

APRIL CALENDAR

- 8 RDN Electoral Area Services Committee**
1:00 p.m.
This meeting will be broadcast virtually
- 13 RDN Committee of the Whole**
1:00 p.m.
This meeting will be broadcast virtually
- 27 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 for more information and the RDN committee meeting calendar.

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.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week - April 18 - 24

Thank you to the over 300 RDN volunteers who give their time and talent to help make the region an even better place to live. From responding to emergencies and watershed monitoring to serving on committees, leading community clean ups and so much more, every volunteer is making a difference for our community.

This year's theme - **The Value of One, The Power of Many** - has been exemplified throughout our region during these unprecedented times. Volunteers continue to step up to the challenge, providing support when and where it is needed most. Their dedication, compassion and care is greatly appreciated by the RDN and the community we serve.

Thank you for all that you do!

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GOLDEN SHOE HUNT

The 15th Annual Golden Shoe Hunt is back and starts April 9. Participants are encouraged to take a photo with the shoe (no touching allowed) and submit their photos online to win prizes. Clues and instructions will be posted weekly to www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/golden-shoe, RDN Facebook, RDN Twitter and RDN Instagram.



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SOCIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT & STRATEGY

There is still time to complete the Social Needs Assessment: Community Survey and have a chance to win a **\$200 grocery gift certificate!** Hurry, survey closes **April 9**.

We would love to hear your experiences with housing and housing supports, programs for families, children and youth, access to healthy food, transportation, social supports and stigma and discrimination.

Your input can help shape the development of the Social Needs Assessment Strategy to improve access to services for all residents in the region. Join the conversation by completing the survey at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/social-needs-strategy



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WATER TO EARTH MONTH 2021

A celebration of water and environmental awareness! This March and April, join us in celebrating the 5th 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 events and activities including webinars, outdoor scavenger hunts and more. Complete and submit an Activity Passport for a chance to win some great prizes!

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

The RDN is providing another option for residents who require larger garbage capacity for curbside collection. Residents will now have the option to have two 100L garbage carts. RDN staff will be calling residents who are currently waiting for garbage cart exchanges to offer this choice. If you are interested in taking advantage of this option and are not currently waiting for an exchange, you can call our Automated Curbside Collection Hotline at 250-390-6501 or by emailing curbside@rdn.bc.ca.

www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection

RECREATION

Spring program registration for in-person and online programs is underway. Summer camps and programs will be viewable online May 10 and registration will open Monday, May 17 at 8 a.m. You can view programs and register online at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation.

Subscribe to the monthly Active Newsletter to find out more about recreation services and programs www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Are you prepared? May 1, 2021 is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day and May 2-9, 2021 is Emergency Preparedness Week. Please join the RDN for virtual workshops to learn more about what you can do. Topics will include Household and Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness and FireSmart.

Stay tuned. Dates and times will be listed at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/nepp

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WOODSTOVE REBATES

Get up to \$400 for changing out your old woodstove.

Replace your old woodstove with a cleaner burning woodstove, heat pump, or other eligible heating appliance this year and receive up to \$400. Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/woodstove-exchange to find out more.



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HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS

Get ready for reno season with a home energy assessment

A home energy assessment gives you the information you need to make the most of your renovations. RDN and provincial rebates are available to Electoral Area Residents who have their house assessed using the EnerGuide Program, covering almost all assessment costs. Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/home-energy-assessment to find out more.



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SUSTAINABLE SITE GUIDE

Building a new home in the RDN? Check out our new Sustainable Site Planning Guide

This Guide helps prospective home builders ensure their new home is sited and designed more compatibly with the local environment. The result is a more comfortable, resilient home and a healthier environment. Check it out! www.rdn.bc.ca/green-building-series-guidebooks



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PUBLIC HEARING - NANAIMO AIRPORT LAND USE BYLAWS

The RDN is proposing to amend the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), Electoral Area A Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw No. 500 for lands owned by the Nanaimo Airport Commission.

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 complementary to the airport on the portion of the property adjacent to the Trans-Canada Highway.

A Public Hearing for the proposed RGS, Electoral Area A OCP and Zoning Bylaw 500 amendments is being held electronically via Zoom on **Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 3 p.m.** For further information on the project and instructions on attending the virtual Public Hearing please visit: www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/airport or phone 250-390-6761.

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/airport

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting will be broadcast virtually on:

EA F: Coombs, Hilliers, Errington - May 5 at 7 p.m.

To view the agendas, submit to be a delegation, or to learn more visit: www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees.

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