

A Message from your CRD Director and 2025 Highlights

Thanks to all our community members that volunteer on the various boards, commissions and committees throughout the Juan de Fuca. Your efforts provide important direction to the services we all enjoy and rely upon.

A focus of effort over the past year has been on improving our community parks and emergency services. Here are a few highlights from 2025 that I'd like to share:

- Completion of the Wieland Trail connection between William Simmons Park and Kemp Lake Road, including 150m of new boardwalk
- Establishment of trail wayfinding in Admiral's Forest Park and improvements at Priest Cabin, Seagirt Ponds, Lot 64 and Sheringham Point
- Community partnerships to remove invasive scotch broom, complete infrastructure improvements and plant over 100 native trees at Butler Park and William Simmons Park
- Completion of the JdF Active Transportation Network Plan
- Expansion of the CREST emergency communications network
- Funding support to the Shirley Community Association for renovations to the Shirley Community Hall
- Funding support to the 606 Water Group for a pilot rainwater collection rebate program

I look forward to what we will achieve in 2026 and remain committed to improving utility services in Port Renfrew and advocating for JdF communities to senior orders of government on a range of issues, including road safety. I continue to emphasize relieving pressure from escalating costs by using available grant funds for improvement projects and supporting the work of local community groups.

Thanks to all,
Al Wickheim,
Electoral Area Director, Juan de Fuca

How the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area is Governed

The Province is divided into 27 regional districts. The CRD is one of seven regional districts on Vancouver Island. Regional districts have three basic roles:

1. Provide regional governance and services for the entire region by providing a political forum to represent residents and a system for advancing the interests of the region, and by delivering region-wide services such as economic development, water supply, and solid and liquid waste management.
2. Provide a political and administrative framework for inter-municipal (sub-regional) partnerships through the creation of "benefiting areas".
3. Local government for unincorporated areas: the regional district often provides corporate and financial administrative services and usually provides community planning and land use regulation, and building inspection services.

Elections for the Electoral Area Director are held every four years. The Electoral Area Director is the Electoral Area's representative at the CRD Board and on various CRD committees.

Committees and commissions responsible for oversight of services provided to residents include:

- Electoral Areas Committee
- Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee
- Fire and Emergency Preparedness Commissions
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
- Water and other Utility Commissions
- Advisory Planning Commissions

Ad hoc committees may also be appointed by the Electoral Area Director on a case-by-case basis. As an unincorporated area, services such as subdivision approval and road maintenance fall under the jurisdiction of the Provincial government.

How the CRD Works

The CRD delivers a range of services throughout the capital region, including the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, funded by annual property tax requisitions and other fees.

The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 Directors, elected every four years from the 13 municipalities and directly elected in the three Electoral Areas. Board and committee meetings are open to the public, held on the second Wednesday of each month at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC and livestreamed on the CRD website.

The Electoral Area Director is Juan de Fuca's representative at the CRD Board and various CRD committees, including the Electoral Areas Committee (EAC), comprised of Directors from each Electoral Area. The EAC oversees funding for services cost-shared by the three Electoral Areas such as building inspection, bylaw enforcement, and animal control. The CRD Board must ratify recommendations of all Committees and individual Electoral Area Directors.

The CRD Directors also convene as two other regional boards: the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC).

The CRHD shares costs with Island Health. The Health Facilities & Capital Planning Strategies Division reviews Island Health's proposed major capital projects and recommends projects for CRHD Board consideration. The CRHD also provides annual funding for minor health infrastructure improvements and medical equipment, and undertakes various health facility and community health policy and research initiatives.

The CRHC funds, develops and manages affordable housing throughout the capital region. CRHC operations are self-financing.

FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR

Juan de Fuca CRD Services Provided to Taxpayers

CRD | Financial Services

Serving the JdF Electoral Area Communities of:

- East Sooke
- Jordan River
- Malahat
- Otter Point
- Port Renfrew
- Shirley
- Willis Point

www.crd.ca/jdf

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CRD Services in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area

Land Use Planning

- Juan de Fuca Community Planning provides current and long-range community planning services from the JdF Local Area Services Building in Otter Point.
- The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee makes recommendations on land use matters to the CRD Board.

