

CRD Sub-Regional Services Profiles

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Picture: SEAPARC Recreation Aquatic Centre



This catalogue of service profiles was created in summer 2025 to support Board-level discussions about service efficiency. The information presented is accurate as of September 2025. The financial information contained in this report is aligned with the 2026 Provisional Budget.

The services selected for this catalogue are sub-regional and have an annual budget of \$1 million or more, collectively representing around 31.3% of the total CRD operating budget.

For each service, staff have provided comprehensive background information to help readers understand the evolution of the service, the resources and capacity available, and the value it provides to the region.

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Terminology Definitions and Abbreviations

TERM	DEFINITION
Service Types Internal External Mandatory Essential Traditional Discretionary	Standardized categorization of services. Customers are inside the organization. Customers are outside of the organization. Service is mandated by regulation or legislation. Service required to ensure or maintain public health and safety Service is typically delivered by local governments of a comparable size and complexity; there is a public expectation that the service will be provided. Service is provided at the direction of the CRD Board.
Service Categories Regional Sub-regional Local	Where all municipalities and electoral areas are served Where two or more jurisdictions are served In the electoral areas where the CRD is the local government
History	Key decisions and approvals related to the service that illustrate how the service has evolved over time as a result of regulatory, policy or operational direction.
Value to the Region	Short statements that explain how the service solves problems, addresses community needs or provides benefits to internal or external customers.
Service	An authority to achieve an outcome. An outcome is a broad, long-term desired effect or change (e.g. reduced greenhouse gas emissions in the region) that may be tangible or intangible.
Program	A commitment to deliver either a tangible or intangible output. See definition of output below.
Output	The tangible or intangible products of a process or activity that meet a customer requirement or need (e.g., process 1,000 building permits every year).

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
DCC	Development Cost Charges
JDF	Juan de Fuca
IDEA	Innovative, Developmental, Experimental, and Access
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (Software)
SGI	Southern Gulf Islands
SPWW	Saanich Peninsula Wastewater
SSI	Salt Spring Island
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant







3.717 & 3.789C Core Area Wastewater - Operations and Capital

Overview

Governance: Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee

Division/Department: Infrastructure & Water Services

Participation: Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria, View Royal, Songhees Nation, Kosapsum Nation

Service type: External - Mandatory

History

- The service was authorized through Letters Patent in **1975**, assigning responsibility to the CRD for sewage treatment and disposal through treatment plant facilities and outfalls for participants in the Core Area and Western Communities.
- In **1978**, Supplementary Letters Patent expanded the CRD's role to include septage disposal, or the handling of waste periodically removed from residential and commercial septic tanks or sewage holding tanks.
- Planning for the wastewater management system expansion and upgrades began in 2006, in response to provincial direction to transition from primary to secondary treatment of wastewater.
 This led to a recommendation to adopt a distributed wastewater management system.
- In **2012**, new federal and provincial regulations mandated secondary treatment for all wastewater systems by the end of **2020**. Construction on the expanded and upgraded system was largely completed in 2020, ultimately delivering tertiary treatment.
- A service establishment bylaw was approved by the CRD Board in 2022 to formalize the service.

Benchmarks & Targets

- 1. Total volume of wastewater collected and treated.
- Operating cost per megaliter of wastewater collected and treated.
- Wastewater effluent quality noncompliance events with provincial and federal regulatory requirements.
- 4. Number of wastewater overflows or flow exceedances.
- 5. Number of odour complaints related to operations.

Value To The Region

- The McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant in Esquimalt is monitored 24/7 by specialized wastewater professionals. It can treat up to 108 megalitres of wastewater per day, which is sufficient capacity to meet current population needs and growth in the near term. Wastewater undergoes primary, secondary and tertiary treatment at the plant before being discharged into the ocean via an outfall pipe, located approximately 2km from shore and buried 60m deep.
- Residual solids from the McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant are piped to the Residuals
 Treatment Facility at Hartland Landfill. There, they are processed into Class A biosolids, a highquality by-product suitable for beneficial use, in line with the approved long-term strategy.
- The CRD operates two major **regional trunk sewer systems**, which terminate at the Clover Point and Macaulay Point outfalls. Municipalities are responsible for sewage collection and conveyance to the CRD trunk lines.
- First approved in 2003, the **Core Area Liquid Management Plan** has been updated 12 times, with the most recent update completed in 2018. It outlines the system's configuration and includes a series of commitments to guide implementation.

