

Chair's Message

Another Winter has wrapped in the Central Coast!

To those that filled in surveys, attended open houses, board meetings and one-on-one meetings with Directors through our 2025 Budget process: thank you! Budgeting in our region means facing hard choices: often between affordability, and investing in the future.

We saw high engagement from residents that are advocating for local choice when it comes to treatment options for the Hagensborg Water System. The CCRD recognizes that one-size-fits-all treatment approach doesn't work for everywhere in BC, and we are pushing this issue with Provincial representatives.

Board discussions about investing in the Thorsen Creek Landfill continue, with improvements aimed at ensuring long-term sustainability and complying with the Environmental Management Act.

All told, we've had a fast paced and very vibrant spring. Thank you for continuing to shape the work that the Central Coast does through your input, questions and support. While there are critical investments being made in the future of the community, we're still celebrating the things that make the Central Coast great!

Jayne Kennedy,
Chair,
Board of Directors



2025 Budget Process Wraps Up

The Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) gave final reading and adoption of its Five Year Financial Plan on March 27, 2025. This was the result of months of community engagement that started in August 2024, including surveys, mail-outs, public meetings, and open houses to ensure community priorities shape the budget.

At a high level, the 2025 budget aims to keep up with Provincial rules and regulations while keeping a tight line on expenses. The Board will be reflecting on its budget engagement processes in the coming weeks. If you have suggestions, make sure to forward them to boardofdirectors@ccrd.ca.

Making Waves: Centennial Pool Revitalization

CCRD staff and Chandos Construction have been moving full speed ahead on the Centennial Pool Revitalization Project this winter. Daily drivers of Highway 20 will have seen work on the new mechanical room well underway and preparations in place to pour new foundations for the pool through March and April.

While the pool will remain closed for the 2025 season, excitement for the reopening in summer 2026 is building!



Denny Island Discourse!

CCRD staff visited Denny Island in March to discuss emergency preparedness, economic development and some technical options being considered for implementing water services on the island.

More than 20 Islanders joined CCRD staff at the Denny Island Community Centre to discuss these topics and more.

Did You Know? Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP)

The Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP) is a marine planning initiative between the Province and coastal First Nations. The Central Coast Marine Plan was completed in 2015. While the plan is not legally binding, it is an important document used by provincial decision-makers to guide marine use and management across the region.

The plan uses ecosystem-based management and draws from both Indigenous knowledge and science. It provides strategic direction for how the region's marine areas may be used or protected in the future. More information is available at: mappocean.org/central-coast.

Board Reviews 2025 Advocacy Priorities

At their March meeting of the Board, the 2025 advocacy issues report was on the table.

Some of the regional needs discussed by the Board were:

- improvements to inconsistent summer ferry services;
- advocating for dedicated seniors' housing in the Bella Coola valley;
- fairness for property assessments by requesting in-person property assessments be performed;
- local choice in water treatment options; and,
- CCRD inclusion in the Northern Living Allowance zone.

At the end of debate, the CCRD Board directed that meetings be set to discuss these issues and more with Provincial representatives.

Earthquakes and Tsunamis

Disasters can strike at any time: remember to be prepared!



Heads Up: Hagensborg Water Service

Stemming from the 2025 Budget process, the Hagensborg Water Service will see gradual water rate increases beginning this year.

There are two main reasons for this: to save funds for system improvements as grant programs to improve distribution become available, and to gradually save for the future: so that system repairs and replacements are able to be made without big tax jumps in the future.

For 2025, residents can expect to see an annual increase of \$77 (to \$352) for a single family dwelling.

Fire Services Merge Moves Ahead

The Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) is in the process of merging the Hagensborg and Bella Coola fire services to create a unified fire service with two fire halls.

Since the Board decision to move to next steps on the merge in February, CCRD staff are preparing the legal steps to merge the services, and are working with Fire Department Volunteers toward a smooth transition to a unified fire service.

Thank you to all Central Coast Fire Service Volunteers, past and present.

Be FireSmart this Spring!

Spring is a great time to get FireSmart—time to clear away dry leaves, trim grass, and move firewood away from your home.

A few steps now can make a big difference to reduce wildfire risk.

BC Valley Tourism Leads 2025 Community Clean-up

Bella Coola Valley Tourism led a community clean-up in the Bella Coola Valley on Saturday, April 12.

After a brief presentation from the BCVT about the event in March, the Board offered support to the group through waiving up to \$500 in landfill fees for the clean-up.

Congratulations to event organizers for putting on another great annual clean-up to make the Valley “cleaner and greener!”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Board Meetings (CCRD Office)

- April 24, 2025 @ 9AM
- May 22, 2025 @ 9AM
- June 26, 2025 @ 9AM

(Potential Bella Bella Meeting)

Business Facade

Improvement Grant:

Application Deadline

May 15, 2025 (contact dmazzuca@ccrd.ca for more info)

Do You Have a Community Event?

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

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