

# **RDN UPDATES**

## **MAY CALENDAR**

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RDN Electoral Area Services Committee 1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be broadcast virtually



RDN Committee of the Whole

1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be broadcast virtually



**RDN Board Meeting** 

1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be broadcast virtually

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 <a href="https://www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos">www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos</a> 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, phone us at 250-390-4111 or follow the RDN on Facebook or Twitter for the latest updates.

www.rdn.bc.ca/pandemic

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARENESS WEEK

Local Government Awareness Week, May 16 – 22, is an annual initiative aimed at building public awareness of local government roles and encouraging participation in local government processes. The RDN invites residents to learn about the services and programs delivered within our region at <a href="https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/who-we-are">www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/who-we-are</a>. Anyone who is currently signed up on Get Involved or signs up by May 31 will be entered to win one of three great prizes!

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/who-we-are

#### **OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

Outdoor water conservation helps our region be resilient to drought and maintain water supply for essential needs, fire protection and environmental flows.

If you are a customer of a municipal, improvement district or RDN water system, please visit www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map to see which watering restrictions are in place where you live.

Veggie gardens and drip irrigation are exempt from restrictions.

### www.rdn.bc.ca/team-watersmart

#### **FIRESMART**

Check out these easy and effective Spring cleaning tips that will help you FireSmart your home with little to no cost!

- Try making sure your gutters are free of debris, clear any material from underneath your deck and stack your firewood at least 10 meters away from your home.
- Spring has Sprung! Make sure your lawns are trimmed shorter than 10 centimetres.
- Why not take the easy way out this year and try planting a rock garden! Low maintenance, no watering and the best part is, you're reducing the flammable fuels around your home.
- FireSmart can align with water conservation practices by following Xeriscape gardening principles. Learn how at www.rdn.bc.ca/outdoor

For more easy FireSmart tips, check out https://homeowners-manual.firesmartbc.ca



www.rdn.bc.ca/firesmart

# **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 notifications can be sent straight to your smart phone, email or telephone. Simply visit www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection-schedules or download the app to sign up!

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#### WATER STEWARDSHIP REBATES

Help conserve and protect our shared natural resource and save money through these water stewardship practices:

**Rainwater Harvesting:** Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$750 for the installation or addition of 1,000 imperial gallons of rainwater storage.

Irrigation Upgrades and Soil Improvements: Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$475 for irrigation upgrades and/or 50 per cent off garden soil improvements up to \$100. Receive a \$100 bonus rebate for completing both irrigation and soil upgrades.

Wellhead Upgrades and Well Water Testing: Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$650 for wellhead upgrades or up to

\$500 for the closure of any unused well. In addition, 50 per cent off (up to \$175) a full spectrum water quality analysis is available to RDN private well-owners.

For a complete breakdown of RDN rebate programs, eligibility and information on how to apply, visit *www.rdnrebates.ca* or call 250-390-6560.



www.rdnrebates.ca

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

**EA B**: Gabriola & Surrounding Islands – May 17 at 10 a.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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