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2026



Chair's Message

This October marks the 2026 Local Government Election. Local government decisions directly affect the services we rely on every day, from emergency management and recreation facilities to transportation advocacy, water systems, and community planning. I encourage all eligible residents to learn about the election process, consider getting involved as a candidate, and most importantly, make a plan to vote. Strong local government depends on informed and engaged citizens.

We heard residents clearly. Following concerns raised about the previous Alternative Approval Process, the Board resolved to seek direct elector approval for the Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Call Service through a referendum held in conjunction with the upcoming local government election. Over the coming weeks, residents will receive additional information about the proposed service, associated costs, and voting procedures so everyone has an opportunity to make an informed decision. The Board believes that moving to a referendum provides a clear, transparent, and community-responsive path forward on this important regional service.

A letter has been submitted to BC Ferries, outlining concerns about the lack of resiliency in the critical infrastructure keeping the coast connected, especially in boat access only communities. We look forward to working with BC Ferries and community partners to move forward together.

On behalf of the Board, thank you to the many residents, volunteers, organizations, and staff members who continue to contribute to the strength and resilience of the Central Coast. Your participation and dedication help make our communities vibrant places to live, work, and raise families.

Jayme Kennedy,
Chair, Board of Directors

2026 Local Elections Information

This October, residents across the Central Coast will have the opportunity to elect representatives to both the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) Board and the School District No. 49 (Central Coast) Board of Education, and have their say on 9-1-1 service in the region.

Central Coast Regional District Board

The CCRD Board is made up of five elected Directors, with one Director elected from each of the five electoral areas. Directors guide decisions on regional services, community planning, emergency management, recreation, infrastructure, and other services that support our communities.

School District No. 49 Board of Education

Voters will also elect trustees for School District No. 49:

- Three Trustees from School Trustee Area 1 (Bella Coola Valley)
- Two Trustees from School Trustee Area 2 (Outer Coast Communities)

Regional 9-1-1 Referendum

The CCRD will also be conducting an Referendum regarding the Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Call Service in conjunction with the local government election. Residents are encouraged to review the referendum information package and learn about the proposed service before voting. Information materials outlining the proposed service and funding model are available on the CCRD Website: <https://www.ccrd.ca/services/regional-9-1-1-services/>

Important Election Dates

- Nomination Period: September 1 to September 11, 2026.
- Mail Ballot Applications Open: September 17, 2026.
- Advance Voting Opportunity: October 7, 2026.
- Special Voting Opportunities: TBA for Ocean Falls and Wuikinuxv.
- General Voting Day: October 17, 2026.
- Official Results Declared: By October 21, 2026.

Who Can Vote?

Resident Electors - 18+ on voting day, a Canadian citizen, Resident of BC at least six months prior to the election, a resident of the voting area and not otherwise disqualified from voting.

Non- Resident Electors - own property, and live outside the electoral area.

Election Questions?

Additional election information, nomination packages, voter guides, and referendum materials will be posted on the CCRD website <https://www.ccrd.ca/governance/elections/>

Your vote helps shape the future of the Central Coast!

Want to be involved?

the CCRD is looking for people to work during 2026 Local General Election on October 17, 2026 For more information check out the Check out the website for full details and to apply.



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Service Satisfaction Survey 2026

We want to hear from you! Until September 15, the CCRD is inviting residents to provide input on the services we deliver and help shape priorities for the 2027 Budget.

How to Participate: Complete the survey online. or Pick up a paper copy at the CCRD office. Your feedback will help the Board understand community priorities and make informed decisions about the programs and services that matter most to Central Coast residents.



Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and help guide the future of regional services in our communities.

New in Solid Waste Management

We are pleased to announce that we have signed a contract with Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable. As a result, all major household appliances, including washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, and stoves, will now be accepted at the depot free of charge. Please report all appliances to the attendant upon arrival so they can direct you to the appropriate disposal area.

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MEETINGS



WEBSITE



Planning In Progress

The Central Coast Regional District is in the process of updating the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to guide waste management over the next 5 to 10 years. A new Solid Waste Management Plan Joint Committee (SWMPJC) will be established to provide feedback, identify key issues, and help shape the plan's future direction.

This process will involve the entire Central Coast Regional District, and staff look forward to working with both the outlying coast communities and Bella Coola residents to review and update the Solid Waste Management Plan.

For more information or to get involved, contact Nicola Koroluk, Solid Waste Coordinator at nkoroluk@ccrd.ca or watch for updates on ccrd.ca

Building Wildfire Resilience on the Central Coast

Wildfire is part of the Central Coast landscape. While our coastal forests are often cool and wet, longer periods of hot, dry weather can increase wildfire risk. Climate change is expected to bring hotter and drier summer conditions, making wildfire preparedness increasingly important.

The CCRD is taking action. The Bella Coola Valley Community Wildfire Resilience Plan, developed in partnership with the Nuxalk Nation, was completed in early 2025. In 2026, with funding through the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program, the CCRD is expanding this work across the region. This includes:

- Hiring a local FireSmart Coordinator (contract opportunity) to lead education, home assessments and community activities.
- Developing Community Wildfire Resilience Plans for Ocean Falls and Denny Island.
- Purchasing a Structural Protection Unit trailer with sprinkler equipment that can be deployed to help protect homes and critical infrastructure.
- Providing practical FireSmart education so residents can take simple steps to reduce wildfire risk around their homes.

Residents and visitors can also help. Check the BC Wildfire Service Wildfire Situation Map for current wildfires, wildfire conditions, campfire bans and open-burning restrictions. You can also download and use the BCWS smartphone Wildfire app to report a wildfire.

Wildfire resilience is something we build together—before the smoke is in the air.

UPCOMING EVENTS

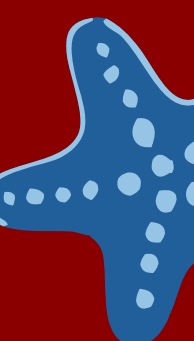
Regular Board Meetings (CCRD Office)

- September 14, 2026
- November 20, 2026 (Inaugural)
- November 26, 2026

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

October 17, 2026

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



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