

Area H Update- November 22, 2024

1. **Avian Flu-** There have been sightings of dead birds at Cultus Lake. Please do not touch these birds but contact the Wild Bird Morality Investigation Program a 1-866-431- BIRD (2473). This link to BC Government website as more information. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/animals-and-crops/animal-health/reportable-notifiable-diseases/avian-influenza-ai#sickdeadbirds>

2. **Winter Road Information-** I recently attended a Winter Road Session put on by Ministry of Transportation (MOTI) and Emil Anderson. Maintenance of the roads in Regional Districts are under the authority of MOTI and the work is contracted out to Emil Anderson. As winter approaches if you have an immediate road concern, please call or email Emil Anderson to report (1-800-667-5122) <https://emilanderson.ca/maintenance/fraser-valley/>

During snow events Emil Anderson does their best to clear the roads quickly. They have maintenance specifications which they follow based on the class of Road A-F. Class A Roads are dealt with first. Class F roads are not cleared at all. Class A are the highways/major routes within our areas. (Columbia Valley Road). Most of the other roads are D and will be cleared, but not as quickly. To find out you're the type of road you live on here is a link with some instructions. <https://www.tranbc.ca/2020/12/18/the-abcs-of-winter-highway-classification-and-maintenance-in-bc/>

The roads within Cultus Lake Park Board boundary are cleared by Park staff.

3. **North Cultus Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant-** This treatment plant will provide service to those living within the Cultus Lake Park Board boundaries, the Lakeside condos, and the future developments at Sleepy Hollow and Vance. The plant can be expanded if there is enough demand from other residents but that is years away. It will not be able to take septage from septic tanks. The current project continues to be on time and on budget. It will sure be wonderful to have this plant up and running. Bulletins can be found online <https://haveyoursay.fvrd.ca/wwtp>

Recently the team from the NCLWWTP partnered with the Cultus Lake Environment committee and spent 3 hours removing weeds from around Lot B and Main Beach. It was a great way to give back to the community.

4. **Blue Creek Update-** The project to help alleviate Blue Creek flooding will continue as weather permits. Blue Creek is known to fill quickly and historically has flooded Maple Falls Road and some of the surrounding properties. The work is intended to make the kettle as large as possible so it can hold more water. Work is also being done in the stream bed.

There continue to be concerns with the large-scale logging operation and the impact it could have on our area in a heavy rain event. The Washington Department of Forests has told us that Sierra Pacific has met the requirements for a permit and are working within their permit requirements. Residents and local groups have been working to raise awareness of the potential damage that could result from this logging operation. Many thanks to those who have been voicing concerns.

5. **Budget Planning-**We are in the middle of our budget planning cycle. Most of the electoral area directors are working to keep taxes as low as possible. To learn more about the process please look here: <https://haveyoursay.fvrd.ca/2025-budget>

6. **Lakeside Trail-** This trail continues to be well used by the residents and visitors. The cost for maintaining this trail is part of the Area H budget. At the south end it is common to see residents cleaning up the trail. Thank you so much for your dedication to keeping this trail beautiful. The delineators at the north end by the condos have been removed because the snowplows can't plow safely when they are in place. We are hoping to expand the north end of the trail from the golf course to Sunnyside campground as funding and permitting allows.

7. **810 Iverson Update-** All the material from this property has been removed. A final inspection was conducted, and the property is now in compliance. Many thanks to the community and all of Area H for their ongoing pressure to have this removed.
8. **Stillwood Community Christmas Dinner-** I have been asked to extend this invitation to all those living in the Columbia Valley area . If you are interested in attending this dinner please respond using the link: <https://mailchi.mp/d24d6f3e537c/join-us-for-a-christmas-banquet> Many thanks to Stillwood for extending this invitation.

The event details are below.

- December 13, 5pm
- No Cost
- Christmas dinner and Live music
- RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/J1Xy4tqWeBTnu4PH9>

Coming Events

November 23- Cultus Lake Christmas Event- 4:00pm-8:00pm- Main Beach

<https://www.cultuslake.bc.ca/events/cultus-lake-park-christmas-event/>

November 27th-Cultus Lake Stewards Meeting- 9:30 am- all welcome . This month we welcome our guest speakers are from **Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Limited**. Sign up for a link <https://cultusstewards.ca/home>

**Dec. 2 and Dec. 5th- Food Drives for Salvation Army- Columbia Valley December 2nd-6:00pm -8:30pm
Cultus Lake- December 5th 6:00pm-9:00pm**

The members of the Fire Departments will be coming around to homes in the valley and Cultus Lake area. Please have non-perishable items ready. Cash or cheques are also welcome. Please make cheques out to Salvation Army. Donations for Cultus Lake can also be dropped off at the Park Board Office Mon- Fri 8:30am-4:00pm

December 7th- Cultus Lake Community School Association Craft Fair- Cultus Lake Elementary School 10:00am-3:00pm

December 8th- Christmas in Columbia Valley- 10:00am-12:00pm at Columbia Valley Hall. Cookies and Cocoa with Santa.

December 13th- 5:00 Stillwood Community Christmas Dinner

6:30pm and 8:30 pm- Cultus Lake Christmas Concert at Cultus Lake Memorial Church. First come, first serve.

Wow! There sure is a lot going on for the next few weeks. I hope you have a chance to come out to a few of the events. It continues to be a pleasure to service the residents of Area H. If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or ideas you'd like to share, please reach out to me. tdixon@fvrd.ca or 604-819-7000.

Respectfully yours

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