

A Message from your Director and 2022 Highlights

Voter approval of the Local Community Commission (LCC) proposal in October, 2022 will usher in a new era of CRD governance. It will broaden elected representation, improve transparency and accountability, and consolidate delivery of most local services on SSI, including those now administered by four island-wide CRD Commissions. We owe a debt of gratitude to these volunteer Commissioners and to our many community groups who work to improve our quality of life. Huge thanks also to our health workers, and to other agencies and first responders serving our community every day.

2022 CRD Highlights

- Opened the middle school (SIMS) Multi-Space facility, completed daycare/recreation pool addition, purchased 7 5-acre Maxwell Community Park
- Initiated Merchant Mews pathway/Harbourwalk designs and active transportation plan for Ganges
- CRD contributed \$1 million to new, voter-approved fire hall and acquired Ganges fire hall
- Capital Region Hospital District contributed \$3.7 million to new Lady Minto emergency room

- CRD secured additional millions in grant funding for SSI's first large scale composting facility, new Maliview sewage treatment plant, and Centennial Park upgrades.

Sincerely,



Gary Holman,
Electoral Area Director Salt Spring Island

SSI 2023 Budget

The 2023 CRD requisition (including CRHD) is \$8.0 million, 5.5% higher than 2022. Aside from historically high inflation and related CUPE-negotiated wage and salary increases, key contributing factors are the election, salary and related costs of the voter-approved LCC, year-long leasing of SIMS, reduced user revenue for PARC and local transit, and increased BC Transit costs. Regionally, CRD Directors increased funding for a voter-approved goose management service and indigenous homelessness. Assessed values on SSI increased by 12% to \$1.1 million for the "average" residential property. However, this increase was similar to the CRD as a whole, and therefore had no impact on SSI's share of costs for regional services. The average CRD/CRHD requisition increase over the 2018-2023 period has been about 4% per year.

The total 2023 SSI CRD/CRHD requisition increased to about \$97/mo for the "average" residential parcel, a \$5/mo increase over 2022, excluding user fees and area-specific utilities. This requisition funds a number of local and regional CRD services, such as recreation facilities, local/regional parks, active transportation infrastructure, Fernwood dock, public transit, library, liquid waste, free residential recycling, building inspection, economic development, emergency planning and tele-communications, fire dispatch, the arts, and health facilities/equipment.

Several capital projects are underway, funded by millions in grants from, or flowing through CRD/CRHD/CRHC from senior governments. In addition, other fully-funded capital projects underway that were negotiated by the CRD include BC Housing's supportive housing on Drake Road and MOTI's repaving of Ganges hill.

Salt Spring Island CRD Services provided to taxpayers

CRD | Financial Services

Services provided through the CRD to Salt Spring Island Electoral Area include:

Water and Sewer Services
Parks and Recreation
Emergency Management
Bylaw Enforcement
Animal Control
Building Inspection
Regional Parks
Recycling Depot
Transit and Transportation
Fernwood Dock Management
Economic Development

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How the CRD Works

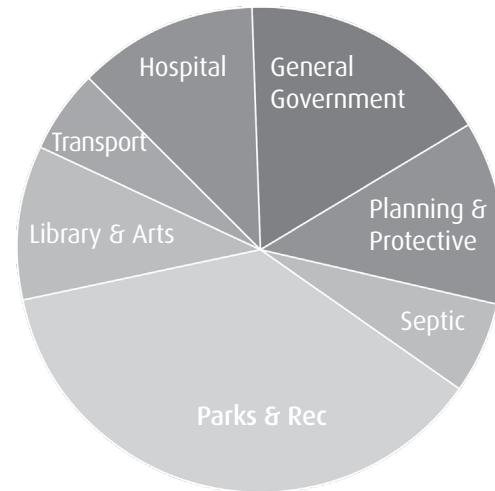
The CRD delivers a range of services throughout the Capital Region, including Salt Spring Island, that are funded by annual property tax requisitions and other fees and charges. The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 Directors who are selected every four years from 13 municipalities and directly elected in three electoral areas. Board meetings, open to the public and video recorded, are held on the second Wednesday of each month, at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria.

