

APRIL BOARD CALENDAR

- ③ **April 3**
Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting
1 p.m.
 - ⑧ **April 8**
RDN Board Meeting
1 p.m.
 - ②② **April 22**
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

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - APRIL 27 – MAY 3

Thank you to the hundreds of RDN volunteers who help make the region a great place to live. From responding to emergencies and watershed monitoring to serving on committees and so much more, every volunteer is making a difference.

This year's theme, Volunteers Make Waves – Together, we create ripples of change, highlights the importance of all individual volunteer efforts that collectively create a powerful wave of action in our communities. Their work ripples out and creates broader benefits such as improved well-being, connection to others and enhanced resilience.

Volunteers contribute significantly to the quality of life we all strive for. The RDN and the community we serve appreciate their dedication, compassion and care.

Thank you volunteers for all that you do!

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MANDATORY WASTE SOURCE SEPARATION BYLAW

Did You Know?

The RDN is taking the next step towards 90 per cent waste diversion from the landfill.

All commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family properties in the RDN should have bins to separate recyclables and organic waste from their garbage – just like single-family homes.

How to get Started?

Property owners and managers should talk to their waste service provider to coordinate collection.



Questions?

Visit us online at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/waste-separation for helpful resources, guides and webinars!

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RAVENSONG EXPANSION REFERENDUM VOTE

On April 5 eligible electors from the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Electoral Areas (EA) E, F, G and H will decide if the RDN can borrow up to \$30 million to expand Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

General Voting Day
Saturday, April 5, 2025
8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

AREA	VOTING LOCATION
EA E <small>(includes Snaw-naw-as First Nation)</small>	Nanoose Place Community Centre 2925 Northwest Bay Rd., Nanoose Bay
EA F	Coombs Fairgrounds 1014 Ford Road, Coombs or Meadowood Community Centre 1810 Galvin Place, Qualicum Beach
EA G	St. Columba Presbyterian Church 921 Wembley Rd., Parksville
EA H <small>(includes Qualicum First Nation)</small>	Lighthouse Community Centre 240 Lions Way, Qualicum Beach
Parksville	Craig Street Commons 330 Craig Street, Parksville
Qualicum Beach	Qualicum Beach Community Hall 644 Memorial Avenue, Qualicum Beach

For more information on the Ravensong Aquatic Centre Expansion and referendum, visit www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rac-expansion-referendum.



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WATER TO EARTH MONTH 2025!

Celebrate World Water Day and Earth Day with us until April 22 with activities focused on protecting water and our natural environment in communities across our region.

There are many events still happening this month including:

- Departure Creek Interpretive Walk
- Busy Spring: Nature Wakes Up
- WellSmart workshop in Meadowood
- Nanaimo River Watershed Tour
- Self-Guided Raingardens Tour



Plus a family-friendly Earth Day Celebration on April 13 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Bowen Park with workshops, community groups, nature walks, kids activities and more!

For a full list of events and activities, visit

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart.

There are also online contests where you can share water conservation and climate action photos and stories on the RDN's social media channels to win some great prizes.

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RECREATION

Stay active every day. There is still room to register for winter and spring programs. Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation and register today.

Be the first to view the summer programs online by subscribing to REC Connect at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect.

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GOLDEN SHOE HUNT

The 19th Annual Golden Shoe Hunt is back and starts April 11.

Clues and instructions will be posted weekly to

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/golden-shoe and RDN social media channels.



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EA F BOUNDARY STUDY

A Boundary Study is underway for Electoral Area F, which includes the communities of Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Meadowood, Whiskey Creek and the surrounding rural areas. Join the study consultants to learn about the purpose of the Boundary Study and to share your feedback.

Area F residents are invited to attend a community meeting:

- May 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Bradley Centre (975 Shearme Rd, Coombs)
- May 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Arrowsmith Hall (1014 Ford Rd, Coombs)



Learn about the study at

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/eaf-boundarystudy.

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EA G COMMUNITY ISSUES ASSESSMENT

A Community Issues Assessment is underway for Electoral Area G, which includes the communities of Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum and Dashwood. The Community Issues Assessment will provide residents with information about Electoral Area G's current system of governance and improve awareness about how services are provided in the area. The study will help to identify key issues and shared interests in the community.

While each meeting will present similar information, Area G residents are encouraged to attend the meeting closest to their community to discuss their local issues.

- April 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre (747 Jones St, Qualicum Beach)
- (Focus on Dashwood, Little Qualicum, Surfside, Bird Streets and Hilliers)
- May 7, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Tigh-Na-Mara (1155 Resort Dr, Parksville)
- (Focus on San Pareil, River's Edge, and Martindale Road, Forneau Way, Wildgreen Way, and Coldwater Road)
- May 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the École Oceanside Elementary School (980 Wright Rd, Parksville).
- (Focus on French Creek)



Learn about the Community Issues

Assessment at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/eag-cia.

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