2026 Provisional Financial Plan Summary (000)

Operating Cost	\$39,145
Debt Servicing	\$9,816
Transfer to Capital / Reserves	\$14,941
Non-Requisition Revenue*	\$1,862
Requisition Revenue	\$13,152
Invoice by Agreement**	\$48,884

2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs)

Regular	53
Fixed Term	1

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)

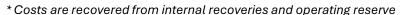
2020 Oupitat i tan oun	illiary (000)
Capital Expenditure (2026)	\$22,585
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	\$100,050
Total Number of Projects	42
Average Total Project Cost	\$3,258

Capital Plan Highlights

Several infrastructure renewal projects are scheduled for completion in 2026, including:

- Upgrades to the Marigold and Harling pump stations;
- Improvements to the Shoreline trunk sewer;
- Rehabilitation of the Harriet siphon inlet chamber;
- Repairs to the Western trunk grit chamber; and
- · Manhole repairs and replacements.

The Regional Wastewater Strategic Plan and Asset Management Plan update are scheduled to begin in 2026.



^{**}Bills are outside of the formal requisition process and are issued by way of an agreement between the CRD and participants



[^] Resources shared with Saanich Peninsula Wastewater service





2.680 Juan de Fuca Water Distribution

Overview

Governance: Juan de Fuca Water **Distribution Commission**

Division/Department: Infrastructure & Water Services

Participation: City of Colwood, City of Langford, Town of View Royal, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, District of Metchosin, District of Sooke, District of Highlands

Service type: External - Mandatory

History

- The service was established in 1997 through provincial legislation to finance the administration, development, maintenance, and operational expenses of the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution local service in the Western communities of the capital region, resulting from the dissolution of the Greater Victoria Water District.
- The Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission was established in 1997 to oversee and make operational and investment decisions about the system.
- · A Development Cost Charges (DCC) program was adopted in 2000 to provide funds for the capital costs of water facilities in the service areas. Municipalities collect these DCC charges through building permits that are issued to developers for subdivision development.

Value To The Region

1. Compliance with Island Health, provincial and federal regulatory requirements and operational certificates

Benchmarks & Targets

- 2. Water quality samples analyzed annually from source reservoirs, transmission/distribution systems
- Uninterrupted supply of drinkable water.

- The service is responsible for the retail distribution of drinking water to approximately 58,000 residential and business customers in the Westshore municipalities, the District of Sooke and parts of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.
- This service obtains treated drinking water from the Regional Water Supply System and is responsible for distribution and sale of drinking water to residents of the participating communities.
- The Juan de Fuca Water Distribution System consists of:
 - 15 storage reservoirs
 - 37 pumping stations
 - 435 km of water mains
 - 6,158 valves
 - 1,558 fire hydrants
 - 18,000 retail water meters

2026 Provisional Financial Plan Summary (000)	
Operating Cost	\$19,238

Operating Cost	\$19,238
Debt Servicing	\$2,798
Transfer to Capital / Reserves	\$9,604
Non-Requisition Revenue*	\$31,640
Requisition Revenue	-

2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs)	
Regular**	33
Fixed Term	3

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)	
Capital Expenditure (2026)	\$27,542
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	\$103,653***
Total Number of Projects	42
Average Total Project Cost	\$5,559

Capital Plan Highlights

Juan de Fuca assets include lands, office buildings, pump stations, pipelines, meters, equipment, vehicles and other infrastructure.

Capital plan projects includes:

- · Replacement of aging asbestos cement pipe
- · Replacement of residential water meters
- Update the SCADA Master Plan in conjunction with the RWS, Saanich Peninsula and Core Area infrastructure
- Comprehensive Pump Station Upgrades



^{*}Costs are recovered from Water Sales, and transfer from DCC reserves to service DCC debt.

