

## MAY BOARD CALENDAR

- ⑦ Special Electoral Area Services Committee 10:30 a.m.  
Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting 1 p.m.
  - ⑫ Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board Meeting 11 a.m.  
RDN Board Meeting 1 p.m..
  - ⑲ Committee of the Whole 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](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos)

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARENESS WEEK

Local Government Awareness Week, May 10 – 16, is an annual initiative to build public awareness and encourage participation in local government processes. This year's theme is financial resiliency. The RDN invites residents to learn about the RDN's financial planning and the annual budgeting process, as well as ask questions on the RDN Budget Talks page at [www.getinvolved.ca/rdn-budget-talks](http://www.getinvolved.ca/rdn-budget-talks)

Get Involved RDN!

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## SORT SMART TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### Launching this Spring: Sort Smart Technical Assistance

Get free, on-site support for businesses, multi-family residences and organizations to meet new waste-separation requirements as the RDN works toward 90 per cent waste diversion. Separate bins are now required for all and we're here to help!



Questions?  
Visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/sort-smart](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/sort-smart)

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## WATER STEWARDSHIP REBATES

Help conserve and protect our shared water resources and save money! Our rebate program is now open to eligible RDN residents.

### Rainwater Harvesting:

Receive up to \$1,000 for the installation or addition of 1,000 imperial gallons of rainwater storage.

### Irrigation Upgrades and Soil Improvements:

Receive up to \$1,075 for irrigation upgrades and/ or 50 per cent off garden soil improvements up to \$300. Receive \$100 bonus rebate for completing both irrigation and soil upgrades.

### Wellhead Upgrades and Well Water Testing:

Receive up to \$650 for wellhead upgrades or up to \$500 for the closure of any unused well. In addition, 50 per cent off (up to \$350) a full spectrum water quality analysis is available to RDN private well-owners.

For more information, visit [www.rdnrebates.ca](http://www.rdnrebates.ca) or call 250-390-6560.



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## GOLDEN SHOE HUNT

### The Golden Shoe Hunt Turns 20!

For 20 years, families, friends and explorers have searched the region to uncover the famous golden shoe. Weekly clues will be posted until May 18 at <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/golden-shoe> and on the RDN Facebook and Instagram pages.



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## SUPPORT FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS

As the weather warms up, now's the perfect time to make your home more comfortable and energy efficient without breaking the bank. Whether you're improving insulation, changing out old windows, upgrading to a heat pump or just getting started, free local energy experts are here to help.

### Get support with:

- Rebate navigation
- Virtual home energy consultations
- Quote reviews
- Customized retrofit roadmaps
- And more

To learn more, scan the QR code, visit [www.homeenergynav.ca](http://www.homeenergynav.ca) or call 1-866-381-9995.



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## 2026 HOME IMPROVEMENT REBATES

Is 2026 going to be a big year for making home renovations? Be a part of our clean and green future by choosing climate-friendly home upgrades! We have rebates to support you, with higher amounts available for installing a heat pump.

### Rebates:

- Upgrade to climate friendly heating - up to \$3,000
- Sustainable Development Checklist - \$500 to \$1,000
- Fossil Fuel to Heat Pump - \$1,000
- Home Energy Assessments - up to \$750
- Residential EV Charging Station - \$150
- Graded Site-Cut Timber - \$250
- Renewable Energy Systems - \$250 to \$400

All rebates are first-come, first-served to qualifying applicants until available funds are spent.

Apply now!

For more information on the RDN rebates, eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit [www.rdnrebates.ca](http://www.rdnrebates.ca) or scan the QR code.



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## RECREATION

### Spring Activities Open for Registration

Be active every day. There is still room to register in spring programs. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation) and register today.

### Summer Flyer

The summer 2026 flyer will be viewable online on May 8 with registration opening May 12 at 8 a.m. Be the first to view the summer programs online by subscribing to REC Connect at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect).



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## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meetings are:

### Electoral Area F

(Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Whiskey Creek, Meadowood)  
May 25 at 7 p.m.

Coombs Fair Grounds, Heritage Building  
1014 Ford Rd, Coombs

### Electoral Area H

(Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay)  
May 27 at 6 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Centre  
240 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach

For more information, visit <https://rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees>

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