

# A Message from your Director and 2021 Highlights

Thanks to our many volunteers on community groups and CRD Commissions, who work with CRD staff to deliver services and projects. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our health workers for keeping us safe during COVID, to MOTI and Emcon for repairing roads battered by the “atmospheric river”, to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation’s fundraising for our new emergency room and health worker housing at the Seabreeze Inne; and to local RCMP for assisting CRD staff manage our local parks. We are living in unprecedented times, but our community has demonstrated its resilience and capacity for progress.

## 2021 Highlights

- Construction of Croftonbrook’s 32 unit Phase 3 began, funded by CRD’s Regional Housing First and Trust Fund programs, to be completed June, 2022. BC Housing announced construction of a 28 unit supported housing and shelter facility at CRD’s Drake Road site, also to be completed this summer.
- Parks and Recreation Commission began constructing a 1500 sq. ft. pool addition, creating space for child daycare and variety of recreation uses; completed a trail connecting SSI Commons housing with Ganges; and finalizing a 5 year lease for SSI’s Middle School, to provide affordable space for community groups.

- Transportation Commission completed the Booth Canal-Central pathway; negotiated final MOTI designs for Ganges Hill repaving; and helped implement free transit for children under 12.
- Gas tax funding secured by CRD contributed to most of the above capital projects and construction of SSI’s first large scale composting facility at Burgoyne Valley Community Farm.
- The Local Community Commission proposal to broaden CRD elected representation, enhance transparency, and allow consolidation of several island-wide commissions, was initiated.

Sincerely,



Gary Holman,  
Electoral Area Director Salt Spring Island

## SSI 2022 Budget

The 2022 CRD requisition (including CRHD) is \$7.2 million, 5.8% higher than 2021. Key contributing factors locally are leasing of the middle school, hiring of library and Community Economic Development staff, continued increases in bylaw enforcement in community parks, and 2022 election expenses. Regionally, CRD Directors increased funding for climate action, park management, and legislative services. Assessed values on SSI also increased by 32%, likely the highest increase SSI’s history, and much higher than CRD as a whole, thus increasing our share of regional service costs.

The total 2022 SSI CRD requisition increased to about \$92 per month per ‘average’ residential parcel (Average Residential Assessment 982,903 in 2022), a \$5.75 per month increase over 2021. This excludes area-specific utilities and user fees.

CRD tax increases over 2018-2022 averaged about 3.5%/yr. Over this period, inflation, CRD wage and salary increases, and population growth, all increased by about 2%/yr.

As summarized under “2021 Highlights” a number of capital projects on SSI are underway, funded primarily by federal gas tax and other senior government and regional grants, including: affordable housing, pathways, the pool addition, and composting facilities.

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## 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

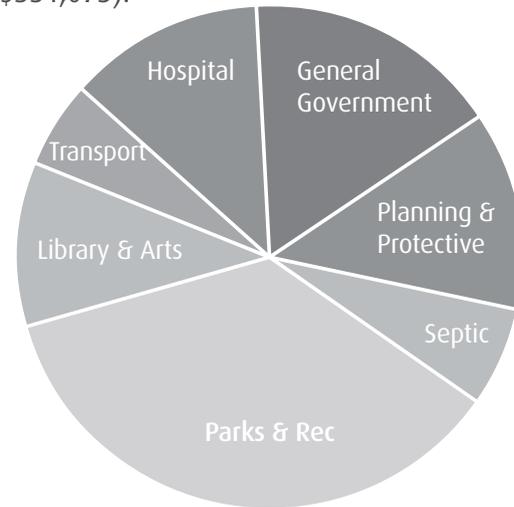
The CRD delivers a range of services throughout the Capital Region, including Salt Spring Island, that are funded by annual property tax requisitions and other fees and charges. The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 Directors who are selected every four years from 13 municipalities and directly 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 2022 Requisition

**The total requisition is \$7,244,099** (2021 \$6,844,407) – excluding area-specific utilities. Local utility services are \$353,868 (2021 \$331,073).



**General Government \$1,182,584 (15.6%):** Regional and local government administration, local engineering service, grants-in-aid and economic development

**Planning & Protective Services \$924,155 (12.2%):** Emergency communications and coordination, building inspection and animal care

**Septage/Environmental Monitoring 448,042 (5.9%):** Liquid waste disposal and stormwater quality management

**Parks & Recreation \$2,597,761 (34.2%):** Regional parks, local parks operations, recreation programs and pool operations

**Library and Arts Community \$785,297 (10.3%):** Public library, Artspring and the Community Arts Council

**Transport & Docks \$391,435 (5.2%):** Local transit service, pathways and Fernwood Dock

**Hospital District \$914,824 (12.0%):** Construction of health facility and debt serving of capital project and equipment

# CRD Contacts

SSI Administration: **250.537.4448** [saltspring@crd.bc.ca](mailto: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 System:

- 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](http://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](http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/document-library/documents/committeedocuments)

**CRD Financial Plan and Tax Requisition Summary:** [www.crd.bc.ca/about/financial-accountability](http://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**