^{**}Excludes Leadership

^{***}Includes \$4.3 million in projects shared with 2.670 Regional Water Supply





3.755 Regional Source Control

Overview

Governance: Environmental Services Committee

Division/Department: Environmental Protection/Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services

Participation: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Langford, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Victoria, View Royal, Esquimalt Nation, Pauquachin First Nation, Songhees Nations, Tseycum First Nation, D.N.D., Institute of Ocean Sciences Centre, Ganges Sewer, Maliview Sewer, Magic Lake Estates Sewer, Port Renfrew Sewer

Service type: External - Mandatory

Benchmarks & Targets

- Percentage of businesses compliant with the CRD Sewer Use Bylaw
- Percentage of priority contaminant showing no increase in loads to the core area environment (assessed every 3-5 years)
- Percentage of biosolids and sludge samples that meet Class A standards for metals.

History

- The CRD Sewer Use Bylaw, adopted in **1994**, establishes the regulatory conditions under which facilities may discharge non-domestic waste into the sanitary sewer system.
- In 1996, the Regional Source Control program was launched to regulate the direct or indirect discharge of contaminants into sewage facilities under CRD jurisdiction. The program's goals and objectives are outlined in the Saanich Peninsula Liquid Waste Management Plan (1996) and the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan (2000).
- By 1998, the program shifted its focus toward development, adoption and implementation of codes
 of practice. The first three regulatory codes of practice (Food Services Operations, Dry Cleaning
 Operations and Photographic Imaging Operations) were adopted in 1999.
- Since **1999**, municipal staff have been encouraged to issue Waste Discharge Assessment Forms to those applying for new building permits or business sewer connections.
- The Use Bylaw and associated policies have been amended periodically since their inception to accommodate the adoption of codes of practices, add new restricted waste limits and a structure for cost recovery. A consolidated bylaw was approved in **2023**.

Value To The Region

- Source control is the first step in effective wastewater treatment. It is a proactive waste
 management strategy that aims to reduce the volume of contaminants discharged into sewer
 systems by industries, businesses, institutions and households. The program focuses on reducing
 pollutants at their source to protect sewage collection and treatment systems, the quality of
 treatment plant sewage sludge and biosolids, the marine receiving environment and public and
 worker health and safety.
- The CRD **owns and operates seven wastewater treatment plants**, three of which receive significant wastewater flows from industrial, commercial and institutional sources.
- The program regulates over 2,000 businesses through a combination of industrial wastewater discharge permits, authorizations and 10 sector-specific codes of practice. In 2023, 90% of regulated businesses were rated as compliant overall.
- The current program meets or **exceeds Canadian best practices for source control** and the CRD is a nationally recognized leader in this field.

2020 Flovisionat i manciat Ftan Summary (000)	
Operating Cost	\$1,799
Debt Servicing	-
Transfer to Capital / Reserves	-

\$289

\$1.509

Non-Requisition Revenue*

Requisition Revenue

2026 Provisional Financial Plan Summary (000

2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs)	
Regular	-
Fixed Term	-

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)	
Capital Expenditure (2026)	-
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	-
Total Number of Projects	-
Average Total Project Cost	

Capital Plan Highlights

No capital plan.







3.718 Saanich Peninsula Wastewater

Overview

Governance: Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Commission

Division/Department: Infrastructure & Water Services

Participation: Victoria Airport Authority, Sidney, Pauquachin, Central Saanich, North Saanch, Tseycum, Institute of Ocean Sciences Centre

Service type: External - Mandatory

History

- The service was established in **1996** to provide sewage treatment and disposal through treatment plant facilities and outfall for member participants.
- The Saanich Peninsula Liquid Waste Management Plan was adopted in 1996.
- Construction of the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant and conveyance system improvements were completed in January **2000**.
- The Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant heat recovery system was commissioned in February **2011** and has supplied treatment plant effluent waste heat to the Panorama Recreation Center for heating its swimming pool since.

