

OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

- Budget** – We have started to prepare the 2025 budget. To ask questions and learn more please visit Have Your Say.
<https://haveyoursay.fvrd.ca/2025-budget>
- North Cultus Lake Wastewater Treatment Plan**- This project continues to be on schedule and on budget. The latest report can also be found on the Have Your Say page. You are also able to sign up for regular updates that will come straight to your inbox. <https://haveyoursay.fvrd.ca/wwtp>
- Blue Creek Project**- Blue Creek is located near 525 Maple Falls Road in Columbia Valley. It is creek that originates in Washington, flows down the mountain, and ends in a kettle. For those of you who may not know what a kettle is here is a little information. Kettles form when a block of stagnant ice (a serac) detaches from the glacier. Eventually, it becomes wholly or partially buried in sediment and slowly melts, leaving behind a pit. Blue Creek is dry for part of the year but also has a history of flooding properties and the road. Over the years people have been able to canoe down Maple Falls Road during a flooding incident. The water and debris flow into the kettle and the kettle has become full of sand, debris, gravel, and sediment. It fills quickly and the water backs up flooding the road. When it floods some people are not able to get in or out of their home and it is extremely challenging for the first responders to get to where they need to go.
During the Atmospheric River in 2021 the creek flooded but also broke through its banks and created a new path. There was damage and FVRD added this creek to the province’s Disaster Fund list. It was successful and the project to repair the creek and kettle was initiated. This past September work began. The contractor is removing sediment from the kettle to make it as large as possible so it can handle a larger volume of debris and water. After all the rain Tuesday the kettle area was flooded but the road was not. Work is also being done in the creek and includes removing sediment and stabilizing the banks.
- Goose Committee**- Our committee has wrapped up its work for 2024. The goal is to manage the population and we have been quite successful. Over the last 6 years we have added 253 eggs but still counted 171 goslings. Geese can live 10-25 years and adult females can produce many goslings. Geese may be fun to look at and watch but an excessive number of geese means waste on beaches, docks and in the water. Keeping the numbers manageable helps with the health of the lake.
- Road Concerns** – Recently on the first rainy day in some time, 2 cars went off the road. Another vehicle hit a deer. As we get further into fall the days are shorter, the weather will likely be wetter, and the road will be slippery with leaves and rain. It is harder to see. We are fortunate to have two fire departments who give of their time to respond to accidents and other emergencies. We can help by allowing extra time to get into town or back home. Please slow down and travel safely.

If you see a road hazard, please contact Emil Anderson so they are aware and can come out and fix the situation. Emil Anderson staff may not read posts on Facebook, so it is helpful to call 1-800-667-5122 or EAM@EmilAnderson.ca

- 6. **Road Repairs/ Events-** The road repair signs are up so work to replace culverts at Maple Bay, Teapot and Delta Grove will begin soon. The traffic will be down to one lane and there may be delays. Please plan your trips accordingly and watch for flaggers.

The 21st annual **Around the Lake Trail Race** begins at 9:00AM at Main Beach **on Saturday October 19th**. Please watch for runners and flaggers. The runners usually cross Columbia Valley Highway at Watt Road and again at Edmeston Road by the condos. Good luck to all those participating. It is a great chance for others to see beautiful Area H. Spectators are welcome to come out and cheer the runners on.

- 7. **Cultus Lake Stewards (CLASS)-** Members of CLASS work hard to protect the Cultus Lake Watershed. The meetings have interesting guest speakers, and it is good to know what is happening in and around Cultus Lake. CLASS is involved with invasive species such as yellow flag iris and small mouth bass and are always looking for more support. The virtual meetings are informative and open to everyone. Please join us for the next meeting at 9:30 am on Wednesday October 30th. To sign up for the zoom link please look here <https://cultusstewards.ca/home>

- 8. **Provincial Election -Saturday October 19th**
Polls are open 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Those living in Area H will have an opportunity to vote at the **Cultus Lake Community School**. I hope you all have a chance to get out and vote

Advance Voting Opportunities	Tues. Oct.15	Wed. Oct.16
The'i: tseliya-S.A.Y. Health Centre,7256 Chilliwack River Rd	yes	yes
UFV Chilliwack Campus, 45190 Caen Ave.	yes	yes
Yarrow Comm. Centre, 4670 Community St	yes	yes

Thanks to all those I see cleaning up around Area H. Recently there were a few people raking leaves off the Lakeside Trail and putting them in bins. It takes many to take care of our area and your help is appreciated. If you have questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to reach out to me. I'm happy to try and help.

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