

## 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](http://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.

## RECREATION

Registration for fall programs is underway.

Ravensong Aquatic Centre is closed and will re-open September 13. The next deadline for Oceanside Services Recreation Grants is September 24. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/rdn-recreation-grant](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/rdn-recreation-grant).

Visit us online to register for programs and to access our REC Connect webpage where you can subscribe to our Active Living Newsletter and find free activities and resources.

[www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect)

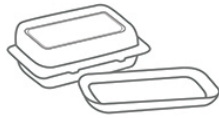
## RECYCLE RIGHT AT THE CURB

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](http://www.recyclebc.ca/popup)

Recycle BC's pop-up depots take place at St. Columba Presbyterian Church, 921 Wembley Road in French Creek and are running biweekly until the end of September

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



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## 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](http://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](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-budget-talks).



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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](http://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](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart)

## WATERING RESTRICTIONS

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

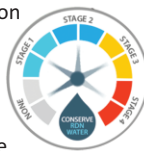
If you are a customer of a municipal, improvement district or RDN water system, please visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map) to see which watering restrictions are in place where you live. Veggie gardens and drip irrigation are exempt from restrictions.

### 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](http://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](http://www.rdnrebates.ca) or call 250-390-6560.

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Rebates

## 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](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/solid-waste-bylaws)



Making it Happen

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## OCEANSIDE SERVICES COMMITTEE

The next Oceanside Services Committee Meeting will be broadcast virtually on September 8 at 1:30 p.m.

To view the agendas, submit to be a delegation, or to learn more visit: [www.rdn.bc.ca/oceanside-services-committee](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/oceanside-services-committee).

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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](http://www.bctransit.com/nanaimo/home) or nexride at <https://nexride.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 bus exchanges and online.

[www.rdn.bc.ca/regional-transit](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/regional-transit)



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



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