

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 7 RDN Board Meeting**
1:00 p.m.
This meeting will be broadcast virtually
- 9 RDN Electoral Area Services Committee**
1:00 p.m.
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- 28 RDN Board Meeting**
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All meetings of the RDN Board, Standing Committees, Select Committees, and Advisory Committees and Commissions are live streamed and recorded for the public to watch online. Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos for more information, video recordings of all meetings (with the exception of the Board of Variance) and the RDN committee meeting calendar.

#DYK

The RDN has an online engagement platform to share information and gather feedback on projects across the region. From drinking water, emergency services and transit to parks, recreation and bylaws, there is a wide variety of projects the public can learn more about. You can also ask questions, participate in surveys and more on the Get Involved website at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca

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RECYCLE RIGHT AT THE CURB

A friendly reminder that flexible plastics, plastic bags, glass containers and styrofoam are not accepted in your curbside recycling cart. These materials require special handling to be recycled responsibly and are only recyclable through depot drop-off.

Oceanside Residents: Recycle BC is hosting pop-up depots to collect glass bottles and jars, foam packaging, plastic bags and overwrap, and other flexible plastic packaging! For more information on which items are accepted at the pop-up events, visit www.recyclebc.ca/popup

Recycle BC's pop-up depots take place at St. Columba Presbyterian Church, 921 Wembley Road in French Creek. The next pop-up depot is:

- Saturday, September 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

www.recyclebc.ca/popup

2022-2026 FINANCIAL PLAN SURVEY

We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts and priorities for the 2022-2026 Financial Plan from now until September 10, 2021. Join the conversation by completing the survey or submitting a question through the Q&A feature at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-budget-talks.

Want to learn more about how your tax dollars are spent? See property tax summaries for each municipality and electoral area within the RDN at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-budget-talks.

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SOLID WASTE BYLAWS

The RDN invites residents to provide feedback on two bylaws in Solid Waste Services. One bylaw will require all apartments, condos, businesses and institutions to have composting and recycling. The other bylaw will require waste haulers in our region to be licensed. To learn more about these bylaws, how they may affect you and to provide feedback, please visit www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/solid-waste-bylaws.



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WOODSTOVE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Got a woodstove? Take care of your neighbourhood's air!

Poorly managed or old wood stoves create a lot of smoke that can settle in your neighbourhood, impacting the health of your family and your neighbours. Do your part to reduce or eliminate smoke:

- ✓ Burn only dry, seasoned wood and a small bit of newspaper
- ✓ Replace your old smokey stove with a new clean burning option (rebates available!)
- ✓ Never let your fire smolder
- ✓ Take time to observe how smokey your stove is. Modern wood stoves, properly operated, produce next to no visible smoke.

Learn more about our woodstove replacement program at: www.rdnrebates.ca



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BC RIVERS DAY

WATERSHED WALKS

Englishman River
Regional Park

September 26, 2021
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Nanaimo River
Regional Park

September 25, 2021
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Register Now!

Rivers Day Watershed Walks

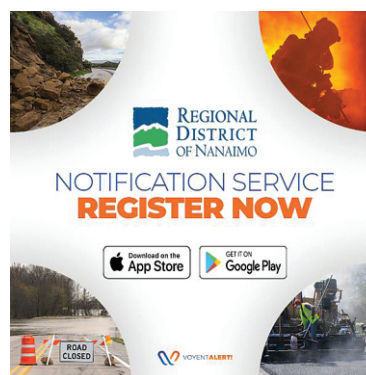
Join the RDN's Drinking Water and Watershed Protection staff to learn all about the Englishman River or Nanaimo River watersheds and the importance of keeping our natural areas healthy for generations to come as we celebrate our local watersheds on BC Rivers Day.

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart

REGISTER FOR VOYENT ALERT

Register for the RDN's Emergency Alerting System, Voyent Alert!

Voyent Alert! allows residents, businesses or visitors to receive messages through an app, text message, voice call or email for critical emergency events such as floods or wildfires. As well, a user can opt in or out of day to day communications such as RDN Service Alerts and Public Notices for recreation and parks alerts, watermain flushing and more. Visit rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert to learn more!



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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.

How are you being WaterSmart this summer?

Show off your water-saving landscaping, efficient irrigation, rainwater harvesting or other ways you are reducing outdoor water use on your property for a chance to win a rain barrel and native plants prize package! Plus, all entries receive a WaterSaver Yard sign! Contest closes Friday, September 10, 2021.

For more information: www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart

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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% off garden soil improvements up to \$100. Receive \$100 bonus rebate for completing both irrigation and soil upgrades.

For more information on RDN rebate programs, eligibility and information on how to apply, visit www.rdnrebates.ca or call 250-390-6560.

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TRANSIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Transit for Children 12 and Under

Children 12 and under can ride the bus for free starting September 1, 2021. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by someone 12 years or older. This is a great opportunity to create riders for life! If you need help planning your route, please feel free to contact our office at 250-390-4531 or 250-954-1001 or check out our schedule at www.bctransit.com/nanaimo/home or nextride.nanaimo.bctransit.com

Service Alert!

We will be going into our fall level of service effective Sunday, September 5! This will increase service on several routes to coincide with the start of the school year. Riders' Guides are available on all buses, main transit office and online.

www.rdn.bc.ca/regional-transit



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

The next Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting will be broadcast virtually on:

EA A: South Wellington, Cassidy, Cedar – September 22 at 2 p.m.

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

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250-390-4111 or 1-877-607-4111



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