

# A Message from your CRD Director, Local Community Commission and 2025 Highlights

Most local CRD services on Salt Spring Island (SSI) are now overseen by the Local Community Commission (LCC), comprised of four elected at large Commissioners and the CRD Director. Since its establishment in 2023, the LCC has broadened elected representation and improved transparency and accountability. The LCC holds regularly scheduled public meetings twice per month, including a monthly evening meeting at the SIMS boardroom, and has initiated joint meetings with the SSI Local Trust Committee.

Delivery of regional services such as regional parks, land banking and housing, climate action, as well as sub-regional services such as building inspection, are still overseen by the CRD Board and Electoral Areas Committee on which SSI is represented by the CRD Director.

## 2025 CRD-LCC Highlights

- Donation of 1.5 acres of Fulford Harbour waterfront property as a community park.
- Advanced the LCC integrated housing strategy in collaboration with Islands Trust, North SSI Water District and other organizations.
- Advocacy for the community to senior levels of government, the Islands Trust, Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT), BC Ferries and others.
- Extended lease on former Phoenix School property with the Chuan Society for a community space, the Hearth.
- Inclusion of funding for the Salish Sea Trail in CRD Regional Parks capital plan.

- Installation of new electric vehicle chargers at several community parks.
- Rainbow Road sidewalk design and Kanaka Connector pathway completed, Provincial funding for Merchant Mews pathway secured. Study of new crosswalks in Ganges underway.
- Completion of major repairs to Fernwood dock.
- New five-year contract approved for operation of Rainbow Road recycling facility.
- Maliview ratepayers approved borrowing to construct new sewage treatment plant.
- Completion of Ganges Hill re-paving, with wider shoulder pedestrian and cycling lanes and improved stormwater infrastructure, negotiated with MOTT by CRD.
- Completion of BC Housing's 36-unit supported and worker housing project on CRD's Drake Road property.
- Construction nearing completion of the new fire hall which received \$1M gas tax grant funding from CRD.

Sincerely,

**LCC Chair, Earl Rook** | **EA Director, Gary Holman**  
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## SSI 2026 Budget

The 2026 CRD tax requisition for SSI is \$10.2M, an 8.7% increase over 2025. Local Community Commission (LCC) services account for \$5.3M (53%), up 8.5% from 2025. Of LCC taxes, 59% supports Parks and Recreation (pool, SIMS, fields), 15% the library, 11% Transit and Transportation, 8% Liquid Waste, and 7% smaller services (Economic Development, Grants in Aid, Street Lighting, ArtSpring, the Arts Council, Search and Rescue).

SSI contributes \$1.7M (17%) to regional and sub-regional services (CRD administration, transportation, parks, animal control). Island-wide local services outside the LCC total \$1.1M (11%), up 3%, funding local administration, engineering, and emergency management/communications. The Hospital District share is \$867,000 (9%) for health facility construction and capital. SSI contributes \$646,000 (6%) to joint EA services (Building Inspection, EA Administration), shared with the SGI and JdF EAs. SSI specified/defined services (Local Utility – non LCC) stand for the remaining \$442,000 (4%).

Cost pressures include inflation, wage increases, BC Transit leasing, liquid waste hauling, recreation maintenance, new voter-approved regional transportation service, building inspection and election costs and a new EA Manager.

Average residential assessments went up by 0.8% to \$1.1M (regional increase: 0.6%), increasing SSI's regional tax share. From 2018–2026, combined CRD/CRHD average taxes rose 5.5% annually, reflecting inflation, post-COVID reserve rebuilding, and infrastructure and service investments.

In 2026, the total CRD/CRHD tax on the average home increased \$8/month to about \$121/month, excluding user fees and utilities (recycling funded separately by Recycle BC and Hartland tipping fees). Over seven years, SSI has received tens of millions in grants for major projects, including the Lady Minto ER, fire hall, Drake Rd., supportive housing, Ganges Hill repaving, sidewalks and pathways, sewer upgrades, composting facility, Centennial Park improvements, pool recreation and daycare expansions, and active transportation projects.

FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR

## Salt Spring Island

### CRD Services Provided to Taxpayers

**CRD** | Financial Services

## Services provided through the CRD to the SSI Electoral Area include:

- Parks and Recreation
- Transit and Transportation
- Liquid Waste Disposal
- Economic Development
- Emergency Management
- Grants-in-Aid
- Fernwood Dock
- Recycling Depot
- Animal Control
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Building Inspection
- Land Banking and Housing
- Climate Action
- Water and Sewer Services

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Gary Holman,  
Electoral Area Director

# How the CRD Works

The CRD delivers a range of services throughout the capital region, including Salt Spring Island, that are funded by annual property tax requisitions and other fees and charges. The business of the CRD Board is managed by 24 Directors, selected every four years from 13 municipalities and directly elected in three Electoral Areas. Board meetings are open to the public, held on the second Wednesday of each month at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC and are livestreamed on the CRD website.

