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## LIVING IN THE CVRD

Welcome to Saltair/Gulf Islands : Electoral Area G

Saltair/Gulf Islands (Thetis, Reid, Penelakut, Hudson and Dayman Islands) is located in Electoral Area G and your Director is Mel Dorey.

The CVRD is governed by a Board comprised of appointed directors from four municipalities and an elected director from each of the nine electoral areas.

The regional district provides a broad range of services to its residents. While a small number of these services are mandated by the Province (solid waste, emergency planning, land use planning), the majority of services provided by the CVRD are determined by the Board. However, services can only be provided with the approval of the electors who will receive them.

Funds required to operate the various regional district services are generated through property taxes, fees and charges. Unlike municipalities, regional districts are required to match the costs and benefits of its services to the residents that benefit from them; this means residents pay for the services they receive.

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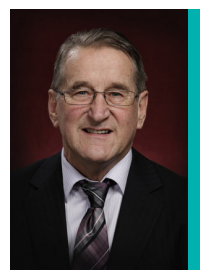
## From the Director

As the Electoral Area Director for Area G, I welcome you to Saltair and Gulf Islands and am glad you chose to be a part of our community. This welcome letter is to provide you with an overview of some key services provided by the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and answer some common questions.

The CVRD provides a broad range of services to its residents, including solid waste management, 911 and emergency planning, environmental services and fire protection to name a few.

## Key Contacts

CVRD Office	250.746.2500
Animal Issues (SPCA)	250.746.4646
Building & Development	250.746.2620
Bylaw Enforcement	250.746.2500
Garbage & Recycling	250.746.2530
Water & Sewer	250.746.2530



If you have any issues or questions, feel free to contact me.

**Mel Dorey**

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**Phone** 250.510.5431

## Building & Development

There are a number of land use regulations and a BC Building Code in place aimed at protecting the environment and ensuring the health and safety of residents. Before starting a project, it is the owner's responsibility to find out what is permitted.

Development Services staff are available to assist residents with understanding requirements for their specific project and particular location. Building permits may be required for new structures over 10 square metres (108 square feet) or major renovations to existing structures.

**If you are planning any work on your property involving the following, please check FIRST and contact the CVRD:**

- Steep Slopes
- Land Adjacent to Water Bodies (creeks, lakes, rivers, wetlands, ocean)
- Land Clearing
- Tree Cutting or Topping
- Building Construction

## Dog Licencing

All dogs four months and older must be licenced by January 31 annually. The \$25 dog licences and tags are available at:

Hi Lo Pet Foods  
(in Byron's Food Market)  
CVRD Office,  
175 Ingram Street, Duncan

## Fireworks

The use of fireworks is limited to public special events or festivals where the person or organization has a fire safety plan and holds a valid Fireworks Discharge Permit. These permits will only be issued for events held on January 1, July 1 and October 31.

## Outdoor Burning

The backyard burning bylaw is aimed at improving local air quality and addressing health impacts linked to smoke pollution. Open burning is only permitted from March 15 through April 15 and from October 15 through November 15 when the BC Venting Index is rated as "good." [www.cvrld.bc.ca/1463/Know-the-Rules](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/1463/Know-the-Rules)

## Parks & Trails

There are a variety of parks and trails in Saltair and Gulf Islands. For a complete listing visit: [www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks).

## Recycling

The CVRD provides curbside recycling pickup in Saltair every two weeks. Recycling/garbage depots are also located at Bings Creek, Meade Creek and Peerless Road recycling centres. Collection schedules, depot locations, and information on what can be put in the blue tote are available at [www.cvrld.bc.ca/recycling](http://www.cvrld.bc.ca/recycling).

## Roads

Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is responsible for roads. To report maintenance issues call Mainroad South Island Contracting at 1.877.391.7310.

## Taxes

Unlike municipalities, the CVRD does not directly bill residents for property taxes. Tax notices are sent to electoral area residents from the Surveyor of Taxes, a division of the Province of BC.

## Water and Sewer

The CVRD operates 35 water and sewer systems in its electoral areas. Most of the area in Saltair is served by the CVRD's Saltair water system. The aging water system is being upgraded over the next 12 years but this doesn't include the lines from the water meter to your house. Be aware that these lines are generally quite old depending on the age of house and could be subject to failure. If you notice any leakage, notify the water department immediately. Please direct any questions regarding water service to the CVRD's Water Management Division. Almost all sewer service is by onsite septic systems regulated by Island Health.

