

## **About North Saanich\***

The District of North Saanich is located at the north end of the Saanich Peninsula approximately 25 kilometers north of Victoria, British Columbia on southern Vancouver Island. For a map showing the District's location, relative to Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle, and to access our neighboring municipalities, refer to the [Saanich Peninsulamap](#).

The District is surrounded on three sides by 40 kilometers of ocean shoreline, is home to the Victoria International Airport and the Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal.

This area historically emerged from several coastal focal points inward to the interior of the Peninsula. Today, the community-like neighbourhoods which include Ardmore, Deep Cove, Curteis Point, Cloake Hill/Green Park, Dean Park and the South East Quadrant are on the periphery of a rich agricultural interior which is protected by the Provincial Agricultural Land Reserve. Agriculture is very important to the municipality, as evidenced in the number of farms, and road side produce and flower stands.

## **Facts and Statistics\***

Incorporated:	August of 1965
Population:	Approximately 11,000
Size:	4,015 hectares (9,921 acres)
Location:	On southern Vancouver Island, 25 kilometres (16 miles) north of Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia
Landmarks:	Victoria International Airport and Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal

## **History\***

In July of 1905, North Saanich, then including the townsite of Sidney, was incorporated with the original Municipal Hall located in Sidney. Lacking population and a firm tax base, the municipality was dissolved in 1911. In 1940, the site of the present Victoria International Airport was selected as a military forces base and the area boomed with the influx of 10,000 military personnel, leading to incorporation for the Village of Sidney in 1952. Four years later, the residents of the North Saanich unorganized area, numbering 2,865, requested that letters patent be issued to form the "North Saanich Fire Prevention District" with power to own property, to tax and to borrow. In 1965, after a favourable public vote, the letters patent were withdrawn and the North Saanich Municipal District was established with offices at the present location on Mills Road.

*\* The above information was taken from the District North Saanich Website..*