HOW DO WE PARTICIPATE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

The Cowichan Valley is a place where artists and artisans love to create, people of all ages engage in a large variety of sport and outdoor activities, and people still play tennis and bowl at outdoor lawn courts. People here gather for rallies, for causes, and to support families and cultural events. They love our community's various music festivals and enjoy one of the island's best year-round farmers market in the heart of Downtown Duncan. The Cowichan Valley has active and engaged citizens who often take on multiple roles in our community. And, whether they are tackling complex social issues, or planning the next community event, they are working together to build a better community for everyone who lives here.

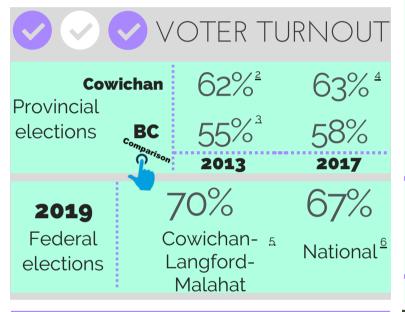
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VOLUNTEERS & THEIR ECONOMIC IMPACT

350 Voluntary Organizations Economic Impact of Charitable Organizations \$119 M¹



YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY (ages 13-22)

		61%		
71%	participate in volunteerism	are employed		
72%				
77%	participate in creative arts	kind of physical activity at least 4 days of the week		
Youth involvement in sports &				

hobbies boosts their resilience, and helps them develop a sense of community.^Z

WOMEN IN LOCAL LEADERSHIP

% of seats won by women per election

Comparison	2014	2018
CVRD	45	56
Municipality of North Cowichan	50	43
City of Duncan	33	50
Town of Lake Cowichan	50	60
Town of Ladysmith	17	29
-	2014	2017
Cowichan Tribes comparison	39	31
Stz'uminus	27	50
Lyackson	50	50
Halalt	33	33
Penelakut	33	30



SENIORS' INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY

In the 2013 Better at Home Report, seniors identified connection with people in their community, visitors to their homes and involvement with community organizations as 3 of the top 5 supports they needed in order to live independently.







BELONGING & PARTICIPATION Arts & Culture

"A picture of a strong and engaged arts, culture and heritage community in the Valley is emerging." Cowichan Culture

LAKETOWN RANCH (Lake Cowichan)

home to Canada's largest outdoor permanent stage[®]

with a 20,000 person capacity, drawing performers like Snoop Dogg & Keith Urban

WE HAVE



registered in the Cowichan Region

CULTURAL ECONOMY

- 44 Art galleries & studios
- 18 Museums
- 7 Cultural Centers
- 7 Theatres
- 5 Arts Councils
- 5 Wineries & Cideries



Valley in 2015

518,989

& spiritual gathering places

HIGHLIGHTS

Chemainus Theatre is famous for "big shows for a little town" creating and designing its own widely acclaimed productions.

Local groups producing community theatre that grow local talent include Ladysmith, Kaatza, Shawnigan Lake Players and Arbutus Ridge

The CVRD's Arts & Culture Division has a regional arts mandate that includes the recent addition of a new Arts tax to support local art and artists plus the development of two new arts councils.

"Cowichan Culture" is a great online resource that maps out the cultural resources in the Valley, and keeps an upto-date inventory of local artists & events.

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