

# A Message from your CRD Director and 2025 Highlights

It has been a privilege to serve as your Capital Regional District (CRD) Director for the past four years. I appreciate the constituents in the Southern Gulf Islands (SGI) who have treated me respectfully and shown such high levels of positive engagement in our communities. Together, we have improved service delivery and the islands are in better shape than they were a decade ago.

Over the past year, the organizational restructure at the CRD has created the Electoral Area Services Department, housing all three Electoral Areas (EA) under one umbrella. This change in governance positions the CRD to more efficiently manage the unique challenges of the Electoral Areas.

## Affordable Housing and Development Approvals

In early 2026, the CRD Board modernized its building bylaw to streamline permit approvals, provide builders more flexibility, simplify building permit fees, and provide permit fee discounts for affordable housing projects. These changes greatly improve the building permit process and will benefit the development of new housing on our islands.

Over the last few years, the SGI EA has played a leadership role in the creation of the CRD's Rural Housing Program pilot project, now up and running with pre-development funding for non-profit affordable housing developments awarded to projects on each island and grants of up to \$40,000 for homeowners to build a new secondary suite or cottage. To apply, please visit: [getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/crd-rural-housing-program](http://getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/crd-rural-housing-program).

Previously on Galiano Island, the CRD purchased the Forest Homes/Thuthiqut Hulelum' property that includes a proposed 20-unit affordable housing project. The project's development is being advanced with the expectation that the province will eventually renew its funding commitments to rural and remote housing.

## Groundwater Protection

The SGI EA has continued funding support for rainwater system rebates to SGI residents through partnership with Transition Salt Spring. This program has been very successful and helps offset groundwater reliance on the islands. Rebates are still available. For application information visit: [transitionsaltspring.com/cac-rainwater-harvesting](http://transitionsaltspring.com/cac-rainwater-harvesting).

## Transportation Solutions

On Pender Island, the Parks and Recreation Commission has now completed the fantastic Schooner Way Trail between Danny Martin Ballpark and Pender Island Elementary School. This trail provides residents with safe, sustainable options to travel to work and school, and to access community services.

Another achievement, supported by CRD and federal grants, was the Galiano Island Community Transportation Society purchase of two electric buses, now in operation on Galiano Island.

## Community Parks

The SGI communities each have a stunning network of community parks, managed and operated by volunteer commissions of the CRD. This volunteer service model for parks is unique in the CRD and benefits the taxpayer with a cost effective and much adored system of community parks. Each island's community park commission provides tremendous value and pride for our islands.

For more information on SGI initiatives visit: [www.sustainableislands.ca](http://www.sustainableislands.ca)

Paul Brent,  
Electoral Area Director

## 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 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.

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 SGI's representative at the CRD Board and on various CRD committees, including the Electoral Areas Committee (EAC), comprised 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, before the CRD Board, and are livestreamed and recorded.

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

## Southern Gulf Islands CRD Services Provided to Taxpayers

**CRD** | Financial Services

## Serving the SGI Electoral Area Communities of:

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

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

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# CRD Services in the SGI Electoral Area

## SGI ISLAND-WIDE SERVICE

2026 Expenditure Budgets

• SGI Emergency Programs	\$486,364
• SGI Docks & Harbours	\$535,409
• SGI Libraries	\$267,489
• SGI Economic Development*	\$658,774
• SGI General Government & Others	\$663,275

## SGI LOCAL SERVICE

2026 Expenditure Budgets by Island

### Galiano

• North Galiano Fire Protection	\$365,061
• South Galiano Fire Protection	\$721,839
• Galiano Community Recreation	\$48,823
• Galiano Community Parks	\$170,196
• Sticks Allison Water*	\$94,744
• Galiano Comm Use Building	\$73,637
• Galiano Health Service	\$193,067

### North & South Pender

• Magic Lake Estates Water*	\$1,278,193
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer*	\$1,122,571
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer Debt*	\$232,445
• Pender Fire Protection	\$1,579,313
• Pender Community Parks	\$196,306
• Pender Community Recreation	\$79,699
• Pender Island Health Care Centre	\$331,729

