CRD Board Representation - Effective Dec 1, 2018 - Area Municipalities not Created Equal

Municipality	2016 Population Canada Census	Number of Directors	Name of Director	# of Votes	Total Weighted Votes Per Municipality & Electoral District	Weighted Vote to Municipal Population Ratio: Note (3)	Population Per Director
Central Saanich	16,814	1	Ryan Windsor	4	4	4,204	16,814
Colwood	16,859	1	Rob Martin	4	4	4,215	16,859
Esquimalt	17,655	1	Barb Desjardins	4	4	4,414	17,655
Highlands	2,225	1	**Ken Williams**	1	1	2,225	2,225
Langford	35,342	2	Denise Blackwell **(Vice Chair)**	4			
			Lanny Seaton	4	8	4,418	17,671
Metchosin	4,708	1	John Ranns	1	1	4,708	4,708
North Saanich	11,249	1	Geoff Orr	3	3	3,750	11,249
Oak Bay	18,094	1	Kevin Murdoch	4	4	4,524	18,094
Saanich	114,148	5	Fred Haynes	5			
			Susan Brice	5			
			Rebecca Mercereau	4			
			Colin Plant **(Chair)**	5			
			Ned Taylor	4	23	4,963	22,830
Sidney	11,672	1	Cliff McNeil-Smith	3	3	3,891	11,672
Sooke	13,001	1	Maja Tait	3	3	4,334	13,001
Victoria	85,792	4	Lisa Helps	5			
			Ben Isitt	5			
			Jeremy Loveday	4			
			Geoff Young	4	18	4,766	21,448
View Royal	10,408	1	David Screech	3	3	2,430	10,408
Juan de Fuca EA	4,860	1	Mike Hicks	2	2	3,519	4,860
Saltspring Island EA	10,557	1	Gary Holman	3	3	2,366	10,557
Southern Gulf Isl EA	4,732	1	Dave Howe	2	2	4,397	4,732
Total	**378,116**	**24**		**86**	**86**		

The CRD Board consists of 24 Members, with 86 Weighted votes - 21 Municipal Directors and 3 Electoral Area Directors.

The Board Chair and Vice-Chair are elected by Board Members at the Regular Board Meeting in November each year for a one year term, however they may serve consecutive terms if there are no challengers or they defeat challengers at the Board elections. The Board Chair and Vice-Chair are paid Annual Stipends of $25,000 & $5,000 respectively over and above their Director Stipend of $17,000. Municipal Directors are normally appointed by their councils for 4 year terms, corresponding with Municipal Elections, although councils have the right to change their CRD Director appointments.

It is important to note that the above governing body makes policy decisions that effect the region, yet not one of them is elected "at large"- in other words by voters from across the region. Each Director is ultimately only accountable to the electors in their own (home) municipality or electoral area. This can be problematic in a Regional District that contains "multiple municipalities"

Note 1	Municipalities are allocated one Director for every 25,000 population **or portion thereof. Policy decisions are made by the Board, some of which affect the entire CRD. Population per Director ranges from a high of 22,830 per Saanich Director to a low of 2,225 per the Highlands Director.**
Note 2	Municipalities are allocated "Weighted Votes", which are used when dealing with funding issues. "Weighted Votes" are allocated by a ratio of 1:5,000 or portion thereof. Directors only vote on budget issues within their area of responsibility.
Note 3	**Population per "weighted vote" by municipality varies from a high of 4963 in Saanich to a low of 2,225 for Highlands. This is not an equitable distribution of voting power.**
Note 4	**Board votes (both Weighted and Non wieghted) can be for across the region issues or by participants only, e.g. for the Core Area Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) & Board decisions relating to the Core Wastewater Project, only Directors from those participating Municipalities may vote (with "weighted votes" occassionally ocurring for expenditure issues).**
Note 5	**The number of Directors and the number of "Weighted Votes" per municipality is adjusted once every 5 years, the year after official Census results are released (Section 196(3) Local Government Act, Community Charter and Letters Patent (see https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/how-we-are-governed).**
Note 6	**On a taxpayer basis, for CRD supplied services, taxpayers in the Highlands are over represented and taxpayers in Langford and Saanich are under represented.**
Note 7	**The CRD provides regional, sub-regional and local services. Only participants vote on matters that are sub-regional or local services.**
Note 8	**First Nations with Modern Treaties (not the Douglas Treaty) are considered local governments; there are currently no modern Treaty First Nations within the CRD, hence they are not given a voting position at this time.**

The CRD does an excellent job of administering unincorporated areas, where they provide many services that would normally be provided by a municipality. These include developing OCPs (Official Community Plans), zoning, building permits and inspections,
septic systems approval (and in some cases, sewers and sewage treatment, e.g. Ganges), Emergency plans, Fire Protection, etc.
In some cases, they operate facilities on behalf of both Municipalities and unincorporated areas, e.g. the SEAPARC in Sooke, cost shared and between Sooke residents and residents of East Sooke and Otter Point. They also administer District Hospital Tax Collections and coordinate all municipal loans through the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA).
The CRD is somewhat unique because it encompasses 13 autonomous municipalities. Municipalities are not subservient to Regional Districts. They are equals. Municipalities will sometimes work together through a Regional District to provide services that are more effectively operated across a region. Examples of this in the CRD are the common Water Reservoir, Bulk Water sales to municipalities and Hartland Landfill operations.

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