

# A Message from your Director

This will be the eighth year that we have worked together. My commitment to the islands has never wavered and together, with the dedicated support of the many volunteers who devote hours of their time, the southern gulf islands remain as a special place.

A heartfelt thank you to all.

## Connectivity Planning

In 2019, the CRD conducted a community based connectivity plan for the Southern Gulf Islands to document how greater connectivity can advance each island's common goals of sustainable economic development, community health, and resilience. The Phase 1 report, Connecting SGI: Connectivity Planning for the Southern Gulf Islands, is now complete. Thank you to everyone who participated in our process and workshops on each of the islands. Next steps involve coordinating funding partnerships towards infrastructure design options and implementation.

## Housing and Transportation

Over the next year, we are prioritizing the creation of a housing strategy for the Southern Gulf Islands that will consider the Housing Needs Assessment we conducted in 2018, and will identify how the CRD can better support the housing crisis on the islands.

We are also advancing consideration of an integrated transportation strategy to examine how to best support systems that better link our islands over land and water.

## Investing in SGI Communities

We continue our commitment to supporting energy upgrades and other community priorities through Community Works Fund grants and Grants in Aid. Many of the public buildings throughout the SGI have received grants for energy efficient retrofits solar panel installations. Over the last 8 years, grants have been distributed to each island equitably, supporting projects for many organizations to the tune of \$525,734 in 2019.

## Greater Community Presence

In order to make the CRD more accessible and bring greater support to the islands, we now have offices on Mayne, Saturna, and Galiano Islands and continue operating our offices on North Pender Island. The offices are staffed by CRD liaisons, members of your community who can help you access CRD services and who support the delivery of our new initiatives.

## 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 Information:* [www.sustainableislands.ca](http://www.sustainableislands.ca) or contact Melody Pender, [mpender@crd.bc.ca](mailto:mpender@crd.bc.ca) at the Driftwood Community Resource Centre.

## 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 Commission 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 2020 TAX YEAR

## Southern Gulf Islands CRD Services provided to taxpayers

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## SGI Electoral Areas

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

[www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

David Howe,  
Electoral Area Director

# CRD Services in the SGI Electoral Area

## SGI Island-Wide Service 2020 Expenditure Budgets

• SGI Emergency Programs	\$406,478
• SGI Docks & Harbours	\$369,758
• SGI Libraries	\$203,001
• SGI Economic Development	\$98,462
• SGI General Government & Others	\$538,507

## SGI Local Service 2020 Expenditure Budgets by Island

### Galiano

• North Galiano Fire Protection	\$224,034
• South Galiano Fire Protection	\$379,103
• Galiano Community Recreation	\$35,981
• Galiano Community Parks	\$90,080
• Sticks Allison Water	\$66,870
• Galiano Comm Use Building	\$60,862
• Galiano Health Service	\$123,011

### North & South Pender

• Magic Lake Estates Water	\$949,363
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer	\$974,068
• Pender Fire Protection	\$968,891
• Pender Community Parks	\$154,960
• Pender Community Recreation	\$60,366

### Mayne

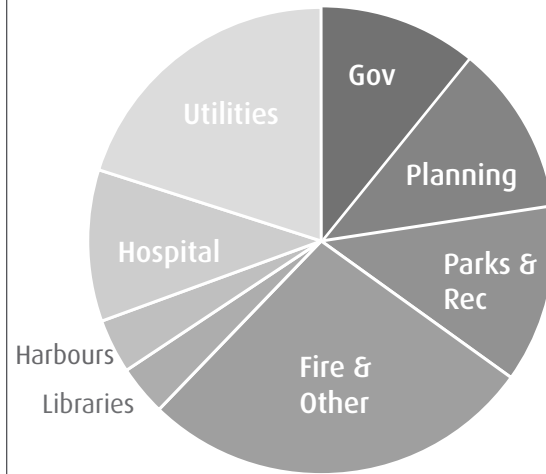
• Mayne Community Parks	\$81,525
• Mayne Community Recreation	\$35,745
• Skana Water	\$66,870
• Surfside Park Water	\$110,845

### Saturna

• Saturna Community Parks	\$18,615
• Saturna Community Recreation	\$13,529
• Saturna Island Water	\$236,700
• Saturna Fire Protection	\$170,002
• Saturna Island Medical Centre	\$15,387

# SGI Electoral Area 2020 Requisition

**Total requisition for area-wide services:  
\$7,096,546 (2019 \$6,655,154).**



### General Government \$790,289 (11.1%):

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

### Planning & Protective Services \$806,539 (11.4%):

Regional planning, emergency services, building inspection and animal care

### Parks/Rec/Environment \$870,581 (12.3%):

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

### Fire/Other \$1,907,126 (26.9%):

Local area fire services, Saturna and Galiano Health

### Libraries \$260,894 (3.7%)

### Harbours & Docks \$273,347 (3.9%):

11 docks & harbours

### Hospital District \$672,850 (9.5%):

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

### Local Utilities \$1,514,919 (21.3%):

Small water & sewer utilities

## Financial Accountability

[www.crd.bc.ca/about/financial-accountability](http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/financial-accountability)

# CRD Contacts for SGI Electoral Area

## CRD Island Offices

### Pender Island

Driftwood Centre  
Contact: Melody Pender  
Email: [mpender@crd.bc.ca](mailto:mpender@crd.bc.ca)

### Mayne Island

494 Arbutus Drive (at the Mayne Island Resort)  
Contact: Jean-Daniel Cusin  
Email: [Mayneinfo@crd.bc.ca](mailto:Mayneinfo@crd.bc.ca)

### Saturna Island

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

### Galiano Island

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

## Capital Regional District Headquarters

625 Fisgard St, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6  
Contact: Justine Starke, Manager of Southern Gulf Islands Service Delivery  
Office: 250.360.3275 | Email: [jstarke@crd.bc.ca](mailto:jstarke@crd.bc.ca)

## 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