

French Creek School and Parkland Open House Celebration Event

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) invites the community to the French Creek School and parkland open house celebration on Wednesday, June 24. The event is an opportunity for residents of Electoral Area F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Whiskey Creek, Meadowood) to learn more about the property, ask questions and provide their ideas and priorities for use of the property. Residents can also provide input via a survey until July 10, 2026. The input will help inform the RDN Board's decision regarding the property's future.

Open House Celebration

Wednesday, June 24

4 to 7 p.m.

2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs

The open house celebration is a family-friendly event, and all ages are invited to attend. There will be activities, games, building tours and refreshments.

Survey

Residents can complete the survey online at getinvolved.rdn.ca/french-creek-school-and-parkland-engagement by July 10. Residents can also complete the survey at the open house celebration or pick up a copy at Oceanside Place Arena in Parksville or Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum Beach.

The property, located at 2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs, includes a building once used as French Creek Community School, a gymnasium and a field and playground that are currently being used as the French Creek School Community Park.

For more information about the project, open house celebration and to complete the online survey by July 10, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/french-creek-school-and-parkland-engagement.

Background

On October 25, 2025, electors of Electoral Area F approved, through referendum, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) to borrow up to \$824,000, plus interest, to purchase 2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs, from School District 69. The purchase was completed in early 2026. The RDN Board provided direction to RDN staff to engage with the community on future uses of the property before providing recommendations for Board consideration.

For information on the purchase referendum, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/french-creek-school-and-parkland-purchase-referendum.

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Quote

"I look forward to welcoming residents to our open house celebration and hearing their ideas for this outstanding heritage property. I encourage people to come out, bring their families, enjoy the event and share their feedback as we plan for the future of this special community space."

Leanne Salter, Director, Electoral Area F

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