The Electoral Area Director is Salt Spring's representative at the CRD Board and on various CRD committees, including the Electoral Area Committee (EAC) comprised of the Directors from each of the three electoral areas. This EAC oversees funding for a number of services that are cost-shared by the three electoral areas, such as: building inspection, bylaw enforcement, and animal control. The CRD Board must ratify the recommendations of all Committees and individual Electoral Area Directors. Committee meetings are also typically held on the second Wednesday of each month and are video-recorded.

The 24 CRD Directors also convene as two other regional boards: the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and the Capital Regional Housing Corporation (CRHC). The CRHD, through property tax levies, shares in the costs of hospital equipment and regional health facilities with the Island Health Authority. The CRHC funds, develops, and manages affordable housing throughout the capital region. CRHC operations are self-financing and require no property tax requisition

SSI Electoral Area 2023 Requisition

The total requisition is \$7,640,928 (2022: \$7,233,552) – excluding area-specific utilities. Local utility services are \$367,175 (2022: \$353,868).



General Government \$1,293,021 (16.1%): Regional and local government administration, local engineering service, grants-in-aid and economic development

Planning & Protective Services \$926,754 (11.6%): Emergency communications and coordination, building inspection and animal care

Septage/Environmental Monitoring \$460,791 (5.8%): Liquid waste disposal and stormwater quality management

Parks & Recreation \$2,825,823 (35.3%): Regional parks, local parks operations, recreation programs and pool operations

Library and Arts Community \$798,773 (10.0%): Public library, Artspring and the Community Arts Council

Transport & Docks \$424,976 (5.3%): Local transit service, pathways and Fernwood Dock

Hospital District \$910,790 (11.4%): Construction of health facility and debt serving of capital project and equipment

CRD Contacts

SSI Administration: **250.537.4448** saltspring@crd.bc.ca

Bylaw Enforcement: **1.800.665.7899**

Animal Control: **250.537.9414**

Building Inspection: **250.537.2711**

Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre: **250.537.1402**

Water and Wastewater Systems:

- Emergency **ONLY: 1.855.822.4426** (toll free) or **1.250.474.9630**

CRD General Enquiries (toll free): **1.800.663.4425**

For more information about the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area please visit: www.crd.bc.ca/about/about-the-region/salt-spring-island

CRD Services on Salt Spring Island

- Bylaw enforcement, animal control, building inspection, regional parks, solid waste disposal
- Water and sewage treatment (area-specific), liquid waste disposal services
- Parks and Recreation
- Emergency Program
- Transit (BC Transit) and Transportation (pedestrian and cycling infrastructure)
- Fernwood Dock Management
- Economic Development

Through contribution agreements, the CRD also supports services delivered by non-profit organizations for the library, community arts, residential recycling and Search and Rescue.

Learn more and follow the decision making process at: www.crd.bc.ca/about/document-library/documents/committeedocuments

CRD Financial Plan and Tax Requisition Summary: www.crd.bc.ca/about/financial-accountability.

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Service Contacts

Islands Trust: 250.537.9144

- All land use matters including rezoning, development permits, subdivision

Land Title Office: 1.877.577.5872

- State of Title Certificate for your property
- Property registration, easements, restrictive covenants, rights-of-way

Front Counter BC: 1.877.855.3222

- Land/water lease applications

Technical Safety BC: 1.866.566.7233

- Gas permits, electrical permits, licences, certificates

Ministry of Transportation: 250.952.4515

- Surface water drainage
- Driveway access permits
- Major repairs to culverts, bridges, roads

Emcon: 778.698.3582

24 hour emergency line 1-866-353-3136

- Public road maintenance

Surveyor of Taxes: 1.800.663.7867 (Inquiry BC)

- Taxes, including school taxes

Island Health: 250.519.3401

- Drinking water verification

Provincial Parks & Wildlife: 1.800.663.7867 (Inquiry BC)

RCMP: 250.537.5555

Fisheries and Oceans Canada: 250.363.3252