

## OCTOBER BOARD CALENDAR

- 5** Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting  
1 p.m.
- 10** RDN Board Meeting  
1 p.m.
- 24** RDN Board Meeting  
10 a.m.

All Board, Electoral Area Services Committee and Hospital District Board meetings take place in the Board Chambers at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo and are also webstreamed.

[www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos)

## RDN HHW PROGRAM

The RDN now collects household hazardous waste (HHW) products that are not accepted at recycling depots.

This includes items such as household cleaners, automotive detailing products, pool chemicals, bear spray, fertilizers and certain pesticides.

For more information and to set up a drop-off appointment, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/hhw](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/hhw). You can also contact us at [hhw@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:hhw@rdn.bc.ca) or 250-390-5427.



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## CURBSIDE ORGANICS

Are you taking advantage of the RDN Curbside Organics Program? Using the curbside organics cart is a cost-effective and convenient way to compost your light yard material. Accepted materials that now go into your organics cart include:

- Light trimmings no larger than 1.5cm (0.5 in) in diameter and no longer than 60cm (2 feet) in length
- Flowers, weeds
- Organics material
- Lawn clippings

The full list can be found here, [www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside)



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## BETTER HEALTHCARE FOR OUR REGION

The Nanaimo Regional Hospital District (NRHD) provides funding in support of capital projects at local healthcare facilities including Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH).

The NRHD is advocating for better healthcare facilities in our region including a new patient tower, cancer centre, cardiac catheterization lab, high acuity unit at NRGH and a new long-term care facility.

Learn more about the NRHD and our priority capital projects at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/nrhd](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/nrhd) or scan the QR code.



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## SEPTICSMART REBATES STILL AVAILABLE

Eligible RDN residents can qualify for up to \$700 for:

- an effluent filter
- a distribution box
- risers
- or to repair an aging system.

Rebates funds are limited. Apply by December 15.



[www.rdn.bc.ca/septicmart](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/septicmart)

## RECREATION

Older adults are invited to take part in the free activities on offer during Active Aging Week from October 3 to 7. Visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect) to view all of the events planned.

Head to Oceanside Place Arena in Parksville or Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum Beach for a drop-in swim or skate. View the schedule at [www.rdn.bc.ca/swim-and-skate-schedule](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/swim-and-skate-schedule)

Ride your bike and visit us at a GoByBike Celebration Stations

- Tuesday, October 17, 2:30 - 5 p.m., Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail by the dog park
- Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., Ravensong Aquatic Centre

Make sure to also register at <https://gobybikebc.ca/oceanside> and log at least one ride to be eligible to win local and provincial prizes.



[www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation)

## AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The RDN Performance Recognition Program is BACK

We are proud of you! The RDN, through the Oceanside Services Committee, recognizes local individuals and members of teams and organizations who have achieved a gold medal or first-place standing in a provincial, national or international sport, culture or artistic event.

We are currently taking nominations from 2020 to present. Those who meet the award criteria must be residents of the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach or Electoral Areas E, F, G or H. If you know someone, nominate them today!

Nominations must be received by Friday, October 20 to be considered for the November awards ceremony. For more information and the nomination form, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/performance-recognition-program](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/performance-recognition-program).

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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

The Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an open house during Fire Prevention Week!

Date: Saturday, October 14

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Fire Hall #2 located at 3241 Alberni Hwy, Qualicum Beach

There will be displays, door prizes, hot dogs, fire truck tours and an auto extraction demonstration.

Follow the department on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CoombsHilliersVolunteerFireDepartment](http://www.facebook.com/CoombsHilliersVolunteerFireDepartment) for information.



[www.rdn.bc.ca/coombs-hilliers-fire](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/coombs-hilliers-fire)

## PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee meetings are:

EA H: Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay

October 4 at 7 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Centre  
240 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach

EA E: Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Whiskey Creek, Meadowood

October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Nanoose Place  
2925 NW Bay Rd, Nanoose Bay

The meetings will also be webstreamed. For more information, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees).

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Would you like to be more involved in your community? Do you have experience or interest in the field of parks, recreation, culture, agriculture, waste management, planning, climate, or drinking water and watershed protection?

We are now accepting applications for two- or three-year terms on a variety of advisory committees.

The application deadline is Monday, November 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

To download the application form, and for details on the committees and community members needed visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/board-appointments](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/board-appointments).

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## FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP

Learn how to enhance your home's energy efficiency at our upcoming free workshop. Join industry experts as they guide you through locating and addressing drafts, mastering weather-stripping for doors and windows, and effective air-sealing techniques. There will also be hands-on learning with interactive displays.

The RDN has partnered with City Green Solutions and Carbon Wise to deliver a series of free skills-focused workshops for residents about Air Sealing (draft proofing) their homes. This two-hour workshop will introduce participants to key knowledge, resources and skills needed to complete effective DIY Air Sealing at home.

Date: October 27, 2023

Time: 1 - 3 p.m.

Location: Cedar Community Hall, 2388 Cedar Rd, Nanaimo

Space is limited and is first come, first served. To reserve your spot, email [sustainability@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:sustainability@rdn.bc.ca) or call 250-390-5422.

To find out about more upcoming workshops and webinars, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/2023-fall-outreach-series](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/2023-fall-outreach-series)



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