

A Message from your Director

This is now our 10th year of working together.

This past year has been a difficult one for all of us but we have achieved a number of critical items, one of which is the 'Rural' definition for our Community. After many years of advocacy, we now are part of the Islands Coastal Economic Trust which funds economic development and community building initiatives on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, and now the Southern Gulf Islands.

Grants for Connectivity, Transportation, Trails, & Magic Lake Sewer installations are being pursued.

Be kind, be safe, & be patient.

Connectivity Planning

Ensuring reliable, affordable internet service continues to be a major objective of the CRD's work in the Southern Gulf Islands. The SGI Connectivity Plan underscores how common goals of sustainable economies, community health and resilience depend on reliable internet. The Phase Two infrastructure design is now complete. The CRD continues to pursue funding partnerships and investment to improve internet on the islands.

Integrated Transportation Planning

The Capital Regional District is investigating an Integrated Transportation Service for the Southern Gulf Islands. If established, the service would create new opportunities for public transit, active transportation, and inter-island passenger ferry travel, integrated to enable multi-modal travel options throughout the islands. The study will be underway throughout 2021 with recommendations for possible service establishment in 2022.

Southern Gulf Islands Housing Strategy

The CRD is developing a housing strategy for the Southern Gulf Islands that will update the Housing Needs Assessment of 2018, and will identify how the CRD can better support the housing crisis on the islands.

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 10 years, grants have been distributed to each island equitably, supporting projects for many organizations with crucial funding support.

Greater Community Presence

In 2020, the SGI Liaison program saw much success and has been continued to 2022. This program has island based CRD contractors coordinating some CRD projects on Galiano, Pender, Mayne and Saturna Islands. 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 Information: 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 2021 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 2021 Expenditure Budgets

• SGI Emergency Programs	\$453,291
• SGI Docks & Harbours	\$396,645
• SGI Libraries	\$227,895
• SGI Economic Development	\$119,726
• SGI General Government & Others	\$620,606

SGI Local Service

2021 Expenditure Budgets by Island

Galiano

• North Galiano Fire Protection	\$210,298
• South Galiano Fire Protection	\$424,362
• Galiano Community Recreation	\$41,174
• Galiano Community Parks	\$92,140
• Sticks Allison Water	\$59,999
• Galiano Comm Use Building	\$61,968
• Galiano Health Service	\$129,258

North & South Pender

• Magic Lake Estates Water	\$979,675
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer	\$854,863
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer Debt	\$79,210
• Pender Fire Protection	\$998,736
• Pender Community Parks	\$157,082
• Pender Community Recreation	\$64,922

Mayne

• Mayne Community Parks	\$83,484
• Mayne Community Recreation	\$42,441
• Skana Water	\$69,509
• Surfside Park Water	\$108,251

Saturna

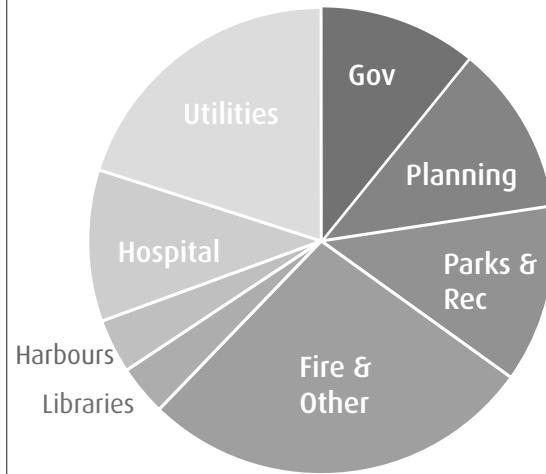
• Saturna Community Parks	\$24,060
• Saturna Community Recreation	\$20,109
• Saturna Island Water	\$248,197
• Saturna Fire Protection	\$168,292
• Saturna Island Medical Centre	\$32,553

Gossip Island

• Gossip Island Power Supply	\$57,220
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SGI Electoral Area 2021 Requisition

**Total requisition for area-wide services:
\$7,305,506 (2020 \$7,094,258).**



General Government \$869,600 (11.9%): Legislative and general government administration, Grants-in-aid and Economic development

Planning & Protective Services \$833,309 (11.4%): Regional planning, emergency services, building inspection and animal care

Parks/Rec/Environment \$900,330 (12.3%): Regional parks, local parks & recreation, climate action and stormwater monitoring

Fire/Other \$2,004,331 (27.4%): Local area fire services, Saturna and Galiano Health

Libraries \$285,768 (3.9%)

Harbours & Docks \$291,104 (4.0%): 11 docks & harbours

Hospital District \$658,404 (9.0%): Construction of health facility and debt serving of capital project and equipment

Local Utilities \$1,462,660 (20.0%): Small water & sewer utilities

Financial Accountability

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

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
Office: 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