

# CVRD imposes high-risk activities ban

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In accordance with the BC Wildfire Act and provincial fire regulations, the CVRD fire departments have enacted their high-risk activities bylaw (as of Friday July 7).

This ban applies to all properties within the CVRD's Fire Protection Areas within the Comox Valley. The ban does not apply to the City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, and Village of Cumberland.

"Our spring has already been very hot and dry, which makes it even more important to protect our community, property and beautiful landscapes around us," explains Bruce Green, Regional Rural Fire Chief / Fire Chief, Oyster River Fire Rescue.

"Within all areas of the Comox Valley including Hornby and Denman Islands, all high-risk fire activities are now banned until further notice. This ban expands on the existing campfire ban along with the smoking ban, which applies within all CVRD regional parks."

The CVRD bylaws and the Wildfire Act define "high risk activities" as:

- Mechanical brushing (example: industrial scale brushing)
- Disk trenching (example: mechanical preparation of logged site)
- Preparation or use of explosives (example: blasting)
- Using fire or spark-producing tools, including cutting tools (example: cutting torches, metal grinders)
- Using or preparing fireworks or pyrotechnics (example: fireworks display)
- Grinding, including rail grinding (example:

angle grinder)

- Mechanical land clearing (example: excavator or skidder logging or digging out stumps)
- Clearing and maintaining rights of way, including grass mowing (example: commercial right of way mowing; BC hydro brushing. Not residential lawn mowing.

Any of the following activities carried out in a cutblock excluding a road, landing, roadside work area or log sort area in the cut block.

- Operating a power saw (example: cutting firewood off a road in a combustible area)
- Mechanical tree felling, woody debris piling or tree processing, including de-limbing (example: logging activity or cutting firewood off a road in a combustible area)
- Welding (example: any welding off a road)
- Portable wood chipping, milling, processing or manufacturing (example: these activities when done outside of an industrial worksite within a fire protection district)
- Skidding logs or log forwarding unless it is improbable that the skidding or forwarding will result in the equipment contacting rock (example: logging activity)
- Yarding logs using cable systems (example: any logging activity that uses cable yarding equipment)

The ban will cover all CVRD Electoral Area fire departments including:

- Oyster River Fire Department
- Fanny Bay Fire Department
- Hornby Island Fire Department
- Union Bay Fire Department
- Denman Island Fire Department

For more information on high risk activities and to learn which fire protection area you reside in, visit the High Risk Activities page at [comoxvalleyrd.ca](http://comoxvalleyrd.ca).

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## PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY

### Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3095

**4655-A MADRONA PLACE**  
Courtenay, BC  
Strata Lot 5, District Lot 236,  
Comox District, Strata Plan VIS5235  
File No. RZ000075

In accordance with s.464(2) of the Local Government Act, a public hearing on Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3095 is not required. Under s.467 of the Local Government Act notice is hereby given that Council will consider 1st reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3095 at the July 26th, 2023 regular Council meeting. The purpose of the bylaw is to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Part 24- Industrial Two Zone (I-2), section 8.24.1 Permitted Uses to add Daycare in Unit A of Strata Lot 5, District Lot 236, Comox District, Strata plan VIS5235 (4655A Madrona Place). The subject property is on the adjacent map.

#### Get more information:

View a copy of the proposed bylaw and relevant documents on our website [www.courtenay.ca/devaptracker](http://www.courtenay.ca/devaptracker) (search by address or file number).

Written submissions must be received by the City no later than **1:00 pm, Wednesday, July 26, 2023** to ensure their availability to Council at the meeting.

#### Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 26th 2023, 4:00 pm

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# Comox Valley Schools honours winners of Minecraft Challenge

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Comox Valley Schools has announced the winners of the district-wide Minecraft Challenge, an educational initiative designed to engage students with the world of Minecraft while enhancing their problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork skills. There are three categories of winners being celebrated for their exceptional creativity and innovation.

In the Primary Category (Grades K-3), Anwyn Therrien and Maia Allans from Cumberland Commu-

nity School claimed first place with a world promoting sustainability and compassion. The judges were particularly impressed by their innovative pick-and-plant gardening system, renewable energy initiatives, and the inclusion of food reserves for those in need.

"The Minecraft Challenge provided our students with an opportunity to combine their creativity with valuable lessons about environmental stewardship and social responsibility," said district information technology support teacher, Kara Dawson.

"We're tremendously proud of these students for their achievements and their ability to envision and design solutions for future scenarios."

The Intermediate Category (Grades 4-7) saw Ethan Taylor from Valley View take first place. His futuristic spacecraft design, complete with a fusion generator, advanced replicators, and a self-sufficient hydroponic bay, earned high praise for its creativity and ingenious use of space technology.

In the High School Category (Grades 8-12), Hazelwynne Robertson from NIDES won with her inventive creation of an underwater world designed to withstand global warming. The inclusion of crop and animal domes, trash collection facilities, and a sophisticated oxygen production system stood as a testament to the potential of sustainable living in extreme conditions.

In second and third place, respectively, across all categories, students showcased a range of ideas, from sustainable living solutions to futuristic space designs.

Each class with the highest average score was awarded a pizza party for the whole class.

Participants showcased a dedication to creativity and critical thinking, highlighting the potential of the Minecraft Challenge to inspire and engage young learners.



Intermediate Category 1st place winner Ethan Taylor from Valley View Elementary School. Photo supplied



Primary Category 1st place winners Anwyn Therrien and Maia Allans from Cumberland Community School. Photo submitted

## List of winners

### Primary Category (K-3)

1st Place – Anwyn Therrien and Maia Allans from Cumberland Community School

2nd Place – Alice Scott, Charlie Mercer, April Seeley, Gabby Morin Gonzales from Miracle Beach Elementary School

3rd Place – Wolfgang Berg, DeMar Wan and Rocky Smallenberg from Cumberland Community School

### Intermediate Category (4-7)

1st Place – Ethan Taylor from Valley View

2nd Place – Colin Armstrong, Alfred Darlow, Cash Cunningham, Ethan Lee from Huband Park  
3rd Place – Arlo Turgano, Ezra Webb, Dobe Ofong, Ryu Ferguson-Shiina, Reid Thomson, Owen Pendak, Daniel Shute from various schools – Challenge Program

### High School Category (8-12)

1st Place – Hazelwynne Robertson from NIDES

2nd Place – Isabelle Aubin from NIDES

3rd Place – Rosalie Duprey from NIDES

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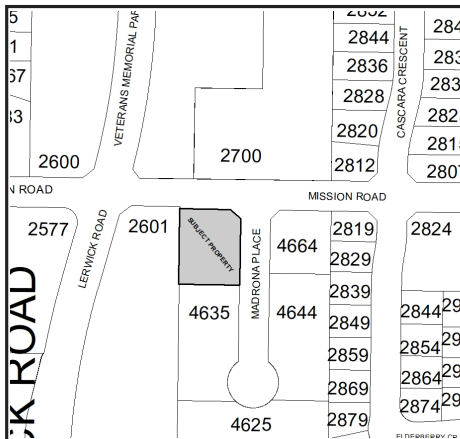
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