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RDN Residents Invited to Provide Feedback and Attend a Virtual Open House on the Rainwater Management Strategy

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is developing a Regional Strategy for Rainwater Management and invites the public to provide feedback on the draft recommendations and attend a virtual open house to learn more. Residents can provide feedback via a survey that is open until the end of January, submit questions online and register for the upcoming virtual open house on January 25 through the strategy project page at getinvolved.rdn.ca/rainwater-management-strategy.

The collaborative effort to develop the strategy is focused on the management of rain to protect the health of watersheds in our region and to maintain a natural water balance. Strategies to achieve this include rainwater harvesting, minimizing paved or impermeable surfaces, protecting water quality, mitigating flooding and enhancing climate resilience.

Although often referred to as stormwater management, rainwater management is more broadly focused on managing all rain events, not just storms. Effective rainwater management considers actions and outcomes at multiple scales, including at the watershed, community and site levels. The Regional Strategy for Rainwater Management is a regulatory commitment under the RDN's provincially mandated Liquid Waste Management Plan. The RDN's Drinking Water and Watershed Protection program provides the structure to implement the strategy.


The virtual open house will be taking place on January 25 from 4 – 7 p.m. via Zoom. RDN staff and guest speakers will be presenting materials and leading discussions that the public can participate in. The session will be drop-in style with a presentation at 4 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Discussions will follow each presentation.


For more information on the project, to complete the survey and to register for the virtual open house on January 25, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/rainwater-management-strategy. For information about the Liquid Waste Management Plan visit rdn.bc.ca/liquid-waste-management-plan and for the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection program, visit rdn.bc.ca/drinking-water-and-watershed-protection.

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