

A Message from your Director

This has been yet another trying year as we navigated our way through the pandemic and its impacts. Our island communities have been extraordinarily resilient in tackling these challenges. We've faced the direct impacts to personal health and the economic toll on island businesses, and now the indirect impacts of rapidly rising house prices and the significant increase in populations. These present both challenges and opportunities that the CRD is working together with each island community to address through the range of services we provide.

We may know CRD as the entity that funds fire and emergency management, medical centres, libraries and in many cases, water and waste water systems, but CRD also funds recreation programs, supports both regional and local parks systems, and manages our island's public docks. In response to community request for service improvements, we are facilitating new approaches to transportation and internet networks, more secure health care and advancing strategies for addressing acute housing issues. We are grateful for the support from Southern Gulf Islanders in assisting all these programs through volunteerism and community engagement.

Integrated Transportation Planning

The Capital Regional District has completed the Integrated Transportation Service Plan for the Southern Gulf Islands and is considering a new transportation service for the Electoral Area. With a new service, the CRD could provide each island with funding for the community buses (public transit), facilitate improvements to active transportation networks (for walking, cycling and rolling), and integrate with opportunities for additional inter-island travel between the islands (beyond BC Ferries). For more information, see <https://getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/cgi-transportation>.

Southern Gulf Islands Housing Strategy

The CRD housing strategy for the Southern Gulf Islands is in process; it proposes a rural housing program and identifies solutions for how the CRD can better support housing needs on the islands. As part of this work, the CRD has now completed an updated housing market analysis and an affordable housing feasibility study to provide data on the changing costs and barriers to achieving affordable housing on the islands.

Connectivity Planning

Ensuring reliable, affordable internet service has been a major focus of the CRD's work in the Southern Gulf Islands over the past term. The SGI Connectivity Plan underscores how common goals of sustainable economies, community health and resilience depend on reliable internet, while Phase Two provided an infrastructure design strategy for how to get there. The CRD continues to pursue funding partnerships and investment to improve internet on the islands.

Greater Community Presence

The SGI Liaison program was extended again in 2022. Each of the large islands (Galiano, Saturna, Mayne, and North & South Pender Islands) has hired local CRD liaisons to coordinate on-the-ground, community-based CRD projects. The liaisons share information, connect community groups, and facilitate community member access to various CRD staff and services.

Fire and Emergency Programs

The Southern Gulf Island Emergency Program (SGIEP) goal is to create and maintain a cooperative organization to manage risks from major emergencies and disasters that may affect the Southern Gulf Islands. SGIEP includes Island Community Coordination Centres, Emergency Support Services Reception Centres and Neighbourhood Preparedness Programs. Together with Disaster Communications and Search & Rescue, these services provide comprehensive support to the First Responding Agencies: RCMP, Fire Departments, BC Ambulance, Canadian Coast Guard, and Parks Canada.

SGI Initiatives info: www.sustainableislands.ca

How the CRD Works

The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 directors who are elected every four years from 13 municipalities and three electoral areas. Board meetings, open to the public, are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria.

CRD service delivery in the Southern Gulf Islands is often done by way of delegated authority to advisory commissions, made up of local island based volunteers who deliver services on behalf of the CRD Board. Examples include the local community parks commissions, the library commission, the Community Economic Sustainability Commission, the SGI Harbours Commissions and individual water/sewer commissions on the islands.

The Electoral Area Director is the area's representative at the CRD Board and on various CRD committees, including the Electoral Areas Committee (EAC), made up of the Directors from each of the three electoral areas. The CRD Board must ratify the recommendations of all committees. EAC meetings are also typically held on Wednesdays and are video-recorded.

Contact Your Electoral Area Director

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FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR

Southern Gulf Islands CRD Services provided to taxpayers

CRD | Financial Services

SGI Electoral Areas

- Galiano Island
- Saturna Island
- Mayne Island
- North & South Pender Islands
- Piers Island
- Sidney Island
- Associated smaller islands

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David Howe,
Electoral Area Director

CRD Services in the SGI Electoral Area

SGI Island-Wide Service

2022 Expenditure Budgets

• SGI Emergency Programs	\$430,752
• SGI Docks & Harbours	\$449,320
• SGI Libraries	\$232,808
• SGI Economic Development	\$123,156
• SGI General Government & Others	\$626,548

SGI Local Service

2022 Expenditure Budgets by Island

Galiano

• North Galiano Fire Protection	\$220,715
• South Galiano Fire Protection	\$472,448
• Galiano Community Recreation	\$38,133
• Galiano Community Parks	\$94,823
• Sticks Allison Water	\$73,504
• Galiano Comm Use Building	\$63,202
• Galiano Health Service	\$135,812