Benchmarks & Targets Value To The Region

- 1. Total volume of wastewater collected and treated.
- Operating cost per megaliter of wastewater collected and treated.
- Wastewater effluent quality noncompliance events with provincial and federal regulatory requirements.
- 4. Number of wastewater overflows or flow exceedances.
- 5. Number of odour complaints related to operations.

- The service operates and maintains the **wastewater collection system and treatment plan** on the Saanich Peninsula, serving the municipalities of Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Sidney. Although the largest component of the program budget is for the operation and maintenance of the systems, many other key programs are funded through and support these budgets including engineering (capital projects), odour control, and marine monitoring and protection.
- The treatment plant produces on average **3,600 tonnes of sludge** annually, which is currently hauled to the Hartland Landfill. It is projected that in 2026 solids will begin to be treated at the onsite **Residuals Treatment Facility**.
- Assets include the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant and secondary treatment plant, three pumping stations, thermal recovery and other buildings, 14 km of collections and conveyance (gravity and pressure) mains, and a marine outfalls.
- The service also implements and administers the **Saanich Peninsula Liquid Waste Management Plan**.

2026 Provisional	Financial	Plan Summ	ary (000)

Operating Cost	\$4,319
Debt Servicing	\$151
Transfer to Capital / Reserves	\$934
Non-Requisition Revenue*	\$182
Requisition Revenue	\$5,223

2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs)	
Regular	7
Fixed Term	-

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)		
Capital Expenditure (2026)	\$6,805	
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	\$16,865	
Total Number of Projects	27	
Average Total Project Cost	\$678	

Capital Plan Highlights

- Odour control upgrades are required in numerous rooms and spaces at the treatment plant to meet health and safety requirements and prevent ongoing corrosion in some concrete tanks.
- Replacement of SCADA Servers and Ethernet Upgrades to meet current CRD specifications and standards
- Keating Pump Station pump replacement as equipment is nearing end of life and are becoming more difficult to maintain.
- Electrical and Controls upgrades in the SPWW system, including facilities Sidney PS and WWTP.



[^] Resources shared with Core Area Wastewater Operations service







2.610 Saanich Peninsula Water Supply

Overview

Governance: Saanich Peninsula Water Commission

Division/Department: Panorama / Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services

Participation: Central Saanich, North Saanich, Sidney

Service type: External - Mandatory

History

- The service was authorized through Letters Patent in **1976** to purchase water and to acquire, design, construct, reconstruct, purchase, maintain and operate facilities and to acquire property easements, licences, and authorities for the supply of water to Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Sidney, for distribution by the municipalities.
- The Saanich Peninsula Water Development Cost Charges (DCC) was adopted in 2005 to provide
 funds to assist with the capital costs of providing, constructing, altering or expanding the water &
 wastewater systems that services the participants.
- The bylaw was amended in **2018** to remove DCCs on new projects to recognize that the fund's balance exceeded the total of current development projects.

Value To The Region

 Compliance with Island Health, provincial and federal regulatory requirements and operational certificates.

Benchmarks & Targets

- Water quality samples analyzed annually from source reservoirs, transmission/distribution systems.
- 3. Uninterrupted supply of drinkable water.

- This service transmits **bulk water** from the Regional Water Supply System to the Central Saanich, North Saanich, and Sidney distributions systems. Included in the program is the responsibility to provide design, construction, operation and maintenance of facilities and water quality monitoring to the service area.
- The service is **one of the 16 CRD drinking water systems across the region** and obtains treated drinking water from the **Regional Water Supply System** and is responsible for the bulk trunk water supply systems for Central Saanich, Sidney & North Saanich. Each municipality is then responsible for their distribution system and sale of retail to their residents.
- The Saanich Peninsula Water System consists of:
 - o 46 kilometres of water supply mains,
 - o 9 balancing reservoirs,
 - o 9 pumping stations, 2 pressure reducing stations,
 - o 9 supply meters and
 - o 2 re-chlorination stations.

