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Feedback Opportunity for RDN Parks Development Cost Charges Changes for Electoral Area B and H

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) adopted Development Cost Charges (DCCs) bylaws for community park development in Electoral Area B (Gabriola, DeCourcy and Mudge Islands) and Electoral Area H (Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay) on April 12, 2022. DCCs are fees collected from land developers, on a user pay basis, to help fund the cost of eligible park improvements to service new development.

The Local Government Act allows local governments to create bylaws that let certain types of developments either not pay Development Cost Charges (DCCs) or pay less. The RDN Board looked at these options and, on October 14, 2025, introduced two new bylaws: one for Electoral Area H and one for Electoral Area B. In Electoral Area H, the new bylaw waives DCCs for qualifying not-for-profit developments. In Electoral Area B, qualifying not-for-profit developments will only have to pay half the usual DCCs.

Impacted and interested people and groups from Electoral Areas B and H are invited to provide feedback on the respective DCC waiver and reduction bylaws until January 31, 2026. To learn more and provide feedback visit:

RDN Electoral Area B Parks Development Cost Charges Reduction Bylaw getinvolved.rdn.ca/ea-b-parks-development-cost-charges-reduction-bylaw

RDN Electoral Area H Parks Development Cost Charges Waiver Bylaw getinvolved.rdn.ca/ea-h-parks-development-cost-charges-waiver-bylaw

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