

OCTOBER BOARD CALENDAR

- ② RDN Special Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting
10 a.m.
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1 p.m.
- ⑭ Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board Meeting
10 a.m.
RDN Board Meeting
1 p.m.
- ⑳ 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

BREATHE CLEANER AIR THIS WINTER

Do you have an old, smoky woodstove? Improve the air quality in your home and your community by replacing your uncertified stove with a cleaner, more efficient heating system.

When you upgrade, you may qualify for rebates through the **Community Woodsmoke Reduction Program**:

- \$400 for an Electric Insert
- \$600 for a Certified Wood Stove
- \$1,000 for a Certified Pellet Stove
- \$1,500 for an Electric Heat Pump



Rebates are available for a limited time. Conditions apply. Visit www.rdnrebates.ca or call 250-390-6510 to learn more.

www.rdnrebates.ca

SEED FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

Have a project that could make your neighbourhood more climate-friendly? The RDN offers Climate Action Seed Funding to support small, community-led initiatives that reduce emissions, build resilience and inspire change.

Eligible projects can receive up to \$1,000 in funding and must benefit residents in an RDN electoral area.

Whether it's a repair café, climate resilient home tour or community garden, your idea could help create a healthier, more sustainable future.

Learn more and apply at

www.rdn.bc.ca/climate-action-seed-funding. Questions? Email sustainability@rdn.bc.ca or call 250-390-6510.

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WATER STEWARDSHIP REBATES

Help protect our water resources and save money!

- Rainwater Harvesting: Get up to \$1,000 for installing or adding 1,000 imperial gallons of rainwater storage.
- Irrigation Upgrades and Soil Improvements: Get up to \$475 for irrigation upgrades and/or 50 per cent off garden soil improvements up to \$100. Get a \$100 bonus rebate for completing both irrigation and soil upgrades. Stratas can also apply.
- Wellhead Upgrades: Get up to \$650 for wellhead upgrades or up to \$500 for closing an unused well.
- Well Water Testing: RDN private well-owners can receive 50 per cent off (up to \$300) a full spectrum water quality analysis.

To learn more, visit www.rdnrebates.ca or call 250-390-6560. All work must be completed by December 15, 2025 - apply soon!



www.rdn.bc.ca/outdoor

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Would you like to be more involved in your community? Do you have experience or interest in the field of parks, recreation, culture, agriculture, waste management, planning, climate or drinking water and watershed protection?

We are now accepting applications for volunteers to sit on advisory committees with terms ranging from one to three years.

The application deadline is Friday, October 31, 2025, at 4 p.m.

To download the application form, and for details on the committees and community members needed, visit: www.rdn.bc.ca/board-appointments.

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RECREATION

Older adults are invited to take part in the free activities during Active Aging Week - October 6 to 10. Visit www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect to view all the events planned

Fall registration is OPEN. Register today for fitness classes, swim and skate lessons, after-school programs and more at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect.

Head to Oceanside Place Arena in Parksville or Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum Beach for a drop-in swim or skate. View the schedule www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-drop-in-schedules.

Celebrate the festive season with a Winter Wonderland on Ice private booking. Bookings available from December 13 to 31. Call 250-248-3252 or email recparcs@rdn.bc.ca to book.



If you or someone you know has won first place or a gold medal at a provincial, national or international sport, artistic or cultural event this past year, nominate them today for the Performance Recognition Award.

Nominations received by October 20 will be considered for the 2025 ceremony. Find out more at www.rdn.bc.ca/performance-recognition-program.

www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation

FRENCH CREEK SCHOOL AND PARKLAND PURCHASE REFERENDUM

Have your say Electoral Area F! On October 25, 2025, eligible electors will decide if the RDN can borrow up to \$824,000, plus interest, repayable over a period of no more than ten years, to purchase the property located at 2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs, (known as French Creek School).

There are three voting days:

- Advance Voting – Wednesday, October 15 and 22, 2025, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Road, Coombs
- General Voting Day – Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Road, Coombs

Find out more about the three ways to vote, who can vote and where to vote by visiting: www.rdn.bc.ca/French-Creek-School-and-Parkland-Purchase-Referendum.

Learn more about the property at:

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/french-creek-school-and-parkland-purchase-referendum.

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 5 - 11

This year's national theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," highlights the growing need to safely use, charge and recycle lithium-ion batteries — found in everyday items like phones, laptops, e-bikes and power tools.

Local fire departments — including Nanoose Bay and Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Departments — are leading fire prevention efforts. Their dedication and expertise help keep our neighbourhoods safe year-round.

Join in, ask questions and take action.

- Attend a local fire safety event if one is being hosted by your local fire department
- Charge devices safely
- Never throw batteries in the trash
- Talk to your family about fire risks

Let's celebrate the volunteers, responders and educators behind the trucks — and build a safer community together. Visit your local fire department's website or social media for event details.

Learn more at www.nfpa.org/fpw

www.rdn.bc.ca/fire-services

SEPTIC SMART WORKSHOP

Attend a free Septic Smart workshop to learn about proper care and maintenance of your septic system. Whether you are a new septic system homeowner or would like a refresher, this workshop is for you!

October 29, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Parksville Community Centre, 223 Mills St.



To register and learn more, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/septicmart.

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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meetings are:

Electoral Area G (Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum, Dashwood)

October 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Oceanside Place Arena
830 W Island Hwy W, Parksville

Electoral Area H (Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay)

October 22 at 7 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Centre
240 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach

Electoral Area F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Whiskey Creek, Meadowood)

October 27 at 7 p.m.

Coombs Fairgrounds - Activity Hall
1014 Ford Rd, Coombs

For more information, visit

www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees.

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