2026 Provisional Financial Plan Summary (000)

\$8,126
\$575
\$550
\$9,251
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2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs)	
Regular	5^
Fixed Term	0

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)		
Capital Expenditure (2026)	\$15,612	
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	\$22,291	
Total Number of Projects	25	
Average Total Project Cost	\$1,120	

Capital Plan Highlights

- Upgrade vulnerable sections of the Saanich Peninsula Water System to a more resilient system and increase operational flexibility.
- · Hamsterly Pump Station backup power generator
- SCADA upgrades and planning in conjunction with the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution, Saanich Peninsula Water and Wastewater, and Core Area Wastewater Services.
- Ongoing program to continually address multiple, small to mid-scale capital improvements to the Saanich Peninsula Water System.







1.44X Panorama Recreation Centre

Overview

Governance: Peninsula Recreation Commission

Division/Department: Panorama Recreation/Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services

Participation: Central Saanich, North Saanich, Sidney

Service type: External – Discretionary

History

- The service to construct, and operate an ice arena, swimming pool, and recreation programs for the municipalities of North Saanich and Sidney was authorized by Letters Patent in **1976**.
- The Saanich Peninsula Recreation and Community Use Local Service was formalized in **1994** and included the function to acquire, construct, establish, maintain, operate, and regulate buildings or facilities for recreation, office, or community use.
- The Saanich Peninsula Ice Arena Local Service was formalized in **1996**, and the District of Central Saanich was added as a participant.
- The Saanich Peninsula Swimming Pool Local Service was formalized in **1997**, and the District of Central Saanich was added as a participant.
- The three services were combined into a single service, Saanich Peninsula Recreation, in 2002.
- The <u>Panorama Recreation Strategic Plan</u> which was approved in **2022**, and the Sub-Regional Facility Needs Assessment, completed in **2025** set the direction for programs, services and facilities for the service area.
- A covered multi-sport facility (sport box) was opened in 2025 in Centennial Park.

Benchmarks & Targets

- 1. User funding/requisition ratio
- Offer programs that meet community needs – program success rate and new program offering
- 3. Participation in drop-in recreation programs and services
- Sales/revenue generated through registered programs, single admissions, and memberships

Value To The Region

- The service provides for **community recreation opportunities** through the operation, maintenance, and programming of:
 - The Panorama Recreation Centre, which includes two hockey arenas, a swimming pool, six tennis courts, two squash courts, fitness rooms, weight room, and multi-purpose rooms
 - The Greenglade Community Centre in Sidney which includes a weight room, pottery studio, small gymnasium, multi-purposes spaces and childcare services.
 - Facilities in Centennial Park in Central Saanich, including three covered picnic shelters, a fieldhouse, and covered multi-sport box.
 - o The Central Saanich Community and Cultural Centre which includes two classrooms.
 - The North Saanich **Middle School Neighbourhood Learning Centre** which includes a gymnasium, multi-purpose room and foods classroom.

2026 Provisional Financial Plan Summary (000)

Operating Cost	\$10,903
Debt Servicing	\$382
Transfer to Capital / Reserves	\$1,151
Non-Requisition Revenue*	\$6,341
Requisition Revenue	\$6,095

2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs) Regular 39.25

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)		
Capital Expenditure (2026)	\$5,897	
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	\$13,930	
Total Number of Projects	26	
Average Total Project Cost	\$227	

Capital Plan Highlights

Capital plan projects include:

Fixed Term

- Construction of the Centennial Park Multi-Sport Box
- Construction of the heat recovery plant to improve energy efficiency in heating and cooling the facility
- Arena changerooms, washrooms and support spaces enhancement design and renovation
- Routine scheduled replacement of various equipment and vehicle assets







1.40X Sooke and Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)

Overview

Governance: Sooke and Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission

Division/Department: SEAPARC / Parks, Recreation & Environmental Services

Participation: District of Sooke and the Electoral Area of Juan de Fuca (portions including Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and East Sooke)

