

Regional District of Nanaimo to Undertake Community Issues Assessment for Electoral Area G

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has received approval and a \$45,000 grant from the Government of British Columbia's Ministry of Municipal Affairs (Ministry) to undertake a community issues assessment for Electoral Area G (EA G). This assessment is the first step in a potentially longer, phased process. The community issues assessment aims to provide residents with an understanding of the current system of governance in EA G. It will also identify if there are any key issues or emerging trends. Depending on the results of the community issues assessment, further study may be considered to assess ways to address the issues.

Electoral Area G includes the communities of Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum, and Dashwood. At approximately 5,073 hectares, the area is bound to the north by the Strait of Georgia, surrounds the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach and is bisected by the City of Parksville. Since 2001, there have been several boundary extensions and the population for EA G has grown significantly. The current governance and service delivery arrangements include a mix of regional district, municipal, provincial and improvement district services as well as private water services. The RDN submitted a request to the Ministry to undertake a governance and services study for EA G in November 2021. In these situations, however, the Ministry recommends a community issues assessment be undertaken before further governance work is completed.


The assessment will take approximately eight to nine months and will begin in the fall of 2024. The community engagement phase is planned to take place between February and April 2025. It will provide EA G residents, First Nations, the improvement district, private water utilities, Parksville and Qualicum Beach the opportunity to learn more and provide input and feedback. A study consultant selected by the RDN will lead the study and summarize the findings for the RDN Board.

For information about the community issues assessment and timeline, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/eag-cia. Additional resources will be added once the assessment is underway in the fall of 2024. Electoral Area G residents are encouraged to register at getinvolved.rdn.ca and subscribe to the Electoral Area G Community Issues Assessment project page to receive project updates.

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