

## JANUARY BOARD CALENDAR

- 10 RDN Board Meeting**  
1 p.m.
- 12 RDN Electoral Area Services Committee**  
1 p.m.
- 17 Committee of the Whole**  
1 p.m.
- 24 RDN Board Meeting**  
1 p.m.

All Board, Electoral Area Services Committee and Hospital District Board meetings take place in the Board Chambers at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo and are also webstreamed.

[www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos)

## PREPARING FOR WINTER

Winter is here and with it, the potential for more extreme weather that can impact RDN services and your safety. Keep informed by subscribing to service alerts at [www.rdn.bc.ca/service-alerts](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/service-alerts) and emergency alerts at [www.rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert).

**DYK?** The City of Nanaimo, City of Parksville, District of Lantzville and Town of Qualicum Beach are responsible for roads within their municipal boundaries including snow removal. In our electoral areas, all roads and maintenance are the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation Infrastructure and currently contracted to Mainroad Mid-Island Contracting LP. Please report changing road conditions to Mainroad's 24-hour hotline at 1-877-215-6006 and direct inquiries to [midisland@mainroad.ca](mailto:midisland@mainroad.ca).



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## 2023 HOME UPGRADE REBATES

As part of the RDN's action on climate change and environmental stewardship, rebates are available for climate-friendly home upgrades, with new and higher amounts for installing a heat pump.

- Upgrade to climate friendly heating \$400 to \$1,000
- Sustainable Development Checklist \$500 or \$1,000
- Home Energy Assessments up to \$350
- Renewable Energy Systems \$250
- Oil to Heat Pump \$250
- Residential EV Charging Station \$150
- Graded Site-Cut Timber \$250

For more information on RDN rebate programs, eligibility and information on how to apply, visit [www.rdnrebates.ca](http://www.rdnrebates.ca) or call 250-390-6510.



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## NEW – COMMUNITY WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program (formerly the Woodstove Exchange Program) is running again in 2023, with exciting program changes and increased rebate amounts.

### Increased Incentives

RDN residents getting rid of their old smoky wood stoves and buying a new EPA/CSA certified electric insert, wood stove or pellet stove are eligible for rebates between \$400 and \$750.

### New Heat Pump Rebates

RDN residents who buy and install a qualified heat pump and dispose of an old wood stove may be eligible for a rebate of \$1,000.

### NEW PILOT Rebate! Get a Heat Pump AND Keep Your Woodstove

RDN electoral area residents who currently use a certified wood stove for home heating can keep their old wood stove for emergency heating and still qualify for a \$1,000 rebate on a new, qualifying heat pump. Conditions apply.

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## TAKE CLIMATE ACTION!

On January 13, 2023, Acting for Climate Together (ACT) is launching! ACT is a volunteer initiative created to inspire and empower residents to work together to take local climate action that will have a lasting impact. Check out our toolkit for ideas – from small actions to large neighborhood-scale projects!

Interested in taking part in ACT? Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/acting-for-climate-together](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/acting-for-climate-together) for more information, download the toolkit, see how to win great prizes and sign up for an information session.



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## ELECTORAL AREA A RECREATION

Stay active or learn something new this winter with Area A Recreation.

New programs are open for registration. Discover Area A's Babysitter's Training, Home Alone Training, ActiveStar, XploreSportZ, Pro D Day Camps, Pickleball, Somatic Chair Movement, and more.

For more information and to register, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/area-a-recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/area-a-recreation) or call 250-268-7354.

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## 2023 WATER STEWARDSHIP REBATES OPEN!

### Rainwater Harvesting

Thinking about installing some rainwater catchment on your property? Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$750 for the installation or addition of 1,000 imperial gallons or more of rainwater storage.

### Irrigation Upgrades and Soil Improvements

Make your property more water efficient! 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

Proper maintenance is important for the longevity of your private well and quality of your drinking water. Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$650 for wellhead upgrades and 50 per cent off up to \$175 for well water testing.

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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## 2023 STEWARDSHIP SEED FUNDING

The RDN's Stewardship Seed Funding program is now open and accepting applications! Non-profit organizations can apply for \$1,000 to \$5,000 towards watershed restoration, enhancement and research. Funds are awarded based on the merit of the project, with priority given to groups that have partnered in RDN Drinking Water & Watershed Protection initiatives, such as the Community Watershed Monitoring Network.

For Stewardship Seed Funding program details and information on how to apply, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/stewardship-seed-funding](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/stewardship-seed-funding) or contact [waterstewardship@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:waterstewardship@rdn.bc.ca).

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## EXPLORE ON TRANSIT

**Explore**  
from Cowichan Valley to Nanaimo on the 70 NCX!

<b>Downtown Nanaimo</b> Transfer Routes: 1, 5, 6, 7, 20, 20A, 25, 30, 40, 50, 78	<b>Cowichan Commons</b> Transfer Routes: 2, 3, 7x, 36
<b>Nanaimo Airport</b> Transfer Route: 78	<b>Canada Ave at Beverly</b> Transfer Routes: 3, 7x, 36
<b>Ladysmith</b> Transfer Routes: 31, 34, 36	<b>Downtown Duncan</b> Transfer Routes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 36, 44
<b>Village Green Mall</b> Transfer Routes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 36, 44, 66	

Route and map info can be found here



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