Service type: External – Discretionary

History

- Established in **1973**, the service was created to provide recreation programs and facilities by consolidating two previously separate services in Sooke and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.
- The ice arena was opened in 1976.
- The skateboard park was opened in 1997 and is scheduled to be replaced in 2025.
- The aquatic centre (swimming pool) opened in 2000.
- The service acquired the DeMamiel Creek golf course in 2016.
- In **2020**, the SEAPARC Recreation Centre footprint expanded by about 10% to create space for a fitness room, weight room, and a boardroom.
- The Sooke Community Sports Box, an outdoor multi-sport recreational sports facility, opened in **2022**. It is owned by the District of Sooke and operated by SEAPARC.
- An energy recovery project was approved through an alternative approval process in **2025**. This project will focus on capturing excess heat from the arena and aquatic facilities for distribution to other areas. The outcome will be reduced greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs.
- Looking ahead, the <u>SEAPARC Strategic Plan</u> was updated in **2025** to set the direction for programs, services and facilities for the service area over the next 10 years.

Benchmarks & Targets

- 1. User funding/requisition ratio
- Offer programs that meet community needs – program success rate and new program offering
- 3. Participation in drop-in recreation programs and services
- Sales/revenue generated through registered programs, single admissions, and memberships

Value To The Region

- The service fosters recreational opportunities for residents of Sooke and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. The value of the service is assessed through attendance and overall programs and services success, which show that what is offered to the community meets its needs and is affordable.
- The service provides recreational community programs and services at SEAPARC Recreation
 Centre which encompasses an aquatic centre, ice arena, weight room, fitness studio, multi purpose rooms indoors and a ball field and bike park outdoors. The service also maintains and
 operates a skate park, sport box, and golf course located off the SEAPARC recreation grounds.
- Guided by community input, the main goals of the 2025-2035 SEAPARC Strategic plan to provide
 value to residents are: optimize service delivery, optimize existing infrastructure and invest in new
 recreational infrastructure.

2026 Provisional Financial Plan Summary (000)

\$5,304
\$144
\$591
\$2,287
\$3,752

2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs) Regular 20.6 Fixed Term -

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)	
Capital Expenditure (2026)	\$2,940
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	\$7,677
Total Number of Projects	44
Average Total Project Cost	\$174

Capital Plan Highlights

Assets held by the SEAPARC service consist of indoor/ outdoor facilities at SEAPARC Recreation Centre as well as a skate park, golf course and various vehicles and equipment to support service delivery. Capital plan projects include:

- Skate park renewal
- Pool roof replacement
- Implementation of phase 1 of energy recovery system
- Recreation infrastructure growth plan
- Routine scheduled replacement of various equipment and vehicle assets







1.297 Arts Grants and Development

Overview

Governance: Finance Committee, Arts Commission

Division/Department: Arts & Culture Support Service/Finance & Technology

Participation: Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, and View Royal (Group 1 participating area) and Highlands, Metchosin, Southern Gulf Islands, and Sooke (Group 2 participating area).

Service type: External – Discretionary

Benchmarks & Targets

Social contributions in the region:

- Number of CRD funded events and number of attendees
- 2. Number of grants distributed
- 3. Number of first-time grant recipients

Economic contributions in the region:

- 1. CRD funding invested in arts recipients
- 2. Culture GDP generated
- 3. Culture jobs generated

Service enhancements:

- 1. Number of participants in the service
- Grow Forward program launched in 2025 to support capacity-building

History

- Between the **1950s** and **1990s**, the Greater Victoria Intermunicipal Committee (comprising Victoria, Esquimalt, Oak Bay and Saanich) cost-shared various services and provided grants to the arts. As the sector expanded, so did the need for more coordinated and sustainable local funding.
- In response, the Arts Grants and Development service was established in **2001** to support arts and culture across the capital region.
- Metchosin and Highlands joined the service in **2001**, alongside the original four municipalities. View Royal followed in **2007**, Sidney joined in **2009** but then left in **2019** when Sooke and SGI joined.
- In **2011**, funding was extended to non-arts organizations to support arts programming. IDEA grants were piloted for six years and reintroduced in **2019**.
- The region's first Arts Champions Summit was held in **2016**, bringing together the arts community to celebrate achievements and provide input for the service's direction. It is held every two years.
- The CRD Arts and Culture Support Service Strategic Plan was updated in 2024.
- In **2019**, the Incubator and Equity grants were introduced. Since **2021**, an equity lens has been applied to all operations and granting to ensure support reaches underserved communities. A program review in 2024 led to Incubator being replaced by Grow Forward grants in **2025**.

