

A Message from your Director & 2018 Highlights

It is an honour to once again serve as CRD Director for Salt Spring. My thanks to retiring Director Wayne McIntyre for his 7 years of service and to the hundreds of volunteers on CRD Commissions and community groups, as well as CRD staff, that work together to deliver a number of important services to this community.

Voters decided in the fall of 2018 to continue with our unique, rural form of governance. I am committed to work with our Island Trustees to improve local government accountability and inter-agency cooperation. I will also be seeking voter approval to establish a CRD Local Community Commission to broaden and increase the capacity of locally elected representation, and ultimately take on more responsibility from the CRD Board.

2018 Highlights:

Regional and senior government funding announced for almost 80 units of affordable housing for the Croftonbrook and Salt Spring Commons projects.

The worst wind storm in BC's history caused widespread damage, but exemplary responses by BC Hydro crews, local first responders and the community avoided loss of life or serious injuries.

Community Economic Development Commission advocacy helped establish an inter-island tourism marketing and management organization and eligibility for funding from the Vancouver Island Community Economic Trust.

Design of the Booth Bay to Central pathway initiated. Construction of the North Ganges Transportation Plan awaits resolution of First Nations archaeological concerns.

Preliminary technical assessments of the Ganges Harbourwalk project were completed.

Upgrades to the Ganges sewage treatment plant and the Burgoyne Bay liquid waste facility were substantially completed.

CRD PARC staff takeover of Rainbow Road pool operation increased service levels and net revenues. The children's bike park in Mouat Park was completed and construction started on a new washroom in Centennial Park. PARC's strategic plan also updated with community input.

Sincerely,



Electoral Area Director Salt Spring Island

SSI 2019 Tax Requisition

A newly elected CRD Director recommends final changes to a provisional budget brought forward by the former Director. I support the provisional CRD requisition of almost \$6.4 million (including the Capital Region Hospital District or CRHD), a 1.0% increase over 2018. The most significant change in this budget was the "sunsetting" or expiry of voter-approved funding for the North Ganges Transportation Plan.

This sunsetting partly offset other requisition increases in the provisional budget for a new engineering technician; a part time PARC project coordinator; increased transit costs; an additional, half-time librarian; Salt Spring's share of a new Gulf Islands Destination Marketing Organization; increased grants in aid; and wage and salary increases for CRD staff.

Based on my election platform commitments, community input (including from my public budget presentation), and recent events such as winter storms and vandalism in Ganges, I proposed requisition additions totaling \$43,000, including increases to: grants in aid; feasibility funding; Search and Rescue and Emergency Programs; and bylaw enforcement.

These changes, and additional requisition increases at the CRD Board level (e.g., for climate action and affordable housing), which I support, result in a final 2019 requisition of \$6.446 million, \$81 per month per household (excluding user fee services), an increase of 1.9% over 2018.

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FOR THE 2019 TAX YEAR

Salt Spring Island CRD Services provided to taxpayers

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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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Gary Holman,
Electoral Area Director

How the CRD Works

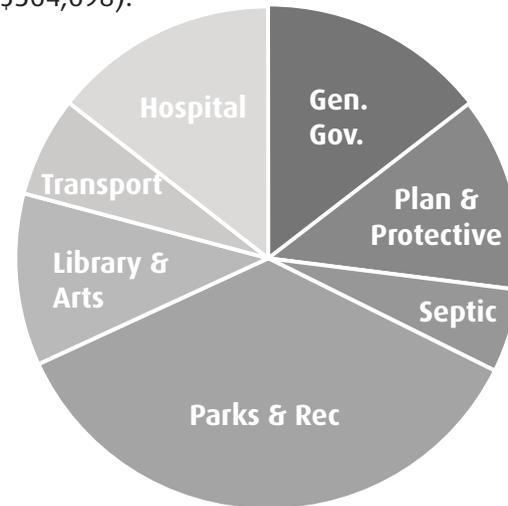
The CRD delivers a range of services throughout the Capital Region, including Salt Spring Island, that are funded by annual property tax requisitions and other fees and charges. The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 Directors who are selected every four years from 13 municipalities and directly 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 Wednesdays 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. The CRHC is self-financing and requires no property tax requisition.

SSI Electoral Area 2019 Requisition

The total requisition is \$6,446,348 (2018 \$6,323,583) – excluding user fee services. User fee services are \$357,318 (2018 \$364,698).



The above chart separates the requisition into seven functional categories:

General Government \$935,305 (14.5%): Funding for administration, Grants-in-aid for community projects and Feasibility studies

Planning & Protective Services \$805,687 (12.5%): Emergency communications and response, Building inspection, Animal control and Housing trust fund

Septage /Environmental Monitoring \$345,050 (5.4%): Septage composting & Stormwater quality management

Parks & Recreation \$2,303,579 (35.7%): Acquisition of local parkland, related planning and operations and operation of the pool

Library and Arts Community \$712,520 (11.1%): Public library, Artspring & the Community Arts council

Transport & Docks \$414,800 (6.4%): Local transit svc, transport improvements, & Fernwood Dock

Hospital District \$929,406 (14.4%): Hospital equipment and capital construction

CRD Contacts

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Animal Control 250.537.9414
Building Inspection 250.537.2711

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, recycling depot
- Water and sewage treatment (area-specific), liquid waste disposal services
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Emergency Program
- Transit and Transportation Commission
- Fernwood Dock Management Commission
- Economic Development Commission

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

2019 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: 250.387.6331

- Property certificates of title
- Property registration, easements, restrictive covenants, rights-of-way
- Land/water lease applications

Ministry of Agriculture & Lands: 1.877.855.3222

- Land/water lease applications

BC Safety Authority

- Gas permits 250.952.4444
- Electrical permits 250.360.0343

Ministry of Transportation: 250.952.4515

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

Mainroad South Island: 250.391.7310

- Road maintenance

Surveyor of Taxes: 1.800.663.7867

- Homeowner grants, taxes incl. school taxes

Island Health: 250.519.3401

- Drinking water verification
- Septic system information, inspection

Provincial Parks & Wildlife (Inquiry BC): 1.800.663.7867

RCMP: 250.537.5555

Fisheries and Oceans Canada: 250.363.3252