

# A Message from your CRD Director

Serving as your Electoral Area Director this coming year, I will continue working with an exceptional group of CRD staff to improve options for safe, affordable housing for residents and workers.

Other priorities include improving community infrastructure, strengthening climate resilience and supporting transportation options for islanders. We will continue to advocate with other orders of government to meet residents’ needs, particularly for safer roads and healthcare.

## Housing in the Southern Gulf Islands

In April 2024, the CRD launched the Rural Housing Pilot Program for the SGI and SSI Electoral Areas. Born from the SGI Housing Strategy, the two-year pilot program offers grants up to \$40,000 for the construction of accessory dwelling units, as well as pre-development funding for multi-unit affordable housing projects. Information on the application process will be available in April.

We have also begun the development of 20 affordable rental homes at Thuthiqut Hulelum’ (also known as Forest Homes) on Galiano Island. The SGI Community Resource Centre’s Housing NOW program is in its third year, and with funding from the CRD SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission (CESC), is a successful housing matching program.

## Infrastructure Upgrades

In 2024, the \$11.5 million Magic Lake Estates wastewater treatment plant and pump station upgrade was completed and is now operational. The CRD’s SGI Harbours Commission also made significant capital investment in dock improvements across the SGI, including: Hope Bay, Port Washington, Spanish Hills, Swartz Bay, Miners Bay, Piers Island and Lyall Harbour.

Also completed was the Miners Bay Dock revitalization project, a community initiative which includes public benches, a small shelter, and safety improvements.

The CRD’s partnership with Connected Coast will bring high speed internet to the shores of most of our islands, and last-mile fibre to Galiano and Saturna. The Connected Coast project is currently in its construction phase, and should conclude in 2025. We continue to work with other internet service providers to improve internet on all the Southern Gulf Islands.

## Groundwater Protection

The SGI Electoral Area is using its \$30,000 allocation of BC Local Government Climate Action funds to provide rainwater system rebates to SGI residents in partnership with Transition Salt Spring. Our goal is to achieve 228,336 Litres (60,320 USG) of rainwater storage by 2025 to offset groundwater reliance on the islands. Rebates are still available. For application info please visit: [transitionsaltspring.com/cac-rainwater-harvesting](https://transitionsaltspring.com/cac-rainwater-harvesting).

## Transportation Solutions

In 2025, we will continue supporting community proposals for transportation solutions. On Pender Island, the Parks and Recreation Commission is successfully advancing the Schooner Way-School Trail, a multi-modal trail between Danny Martin Ballpark and the Pender School. This trail will provide residents with safe, sustainable options to travel to work and school and to access community services. Thank you to all the community members who have donated to support this project. The CRD is also supporting the Galiano Island Community Transportation Society’s federal grant application to purchase electric buses and create a bus service for the Galiano community.

For more information on SGI initiatives visit:  
[www.sustainableislands.ca](https://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 and held 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 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 typically held on Wednesdays and are video 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 2025 TAX YEAR

# Southern Gulf Islands

## CRD Services Provided to Taxpayers

 | Financial Services

## Serving the SGI Electoral Area Communities:

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

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

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# CRD Services in the SGI Electoral Area

## SGI ISLAND-WIDE SERVICE

2025 Expenditure Budgets

• SGI Emergency Programs	\$524,276
• SGI Docks & Harbours	\$513,059
• SGI Libraries	\$252,930
• SGI Economic Development*	\$666,772
• SGI General Government & Others	\$691,159

\* Funded by a one-time grant of \$495,500

## SGI LOCAL SERVICE

2025 Expenditure Budgets by Island

### Galiano

• North Galiano Fire Protection	\$338,770
• South Galiano Fire Protection	\$636,003
• Galiano Community Recreation	\$47,934
• Galiano Community Parks	\$165,600
• Sticks Allison Water*	\$84,900
• Galiano Comm Use Building	\$72,936
• Galiano Health Service	\$149,125

### North & South Pender

• Magic Lake Estates Water*	\$1,103,811
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer*	\$959,050
• Magic Lake Estates Sewer Debt*	\$232,205
• Pender Fire Protection	\$1,479,126
• Pender Community Parks	\$189,018
• Pender Community Recreation	\$75,708
• Pender Island Health Care Centre	\$279,682

### Mayne

• Mayne Community Parks	\$135,442
• Mayne Community Recreation	\$46,056
• Skana Water*	\$112,321
• Surfside Park Water*	\$165,709

### Saturna

• Saturna Community Parks	\$31,409
• Saturna Community Recreation	\$20,878
• Lyall Harbour Water*	\$300,159
• Saturna Fire Protection	\$337,571
• Saturna Island Medical Centre	\$12,521

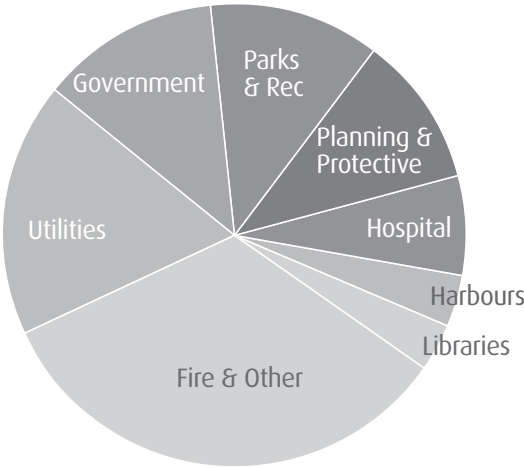
### Gossip Island

• Gossip Island Power Supply*	\$63,552
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\* Defined/Specified Service; only properties in service area pay.

# SGI Electoral Area 2025 Requisition

Total requisition is \$9,793,387  
(2024: \$9,233,934)



### Fire/Other \$3,292,028 (33.6%):

Local area fire services, Saturna and Galiano Health

### Local Utilities \$1,731,236 (17.7%):

Small water & sewer utilities

### General Government \$1,224,112 (12.5%):

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

### Parks/Rec/Environment \$1,166,489 (11.9%):

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

### Planning & Protective Services \$1,042,044 (10.6%):

Regional planning, emergency services, building inspection and animal care

**Hospital District \$674,968 (6.9%):** Construction of health facility and debt serving of capital project and equipment

### Harbours & Docks \$344,599 (3.5%):

13 docks & harbours

### Libraries \$317,911 (3.3%)

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 2S6  
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)

## 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](http://GetInvolved.crd.bc.ca)

## Contact Your Electoral Area Director

Mail: Director Paul Brent  
c/o Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard Street  
PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

Phone: 250.216.5618  
Email: [directorsgi@crd.bc.ca](mailto:directorsgi@crd.bc.ca)

# 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