Value To The Region

- The service **distributes over \$2.8 million annually to over 90 non-profit** arts organizations through five grants programs.
 - Operating Grants: provide ongoing funding to support long-term planning.
 - · Project Grants: support one-time projects, events series, or extended programming.
 - Equity Grants: support programs by and for communities facing collective barriers to accessing arts funding.
 - Grow Forward Grants: supports organizational development and sectoral collaboration.
 - IDEA Grants: mainly supports non-arts organizations to create arts-based projects.
- Grant applications are adjudicated at arm's length by the **CRD Arts Advisory Council**, based on criteria and budget parameters set by the CRD Arts Commission. An annual impact assessment is published to report on outcomes and progress.
- This funding supports a wide range of arts programming that **enhances the creativity, vibrancy, economic and employment of the region**. The service is committed to ensuring that funding reflects the region's diversity and supports organizations at all stages of growth.

2020 Frovisional Financial Flan Summary (000)	
Operating Cost	\$3,375
Debt Servicing	_

2026 Provisional Financial Plan Summary (00

Debt Servicing	-
Transfer to Capital / Reserves	\$1
Non-Requisition Revenue	\$241
Requisition Revenue	\$3,134

2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs)		
Regular	3	
Fixed Term	-	

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)	
Capital Expenditure (2026)	\$4
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	\$8
Total Number of Projects	2
Average Total Project Cost	\$4

Capital Plan Highlights

• Routine scheduled replacement of IT equipment







1.313 Animal Care Services

Overview

Governance: Planning and Protective Services Committee

Division/Department: Protective Services/Housing, Planning & Protective Services

Participation: Salt Spring Island Electoral Area (EA), Southern Gulf Islands EA, and Juan de Fuca EA. All other participants are levied by contract.

Service type: External – Discretionary

History

- The service was authorized through Letters Patent in **1979** to provide for care of domestic animals within all electoral areas of the Regional District.
- A service establishment bylaw was approved in **2021** to formalize the service and provide continued support.

Value To The Region

1. Successfully return or rehome over 90% of pet received

Benchmarks & Targets

- The service ensures public safety with person/animal contacts, investigations and quick return of lost animals, public education, re-homing of animals, and quality care of animals.
- Animal Care Services, including enforcement of the Animal Control Bylaw and animal
 pound/shelter service, are provided to the three electoral areas as well as Sidney, Saanich, Central
 Saanich, North Saanich, Highlands, View Royal, Colwood, Langford, Sooke, Metchosin, the
 Pauquachin, Songhees and Tsawout First nations.
- The CRD Animal Shelter is focused on the return of lost pets and on rehabilitating and rehoming unwanted, stray, and abandoned animals in the region. Staff have experience and are trained to look after all domestic animals. The service also promotes responsible ownership and the care and control of pets through education to create a brighter future for animals and their owners.

2026 Provisional Financial Plan Summary (000)

\$1,996
-
\$80
\$1,513
\$563

2026 Staff Establishment (FTEs)		
Regular	11	
Fixed Term	-	

2026 Capital Plan Summary (000)		
Capital Expenditure (2026)	\$167	
Capital Expenditure (2026-2030)	\$403	
Total Number of Projects	7	
Average Total Project Cost	\$92	

Capital Plan Highlights

- Routine scheduled replacement of computer equipment, vehicles (shared by Bylaw) and staff personal protective equipment
- Updating CRD Animal Shelter Facility
- Purchase of new online payment portal for CRD dog licensing
- Network upgrades and security cameras for CRD Animal Shelter
- Implementing and enhancing outreach programs



For more information about CRD strategies and plans please visit www.crd.ca/plans







