

# A Message from your Director

I would first like to thank the many volunteers active on the various boards, commissions and committees, fire departments, and in the community helping to maintain and promote our parks and open spaces.

Priorities that I will be working to address during my term include housing supply, water management, road signage and traffic calming. Multi-agency considerations, very high costs and diverse opinions from many sides add to the complexity of these issues.

I am also excited about working with the Otter Point Community Association to investigate the possibility of a community hall.

West of Otter Point, the Rogers cell tower project is nearing completion—with thanks to former CRD Director, Mike Hicks. I also recently introduced a recommendation to the CRD Board to support the enhancement of fibre optic service as far west as Jordan River.

I have not sought any increase to our 2023 budget from that given preliminary approval in September 2022. With the impact of regional assessment values considered, the final requisition increase for all CRD services in which the JdF takes part is 2.0% — an increase of \$12.96 per average household.

Please don't hesitate to contact me any time. Bring your thoughts, solutions and positive energies. There's lots to do ahead and we'll do it together. And darn it, we'll have fun doing it!

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Sincerely yours,



Al Wickheim,  
Electoral Area Director, Juan de Fuca

# How the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area is Governed

The Province is divided into 27 regional districts. The CRD is one of seven regional districts on Vancouver Island. Regional districts have three basic roles:

1. Provide regional governance and services for the entire region by providing a political forum to represent residents and a system for advancing the interests of the region, and by delivering region-wide services such as economic development, water supply, and solid and liquid waste management.
2. Provide a political and administrative framework for inter-municipal (sub-regional) partnerships through the creation of "benefiting areas".
3. Local government for unincorporated areas: the regional district often provides corporate and financial administrative services and usually provides community planning and land use regulation, and building inspection services.

Elections for the regional director are held every four years. The regional director is the electoral area's representative at the CRD Board and on various CRD committees.

Committees and commissions responsible for oversight of services provided to residents include:

- Electoral Areas Committee
- Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee
- Fire and Emergency Preparedness Commissions
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
- Water and other Utility Commissions
- Advisory Planning Commissions

Ad hoc committees may also be appointed by the Electoral Area Director on a case-by-case basis. As an unincorporated area, services such as subdivision approval and road maintenance fall under the jurisdiction of the Provincial government.

# How the CRD Works

The CRD delivers a range of services throughout the Capital Region, including the Juan de Fuca, funded by annual property tax requisitions and other fees.

The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 Directors, elected every four years from the 13 municipalities and directly elected in the 3 electoral areas. Board and committee meetings are open to the public and livestreamed on the CRD website.

The Electoral Area Director is Juan de Fuca's representative at the CRD Board and various CRD committees, including the Electoral Area Committee (EAC), comprised of Directors from each electoral area. The EAC oversees funding for services cost-shared by the three electoral areas such as building inspection, bylaw enforcement, and animal control. The CRD Board must ratify recommendations of all Committees and individual Electoral Area Directors.

The CRD Directors also convene as two other regional boards: the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC).

The CRHD shares costs with Island Health. The Health Facilities & Capital Planning Strategies Division reviews Island Health's proposed major capital projects and recommends projects for CRHD Board consideration. The CRHD also provides annual funding for minor health infrastructure improvements and medical equipment, undertakes various health facility and community health policy and research initiatives, and administers the Local Board of Health function.

The CRHC funds, develops and manages affordable housing throughout the capital region. CRHC operations are self-financing.

FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR

# Juan de Fuca

CRD Services provided to taxpayers

**CRD** | Financial Services

## JdF Electoral Areas

- Port Renfrew
- Jordan River
- Otter Point
- Shirley
- East Sooke
- Malahat
- Willis Point

[www.crd.bc.ca/jdf](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf)

Al Wickheim,  
Electoral Area Director

# Electoral Area Services in the Juan de Fuca

## Land Use Planning

- Juan de Fuca Community Planning provides current and long-range community planning services from the JdF Local Area Services Building in Otter Point.
- The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee makes recommendations on land use matters to the CRD Board.

