

Quarterly information for residents by the Sunshine Coast Regional District.



WHO WE ARE

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is the regional government serving the residents of the Sunshine Coast. Formed in 1967, the SCRD is one of 27 regional districts that were designed to establish a partnership between electoral areas and member municipalities within their boundaries.

The municipalities and electoral areas in the SCRD are:

The District of Sechelt
Town of Gibsons
Sechelt Indian Government District
Electoral Area A – Egmont/Pender Harbour
Electoral Area B - Halfmoon Bay
Electoral Area D - Roberts Creek
Electoral Area E - Elphinstone
Electoral Area F - West Howe Sound

The SCRD is located within the traditional territories of the Sechelt and Squamish First Nations.

WHAT WE DO

Coast-wide, over 45 distinct services are delivered to residents by three departments —Corporate and Administrative Services, Community Services, and Infrastructure Services. The costs of each service provided 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. Services are funded through a combination of property taxes, parcel taxes, user fees, and other sources of revenue. For a full list of services that the SCRD offers, go to www.scrd.ca, under “Services”.

WHAT WE DON'T DO

The SCRD does not manage roads, private septic systems or tax notice enquiries.

Together
we can be
the change
we want to
see in our
community!



VISIONARY GOALS

The Sunshine Coast Regional District's process of strategic management includes the setting of goals to accomplish the long term vision created for the communities of the Sunshine Coast. **Protecting our water resources** as the population increases and as we address the impacts of climate change on present and future generations is a very high priority.

Let's talk water

How are we going to protect our water resources in 2011?

REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION

Peak water usage on the Sunshine Coast happens during the dry summer months, much of this water goes to irrigating lawns and gardens. Household and business outdoor use is the focus for water conservation efforts in 2011. Sunshine Coast residents and businesses will be provided with reminders through community education, enforcement, and outreach efforts to use only what they need when it comes to irrigation.

LOCAL CONTROL OF WATERSHEDS

Provincial policy is to support the integrated use of all watersheds, including industrial use. The SCRD wants all community (drinking) watersheds to be protected and is taking a three pronged approach to secure this protection: 1) Legislated process under the Drinking Water Protection Act; 2) Land Use Management processes through the Joint Watershed Management Agreement with the Sechelt Indian Band; and 3) Continue to lobby government for policy change.

The legislated process under the Drinking Water Protection Act is focused on the Chapman Creek community watershed, which supplies drinking water to roughly 90% of the Sunshine Coast's population. This process involves assessing the risks within the watershed to drinking water quality and quantity and then identifying measures to address or prevent these risks.

COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL WATER PLAN

How much water can our source waters and infrastructure supply? What are the future demands for water going to be? How will the future demands be met—increase supply or reduce demand? What will sustainable rates look like? These are some of the questions that the Comprehensive Regional Water Plan will be addressing and, once completed, will provide guidance on water supply and demand decisions looking 25 years into the future.

For more information on the SCRD Strategic Plan, please go to www.scrd.ca (About Us).

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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