

## **RDN Taking on the Management of the Cedar Heritage Centre**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) will be managing the day-to-day operations of the Cedar Heritage Centre in Electoral Area A effective July 1, 2024. The RDN is taking this role over from the Cedar School and Community Enhancement Society (CSCES). The CSCES had a long-standing agreement with the RDN during which the organization has been exemplary in running the centre and serving the Cedar community.

“On behalf of the Regional District of Nanaimo, I want to extend my heart-felt thank you to the Cedar School and Community Enhancement Society and the many volunteers who have made the Cedar Heritage Centre a much-loved and well-used community space,” said Electoral Area A Director Jessica Stanley. “Public spaces such as these are essential for building and connecting community and I look forward to many more years of Cedar residents coming together at the centre.”

The RDN values the contribution the Cedar School and Community Enhancement Society has made to the community over the past 27 years and the strong partnership between our two organizations. The CSCES was incorporated as a non-profit society in September 1997, with a goal of creating a community school within Electoral Area A that could also be a place where residents could gather. In 2000, the Cedar Secondary School was built and was designated as a community school.

The focus for CSCES then shifted to saving the former North Cedar Elementary School, located on the new Cedar Secondary School lands. The Society was again successful in their endeavor and saved the former elementary school building. The RDN took ownership of the building in 2000 and continues to lease the land it is located on from the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (School District 68). It has since served the community as a gathering place known as the Cedar Heritage Centre.


In 2023, CSCES notified the RDN that the Society intended to dissolve at the end of June 2024.

The Cedar Heritage Centre will continue to be available for community gatherings and facility rentals, and existing facility rentals will be honored. For facility rental inquiries, please contact 1-888-828-2069 or visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation).

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