

A Message from your Director

As I look forward to serving the Southern Gulf Islands for the next four years as your Electoral Area Director, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our many volunteers who work with community groups and volunteer on Capital Regional District (CRD) Commissions, working with CRD staff to deliver services and projects. Top priorities for me involve continuing to support and take action to address the housing crisis on our islands, transportation needs, and connectivity improvements.

Connecting with Islanders

The SGI Liaison program has become a core resource to connect each of the large islands (Galiano, Saturna, Mayne, and North & South Pender Islands) with CRD programs and staff. Locals on each island are available to connect the community and coordinate with CRD services for CRD projects. The liaisons are my “boots on the ground” who provide information, connect community groups, and facilitate islanders’ access to various CRD services. They’ve also brought unique skills to the table, providing synergy and cost-effectiveness to our organization. As well, I’m committed to being open and accessible, and will be making myself available on your island throughout the year.

Integrated Transportation Planning

The CRD conducted a thorough service review and in-depth community consultation which culminated in the 2022 referendum to create a transportation service on the islands. While the referendum was close but ultimately not successful, I am continuing to consider other ways to support community proposals for transportation solutions despite the lack of

a CRD service to hold or provide funding and administrative capacity.

Housing in the Southern Gulf Islands

The Southern Gulf Islands has an urgent need to increase housing options for workers, young families, and low income community members. The CRD housing strategy for the Southern Gulf Islands has now been adopted by the CRD. It proposes a rural housing program in recognition that housing needs on the islands are different than in urban centres, and suggests actions for how the CRD can better support solutions that fit the islands. Through the SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission’s work with the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre, the Housing NOW project has been launched to match those with housing needs with others that have surplus housing to offer.

Connectivity Planning

Ensuring reliable, affordable internet service continues to be a major focus of the CRD’s work in the Southern Gulf Islands. The CRD’s partnership with Connected Coast will bring high speed internet to the shores of most of our islands, and last mile fibre solutions to Galiano and Saturna Islands. The CRD is continuing to work with other internet service providers to ensure investments will improve internet on all the islands.



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Electoral Area Director

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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 2023 TAX YEAR

Southern Gulf Islands

CRD Services provided to taxpayers

 | 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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CRD Services in the SGI Electoral Area

SGI Island-Wide Service

2023 Expenditure Budgets

• SGI Emergency Programs	\$432,509
• SGI Docks & Harbours	\$461,887
• SGI Libraries	\$239,681
• SGI Economic Development	\$157,768
• SGI General Government & Others	\$639,105

SGI Local Service

2023 Expenditure Budgets by Island

Galiano

• North Galiano Fire Protection	\$241,634
• South Galiano Fire Protection	\$584,473
• Galiano Community Recreation	\$38,375
• Galiano Community Parks	\$127,681
• Sticks Allison Water*	\$75,539
• Galiano Comm Use Building	\$68,064
• Galiano Health Service	\$139,886

North & South Pender

• Magic Lake Estates Water*	\$1,000,318
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer*	\$868,799
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer Debt*	\$235,784
• Pender Fire Protection	\$1,243,987
• Pender Community Parks	\$169,351
• Pender Community Recreation	\$71,371
• Pender Island Health Care Centre	\$234,921

Mayne

• Mayne Community Parks	\$95,875
• Mayne Community Recreation	\$52,931
• Skana Water*	\$89,870
• Surfside Park Water*	\$123,835

Saturna

• Saturna Community Parks	\$27,245
• Saturna Community Recreation	\$18,976
• Lyall Harbour Water*	\$278,852
• Saturna Fire Protection	\$267,829
• Saturna Island Medical Centre	\$25,327

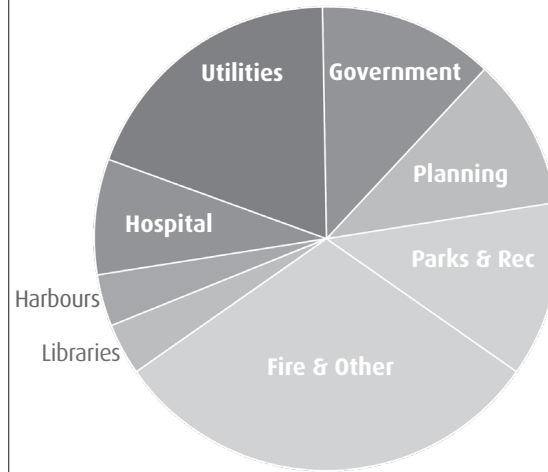
Gossip Island

• Gossip Island Power Supply*	\$63,695
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* Defined/Specified Service, only the properties within the service area pay for the service received.

SGI Electoral Area 2023 Requisition

Total requisition for area-wide services: \$8,630,195 (2022: \$8,134,062)



General Government \$1,067,901 (12.4%):

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

Planning & Protective Services \$903,639 (10.5%):

Regional planning, emergency services, building inspection and animal care

Parks/Rec/Environment \$1,042,995 (12.1%):

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

Fire/Other \$2,657,946 (30.8%):

Local area fire services, Saturna and Galiano Health

Libraries \$300,716 (3.5%)

Harbours & Docks \$309,533 (3.6%):

13 docks & harbours

Hospital District \$691,796 (8.0%):

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

Local Utilities \$1,655,669 (19.2%):

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 Systems

- 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 Road
Contact: Kat Ferneyhough
Email: mayneinfo@crd.bc.ca

Saturna Island

100 E. Point Road (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 Street, 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