

A Message from your Director & 2019 Highlights

My thanks to the hundreds of volunteers on CRD Commissions and community groups, who along with CRD staff, help further progress on important Salt Spring issues. One of my priorities is to improve cooperation with our local Island Trustees and other Salt Spring agencies and organizations, including working with the SSI Fire District's Advisory Committee on the fire hall replacement; with North SSI Water District and the Trust's Watershed Protection Alliance on improving water management; and with the SSI Harbour Authority and Chamber of Commerce on the proposed Ganges Harbourwalk.

2019 Highlights

Construction began on almost 80 units of affordable housing at Croftonbrook and Salt Spring Commons. A coalition of local organizations and locally elected officials helped convince BC Housing to provide year-round funding for Community Services' homeless shelter. CRD continued discussions with BC Housing for a project on Drake Road.

The CRD Parks and Recreation Commission received \$214,000 in provincial funding for modular space adjacent to the Rainbow Road pool for early childhood and general recreation uses.

The Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership (a SSI Community Economic Development Commission initiative) was established to promote off-peak tourism and management of tourism impacts.

Construction began on the Booth Bay to Central pathway. First Nations archaeological concerns were resolved, permitting completion of the North Ganges Transportation Plan.

The Province indicated support for a right of way permitting construction of the Ganges Harbourwalk.

Centennial Park redevelopment continued, with completion of the new washroom and starting construction of the children's playground.

The federal government doubled gas tax funding in 2019, which on Salt Spring helped support energy and water supply/conservation investments for affordable housing, and community facilities such as Artspring and the Root; as well as updating of our climate action and area farm plans.

Sincerely,



Gary Holman,
Electoral Area Director Salt Spring Island

SSI 2020 Budget

The CRD requisition for 2020 (including the Capital Region Hospital District) will be \$6.778 million, a 5.2% increase over 2019. The most significant factors contributing to this increase were core inflation and negotiated increases in staff wages and salaries; CRD Board commitments to climate action and First Nations reconciliation; capital renewal in regional parks; and increases for local Salt Spring CRD services.

Local CRD requisition increases will fund a Parks & Recreation project coordinator from part to full time; increased PARC maintenance and bylaw enforcement; an additional, half-time librarian; extension of public transit to the Beddis Road area; planning and design for Mahon Hall upgrades by the SSI Arts Council; and higher off-island hauling costs for our liquid waste.

The total SSI CRD/CRHD requisition in 2020 is about \$85 per month per 'average' parcel. This excludes user fees for certain services and area-specific CRD utilities, but includes debt repayments and a whole range of CRD services such as the library, public transit and pathways, our swimming pool, local parks and recreation programming, emergency planning and coordination, and economic development.

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FOR THE 2020 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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How the CRD Works

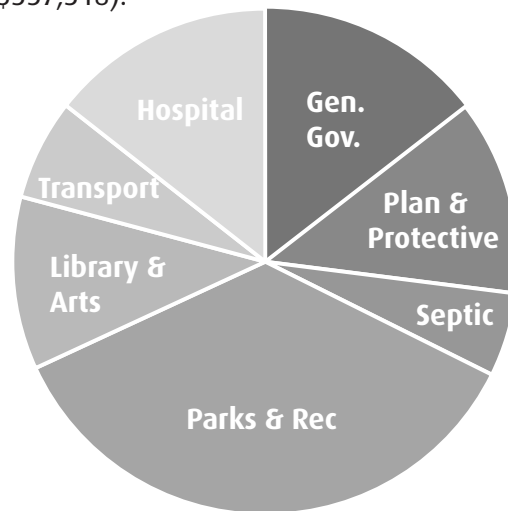
The CRD delivers a range of services throughout the Capital Region, including Salt Spring Island, that are funded by annual property tax requisitions and other fees and charges. The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 Directors who are selected every four years from 13 municipalities and directly 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 2020 Requisition

The total requisition is \$6,777,726 (2019 \$6,446,348) – excluding area-specific utilities. Local utility services are \$340,833 (2019 \$357,318).



General Government \$1,012,927 (14.2%): Regional and local government administration, local engineering service, grants-in-aid and economic development

Planning & Protective Services \$825,896 (11.6%): Emergency communications and coordination, building inspection and animal care

Septage/Environmental Monitoring \$384,522 (5.4%): Liquid waste disposal and stormwater quality management

Parks & Recreation \$2,430,148 (34.1%): Regional parks, local parks operations, recreation programs and pool operations

Library and Arts Community \$776,240 (10.9%): Public library, Artspring and the Community Arts Council

Transport & Docks \$431,032 (6.1%): Local transit service, pathways and Fernwood Dock

Hospital District \$916,961 (12.9%): Construction of health facility and debt serving of capital project and equipment

CRD Contacts

SSI Administration: **250.537.4448**
Bylaw Enforcement: **1.800.665.7899**
Animal Control: **250.537.9414**
Building Inspection: **250.537.2711**
Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre: **250.537.1402**
CRD water system emergency call centre: **1-855-822-4426** (toll free) or **1-250-474-9630**
CRD local operator (Ganges Wastewater Treatment Plant): **250-537-4314**
CRD water system 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: 250.378-7170

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