

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

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.

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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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: getinvolved.rdn.ca/waste-separation

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WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY

On May 3, 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 and 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.



www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-firesmart

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.

• 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

• 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

• 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. It is quick, easy, free and anonymous!

www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-services

EA G COMMUNITY ISSUES ASSESSMENT

A Community Issues Assessment is underway for Electoral Area G, which includes the communities of Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum and Dashwood. The Community Issues Assessment will provide residents with information about Electoral Area G's current system of governance and improve awareness about how services are provided in the area. The study will help to identify key issues and shared interests in the community.

While each meeting will present similar information, Area G residents are encouraged to attend the meeting closest to their community to discuss their local issues.

- May 7, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Tigh-Na-Mara (1155 Resort Dr, Parksville)
- (Focus on San Pareil, River's Edge, and Martindale Road, Forneau Way, Wildgreen Way, and Coldwater Road)
- May 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the École Oceanside Elementary School (980 Wright Rd, Parksville).
- (Focus on French Creek)

Learn about the Community Issues Assessment at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/eag-cia.

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EA F BOUNDARY STUDY

A Boundary Study is underway for Electoral Area F, which includes the communities of Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Meadowood, Whiskey Creek and the surrounding rural areas. Join the study consultants to learn about the purpose of the Boundary Study and to share your feedback.

Area F residents are invited to attend a community meeting:

- May 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.,
Bradley Centre (975 Shearmer Rd, Coombs)
- May 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.,
Arrowsmith Hall (1014 Ford Rd, Coombs)

Learn about the study at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/eaf-boundarystudy.

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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.

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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.



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RECREATION

Summer registration opens May 13 at 8 a.m.

Be the first to view the summer programs online by subscribing to REC Connect at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect.

Youth Week May 1-7

Each year youth are celebrated with a week of free events and workshops. Check out all that is on offer at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect.

GoByBikeWeek

May 31 - June 6

Get ready to pedal for fun and prizes during GobyBike Week. View details online and register today at www.gobybike.ca/oceanside.

www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meetings are:

EA G (Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum, Dashwood)
May 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Oceanside Place Arena 830 W Island Hwy W, Parksville

EA F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Whiskey Creek, Meadowood),
May 26 at 7 p.m.

Coombs Fair Grounds 1014 Ford Rd, Coombs

EA H (Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay),
May 28 at 7 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Centre 240 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach
For more information, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees.

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