

# A Message from your Director and 2020 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.

## 2020 Highlights

- Completion of 22 new homes at Croftonbrook with construction of Phase III expected to be underway in 2021 and the completion of 12 new homes at Salt Spring Commons for a total of 34 new homes on the island. Phase II for Salt Spring Island Commons is expected to be completed in 2021. BC Housing and the CRD continue to explore opportunities to advance the Drake Road site.
- Parks and Rec Commission secured \$832,725 in Provincial funding for an addition to Rainbow Road pool for daycare and recreation uses; PARC also continued Centennial Park redevelopment, with completion of the new children's playground.

- Advocacy by our Community Economic Development Commission resulted in inclusion of Salt Spring in the Island Coastal Economic Trust funding program.
- SSI Transportation Commission completed North Ganges Transportation Plan. Construction underway on Booth Bay to Central pathway. Ministry of Transportation committed to repaving Ganges Hill with wider shoulder lanes up to Cranberry Road.
- Federal gas tax funding supported upgrades at the Root, Core Inn, local water and waste treatment facilities, and completion of updated Area Farm and Climate Action plans.
- \$3 million commitment by the Capital Region Hospital District to new Lady Minto emergency room.

Sincerely,



Gary Holman,  
Electoral Area Director Salt Spring Island

## SSI 2021 Budget

The 2021 CRD requisition (including the CRHD) is \$6.854 million, a 1.2% increase over 2020. Key contributing factors are a higher escalation in assessed values on SSI, increasing our share of regional service costs; and an increase in the CREST emergency communications levy for system-wide technology upgrades. These increases were largely offset by Provincial and BC Transit COVID relief funding.

While the main focus for the 2021 CRD budget is to limit requisition increases in recognition of the economic impacts of COVID, some service level improvements are still possible, including: increases for PARC bylaw enforcement; extension of public transit to the Beddis area (delayed in 2020 by COVID); and increased support for our local Emergency Program, watershed protection and grants in aid. Capital projects will also proceed, including: affordable housing, pathways, recreation/daycare/health facilities, and water/waste treatment.

The total 2021 SSI CRD/CRHD requisition remains at about \$85 per month per 'average' parcel, excluding area-specific utilities and user fees for certain services, but including debt repayments for island-wide regional services and a range of CRD services.

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FOR THE 2021 TAX YEAR

## 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

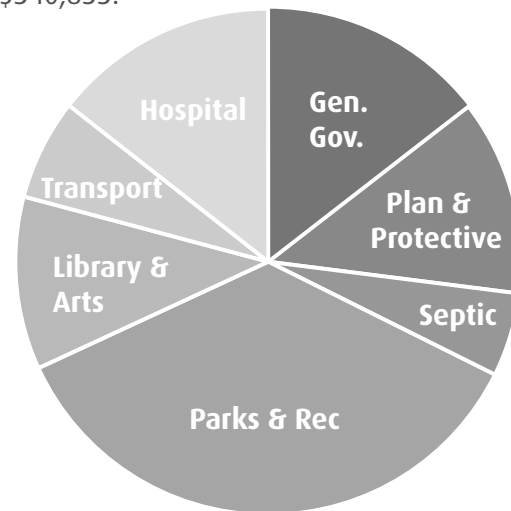
The CRD delivers a range of services throughout the Capital Region, including Salt Spring Island, that are funded by annual property tax requisitions and other fees and charges. The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 Directors who are selected every four years from 13 municipalities and directly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

# SSI Electoral Area 2021 Requisition

**The total requisition is \$6,853,755** (2020 \$6,772,736) – excluding area-specific utilities. Local utility services are \$331,073 (2020 \$340,833).



**General Government \$1,045,027 (14.5%):** Regional and local government administration, local engineering service, grants-in-aid and economic development

**Planning & Protective Services \$915,236 (12.7%):** Emergency communications and coordination, building inspection and animal care

**Septage/Environmental Monitoring \$397,715 (5.5%):** Liquid waste disposal and stormwater quality management

**Parks & Recreation \$2,425,724 (33.8%):** Regional parks, local parks operations, recreation programs and pool operations

**Library and Arts Community \$779,864 (10.9%):** Public library, Artspring and the Community Arts Council

**Transport & Docks \$383,767 (5.3%):** Local transit service, pathways and Fernwood Dock

**Hospital District \$906,422 (12.6%):** 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](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**