

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## The RDN Invites Public Input for the 2025-2029 Financial Plan

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) invites RDN residents to share their thoughts on the priorities they would like the Board to consider in the 2025-2029 financial plan through a survey. Input collected from the survey is provided to the Board as part of the annual financial planning process and helps identify the areas of service most important to RDN residents. Helpful background information such as what is budgeted for each electoral area, where the funding comes from and what RDN services are provided is available on the RDN Budget Talks webpage.

"The Regional District of Nanaimo provides many valuable services to residents that are paid for either fully or in part by taxes," said Vanessa Craig, RDN Chair. "Residents' input on services such as parks, recreation, drinking water, wastewater treatment and transit, and many other services provided by the RDN, is an important part of the financial planning process. The survey provides an opportunity for the Board of Directors to hear from residents about their budget priorities."

RDN residents can Get involved, ask questions and share input by:

- Registering at getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-budget-talks. This two-way communication tool enables
  residents to complete the budget survey and get their questions answered by the RDN Finance
  Department. All questions and answers will be displayed on the webpage so others can see
  what is being discussed and gain insight into the budget process.
- Reviewing budget and property tax information for their electoral area.
- Watching videos that provide an overview of the RDN and the budgeting process.
- Completing the budget survey.

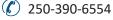
The preliminary 2025-2029 financial plan is planned to be presented to the RDN Board at the November and December 2024 board meetings. The complete budget schedule can be found on the RDN Budget Talks webpage.

Residents can complete the survey until July 5, 2024, at getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-budget-talks. Hard copies of the survey are available by request to RDN residents who do not have access to a computer. Residents are encouraged to register and subscribe to the Budget Talks Get Involved page to receive updates and provide feedback.

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