

## FEBRUARY BOARD CALENDAR

- 8 RDN Committee of the Whole Meeting 1 p.m.
- 9 RDN Committee of the Whole Meeting 9 a.m.
- 9 RDN Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting 1 p.m.
- 14 RDN Special Board Meeting 10 a.m.
- 14 RDN Board Meeting 1 p.m.
- 14 RDN Committee of the Whole Meeting 3 p.m.
- 28 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)

## RECREATION

Registration for spring programs including swim lessons and spring break camps opens on Tuesday, February 14 at 8 a.m.

Free BC Family Day Swim and Skate on Monday, February 20. The swim at Ravensong Aquatic Centre is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The skate at Oceanside Place Arena is from 1 to 4 p.m. Participation maximums will be in place.



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## EA F GOVERNANCE AND SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
Time: 6 - 9 p.m.  
Location: Arrowsmith Hall, 1014 Ford Rd, Coombs  
For more information on the Electoral Area F Governance and Services Study and to register to receive study updates, visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/eaf-gsstudy](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/eaf-gsstudy).

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## PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee meetings are:

EA G: Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum, Dashwood  
February 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Oceanside Place Arena, 830 Island Hwy W, Parksville

EA F: Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Whiskey Creek, Meadowood  
February 27 at 7 p.m.  
Activity Hall, Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Rd, Coombs

EA H: Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay  
March 1 at 7 p.m.  
Lighthouse Community Centre, 240 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach

The meeting will also be webstreamed. For more information, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees).

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## CLEAN HOME HEATING REBATES

Breathe cleaner air in 2023 by switching out your old wood burning stove to a new EPA2020/CSA certified wood stove, pellet stove, electric insert or heat pump. Switching to a cleaner heating option provides year-round comfort, better indoor air quality, and can save you money on your energy bills. Through the Community Woodsmoke Reduction Program, the RDN is offering rebates for the following upgrades when you switch out your old, non-certified wood stove:

- \$400 - Electric Insert
- \$500 - EPA 2020 or CSA B415.1 Compliant Wood Stove
- \$750 - EPA 2020 or CSA B415.1 Compliant Pellet Stove
- \$1,000 - Electric Heat Pump

New in 2023, RDN electoral area residents that meet program requirements and who currently use a EPA/CSA certified wood stove for home heating can keep that certified wood stove for emergency heating and still qualify for a \$1,000 rebate on a new qualifying heat pump. Conditions apply. Visit [www.rdnrebates.ca](http://www.rdnrebates.ca) or call 250-390-6510.



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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Discover the change your team can make in our region by signing up to Acting for Climate Together (ACT)! Join volunteers across the RDN that are taking action to reduce emissions, build community resiliency and protect our local ecosystems. With the help of the ACT toolkit, your team will learn how to move from planning to action and will choose from off-the-shelf actions or create your own unique climate action projects.

Interested in taking part in ACT? Visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/acting-for-climate](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/acting-for-climate) for more information, download the ACT toolkit, see how to win great prizes and complete the application form by February 10, 2023.



<https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/acting-for-climate>

## REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SELECT COMMITTEE

The next Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee meeting is:  
February 7 at 9:30 a.m.  
Board Chambers  
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo

The meeting will also be webstreamed. For more information, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees).

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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 \$675 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 \$250 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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## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

The Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department (CHVFD) is looking for volunteer firefighters to join their team! Area residents interested in learning more can speak with CHVFD firefighters at the Annual Coombs Family Day Celebration event on February 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., drop by the CHVFD hall at 3241 Alberni Hwy or call 250-752-2144.



[www.rdn.bc.ca/fire-departments](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/fire-departments)

## JOIN OUR CONVERSATION

### Presentation of the 2023 to 2027 Financial Plan

Ever wonder how your tax dollars are spent at a regional level? Do you want to learn more about our 2023-2027 Financial Plan? Join us at the following meetings where the plan will be presented.

- Wednesday, February 8 at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, February 9 at 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 14 at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 28 at 1 p.m.

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To share your input at these meetings, complete a delegation form at [www.rdn.bc.ca/appearing-as-a-delegation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/appearing-as-a-delegation). Forms must be received at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

To learn more about the budget process and to submit questions, visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-budget-talks](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-budget-talks).

For more information, please call 250-390-4111, email [inquiries@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:inquiries@rdn.bc.ca) or visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/finance](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/finance).

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## EXPLORE ON TRANSIT

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



### Downtown Nanaimo

Transfer Routes: 1, 5, 6, 7, 20, 20A, 25, 30, 40, 50, 78



### Nanaimo Airport

Transfer Route: 78



### Ladysmith

Transfer Routes: 31, 34, 36



### Cowichan Commons

Transfer Routes: 2, 3, 7x, 36



### Canada Ave at Beverly

Transfer Routes: 3, 7x, 36



### Downtown Duncan

Transfer Routes: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 36, 44



### Village Green Mall

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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