

JANUARY BOARD CALENDAR

- 9 **RDN Board Meeting**
1 p.m.
- 11 **Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting**
1 p.m.
- 23 **RDN Board Meeting**
1 p.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

WATER TO EARTH MONTH

Come celebrate World Water Day and Earth Day with us during a month-long celebration from March 22 to April 22! This year's themes are **Water for Prosperity and Peace** and **Planet vs. Plastic** and activities focused on protecting water and our natural environment will be offered in communities across our region.

Join us and community partners for a streamside walk, interactive workshop, watershed tour, Bio Blitz or do some work in your own backyard and enter our online contest for some great prizes! For a full list of events and activities visit www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart.



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WELLSMART WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 20, 6-8 p.m.
Errington Hall, 1390 Errington Road

Are you a well owner and would like to learn more? Join this free workshop with the RDN Drinking Water and Water Protection team, Island Health and the Government of BC to learn about:

- Well maintenance and operation
- Protecting your water source
- Water testing and treatment
- Water treatment options
- Drought management
- Learn more and register at www.rdn.bc.ca/wellsmart or call 250-248-3252.



www.rdn.bc.ca/wellsmart

GOLDEN SHOE HUNT

The 18th Annual Golden Shoe Hunt is back and starts March 29. Clues and instructions will be posted weekly to www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/golden-shoe and RDN social media channels.



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RECREATION

Stay active every day. There are still spots available for spring programs. Plus, you can sign up for summer programs starting May 14. Hop online at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation and register today.

Be the first to receive online access to the summer programs by subscribing to REC Connect at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect.

Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum Beach and Oceanside Place Arena in Parksville are hosting a variety of Everyone Welcome Swims and Skates during the spring break. View all the public swim and skate times online at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation.



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RECYCLING RIGHT

Thank you for recycling right!

Do you know the top seven materials that are not accepted in the curbside recycling cart? The top seven materials that do not belong in the recycling cart are:

- flexible plastic (soft and crinkly plastic)
- glass
- scrap metal
- books
- electronics
- durable plastic products
- hazardous materials



Use the **What Goes Where** directory to learn where to dispose of your materials. The tool can be accessed by using the QR code by downloading the RDN Curbside smartphone app or at www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside.

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CLIMATE ACTION VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you passionate about environmental conservation, sustainability and taking action against climate change?

The RDN and City of Nanaimo are looking for community members across the region to join the Acting for Climate Together (ACT) volunteer initiative. ACT volunteers will collaborate on impactful community-focused climate actions and projects that help increase awareness and engagement on climate action at the local level.



New this year: RDN Climate Action Seed Funding up to \$1,000 per project! Conditions apply.

Join us for an in-person kick-off session on Saturday, March 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Oliver Woods Community Centre. Register at www.rdn.bc.ca/acting-for-climate-together.



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HOME HEATING REBATES

Community Woodsmoke Reduction Program — Clean Home Heating Rebates

Breathe cleaner air in 2024 by switching out your old wood-burning stove for a new EPA2020/CSA-certified wood stove, pellet stove, electric insert or heat pump. Upgrade your heating and you could qualify for the following rebates through the Community Woodsmoke Reduction Program:

- \$400 for an Electric Insert
- \$600 for an EPA 2020 or CSA B415.1 Compliant Wood Stove
- \$1,000 for an EPA 2020 or CSA B415.1 Compliant Pellet Stove
- \$1,500 for an Electric Heat Pump

Conditions apply for all rebates. Visit www.rdnrebates.ca or call 250-390-6510 to find out more.



www.rdnrebates.ca

D69 SWIMMING POOL SERVICE SELECT COMMITTEE

The next District 69 Swimming Pool Service Select Committee is: March 7 at 10:30 a.m. RDN Board Chambers 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo

The meeting will also be webstreamed. For more information, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees.

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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee meeting is: EA E: March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Nanoose Place 2925 NW Bay Rd, Nanoose Bay

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HOME UPGRADE REBATES

Planning home upgrades and looking for a break on the cost? As part of the RDN's action on climate change and environmental stewardship, rebates are available for climate-friendly home upgrades, with higher amounts for installing a heat pump, as follows:

- Upgrade to climate friendly heating - \$400 to \$1,500
- Sustainable Development Checklist - \$500 or \$1,000
- Fossil Fuel to Heat Pump - \$1,000
- Home Energy Assessments - up to \$350
- Graded Site-Cut Timber - \$250
- Renewable Energy Systems - \$250
- Residential EV Charging Station - \$150

Rebates are first-come, first-served to qualifying applicants until available funds are spent. Apply early as funding is limited. For more information on the RDN rebates, eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit www.rdnrebates.ca or scan the QR code.



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