether you live in Bella Bella or in Firvale: submit your community events for inclusion on the CCRD events calendar for 2025!

FACEBOOK



MEETINGS



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