
Reconciliation in Action

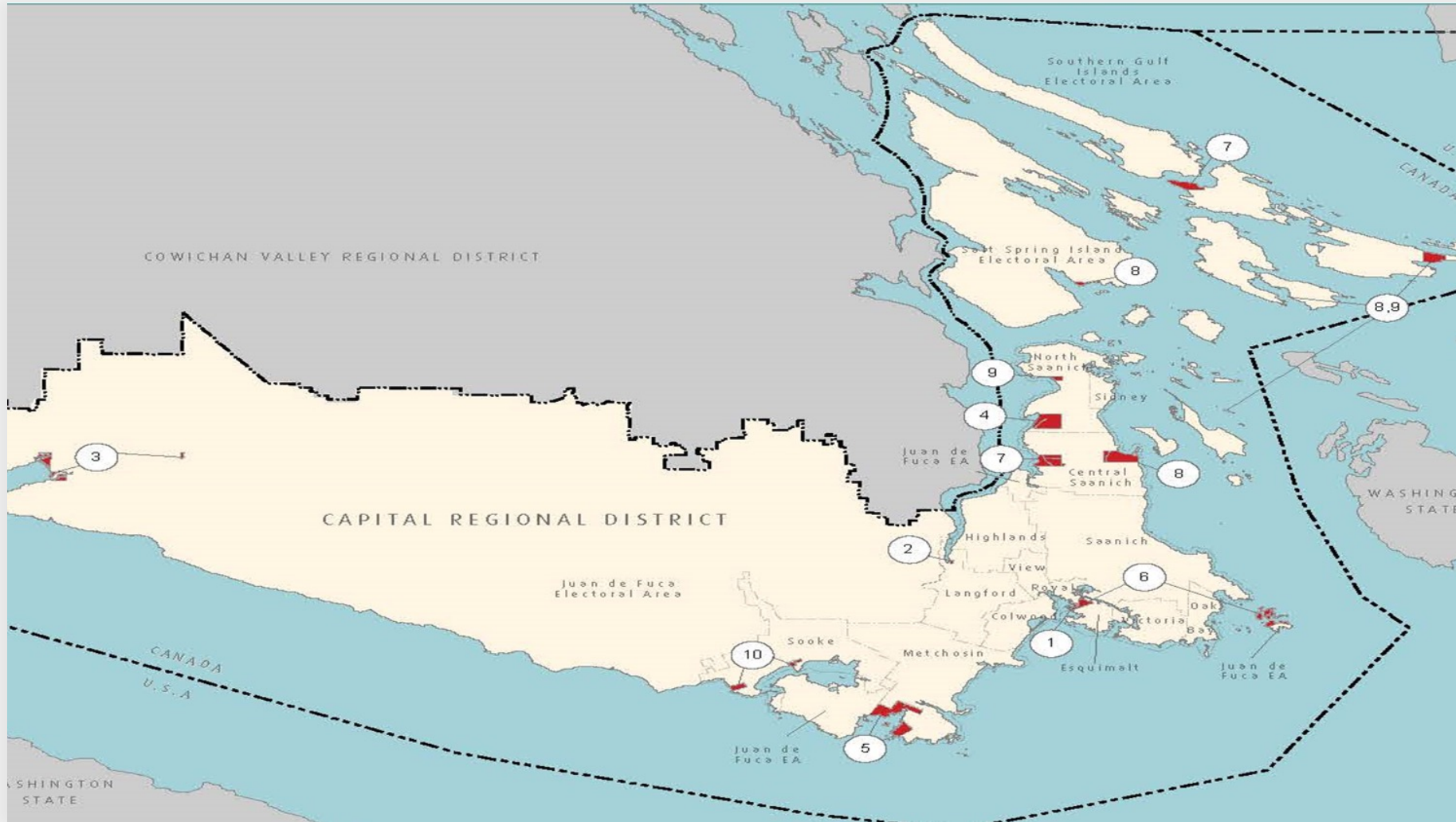
Capital Regional District - Case Study

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Nations with Reserve Lands within the CRD



1. Esquimalt, 2. Malahat, 3. Pacheedaht, 4. Pauquachin, 5. Scia'new, 6. Songhees,
7. Tsartlip, 8. Tsawout, 9. Tseycum, 10. T'Souke 11. Penelakut


Timeline of Efforts Towards Reconciliation




CRD Statement of Reconciliation

- 1. Self-Determination** - The CRD acknowledges the fundamental right of self-determination to Indigenous peoples. In the spirit and intent of inclusivity, the CRD is committed to working with First Nations through the governance systems they choose. When First Nations wish to participate in our decision-making process then we will support them. The CRD will look to First Nations for leadership in understanding how to create new decision-making systems together on their Traditional Territories.
- 2. Shared Prosperity** - The CRD recognizes the gap in wealth between First Nations and settler governments. The CRD will work towards a prosperous economic future for all of its residents and believes that improving the lives of the most vulnerable citizens creates a stronger and more resilient region for everyone. The CRD will seek partnerships, share information and deliver fair and equitable services in working with First Nations on achieving their economic goals.
- 3. Relationship with the Land and Water** - The CRD recognizes the integral relationship First Nations have with the land; often the names for the people of the land and the land itself were one and the same. The CRD will work with First Nations on taking care of the land while providing space for cultural and ceremonial use, food and medicine harvesting, traditional management practices and reclaiming Indigenous place names.

Projects and Initiatives – Shared Governance

- Hosting of a Forum of all Councils;
 - Creation of an Intergovernmental Working Group;
 - Inclusion of First Nation Elected Representatives on Board Standing Committees;
 - First Nation Honoraria Policy and remuneration;
 - Cultural Awareness training for Elected Officials and staff;
 - Exploration of MOUs and other agreements to establish government-to-government relationships;
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Projects and Initiatives – Shared Prosperity


- **Service Agreements:** Parks campground operating agreement, biosolids trucking contract, watershed brush clearing agreements, dedicated First Nation Liaison contracts;
 - **Emerging Development Initiatives:** Job creation and Indigenous Internship Program; enhanced First Nation procurement options; discussions towards a Solid Waste Partnership Agreement;
 - **Community Support Initiatives:** Mutual aid, bylaw enforcement and emergency service agreements; water and wastewater service agreements; water rate equalization.
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Current Initiatives:

- Traditional Use and Access Agreements in Regional Parks and Watershed lands;
- Development of an Indigenous Cultural Curriculum for Regional Parks Interpreters;
- Contracted First Nation Cultural Monitors for land altering works;
- Enhanced Archaeological Protocols and MOU for Land-Altering Works.

Emerging Initiatives:

- Consultation on parks management plans, incorporation of cultural uses and indigenous place names;
 - Increased demand for collaborative parks management and consultation on parkland acquisition and disposal.
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- High level of expectation from Nations around Local Government engagement and consultation;
 - Uncertainty around the effect of UNDRIP and the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPPA) on Local Governments;
 - Navigating territorial overlap;
 - Limited staff capacity to advance reconciliation discussions;
 - Increasing number of capacity funding requests from Nations.
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