

Saturna Ambulance Service (SAS) Steering Committee Annual Report June 2026

The Saturna Ambulance Service (formerly SIR) Steering Committee was established to support the long-term sustainability of emergency medical response on Saturna Island. Since its inaugural meeting in July 2025, the committee has met three times and focused on volunteer sustainability, recruitment and training, community engagement, fundraising, and long-term service planning.

A primary focus of the committee's work has been supporting the volunteers who provide emergency medical response in our community. Discussions have centered on reducing burnout, strengthening recruitment efforts, increasing training opportunities, and supporting members in obtaining EMR certification and Class 4 driver's licences to improve operational flexibility and sustainability.

The committee has also worked to strengthen community awareness and support for SAS. We have been continually inspired by the generosity of our community and would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to this effort. Highlights include the community-led benefit concert, which raised more than \$6,000 in support of emergency services, the Saturna Community Club's designation of SAS as a beneficiary of the 2026 Lamb BBQ, and the many individual donations, fundraising initiatives, and offers of support received throughout the year. These contributions have provided not only financial assistance but also a strong reminder that the community values and supports its volunteers.

The Steering Committee continues to explore sustainable service models for the future of emergency medical response on Saturna. This includes ongoing advocacy with BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) and other partners to identify a long-term model that best serves our community while supporting the volunteers who make the service possible. Important discussions are ongoing, and we look forward to sharing further updates at the Town Hall.

As we gather for this year's AGM and Town Hall, we are also launching our next fundraising initiative: the SAS Raffle. We encourage everyone to support our volunteers and the future of emergency medical services on Saturna by purchasing raffle tickets and helping spread the word throughout the community. And BIG thank you to our generous donors of the exceptional raffle prizes.

On behalf of the committee, thank you to our volunteers, community partners, donors, and supporters. Your commitment, generosity, and belief in the importance of emergency medical services on Saturna continue to move this work forward.

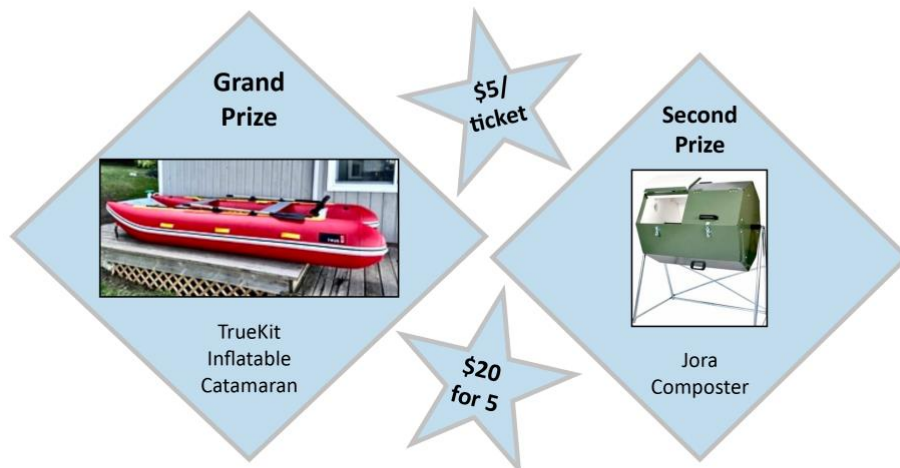
Respectfully submitted,

Chaya Katrensky
Chair, SAS Steering Committee

RAFFLE!



to benefit the **Saturna Ambulance Service**



Draw Date: July 1, 2026

Lamb BBQ, Saturna Island

approximately 2:30 pm

Tickets available
at the SIFPS Town Hall, June 20, Community Hall
and at the Lamb BBQ.

Winners need not need to be present to win.
Prizes must be picked up on Saturna Island by the winner.
Generously donated prizes are awarded as-is.