

# Electoral Area A Community Update

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of your Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Electoral Area A Community Update. This newsletter will be distributed twice a year to give you an update on topics of interest to our community and the CVRD.

View the newsletter online too at:

[www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/electoralareaa](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/electoralareaa)



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## Your Community's Updates

### Garbage and Recycling Service Expanded

In May, residents of Kilmarnock Drive, between Royston and Union Bay, were successful in their petition to the CVRD for an expansion of roadside garbage and recycling service in their community, with about 60 per cent of homes signing on to the petition. The service will cost those residents under \$150/year and should begin in the fall of 2019.

### Denman Island Bulk Water Supply

Residents and businesses previously relying on bulk water from the Graham Lake Improvement District will be impacted by changes to supply options, as an on-island solution for bulk water is no longer available. The CVRD is working to consider alternative options for the area understanding that this is creating a challenge for those who have relied on the service in the past. An information session is scheduled for the end of June. For more information visit

[www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/denmanislandwater](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/denmanislandwater).

### Taking Care of Your Septic System

Two workshops were hosted in the Comox Valley this spring to educate residents about the maintenance of onsite septic systems on their properties. Thank you to those who were able to attend. We are also planning two more workshops for this fall – dates and locations still to be determined. If you are interested in learning more about proper septic maintenance, visit the CVRD's resource page at [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/septic](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/septic).

## Upcoming Dates

**July 1 – 'Meet your Director' at Canada Day Celebrations:** Directors on hand to say hello and talk about what's on your mind.

**Through the Summer – Two Talks/ Discussions for Interested Groups:** 1) Let's talk property taxes, and 2) Climate change and local government. Contact me if you would like to arrange a gathering.

**Fall 2019 – Let's Hear From You Events:** Watch for information about a series of drop-in events to learn the latest news and share your thoughts.

## Zoning Updates

Thank you to everyone who came out and shared their thoughts on the comprehensive Zoning Bylaw review. It's been 14 years since this bylaw was adopted and it's time for an update. In early June, the bylaw was sent to outside agencies and First Nations for review and comment. For more information visit: [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/zoningreview](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/zoningreview).

## Follow me!

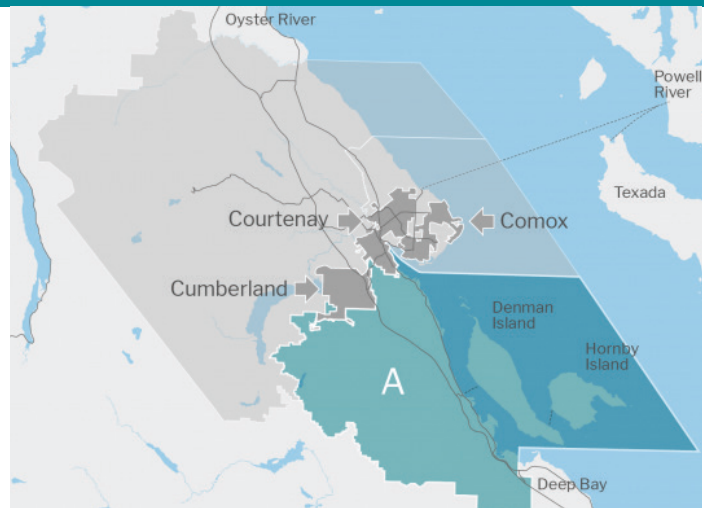
Interested in the latest from Director Arbour? Follow me on Facebook! Just search Daniel Arbour, Director Comox Valley Area A.

## Your Area: Your CVRD Services

Did you know? The CVRD provides 99 services within its boundaries – but each electoral area, or defined portion of an electoral area, participates in a varying mix of services.

Electoral Area A (Baynes Sound – Hornby/Denman Islands) begins at the southern boundary of the City of Courtenay and stretches south to Cook Creek. This area includes Minto, Royston, Union Bay, Fanny Bay and both Denman and Hornby Islands.

To learn more about your property taxes visit [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/propertytaxes](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/propertytaxes).



## Services in Your Area

### AREA A

- CV Airport Service
- CV Community Justice
- CV Emergency Program
- CV Exhibition Grounds
- CV Search and Rescue
- CV Transit
- Electoral Area Emergency Program
- Electoral Areas Governance
- Emergency Shelter Land Acquisition
- Feasibility Studies - Regional
- Fireworks Regulation
- General Administration
- House Numbering Area A
- Liquid Waste Management
- Noise Control
- Recreation Grant
- Unsightly Premises
- Victim Services Program
- Weed Control

### PART AREA A: BAYNES SOUND

- Baynes Sd, Area B & C Parks & Greenways
- Building Inspection
- Comfort Station Service
- CV Animal Control
- CV Economic Development
- CV Recreation Complexes
- CV Track & Fields
- Electoral Area Arts & Culture Grant
- Feasibility Studies - Area A
- Grant In Aid Area A Baynes Sd
- Heritage Conservation Baynes Sd
- Homelessness Supports
- Planning
- Regional Growth Strategy

### PART AREA A: DENMAN ISLAND

- Grant In Aid
- Feasibility Studies
- Fire Protection
- Water Collection Area

- Garbage Collection Specified Area
- Economic Development
- Recreation
- Hornby/Denman Rec Complexes Contribution
- Community Parks & Greenways
- Community Facilities
- Heritage Conservation
- Streetlighting Specified Area

### PART AREA A: HORNBY ISLAND

- Grant In Aid
- Feasibility Studies
- Fire Protection
- Garbage Disposal
- Economic Development
- Recreation
- Hornby/Denman Rec Complexes Contribution
- Community Parks & Greenways
- Community Hall
- Comfort Station Local Service Area
- Heritage Conservation

## Want a service in your community?

Different areas of the CVRD contribute to different services – which can be either regional or local in nature. Many of those services have either been established or expanded to include new participants, additional facilities, etc., at the request of communities who advocated for something they wanted to see added.

Sometimes an area's participation in a service needs to be reviewed to determine if it is continuing to provide value to the residents. For the Electoral Area Director, each budget year means considering how each group of services total up as part of a resident's overall property tax bill. A homeowner's annual property tax impact will vary depending on the mix of CVRD services provided in their area.

Is there a service you would like to see provided in your community? Contact me to talk more about your idea.

## Questions?

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