Building Inspection

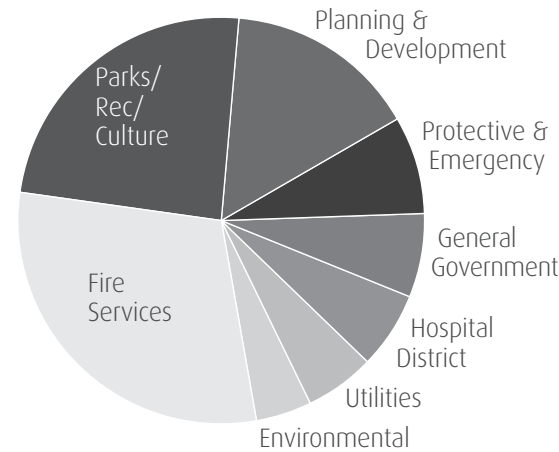
- CRD Building Inspection is a shared service among the three CRD Electoral Areas: Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands.
- CRD Building Inspection staff in the JdF Local Area Services building in Otter Point provide building permit and inspection services to the communities of East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew. Staff at the CRD headquarters in Victoria provide building permit and inspection services to the communities of Malahat and Willis Point.

Parks and Recreation

- Juan de Fuca Community Parks & Recreation operates 35 community parks and 17 km of trails throughout the Electoral Area. The service also operates the Port Renfrew Community Hall.
- The Juan de Fuca Community Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission provides advice to set priorities for park acquisition, budgeting and strategic planning.
- Residents of East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River participate in the SEAPARC Recreation Centre and pool.
- Residents of East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew participate in the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL).
- Residents of the Malahat and Willis Point participate in the Greater Victoria Public Library.

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area 2026 Requisition

The total requisition is \$7,615,928 (2025: \$7,128,251)



Fire Services \$2,303,624 (30.2%): Local area fire services

Parks/Rec/Culture \$1,842,476 (24.2%): Regional parks, local parks & recreation, museums and libraries

Planning & Development \$1,149,840 (15.1%): Community planning, regional planning, regional transportation, building inspection, regional growth strategy

Protective & Emergency \$605,433 (7.9%): Emergency programs, search and rescue, animal care, noise control

General Government \$493,918 (6.5%): Legislative and general government, administration, Grants-in-aid, community health

Hospital District \$463,077 (6.1%): Construction of health facility and debt servicing of capital projects and equipment

Utilities \$433,320 (5.7%): Small water and sewer utilities

Environmental \$324,240 (4.3%): Millstream Remediation and Climate Action & Adaptation

For more information on the CRD Financial Plan and Tax Requisition Summary, visit: www.crd.ca/budget

CRD Contacts

JdF Local Area Services 250.642.1500
 CRD General Inquiries 250.360.3000

Animal Care 250.478.0624
 Animal Shelter 250.658.5745

Building Inspection
 • JdF Local Area 250.642.8109
 • Fisgard Street, Victoria 250.360.3230

Bylaw Enforcement 250.474.3351
 Community Parks & Recreation. . . 250.642.8100
 Community Planning 250.642.8100

Fire Departments (Non-Emergency)
 • Otter Point 250.642.6211
 • Port Renfrew 250.647.0101
 • Shirley 250.646.2107
 • East Sooke 250.642.4411
 • Malahat 250.743.2103
 • Willis Point 250.652.1932

Recycling 250.385.4399
 Water & Wastewater System
 Inquiries 250.474.9600
 Water Emergencies. 250.474.9630
 Wastewater Emergencies 250.940.7400

Public Alert Notification System (PANS)
 Sign up to receive emergency information alerts:
crd.ca/pans

Emergency Dashboard - visit for alerts, resources and emergency information: emergency.crd.ca

Contact your Electoral Area Director

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Service Contacts

Agricultural Land Commission 604.660.7000
 • ALR regulations and applications

Archaeology Branch 250.953.3334
 Report a Violation **1.877.952. 7277**
 • Property owner site information and permits

BC Assessment Authority 1.866.valueBC (825.8322)
 • Property assessments

BC Conservation Officer Service
 Report a Violation **1.877.952.RAPP (7277)**
 • Natural resource law enforcement

BC Rural Property Taxation (Surveyor of Taxes)
 **1.888.355.2700 or 250.387.0555**
 • Payment of taxes
 • School taxes

BC Wildfire Service 1.800.663.5555
 • Report a wildfire

Front Counter BC 1.877.855.3222
 • Provincial land and water licences, permits, registrations and other authorizations

Island Health 250.519.3401
 • Onsite sewage disposal & drinking water systems
 • Food facilities and safety

Land Title Office & Survey Authority of BC
 **1.877.577.LTSA (5872)**
 • State of Title Certificate and encumbrances for your property

Ministry of Transportation & Transit . . 250.952.4515
 • Subdivision applications
 • Surface water drainage
 • Abandoned vehicles
 • Roads, bridges and culverts

Technical Safety BC 1.866.566.7233
 • Electrical and gas permits for homeowners