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Membership Year – February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2027

The Comox Valley Farmers (CVFI) Institute welcomes and represents a diverse, local group of producers/farmers, processors as well as farm and agriculture supporters. Founded and governed by farmers-for farmers since 1873, it is important to us that the CVFI remain producer/farmer led and driven; this is entrenched in our constitution. Agriculture, farming and farmers are important to us and we commit to promoting, supporting and ultimately contributing to its success in our region. We want to see our members succeed in the business of farming and agriculture and we want to see agriculture continue to be a valued and important contributor to the social, economic and environmental fabric of the Comox Valley's long-term prosperity. There are many ways to be engaged and involved and we are only as successful and as strong as our membership! Our activities are membership driven - Members are encouraged to provide us feedback on what you think we should be focusing on and become involved in our activities. We meet in person on the third Tuesday every month at 7pm at the Dove Creek Hall. We do not meet in December, May, June, July or August.

The 2026 Membership Fee is 50\$. There are three ways you can pay your membership fee:

- by cash or cheque in person by attending a meeting;
- by etransfer to: "banking.cvfi@gmail.com (it is set up for auto deposit)
- by mail to: P.O. Box 3493, Courtenay, B.C., V9N6Z8

As per our constitution, we have four categories of membership:

1) Full Member (Voting): To become a Full Member, a Person must:

- a. be a farmer/rancher/producer and meet the requirements of BC Provincial regulations for farm status;
- b. submit an application to the Institute Board;
- c. agree to conform to and abide by the bylaws of the Institute and regulations made under the Farmers and Womens Institutes Act;
- d. pay the annual membership fees for Full Members.

2) Associate Member (Non-Voting): For farm and agriculture supporters including community members, farm employees, organizations and businesses. To become an Associate Member; a Person must:

- a. support the objects of the Institute;
- b. submit an application to the Institute Board;
- c. agree to conform to and abide by the bylaws of the Institute and regulations made under the Farmers and Womens Institutes Act;
- d. pay the annual membership fees for Associate Members.

3) Life Member (Voting): To become a Life Member, a Person must:

- a. have been a Full Member for 15 years;
- b. submit an application to the Board;
- c. agree to conform to and abide by the bylaws of the Institute and regulations made under the Farmers and Womens Institutes Act;
- d. pay the annual membership fees for a Life Member

4) Honorary Member (Non-voting): A Person may become an Honorary Member if the Voting Members at a general meeting pass a resolution recognizing the contributions of the person to the Institute or its objects. This is a non-voting position, no fee.

****In voting situations, only full or lifetime registered members can vote. To run for the Board or vote at an AGM, you must be a paid up, voting registered member for 90 days prior to the AGM. We traditionally hold our annual general meeting and elections in March. Please note that if you apply for membership as a farm or family, each farm or family gets one vote; NOT each member of the farm or family.**

Comox Valley Farmers Institute
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(*All responses are held confidentially by the CVFI*)

This membership is a: ☐ Renewal ☐ New Application

Family (Last) Name: _____

Farm Name (if any): _____

Names of all participating family members, employees or people you want under your "member/farm umbrella"?

Do you meet the provincial regulations for BC Farm Status or retired BC Farm Status? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What type of membership are you applying for? (NOTE: If you are applying for membership as a family, each family gets one vote, not each member of the family.)

☐ **Full Member (Voting)** (NOTE: A full voting member must have farm status).

☐ **Associate Member (Non Voting)** (NOTE: For farm and agriculture supporters including community members, farm employees, organizations and businesses etc...)

☐ **Lifetime Member (Voting)** (NOTE: Select this option if you are already a lifetime member or if you would like to be considered a lifetime member.

☐ **Honorary Member (Non Voting)**

Full Mailing Address: _____

Town/ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Applicable Phone #'s: H: _____ Cell: _____ Other: _____

Email is the CVFI's primary form of correspondence.

☐ Yes, I would like to receive emails.

☐ No, I do not want to receive emails.

Primary Main Contact Email: _____

Secondary email addresses? (Please list anyone else as part of your family or farm membership that should receive emails?)

Comox Valley Farmer's Institute Membership Fees are: \$50.00

I will be paying by:

☐ Cash

☐ Cheque

☐ E-Transfer (email to: **banking.cvfi@gmail.com**)

Members Signature: _____

Date: _____

Would you like to be advertised/listed on our website as one of our members? <https://cvfarmersinstitute.com/links-to-member-farms-and-their-products/>

- ☐ Yes, I would like to be added to the website or I am already on the website. (***Please Note: It is your responsibility to check the website and let us know what you would like/not like on it; admin will do the best they can**)
- ☐ No, I would NOT like to be on the website
- ☐ Please remove me from the website

There are "potential" opportunities to take part in free farm advertising, specifically with The Comox Valley Growers Growers Guide (put out by the Comox Valley Record) and the Experience Comox Valley Website (<https://experiencecomoxvalley.ca/food-drink/farms-markets/>). Experience Comox Valley is a service of the Comox Valley Regional District and operated by 4EVER Strategies. To support our members getting their farms "out there", would you be comfortable with the CVFI initiating any sharing of your existing customer/public facing information (facebook page, website, socials etc..) with either The Growers Guide or Experience Comox Valley?

- ☐ Feel free to share my public facing farm information with Experience Comox Valley.
- ☐ Feel free to share my public facing information with The Comox Valley Growers Guide (if the opportunity arises)
- ☐ I do not wish the CVFI to initiate the sharing of any public facing farm information with Experience Comox Valley.
- ☐ I do not wish the CVFI to initiate the sharing of any public facing farm information with The Comox Valley Growers Guide.

The following questions help us to know our membership better and help us to try to tailor things to the membership:

What do you farm predominantly? _____

What do you sell? _____

Amount of land in production considering both owned and leased/rented land? _____

Are you currently seeking land?

- ☐ Yes, to lease/rent
- ☐ Yes, to purchase
- ☐ No

If yes, please specify particulars you are looking for (seeking for what purpose, # acres seeking, fully fenced, water etc...)

Are you a new farmer? (Farming less than 5 years)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No. I have farmed for _____ years.

Do you have any special skills or passions you may be keen to lend the CVFI (eg. organization, event coordination, communications, technology, graphic/website design, design, finances, equipment repair, etc...)_____

Would you be interested in hosting a workshop or farm tour? Tell us more._____

How can the CVFI best represent you? What can we offer you?_____

What value does the CVFI bring to you? Why do you join?_____