## Building Inspection

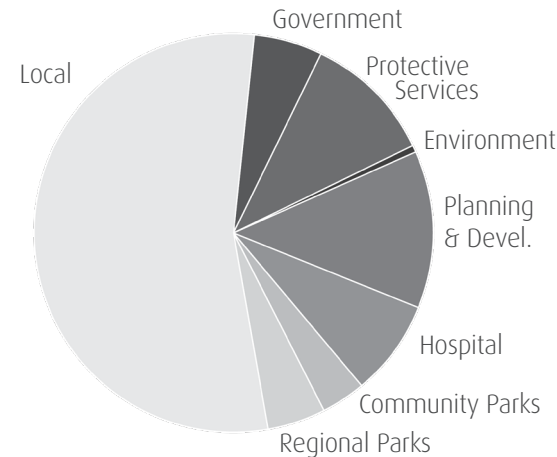
- CRD Building Inspection is a shared service among the three CRD electoral areas: Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands.
- CRD Building Inspection staff in the JdF Local Area Services Building in Otter Point provide building permit and inspection services to the communities of East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew. Staff at the CRD Headquarters in Victoria provide building permit and inspection services to the communities of Malahat and Willis Point.

## Parks and Recreation

- Juan de Fuca Community Parks & Recreation operates 26 community parks and 8.6 km of trails throughout the Electoral Area. The service operates the Port Renfrew Community Hall.
- The Juan de Fuca Community Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission provides advice to set priorities for park acquisition, budgeting and strategic planning.
- Residents of East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River participate in the SEAPARC Recreation Centre and pool.
- Residents of East Sooke, Otter Point Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew participate in the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL).
- Residents of the Malahat and Willis Point participate in the Greater Victoria Public Library.

# Juan de Fuca Electoral Area 2023 Requisition

The total requisition is \$5,880,469 (2022: \$5,555,228)



**General Government \$326,544 (5.6%):** Legislative and general government, administration, Grants-in-aid, community health

**Protective Services \$629,932 (10.7%):** Emergency programs, search and rescue, building inspection and animal care

**Environmental \$31,964 (0.5%):** Millstream Remediation and Climate Action and Adaptation

**Planning & Development \$745,772 (12.7%):** Community Planning, Regional Planning and Regional Growth Strategy

**Community Parks \$201,123 (3.4%):** JdF community parks operations

**Regional Parks \$278,892 (4.7%):** Acquisition of park land, related regional parks planning and operations

**Local/Specified Area Services \$3,203,602 (54.5%):** Fire protection, SEAPARC, local utilities, museums and libraries

**Hospital District \$462,640 (7.9%):** Construction of health facility and debt serving of capital project and equipment

# CRD Contacts

JdF Local Area Services	250.642.1500
CRD General Inquiries	250.360.3000
Animal Care:	250.478.0624
Animal Shelter	250.658.5745
Building Inspection	
• JdF Local Area	250.642.8109
• Fisgard	250.360.3230
Bylaw Enforcement	250.474.3351
Community Parks & Recreation	250.642.8100
Community Planning	250.642.8100
Fire Departments (Non-Emergency)	
• Otter Point	250.642.6211
• Port Renfrew	250.647.0101
• Shirley	250.646.2107
• East Sooke	250.642.4411
• Malahat	250.743.2103
• Willis Point	250.652.1932
Water & Wastewater System Inquiries	250.474.9600
Water Emergencies	250.474.9630
Wastewater Emergencies	250.940.7400
Recycling	250.385.4399

## Contact Your Electoral Area Director

Mailing address: Director Al Wickheim  
#3-7450 Butler Road  
Sooke, BC V9Z 1N1

Phone: 250.216.5802

Email: [directorjdf@crd.bc.ca](mailto:directorjdf@crd.bc.ca)

# Service Contacts

**Land Title Office & Survey Authority of BC**  
**1.877.577.LTSA (5872)**

- State of Title Certificate and encumbrances for your property

**BC Assessment Authority 1.866.valueBC (825.8322)**

- Property assessments

**BC Rural Property Taxation (Surveyor of Taxes)**  
**1.888.355.2700 or 250.387.0555**

- Payment of taxes
- School taxes

**Front Counter BC 1.877.855.3222**

- Provincial land and water licences, permits, registrations and other authorizations

**Island Health 250.519.3401**

- Onsite sewage disposal & drinking water systems
- Food facilities and safety

**Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure**  
**250.952.4515**

- Subdivision applications
- Surface water drainage
- Abandoned vehicles
- Roads, bridges and culverts

**Technical Safety BC 1.866.566.7233**

- Electrical and gas permits for homeowners

**Agricultural Land Commission 604.660.7000**

- ALR regulations and applications

**Archaeology Branch 250.953.3334**

**1.877.952.RAPP (7277) (Report a Violation)**

- Property owner site information and permits

**BC Conservation Officer Service**

**1.877.952.RAPP (7277) (Report a Violation)**

- Natural resource law enforcement

**BC Wildfire Service 1.800.663.5555 (Report a Wildfire)**