The Electoral Area Director is Salt Spring’s representative at the CRD Board and various CRD committees, including the Electoral Areas Committee (EAC), comprised of Directors from each of the three Electoral Areas. The EAC oversees a number of services that are cost-shared by the three Electoral Areas (e.g., building inspection, bylaw enforcement, animal control), and convenes the same day as the CRD Board in video-recorded, public meetings.

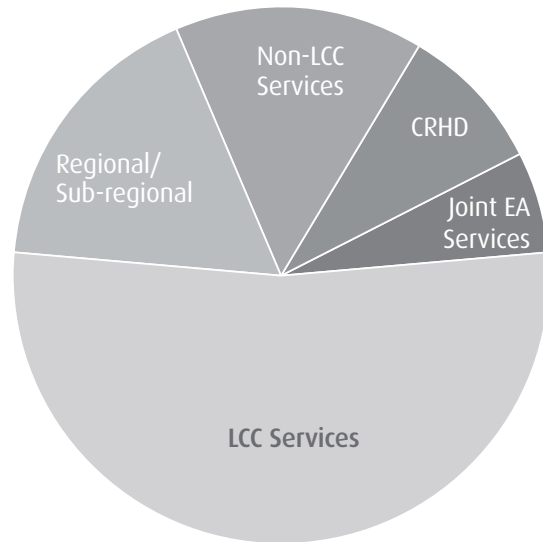
The Local Community Commission (LCC) includes the CRD Director plus four other elected commissioners. The LCC administers 14 local CRD services, including parks and recreation, transportation and transit, liquid waste and economic development, among others. The LCC has full administrative authority over the services and makes budget recommendations to the CRD Board. The CRD Board must ratify any bylaws relating to these services, including the budget bylaw. For CRD services not under the authority of the LCC, the CRD Board retains administrative authority.

The 24 CRD Directors also convene as two other regional boards: the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and the Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC). The CRHD, through property taxes, shares the costs of hospital equipment and regional health facilities with the Island Health Authority. The CRHC funds, develops, and manages affordable housing throughout the capital region. CRHC operations are self-financing, requiring no property tax support.

# SSI Electoral Area 2026 Requisition

The following pie chart summarizes how the SSI Tax Requisition is used to fund CRD regional, sub-regional and local service delivery.

**The total requisition is \$10,168,218**  
(2025: \$9,353,407)



- LCC Services \$5,337,208 (53%):**  
Local parks operations, recreation programs and pool operations, library, transit and transportation.
- Regional / Sub-Regional Services \$1,725,332 (17%):**  
CRD administration, transportation, regional parks, animal control.
- Non-LCC Services \$1,593,096 (15%):**
  - Island Wide: Local administration, engineering, and emergency management/communications. \$1,151,509 (11%)
  - Local Utility: Water and wastewater, only for specified areas. \$441,587 (4%)
- Capital Regional Hospital District \$866,985 (9%):**  
Health facility construction and capital.
- Joint Electoral Areas Services \$645,597 (6%):**  
Building Inspection, EA administration.

# CRD Contacts

CRD General Enquiries (toll free): **1.800.663.4425**  
SSI Administration: **250.537.4448** [saltspring@crd.bc.ca](mailto:saltspring@crd.bc.ca)

- Animal Control . . . . . **250.537.9414**
- Building Inspection . . . . . **250.537.2711**
- Bylaw Enforcement . . . . . **1.800.665.7899**
- Rainbow Recreation Centre . . . . . **250.537.1402**
- Salt Spring Island Multi Space . . . . . **250.538.4250**
- Water and Wastewater System
  - Emergency ONLY: **1.855.822.4426** (toll free) or **1.250.474.9630**

For more information about the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, visit: [www.crd.ca/saltspring](http://www.crd.ca/saltspring)

Learn more and follow decision making processes at: [www.crd.ca/agendas](http://www.crd.ca/agendas)

For more information on the CRD Financial Plan and Tax Requisition Summary, please visit: [www.crd.ca/budget](http://www.crd.ca/budget)

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24 hour emergency line . . . . . **1-866-353-3136**

- Public road maintenance

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada . . . . . 250.363.3252**

**Front Counter BC . . . . . 1.877.855.3222**  
Provincial land/water lease applications

**Island Health . . . . . 250.519.3401**  
Drinking water verification

**Islands Trust . . . . . 250.537.9144**  
All land use matters including rezoning, development permits, subdivision

**Land Title Office. . . . . 1.877.577.5872**  
State of Title Certificate for your property  
Property registration, easements, restrictive covenants, rights-of-way

**Ministry of Transportation & Transit 250.952.4515**  
Surface water drainage  
Driveway access permits  
Major repairs to culverts, bridges, roads

**Provincial Parks & Wildlife . . . . . 1.800.663.7867 (Inquiry BC)**

**RCMP . . . . . 250.537.5555**

**Surveyor of Taxes . . 1.800.663.7867 (Inquiry BC)**  
Taxes, including school taxes

**Technical Safety BC . . . . . 1.866.566.7233**  
Gas permits, electrical permits, licences, certificates

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