

## MAY CALENDAR

- 8 May 8**  
Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting  
1 p.m.
  - 13 May 13**  
Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board Meeting  
10 a.m.  
RDN Board Meeting  
1 p.m.
  - 20 May 20**  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
1 p.m.
  - 27 May 27**  
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)

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARENESS WEEK

Local Government Awareness Week is May 11 – 17. Learn about who is responsible for different infrastructure in our region under Who We Are And What We Do at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca).

Register on our Get Involved RDN online engagement platform to share your favourite place or space in the region on a map, to have a chance to win a prize.

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## WATER STEWARDSHIP

Water Stewardship Rebates are open and accepting applications for 2025!

For all RDN residents (electoral area and municipal residents)

- Irrigation Upgrades and Soil Improvements - up to \$875
- Rainwater Harvesting - up to \$1,000
- Septic System Upgrades - up to \$700
- Wellhead Upgrades - up to \$650
- Well Water Testing - up to \$300

For information, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/rdn-rebates](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/rdn-rebates).

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

BC Emergency Preparedness Week is May 4-10 and the theme is Be Prepared. Know Your Risks. Are you ready to take care of yourself for a minimum of 72 hours in an emergency?

### • Know your Hazards!

Earthquakes, fires, tsunamis - knowing the hazards can better help you prepare. Learn more at [www.rdn.bc.ca/regional-hazards-risks](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/regional-hazards-risks).

### • Build your Emergency Kit and Grab-and-Go Bag

During an emergency you may need to evacuate suddenly or shelter in place. Being prepared for both is vital. Find lists for what to have in your kit and bag at [www.rdn.bc.ca/build-kit](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/build-kit)

### • Make an Emergency Plan

A family meeting place and a communication plan are emergency plan essentials. A fill-in-the-blanks plan can be found here: [www.rdn.bc.ca/create-plan](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/create-plan)

### • Stay Informed with Voyent Alert!

Voyent Alert! is the RDN's emergency notification tool. Get real-time notifications from the RDN so you can be informed and resilient during emergencies. Sign up at [www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-alerts](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-alerts). It is quick, easy, free and anonymous!

[www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-services](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-services)

## EA A RECREATION PROGRAMS

Did you know that Electoral Area A Recreation offers Summer Camps in Cedar?

### Camp Timber (6-11 yrs)

Mon-Fri, July 7-Aug 1, 2025

### LEGO® Robotics and Science

### Camp (6-9 yrs) – Mon-Fri, Aug 18-22, 2025

Electoral Area A Summer Camp details will be viewable online May 16, 8 a.m. Registration opens May 20 at 6 p.m.

Scan the QR code with your mobile device or call 250-268-7354 for program details or to register for your spot and make unforgettable memories this summer!



[www.rdn.bc.ca/area-a-recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/area-a-recreation)

## NEW WASTE DIVERSION BYLAW IN EFFECT

New waste diversion rules are in effect for all commercial, institutional, industrial and multi-family buildings as of January 1, 2025. The Mandatory Waste Source Separation (MWSS) Bylaw will work in conjunction with the Waste Hauler Licensing (WHL) Bylaw to divert recycling and organics away from the landfill. All multi-family residences and businesses will be required to have separate bins for garbage, recycling, and food waste that reside in:

- Nanaimo • Lantzville • Parksville
  - Qualicum Beach and; • RDN Electoral Areas
- Visit: [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/waste-separation](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/waste-separation)

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## WATERING RESTRICTIONS

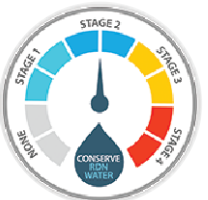
Stage 2 Watering Restrictions for automated sprinkling systems begin on May 1. This allows even or odd day watering based on house numbers for a maximum of two hours between 7 and 10 a.m. or 7 and 10 p.m.

Note: the Town of Qualicum Beach starts Stage 1 restrictions May 15, Deep Bay Improvement District and Qualicum Bay Horne Lake Waterworks currently have no restrictions, and Decourcy and Surfside RDN systems remains at stage 4 restrictions.

To learn more, visit:

[www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map)

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## WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY

May 3 was Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Take action to increase your home, neighbourhood and community's resilience to wildfire. As the dry season approaches, now is the time to clean up yards, do a FireSmart assessment and remove and reduce highly flammable items. Visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-firesmart](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-firesmart) and [www.firesmartbc.ca](http://www.firesmartbc.ca) to learn about the Home Ignition Zone and to access FireSmart resources to help you prepare your home and community for wildfire season.



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