

CRD building questioned (letter to the editor)

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I found this notification somewhat misleading. Can anyone think of a time when adding government infrastructure has not increased costs, including taxes to local citizens, has anyone been consulted?

There will be no property tax increase associated with it, as the annual building costs will be equal to or less than the \$117,000 in rent and \$17,000 in utilities electoral area taxpayers currently pay for rental offices in Sooke.

The three lots in the business park at 7450 Butler Rd. cost \$400,000, and the anticipated cost to build the 4,500-square-foot, rancher-style office building is approximately \$900,000. If there is enough money is left over, the hope is to build Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue its own garage and command centre.

Because Hicks is borrowing the money internally from the CRD's office facilities capital reserve fund and there is no anticipated tax increase, there is no requirement to go to electors for approval to borrow the money.

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