

Local Government Awareness Week May 11 -17, 2025

Local Government Awareness Week is an annual provincial initiative to build public awareness of local government roles and encourage participation in local government processes. This year's theme is *Infrastructure* and in recognition of the week, which runs May 11 - 17, 2025, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) invites residents to learn about who is responsible for different infrastructure in our region.

Infrastructure includes transportation, wastewater management and water supply. Visit our [Get Involved RDN](#) page for information about infrastructure in the RDN as well as FAQs, videos and an online form to submit any questions you may have about the RDN in general. All those that show us their favourite place or space in the region by May 31 will be entered to win one of three great prizes of your choice! Choose from an RDN Recreation or Parks \$100 gift certificate, two one-month passes for RDN Transit, a \$100 credit on your next RDN utility bill (you must live in one of the RDN's electoral areas to receive this prize) or a \$100 gift certificate for a local restaurant or business.

To learn more and to register, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/who-we-are.

Asset Management Awareness Day May 14, 2025

On Wednesday, May 14, B.C. is recognizing Asset Management Awareness Day during Local Government Awareness Week, and so is the RDN. This day helps highlight the importance of asset management best practices and sustainable service delivery by local governments. Through these best practices, the RDN strives to ensure that meeting our community's current service needs does not negatively impact the ability to meet the needs of future generations.

Across Canada and around the world, the importance of sustainable infrastructure is being raised. Infrastructure is how governments deliver services to their residents. Local governments are responsible for maintaining an enormous quantity and variety of assets, ranging from major infrastructure such as hundreds of kilometres of water pipes and utilities to items as small as the computers and telephones used by staff to provide services to the community.

The goal of asset management is to achieve sustainable service delivery. This is done by delivering current and future community services to residents in a socially, economically and environmentally responsible way while not compromising the level of service provided.

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Our residents and businesses depend on these services. It is easy to forget about all the infrastructure that is needed to deliver water to a tap or take sewage away for treatment – until something goes wrong. Effective asset management involves identifying the life span of our assets, planning the asset upgrades or replacements needed to avoid disruption of service and creating a long-term financial strategy to pay for it. The longer assets age, the more challenging and expensive it becomes to maintain them. And just like with your car or home, these assets may fail much earlier than expected if they are not regularly maintained.

Some of the RDN's larger assets include:

- The Regional Landfill in Cedar
- The Transfer Station on Church Road in Parksville
- The Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre
- More than 2,072 hectares of regional parks and trails
- Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum Beach
- Oceanside Place Arena in Parksville

For information on services delivered by the RDN, visit rdn.bc.ca and getinvolved.rdn.ca/who-we-are.

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