

Chair's Message

Summer has arrived on the Central Coast and I know that many have been getting outside to enjoy everything that the CCRD has to offer!

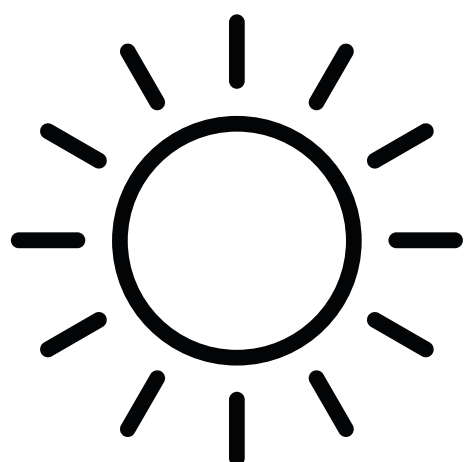
I know the whole region will join us in congratulating all of this year's graduates! We wish you the best of success as you take your next steps in life. Congratulations!

Summer is a great time to get together to enjoy our region. Whether it's the Bella Coola Rodeo or just catching some sunshine. Thank you to the volunteers and organizers who make all of our community events, parks and trails possible.

We look forward to connecting with residents in Bella Bella and Denny Island at our upcoming Outer Coast Meeting on July 3rd in Bella Bella.

At the Board table, we've continued to have conversations about the future needs of our region while balancing affordability for residents today. These include discussions about water services on Denny Island, how to cope with legal requirements at the Thorsen Creek Landfill and how our region can be better prepared for emergencies. These aren't easy conversations: I want to thank my fellow Directors for their thoughtful debate and their passion for how we can move our region forward.

Jayme Kennedy,
Chair,
Board of Directors

Landfill Changes Move Forward This Summer

The CCRD Board recently moved forward with a \$5 per bag fee for household garbage at the Thorsen Creek Landfill, with implementation starting August 1, 2025. The new fee was approved as part of a broader effort to bring the landfill into compliance with provincial regulations and environmental standards.

In recent years, rising operational demands, aging infrastructure, and oversight requirements have pushed landfill costs higher, prompting the need for more investment in the service. These new costs include compliance monitoring, stormwater management, a vertical baler and more. While making this decision, the Board directed staff to improve recycling options and waste diversion education across the CCRD. This is a developing story. Stay close to ccrd.ca for updates!

New CCRD Waste Diversion Program Takes Root

In light of the fee increases directed for the service, a new region-wide CCRD Waste Diversion Program is rolling out to reduce landfill use and help residents manage upcoming landfill fee increases.

By utilizing Local Government Climate Action Program grant funds, the CCRD is offering a limited number of composting units to households across the region—residents can choose between an indoor FoodCycler or an outdoor garden composter. These units are available at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one per household. Improving composting at home is aimed to help residents divert organic waste from the landfill and lower their landfill fees! For more info, visit ccrd.ca

Emergency Services in the Works this Spring

A few Emergency Preparedness projects have been a focus for the CCRD this spring. A feasibility study for ways to implement a 911 service across the region is underway, the project team was recently in the Bella Coola Valley to learn from local emergency responders about the important work that they do.

In partnership with the Nuxalk Nation, the CCRD has also completed a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan. The plan outlines steps to reduce wildfire risk through education, fuel management, and improved emergency response capacity.

On the Outer Coast, staff are developing options to implement an addressing system for Denny Island, Hunter Island, and Alarm Cove. This initiative aims to enhance emergency response services in these remote areas. Busy days!

Work Continues on Bella Coola Disc Golf Course

The CCRD and the Bella Coola Disc Sports Club signed an MOU to bring a new disc golf course to Snootli Creek Regional Park in late April. The course, currently being planned near the Bella Coola Airport, is being developed through volunteer efforts with no direct cost to the CCRD.

Once complete, the course will be open for public use. In a press release in May, Chair Kennedy noted that the CCRD was "proud to support community led efforts like this that improve recreation opportunities in the Central Coast".

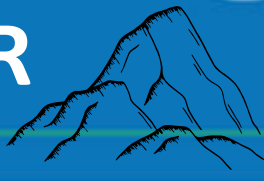


Chair Kennedy and Club Director Josh Wulfekotte sign the MOU this spring.



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SUMMER



Community Connection

Your CCRD News

2025

Work on Hagensborg Waterworks Well Underway

Work on the Hagensborg Waterworks Improvement Project continued this spring. As of May, approximately 75% of the water distribution system replacements had been completed. Remaining work along Highway 20 is expected to wrap later this month. Final completion on all components is expected for this fall.



Hagensborg Water System Improvements have continued this summer.

Help Make the Central Coast More Accessible

The CCRD is seeking nominees for the Accessibility Advisory Committee to help identify obstacles and advise on ways to make local government services and spaces more inclusive.

If you have a lived experience with a disability or work with a disability-serving organization, we especially encourage you to apply—visit www.ccrd.ca/about/accessibility to access the application form.

Thank you to all volunteers, past and present, whose time and dedication have helped shape the CCRD into a stronger community.

Steps Taken with DICDA on Denny Island Community Hall Expansion

The Board of Directors discussed CCRD support for a proposed expansion of the Denny Island Community Hall at their regular meeting in May. The project, led by the Denny Island Community Development Association (DICDA), aims to improve local healthcare access by creating a private, accessible space for visiting providers at the Denny Island Community Hall.

After the discussion, the Board directed a Memorandum of Understanding between the CCRD and DICDA be set to clarify roles and responsibilities for the project, and the project was added to the CCRD strategic plan.

Board Seeks Feedback on Merged Fire Service Name

The CCRD is merging the Bella Coola and Hagensborg Fire Departments into a single regional fire service with two halls operating under one structure. This merger is aimed to improve service delivery, meet regulatory requirements and stabilize costs in the service going forward.

As part of this transition, residents are being asked to help choose a new name for the unified service.

Survey is open now on the CCRD website!

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

Be FireSmart this Summer!

Things can turn on a dime in an emergency! Stay emergency alert this summer. Make sure to follow all local fire bans and restrictions to reduce the risk of wildfires. Visit “Coastal Fire Centre prohibitions and restrictions” on the BC website for more info.

CCRD Outer Coast Meeting Scheduled for July 3, 2025

The CCRD Outer Coast Meeting will take place in Bella Bella on July 3rd, 2025. This annual meeting is an opportunity for the Board of Directors to hear directly from Outer Coast communities and residents.

Directors will also be connecting with residents on Denny Island at the time. The meeting supports the CCRD’s commitment to ensuring all areas of the region have a voice in regional decision-making.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Board Meetings (CCRD Office)

- July 3, 2025 (Bella Bella meeting)
- July 24, 2025

Centennial Pool Advisory Committee Meeting

- July 8 at 6pm (CCRD Office)

2025 Annual Bella Coola Rodeo

- June 28 and 29, 2025

Bella Coola Valley Music Festival

- July 18 to 20, 2025

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

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