



This Summer, Get Away from Life's Usual Demands

Provision of Services

The provision of services, is central to regional districts. All regional districts follow the same basic process to establish services.

Step 1. In step 1 the idea for a new service emerges. There are several potential sources of ideas, including citizens, regional district directors, municipal councils, municipal staff, the regional district board, regional district staff, and others.

Step 2. The second step involves some kind of service feasibility study. The extent of the actual study will vary depending on the potential size and scope of the service. Most studies, however, will run through a checklist of items to confirm that:

- the proposed service has a clear purpose
- the proposed service has a defined and agreed-upon scope
- the parties agree on a way to share costs
- the parties agree on how the service should be governed
- the parties agree on a process for service review
- a start-up plan has been developed
- support among elected officials is broad

Step 3. If the proposed service is deemed feasible, a service establishing bylaw is developed at step 3.

Step 4. Step 4 involves the adoption of the bylaw. Adoption begins with an initial vote (first three readings) of the Board in which every Director present must participate. After this initial vote, the province's Inspector of Municipalities must approve the bylaw. Generally, the electors in the jurisdictions that have chosen to participate in the service must also approve the bylaw. Approval of the electors may be obtained in all cases through referendum. In certain cases, the Board may choose an "alternative approval process" which requires opponents to register their opposition by completing an elector response form. In still other cases, approval may be given on behalf of a participating area by the Municipal Council, the Electoral Area Director or the Board, or through a petition for service.

Coast-wide, over 100 distinct services are delivered to residents by four SCRD departments—Corporate and Administrative Services, Community Services, Infrastructure Services, and Planning and Development Services.

Services are made possible in large part by using tax dollars. SCRD property taxes, parcel taxes, user fees, and other sources of revenue help pay for these services and other programs that help make the Sunshine Coast a desirable place to live.

The costs of each service provided by a Regional District are recovered only from the area that benefits from the service. Some of the functions involve all Electoral Areas and Municipalities while others pertain to specific areas.

On the Sunshine Coast, close proximity to backcountry and wild spaces provides us with a mixture of urban and outdoor amenities. Nature, opportunities to experience nature, and healthy active living are part of our identity.

Sunshine Coast residents and visitors benefit from hundreds of kilometres of walking and cycling paths, and more are being built every year in an effort to link communities by foot and by bike. Connecting trail networks such as the creation of the Suncoaster Trail have increased accessibility to outdoor activities, and the creation of the Dakota Ridge Recreation Area has increased the opportunity for winter recreation on the Sunshine Coast.

The SCRD's Community Services Department manages and maintains 16.79 kilometres of paved bike paths, approximately 71.6 kilometres of trails, and 102 community parks and beach accesses with a total size of 698.78 hectares. SCRD staff also coordinate volunteers and develop and maintain park facilities, such as washrooms, beach and picnic areas, parking areas, footbridges, information kiosks and signage, ensuring that park visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience.

With the arrival of warmer weather, residents and visitors can start spending more time outdoors enjoying the beautiful, unspoiled nature of the Sunshine Coast.

Trails:

Located in Pender Harbour, the Pender Hill trail is all about the magnificent view of Pender Harbour from the top. Added attractions are the dry, rocky arbutus dominated ecosystem. The Suncoaster trail, which begins in Egmont and currently ends in Halfmoon Bay, functions as a backbone corridor to the Sunshine Coast providing users with 37 kilometres of trail and a unique opportunity to experience its rugged nature. Soames Hill offers impressive second growth forest trails leading to spectacular views of Howe Sound mountains and islands, Gibsons and the Strait of Georgia.

Parks:

Located in Halfmoon Bay, Connor Park includes a playfield with two baseball diamonds, a playground and hiking and bike trails. Cliff Gilker Park is a woodland park located in Roberts Creek that features forest trails, unique wooden bridges spanning foaming creeks, and a multitude of waterfalls. Nestled between Gibsons and Langdale, Shirley Macey Park offers two grass playing fields, a tot water park, and change rooms.

Campgrounds:

Klein Lake Recreation Site and Campground is a popular lake camping spot and a day use picnic area located near Egmont. The Suncoaster Trail, linking Klein Lake to Halfmoon Bay can be accessed from Klein Lake. Located in Garden Bay, Katherine Lake Campground features a picturesque lake and popular swimming spot for day use or camping in tent and RV sites.

Visit www.scrd.ca/parks where you can find additional information on our parks and trails along with maps and photos.

The Sunshine Coast is a community of communities creating a sustainable way of life through a collaborative decision making process. We are committed to an enhanced natural context, local control over local resources, a vibrant economy and an enriched cultural fabric.

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