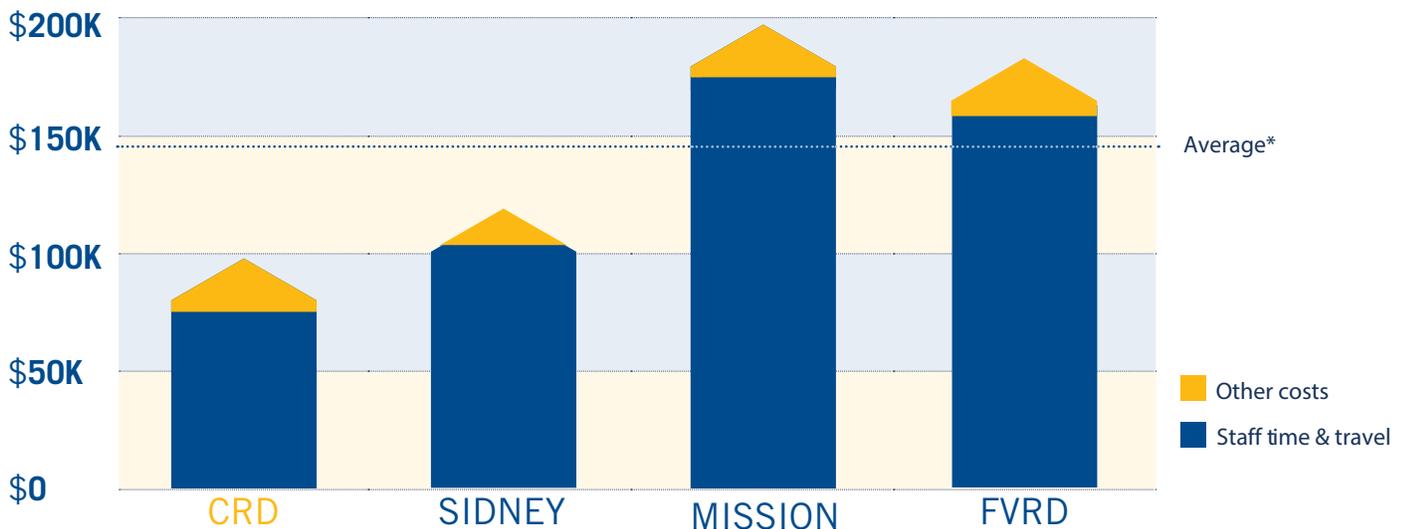




Capital Regional District

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

## COMPARISON OF DIRECT AUDIT COSTS



Final direct costs for the Capital Regional District audit are \$118,402. Staff time & travel= \$102,897; Other costs = \$15,505. Other costs include contractor fees, expenses, travel and miscellaneous costs for researching the audit topic. Final direct costs for the District of Mission audit were \$196,349; Town of Sidney audit costs were \$96,890; Fraser Valley Regional District audit costs were \$184,172.

\*Audit reports on the topic of emergency management cost an average of \$148,953.

This audit reviewed the effectiveness of the Capital Regional District’s (CRD) emergency management plans and programs and business continuity management system. Overall, the CRD has taken major steps to develop its emergency management program and continuously improve it. We were pleased to find that the CRD had a significant focus on emergency management over the last few years and implemented many good practices. From a regional perspective, management recognized the importance of sharing information and resources among local authorities in the region and was enhancing coordination of emergency management with various stakeholders.

Our report identifies a few areas where the CRD could improve on its emergency management practices, in particular, by establishing more holistic business continuity management processes and practices across the organization and strengthening its focus on the recovery of core services.

The result of our performance audit process is a substantial audit [report](#), which we urge you to read in full. In addition to helping the Regional District identify its next steps, this report offers a great deal of information that will be relevant to many other local governments across British Columbia.