



From the Chair



As we transition into the fall season, I'd like to take a moment to share a few updates and highlight some exciting developments.

Residents across the region have experienced significant rainfall this autumn. Make sure you have a plan for emergencies and stay close to our website and Facebook for updates or alerts.

Our capital projects continue to move forward. We're particularly excited about the recently completed improvements to the Great Bear Playground. The Hagensborg Water and Centennial Pool projects have also been proceeding – the Board of Directors recently authorized a contract award for both projects.

This fall, the Board welcomed a new Director for Area E: Leslie Harestad. I want to extend a warm welcome to Leslie and congratulate her on joining us at the CCRD! While summer may be behind us, autumn sure can be beautiful on the coast. I encourage everyone to make the most of what our region has to offer.

Walker Island Park Playground



Great Bear Playground Improvements Complete

The CCRD is excited to share the completion of the Great Bear Playground Improvement project. This project was 100% funded through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure grant program. Since its completion in late September, two new playgrounds are available for public use at both Nusatsum and Walker Island Park. The latter features a design that celebrates the natural beauty and wildlife of the region, while the former showcases a forest theme. Both playgrounds were built for increased safety, accessibility, and inclusivity, which includes special elements for those with social, sensory, and intellectual disabilities. Everyone is welcome to play!

Nusatsum Park Playground



Capital Project Updates

Hagensborg Water Improvement Project Moving Forward

The Board has authorized the award of the Hagensborg Water Improvement project to Hazelwood Construction Services Inc. for \$4.43 million. This project will upgrade the water system's supply, treatment, and distribution components. The project is partly funded by federal grant funding. The Board authorized a project scope change to match available funding after bids came in high. Construction is expected to start in March 2025, with completion by October 2025.

Denny Island Water System Plan

The CCRD has approved a 2-phased plan to upgrade the Denny Island water system. Preparation for Phase 1 includes a voter assent process to replace the current service area and working with grant agencies and key stakeholders to finalize the funding plan for both construction and future operation of the system. The project includes installing new watermains for part of Denny Island, with Phase 1 estimated to cost \$1.3 Million.

Changes to Centennial Pool Project

After bids exceeded the project budget, service participants and the CCRD worked together this fall to keep the Centennial Pool Service Project moving forward. The warm pool was removed from the design, reducing the total project budget by over \$1 Million, and the CCRD authorized short-term borrowing up to \$400k to cover the remaining budget shortfall. The project is estimated to cost \$4.95 Million and is partially funded by CERIP grant funding. Construction will proceed with anticipated completion in fall of 2025.

Area E By-Election Results

Leslie Harestad has been officially confirmed as the new Director for Electoral Area E, after a very close election on August 24, 2024. The election was validated on October 11, 2024, after a court review ruled that although there was an ineligible voter, it did not affect the election's outcome. Area E Residents are welcome to reach out to Director Harestad at lharestad@ccrd.ca.



CCRD Public Notice Changes

On October 10, 2024, the Board passed a new Public Notice Bylaw to improve how statutory public notices are shared with residents. Under the new bylaw, the CCRD will post all public notices to its Facebook page, and a new public notice posting Board at the CCRD office. Previously, notices were posted in the local paper, with the Coastal Mountain News no longer in print, the Williams Lake Tribune became the default paper. This change aims to make public information about meetings, elections, and legislative requirements more accessible and cost-effective.

CCRD Board Meetings

Watch Past Meetings: Meeting recordings can be viewed on our website's meeting portal & on our YouTube channel.

Fire Safety Reminder!

The Hagensborg and Bella Coola Fire Departments want you to be fire safe this fall. Check your smoke alarms, don't overload electric outlets, check your chimney and vents and don't store flammable items near heaters and stoves!

2025 Budget Input

Budget planning for 2025 is underway and the CCRD wants to hear from you! Residents are invited to engage with us throughout the budget planning process through a variety of in-person and virtual sessions over the upcoming months. Questions or comments on the budget or the planning process can be submitted to info@ccrd.ca.

Upcoming Events

Regular Board Meeting
November 14, 2025 @ 9AM
Preliminary 2025 Budget Presentation

Adult Volleyball League
Call Caroline at (250) 982-2515 or visit the **Bella Coola Community Volleyball League** on Facebook for information.

BC Valley Arts & Crafts Fair
Nov 23rd (5pm – 8pm) and 24th (12-3pm) at Lobelco Hall

Regular Board Meeting
January 23, 2025 @ 9AM

Budget Engagement Session
February 2025
In-person & virtual options
More information to come.

Regular Board Meeting
February 27, 2025 @ 9AM
Final Budget Review

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