

A Message from your CRD Director

Greetings to you all.

A big thanks to all our committee, commission and community volunteers who collectively contribute thousands of hours to the functioning of our communities. A big thanks also to the many service providers and emergency personnel who are dedicated to the betterment of our lives throughout the Juan de Fuca.

This is the third year of my term, and I continue to work with my CRD and Provincial colleagues on waste management and biosolids, water management and source protection, community safety, and road safety and maintenance. Considering the current global political climate, I am promoting several initiatives including farming support, soil conservation and rainwater capture.

In 2024, we installed a new fishing dock on Kemp Lake at Chubb Road. There are several other ongoing park improvement projects, such as Wieland Trail, Fishboat Bay, and the Park in Port Renfrew, which I hope will be completed this year.

In 2025, we will have a higher profile within the CRD through a new Electoral Area Services General Manager. This position will be responsible for promoting and coordinating the rural needs of the CRD's three electoral areas.

I remain committed to relieving pressure from escalating costs by using available grant funds for improvement projects and to support the work of local community groups. That being said, we are looking at an average household tax increase of 10.2% (\$71.82) for 2025.

Please call or write with your concerns and ideas, and let's be safe, slow down, and enjoy our island times.

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 Area 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 2025 TAX YEAR

Juan de Fuca CRD Services Provided to Taxpayers

CRD | Financial Services

Serving the JDF Electoral Area Communities:

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

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CRD Services in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area

Local/Specified Area Services

- Residents of Willis Point, East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley and Port Renfrew all participate in local volunteer fire departments.
- Residents in the Aspen Road area of the Malahat participate in the Malahat Fire Department managed by the Cowichan Valley Regional District.
- 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.
- Residents of the Malahat and Willis Point participate in the Greater Victoria Public Library.

Planning and Development

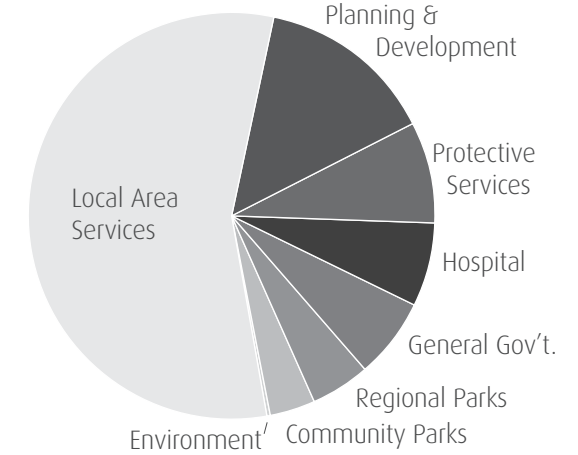
- Juan de Fuca Community Planning provides current development and long-range community planning services for the JdF EA.
- CRD Building Inspection is a shared service among the three CRD Electoral Areas: Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands.
- Residents of the Juan de Fuca EA participate in the Regional Planning service along with Salt Spring Island, Southern Gulf Islands and the 13 municipalities of the CRD.

Parks and Recreation

- Juan de Fuca Community Parks & Recreation operates 33 community parks and approximately 9 km of trails throughout the Electoral Area, as well as the Port Renfrew Community Hall.
- Residents of the Juan de Fuca EA participate in the Regional Parks service along with Salt Spring Island, Southern Gulf Islands and the 13 municipalities of the CRD.

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area 2025 Requisition

The total requisition is \$7,127,803 (2024: \$6,342,669)



- Local/Specified Area Services \$3,987,771 (56.0%):** Fire protection, SEAPARC, local utilities, museums and libraries
- Planning & Development \$1,007,277 (14.1%):** Community planning, building inspection, regional planning and Regional Growth Strategy
- Protective Services \$585,489 (8.2%):** Bylaw enforcement, animal care, emergency programs, and search and rescue
- Hospital District \$471,834 (6.6%):** Construction of health facility and debt serving of capital project and equipment
- General Government \$452,761 (6.4%):** Legislative and general government, administration, Grants-in-aid, community health
- Regional Parks \$336,034 (4.7%):** Acquisition of park land, related regional parks planning and operations
- Community Parks \$255,374 (3.6%):** Juan de Fuca community parks operations
- Environmental \$31,263 (0.4%):** 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

Get Involved
Did you know the CRD has an online engagement platform? To see current initiatives and help shape future projects, policies and decisions visit: GetInvolved.crd.bc.ca

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Service Contacts

- Agricultural Land Commission 604.660.7000**
 - ALR regulations and applications
- Archaeology Branch 250.953.3334**
 - Property owner site information and permits
- BC Assessment 1.866.825.8322**
 - Property assessments, appeals and classification
- BC Conservation Officer Service 1.877.952.RAPP (7277)**
 - Natural resource law enforcement
 - Human-wildlife conflicts prevention and response
- BC Wildfire Service 1.800.663.5555**
 - Report a wildfire
- Emcon Services 1.866.353.3163**
 - Road conditions and reporting
- 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 1.877.577.5872**
 - State of Title Certificate and related documents
- Ministry of Transportation & Transit: 250.952.4515**
 - Rural subdivision applications
 - Abandoned vehicles
- Surveyor of Taxes: 1.888.355.2700 | 250.387.0555**
 - Payment of rural (unincorporated) area property taxes
- Technical Safety BC 1.866.566.7233**
 - Electrical and gas permits for homeowners