



### Chair's Message

Fall has arrived on the Central Coast! Whether you're back to school, busy at work, or taking time to rest, fall is a beautiful season to enjoy the trails, forests, and natural spaces up and down the coast!

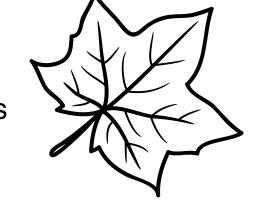
A new school year is underway, and we wish all students and educators a great year ahead.

The CCRD Board has continued working through a number of priorities that are deeply important to communities across the region.

Recent discussions have included several major funding applications through the Strategic Priorities Fund. The Board also advanced a feasibility study for house numbering on Denny Island and confirmed next steps for the new disc golf course at Snootli Park. Additionally, the CCRD has delayed implementation of the landfill bag fee to January 2026 and is preparing educational materials for residents.

Thank you to the many volunteers across the region, as well as the CCRD staff. Your time, energy, and commitment help shape the heart of our communities and make local programs and events possible.

Jayme Kennedy, Chair, **Board of Directors** 



### **CCRD Board Mulls New Capital Grant Applications**

The CCRD turned its focus toward capital infrastructure needs during a July debate about capital grant applications to the UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund. This fund is part of the Canada Community-Building Fund, a federal-provincial program that provides funding for up to 100 percent of eligible costs for capital projects. For the 2025 intake, the Board debated some capital project applications for some much needed infrastructure projects. At the July 2025 Board Meeting, three capital applications were approved for submission to the Province:

- 1. Centennial Pool Warm Pool: This application proposes to restore elements that were removed from earlier phases of the ongoing revitalization project, including a warm pool, upgraded change rooms, and a multi-purpose space.
- 2. Hagensborg Water System Distribution Improvements: This project concerns long-term distribution improvements for the Hagensborg Water System that could not be prioritized for system upgrades being undertaken this summer.
- 3. Denny Island Water System Distribution Improvements: This project concerns completing distribution improvements within the system service area.

At the time of writing, none of the grant applications had received formal approval from the grant funders. The CCRD is currently awaiting funding decisions from UBCM. If approved, the funding would support much-needed and long awaited infrastructure improvements across the region.



Denny Island residents enjoyed some stunning stretches of sunshine this summer.

#### **Recent Tsunami Warnings**

CCRD emergency management staff monitored tsunami alerts issued on the evening of July 29 following heavy seismic activity in the Pacific. The advisory was cancelled the next morning after it was confirmed there was no threat to coastal British Columbia.

Earthquakes can happen without warning, so it's important to stay prepared and know the steps to take in an emergency. For coastal areas, that includes Drop, Cover, and Hold On, and moving to high ground if shaking is strong.

Visit PreparedBC.ca/tsunamis for more information.



Emergency preparedness protocol chart.

24 Hour Emergency Line: 1-888-331-1240

Hours of Operation Tuesday to Friday 8:30 - 5:00



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# **Board to Investigate Low Cost Dog Control Options**

In July 2025, the CCRD Board debated a long awaited Dog Control Feasibility Study, developed in response to concerns about stray and aggressive dogs in the Bella Coola Valley. The study explored several service options, including a limited "dangerous dog" service, a complete dog control model, and non-regulatory approaches.

After reviewing the findings, the Board decided not to pursue a formal dog control service at this time. Instead, the Board elected to explore lower-cost approaches to encourage responsible dog ownership, such as education and community partnerships.

The Board also expressed interest in working with the Nuxalk Nation, who are moving forward with their own animal welfare efforts in the community. This approach aims to support shared goals collaboratively without duplicating efforts.

#### **Outer Coast Meeting Held**

An Outer Coast meeting was recently held in Bella Bella with regional leadership in attendance. Thank you to the Heiltsuk Nation for their role in making the gathering possible.



CCRD Director Travis Hall tours CCRD staff to Chief Boston's (Hláxvðn) pole in July.

#### **Scraps to Soil Program**

Deliveries of composters as a part of the 'Scraps to Soil' program were completed over the summer. The program, which offers residents access to compost created from organic waste, saw high interest from residents who were looking to divert waste from local landfills.

At their June meeting, the CCRD Board received an update on the program and allocated grant funding for a limited additional distribution of composters in the future. Further updates will be available via the CCRD's social media and website.

#### **Board Postpones 'Bag Fee'**

The CCRD Board recently decided to delay the implementation of the per-bag fee at Thorsen Creek Waste & Recycling Centre: to January 2026.

At the same meeting, the Board directed that enhanced public communication about the changes and rationale for them be prepared for service users.

# **Denny Island House Numbering Feasibility**

In discussing a house numbering in July, the CCRD Board revised the scope of the Denny Island house numbering feasibility study to clarify engagement approaches and financial implications.

The Board also supported reallocating funds from the Growing Communities Fund to offset feasibility study costs.

Staff indicated that draft service maps with financial implications, further outreach would be conducted prior to further project updates this fall.

# Final green light for Bella Coola Valley Disc Golf Course

In a July update to the CCRD Board, the Bella Coola Disc Sports Club was given the final go-ahead for the establishment of the disc golf course.

With all planning milestones met, including environmental, archaeological, and cultural assessments, volunteers will soon begin setting up the 18-hole course, complete with tee pads, signage, and a footbridge. Big thanks to community partners and volunteers for helping bring this recreational project to life.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# Regular Board Meetings (CCRD Office)

- Sept 22, 2025 (virtual)
- Oct 23, 2025
- Nov 27, 2025

# Bella Coola Foodshed Market Days

- Sept 7, 14, 21, & 28 2025
- Oct 5, 2025 HarvestFesival Day

Have a community event you'd like to share? Send details to info@ccrd.ca

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Emergency Line:

1-888-331-1240

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### **MEETINGS**



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