

November 4, 2025

Regional District of Nanaimo Board Chair and Vice-Chair Elected

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board elected a chair and vice-chair at the board meeting on November 4, 2025. Director Stuart McLean was elected Chair of the RDN Board by acclamation and Director Lauren Melanson was elected Vice-Chair. Provincial legislation requires regional districts to annually elect a chair and a vice-chair at the first meeting of the Board after November 1. Stuart McLean takes on his first term as Chair after serving for two years as Vice-Chair and will lead all board meetings. Lauren Melanson takes on her first term as Vice-Chair and will fulfill the role of Chair when Chair McLean is unavailable. The chair and vice-chair positions are held for a one-year term.

"I am deeply honoured to follow in Vanessa Craig's footsteps as Board Chair and want to sincerely thank her for her three years of dedicated leadership. I look forward to working with the Board on our shared priorities, and advancing our advocacy efforts with the Province to ensure this region remains the best place in B.C. to live." Stuart McLean, Board Chair

"I'm honoured to take on the role of Vice-Chair and am eager to work with Chair McLean and all members of the RDN Board in this capacity as we advance our regional goals. Thank you to all Directors who have helped lay the groundwork for our continued important work ahead, in service to the residents we represent." Lauren Melanson, Vice-Chair

The Board is made up of 19 elected officials who represent four municipalities (City of Nanaimo, District of Lantzville, City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach) and seven electoral areas. For more information on the RDN's Board of Directors, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/regional-board. For the board and committee meeting calendar, visit rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos.

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