North & South Pender

• Magic Lake Estates Water	\$962,930
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer	\$884,810
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer Debt	\$212,530
• Pender Fire Protection	\$1,165,220
• Pender Community Parks	\$165,474
• Pender Community Recreation	\$69,107
• Pender Island Health Care Centre	\$225,987

Mayne

• Mayne Community Parks	\$93,173
• Mayne Community Recreation	\$48,684
• Skana Water	\$75,615
• Surfside Park Water	\$118,007

Saturna

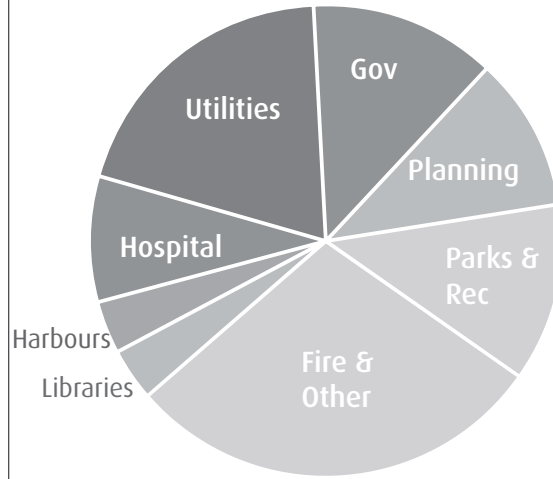
• Saturna Community Parks	\$24,899
• Saturna Community Recreation	\$21,167
• Saturna Island Water	\$254,331
• Saturna Fire Protection	\$188,365
• Saturna Island Medical Centre	\$33,541

Gossip Island

• Gossip Island Power Supply	\$56,998
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SGI Electoral Area 2022 Requisition

Total requisition for area-wide services: \$8,134,534 (2021 \$7,315,336)



General Government \$1,021,327 (12.6%):

Legislative and general government administration, Grants-in-aid and Economic development

Planning & Protective Services \$858,209 (10.6%):

Regional planning, emergency services, building inspection and animal care

Parks/Rec/Environment \$990,274 (12.2%):

Regional parks, local parks & recreation, climate action and stormwater monitoring

Fire/Other \$2,360,991 (29%):

Local area fire services, Saturna and Galiano Health

Libraries \$292,002 (3.6%)

Harbours & Docks \$301,288 (3.7%):

11 docks & harbours

Hospital District \$690,058 (8.5%):

Construction of health facility and debt serving of capital project and equipment

Local Utilities \$1,620,385 (19.9%):

Small water & sewer utilities

Financial Accountability

www.crd.bc.ca/about/financial-accountability

CRD Contacts for SGI Electoral Area

CRD General Enquiries (toll free): 1.800.663.4425

Water and Wastewater System

- Emergency **ONLY**: 1-855-822-4426 (toll free) or 1-250-474-9630

CRD Island Offices

Pender Island

Driftwood Centre
Contact: Melody Pender
Email: mpender@crd.bc.ca

Mayne Island

424 Fernhill Rd
Contact: Kat Ferneyhough
Email: Mayneinfo@crd.bc.ca

Saturna Island

100 E. Point Rd (in the Saturna Pub building)
Contact: Katie Dentry
Email: saturnainfo@crd.bc.ca

Galiano Island

23 Madrona Drive (in the Islands Trust Office)
Contact: Emma Davis
Email: galianoinfo@crd.bc.ca

Capital Regional District Headquarters

625 Fisgard St, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6
Contact: CRD reception Desk 250.360.3000

Building Inspection Offices

- Pender Island Office 250.629.3424
- Victoria 1.866.475.1581 (toll-free)

Bylaw Enforcement 1.800.665.7899 (toll-free)

Animal Control 1.800.655.7899 (toll-free)

Service Contacts

House/Street Address

- Pender Island – contact CRD Pender Island Building Inspection office 250.629.3424
- All other islands – contact your local fire department

Islands Trust 250.405.5151

- Zoning and land use, including rezoning, subdivision, environmental protection, and tax exemptions for land conservation

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, including groundwater licenses and domestic well registration

Technical Safety BC 1.866.566.7233

- Gas permits, electrical permits, licences, certificates

Ministry of Transportation 250.952.4515

- Surface water drainage
- Access permits, culverts, bridges, roads

Surveyor of Taxes 1.800.663.7867 (toll-free) or 250.387.0555

- School taxes
- Payment of taxes

Island Health 250.519.3401

- Water quality

Provincial and Federal Government Services

Province of BC

- Highways maintenance 250.391.7310
- Wildlife issues 1.800.663.7867

Federal Government

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada 250.363.3252
- Gulf Islands National Park Reserve 1.866.944.1744
- Policing 250.629.6171