

## MARCH CALENDAR

- 4 RDN Electoral Area Services Committee**  
1:00 p.m.  
This meeting will be broadcast virtually
- 9 RDN Committee of the Whole**  
1:00 p.m.  
This meeting will be broadcast virtually
- 23 RDN Board Meeting**  
1:00 p.m.  
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In response to Provincial Health Orders, all meetings of the RDN Board, Standing Committees, Select Committees, and Advisory Committees and Commissions can only be attended virtually at this time. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos) for more information and the RDN committee meeting calendar.

## COVID-19

The RDN will continue to follow the directives of the health officials during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca), phone us at 250-390-4111 or follow the RDN on Facebook or Twitter for the latest updates.

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

## RDN #DYK

To provide a transparent and accessible process, information on all active RDN zoning and OCP amendment applications initiated since 2020 are available online. The public can review development application submissions and provide input in one, easy to navigate location. Visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-planning](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-planning) to view the applications that are of interest to you.

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## NANAIMO AIRPORT LAND USE BYLAW UPDATES

The RDN is proposing to amend the Regional Growth Strategy, Electoral Area A Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw No. 500 for lands owned by the Nanaimo Airport Commission. The Nanaimo Airport Commission, who owns and operates the Nanaimo Airport, has a land use plan that includes expanding the airport terminal and airside commercial for aviation and aviation light industrial, and developing land adjacent to the Trans-Canada Highway for commercial uses, passenger flow and parking.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to recognize the existing airport operations and to facilitate future development of the Nanaimo Airport, including commercial uses complimentary to the airport on the portion of the property adjacent to the Trans-Canada Highway.

For further information, draft bylaw amendments and project timelines, visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/airport](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/airport) or call 250-390-6761.

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## SOCIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT & STRATEGY

The RDN, in partnership with the City of Nanaimo, Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee, Town of Qualicum Beach and the District of Lantzville, is currently undertaking a Social Needs Assessment & Strategy. Working with community organizations and individuals with lived experience of poverty, this project will identify actions local governments and community partners can take to improve the wellbeing of all citizens.

Consistent with *TogetherBC*, British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy, key priority areas of the project include:

- families, youth and children
- social supports
- housing and homelessness
- access to services
- safe affordable transportation
- discrimination and stigma



Community engagement will begin in March 2021, including an online survey available for all residents. Please join the conversation at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/social-needs-strategy](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/social-needs-strategy).

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## CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Don't call us, we'll connect with you! Download our free RDN Curbside App and sign up for reminders and service alerts so we can send you information specific to your curbside collection route. Important collection service information such as snow event notifications can be sent straight to your smart phone, email or telephone. Simply visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection-schedules](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection-schedules) or download the app to sign up!

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## RDN GRANTS

RDN Oceanside Services Recreation Grants provide funds on a District-wide basis to organizations requesting financial assistance to offer recreation programs, special events or projects.

RDN Community Grants are available to non-profit organizations to provide social programs and services that serve a local community or provide a regional benefit.

Deadline to apply for Recreation and Community grants is April 30, 2021. If approved for a grant, organizations can only receive one RDN grant per project. For more information and to download the application forms, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/grants](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/grants).

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEBINAR

Would you like to learn more about Household Emergency Preparedness in your community? Do you have questions about what you need to do to ensure you are ready for an emergency? Join Melissa, the RDN's Emergency Planning Coordinator, to learn some tips and tricks that can help you and your family be prepared. Plus, attend our session for a chance to win some great emergency related prizes. Registration is required.

**Where:** Virtual via Zoom. Please note an internet capable device with sound is required.

**When:** Wednesday, March 24 from 10 – 11 a.m.

**Register by email or phone:** [emergencyservices@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:emergencyservices@rdn.bc.ca) or 250-390-6759

[www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program)

## WATER TO EARTH MONTH 2021

### A celebration of water and environmental awareness!

This March and April, join us in celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Water to Earth Month series of events and activities that connects World Water Day (March 22) and Earth Day (April 22). The RDN, in partnership with the City of Nanaimo, Vancouver Island University and Nanaimo & Area Land Trust, has organized a variety of virtual and physically distanced events and activities including webinars, outdoor scavenger hunts, interpretive watershed walks in parks and more. Complete and submit an Activity Passport for a chance to win some great prizes!

To learn more, access activities and register for events and webinars, visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart).

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## RECREATION

Registered in-person and online programs are available. View programs and register online at [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation).

The next set of swim sessions will start Monday, March 29. Registration will open on March 15 at 8 a.m.

**Register for Spring break camps, swims and skates today.** Still space in Go Wild Outdoor Camp, 6-10 yrs, Gymnastics Camp 5-12 yrs, Dance Camp 3-9 yrs, Camp Sonic 8-12 yrs [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation)

**Participate in the Spring Break Play Passport and enter to win prizes.** Download a passport (available March 10) on REC Connect at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect)

**Subscribe to the monthly Active Newsletter to find out more about recreation services and programs**  
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## NOTICE OF TREE CLEARING AND GRUBBING

Detailed engineering design of the French Creek Pollution Control Centre Expansion and Odour Control Upgrade, at 957 Lee Road, is nearly complete. Tree clearing and grubbing is necessary to provide construction access to the site and room for the plant expansion.

- **Tree clearing will occur the week of March 8 to ensure that it is complete before the active bird nesting season that begins on March 15.**

- **Grubbing of the stumps will follow immediately after and will be complete by April 16.**

Work will take place from Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Residents can expect noise from chainsaws and heavy equipment during this time and, potentially, minor traffic delays on Highway 19A while heavy equipment is set up.

For more information, visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/french-creek-expansion](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/french-creek-expansion)

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