### Mayne

• Mayne Community Parks	\$142,551
• Mayne Community Recreation	\$45,519
• Skana Water*	\$130,520
• Surfside Park Water*	\$217,410

### Saturna

• Saturna Community Parks	\$34,095
• Saturna Community Recreation	\$26,601
• Lyall Harbour Water*	\$337,525
• Saturna Fire Protection	\$348,054
• Saturna Island Medical Centre	\$12,901

### Gossip Island

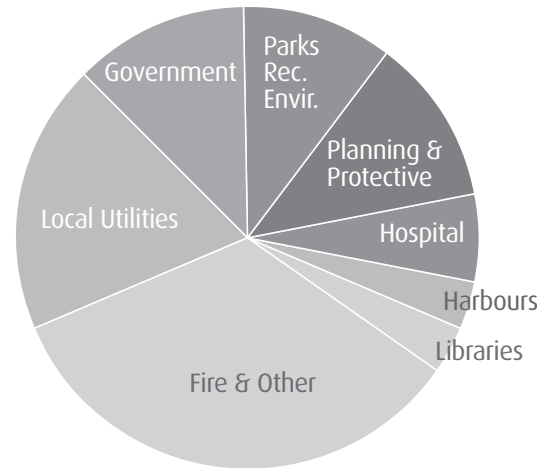
• Gossip Island Power Supply*	\$63,667
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\*Defined/Specified Service: only properties in service area pay.

# SGI Electoral Area 2026 Requisition

**Total requisition is \$10,750,159**

(2025: \$9,793,473)



### Fire/Other \$3,654,215 (34.0%):

Local area fire services, Saturna and Galiano Health

### Local Utilities \$2,028,330 (18.9%):

Small water & sewer utilities

### General Government \$1,310,079 (12.2%):

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

### Parks/Rec/Environment \$1,138,982 (10.6%):

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

### Planning & Protective Services \$1,244,326 (11.6%):

Regional planning, emergency services, building inspection and animal care

### Hospital District \$679,401 (6.3%):

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

### Harbours & Docks \$358,067 (3.3%):

13 docks & harbours

### Libraries \$336,759 (3.1%)

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

# CRD Contacts

**CRD General Enquiries (toll free): 1.800.663.4425**

## Water and Wastewater Systems

- Emergency **ONLY: 1.855.822.4426** (toll free) or **1.250.474.9630**

## CRD ISLAND OFFICES

### Galiano Island

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

### Mayne Island

424 Fernhill Road  
Email: [mayneinfo@crd.bc.ca](mailto:mayneinfo@crd.bc.ca)

### Pender Island

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

### Saturna Island

100 East Point Road (in Saturna Pub building)  
Email: [saturnainfo@crd.bc.ca](mailto:saturnainfo@crd.bc.ca)

## Capital Regional District Headquarters

625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1R7  
Contact: CRD reception 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)

## Public Alert Notification System (PANS)

Sign up to receive emergency information alerts: [crd.ca/pans](http://crd.ca/pans)

**Emergency Dashboard** - visit for alerts, resources and emergency information: [emergency.crd.ca](http://emergency.crd.ca)

## Contact Your Electoral Area Director

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# Service Contacts

**Emcon Services** ..... 778.698.3582  
24 hour emergency line ..... 1-866-353-3136

- Public road maintenance

**Front Counter BC** ..... 1.877.855.3222

- Land/water lease applications, groundwater licenses and domestic well registration

## House/Street Address

- Pender Building Inspection . . . . . 250.629.3424
- Other islands contact your local fire department

**Island Health** ..... 250.519.3401

- Water quality

**Islands Trust** ..... 250.405.5151

- Zoning and land use, including building siting and use, variances, rezoning, subdivision, and land conservation

**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
- Access permits, culverts, bridges, roads

**Surveyor of Taxes** 1.888.355.2700 | 250.387.0555

- Payment of rural (unincorporated) area property taxes

**Technical Safety BC** ..... 1.866.566.7233

- Gas permits, electrical permits, licences, certificates

## Provincial and Federal Government Services

### Province of British Columbia

- 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
- Pender Island RCMP ..... 250.629.6171