

# Capital Regional District Southern Gulf Islands

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Friday, May 9, 2014

# Welcome & Introductions

## Agenda

1. Overview of Regional Districts
2. Governance
3. Overview of the CRD & Electoral Area Strategic Priorities
4. Service Highlights
5. Questions and Open Discussion

## History of Regional Districts

- Created by provincial legislation in 1964
- 28 regional districts throughout the province
- Primary reasons for creation
  - Province could not provide all the services required in the rural areas
  - Concept of a “federation” of municipalities to provide services that were best provided on a regional basis
  - Not create a fourth level of government
- Major reviews undertaken in 1978 and 1986 and a broad review in 2001 provided more authority to regional districts

## Role of Regional Districts

- Local government for (unincorporated) electoral areas
- Provide the political and administrative frameworks necessary for combinations of member municipalities and electoral areas to collaborate in the provision of sub-regional services
- Responsible for providing important regional services to, and undertaking key activities on behalf of, their entire regions (i.e., all member jurisdictions)
- A borrowing body for municipal and regional borrowing
- Act as Regional Hospital District Board

# Key components of legislation that make Regional Districts Unique

- (A) Board makeup
- (B) Voting Structure and requirements
- (C) Service provision
  - Establishing a service
  - Paying for the service

### Board Makeup

- Rural directors are elected from rural “electoral areas” to the Board
- Municipal directors are appointed to the Board by their city and town councils
- November 15, 2014 General Local Election

## Voting Structure and Requirements

Population  $\div$  voting unit = number of votes  
(e.g., Southern Gulf Islands)

$$5,306 \div 5,000 = 2 \text{ votes (rounded up)}$$

Number of votes  $\div$  5 = number of members

$$2 \text{ votes} \div 5 = 1 \text{ (rounded up)}$$

$\therefore$  1 member having 2 votes

## Corporate Vote

1. Most resolutions, bylaw adoptions and the general conduct of the Board:

All directors one vote

2. Money matters - budget, borrowing, contracts, property acquisition and disposal:

All directors weighted vote

# Stakeholder (Participants) Vote

1. Management and operation of individual services and the setting of fees and charges:

Participants only weighted vote

### Service Provision

Since 2001, regional districts have broader service powers to “operate any service the Board considers necessary or desirable.”

## Establishing a Service

Services can be approved by:

- Referendum
- Alternative Approval Process (subject to conditions)
- Consent of councils if service area is all of a municipality, or
- Consent of Electoral Area Directors if
  - A sufficient petition is received, or
  - The service area includes all of the electoral area and can be established without borrowing

Services must be established by a bylaw indicating:

- A description of the service
- Defining the boundary indicating who will receive and pay for the service
- Method of cost recovery
- Maximum amount to be requisitioned

The bylaw may also:

- Set out unique ways of apportioning costs
- Modify the voting structure for the service
- Establish terms and conditions for the withdrawal from a service
- Establish regulations pertaining to the service

## Paying for the Service

- Only those participating in the service pay for the service
- Cost apportionment
  - Set out in Establishing Bylaw
  - Typical methods include:
    - Assessment
    - Population
    - Percentage of users (if applicable)
    - Flow/usage
    - Combination of above

## Service Plans & Budget Process

- How are service plans developed & approved?
- How are budgets developed & approved?
- Asset management
- Grant funding

- Role of Electoral Area Director
- Relationship with Electoral Area Services Committee & CRD Board
- Commissions support CRD and vice versa
- Delegated authority and mandate

- Role of Commissioners
  - Indemnity Bylaw
- Role of CRD Staff

- CRD delivers approximately 200 services
- 2012-2014 Strategic Priorities
  - Regional Cooperation
  - Regional Environmental Stewardship
  - Healthy Region
  - Regional Housing
  - Regional Infrastructure
  - Regional Transportation and Planning

*Ted Robbins, General Manager Integrated Water Services*

- Water Supply, Treatment and Distribution
  - Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove (Saturna)
  - Magic Lake Estates (Pender)
  - Skana (Mayne)
  - Sticks Allison (Galiano)
  - Surfside (Mayne)
- Sewer Collection, Treatment and Disposal
  - Magic Lake Estates (Pender)
- SGI Harbours

*Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager Parks & Environmental Services*

- Parks & Recreation
  - Galiano
  - Mayne
  - Pender
  - Saturna
- Recycling Depot Funding
- Stormwater Quality

*Diana Lokken, General Manager Finance & Technology*

- Library

*Kevin Lorette, General Manager Planning & Protective Services*

- Fire Protection & Emergency Response
  - North Galiano
  - South Galiano
  - North Pender
  - South Pender (Fire Protection only)
  - Saturna (Fire Protection financing only)
- Building Inspection
- Bylaw & Animal Care
- Emergency Management
- Economic Development

# Questions & Open Discussion

Thank you.