



NEWS RELEASE

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Departure Bay Pump Station and Force main Expansion Project Kick Off

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is preparing to kick off construction on the Departure Bay Pump Station and Force main Expansion Project and will be hosting two public open houses in partnership with the City of Nanaimo to inform the community and answer questions about the project plan.

The expansion project includes the renewal of the pump station at Departure Bay as well as the installation of four kilometres of new sewer force main along Hammond Bay Road. The project is critical as this portion of the wastewater system is now over 50 years old, moves 75 per cent of the City of Nanaimo's wastewater and is not keeping up with current or future needs. Construction is expected to get underway in spring 2026.

The public is invited to drop-in to the open houses to learn more about the project plan and ask the project team questions.

Public Open Houses

Wednesday, January 21, 6-8 p.m.

Hungarian Cultural Society
4840 Hammond Bay Rd.

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Thursday, January 22, 5-7 p.m.

Departure Bay Elementary School
3004 Departure Bay Rd.

A traffic management plan is in development for the project, and more information will be available about impacts for commuters before the start of construction. In January, drilling will be completed along the project route to complete preliminary ground testing. This is not the start of construction – but will require single-lane alternating traffic over a few weeks' period.

For more information about the Departure Bay Pump Station and Force main Project, post questions, review the latest news and to sign up to get updates, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/DB-sewer-project.

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