

Public Invited to Provide Input on Rural Housing Strategy

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is developing a Rural Housing Strategy to respond to housing affordability challenges and changing housing needs in rural communities by helping to guide land use planning, zoning and policies in rural areas. The RDN invites residents to share their input to help shape realistic housing solutions by attending an open house to exchange ideas or by completing the online survey by July 8.

Open Houses

June 16

5 - 8 p.m.

St. Columba's Presbyterian Church
921 Wembley Rd, Parksville

June 18

5 - 8 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Centre
240 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach

June 24

5 - 8 p.m.

Cedar Community Hall
2388 Cedar Rd, Nanaimo

Online Survey

Complete the online survey by July 8, at getinvolved.rdn.ca/rural-housing-strategy-outreach.

The results of the ideas exchanged at the open houses and received through the online survey will be used along with economic analysis and policy review to draft the Rural Housing Strategy for Electoral Areas A, C, E, G and H. The strategy will include recommended policy directions, priority housing approaches and an implementation framework. The strategy is intended to help guide future updates to official community plans, zoning bylaws and supporting planning tools and policies to support the community's housing needs.

To learn more about the Rural Housing Strategy project, to complete the online survey and to sign up online for project updates, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/rural-housing-strategy-outreach. To find out if your property address is located within an RDN electoral area, visit rdn.bc.ca/gis-mapping and go to 'Where Do I Live in the RDN?' and click on the map icon to link to the RDN electoral area map.

Quote

"Rural communities in the RDN are facing increasing housing challenges, with costs rising and fewer options for seniors, families and lower-income households. The Rural Housing Strategy, once developed, will take a practical, evidence-based approach to address these issues. We're committed to focusing on practical solutions that reflect rural conditions, infrastructure limitations and our community's values."

Stuart McLean, RDN Board Chair and Electoral Area H Director

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