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Resident Input Sought for Community Issues Assessment for Electoral Area G

The Community Issues Assessment for Electoral Area G (Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum and Dashwood) has entered the community engagement phase and residents are invited to attend one of three meetings to share their concerns and views on local services in their community. Electoral Area G (EA G) residents are also encouraged to share their views through a survey that is open until May 19, 2025.

The purpose of the Community Issues Assessment is to share information with residents about what services the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) provides to communities in EA G, what those services cost and how decisions are made, and to learn the interests and concerns of residents on these topics.

Three community meetings are being held for EA G residents to learn about the Community Issues Assessment and share their views:

- **Dashwood and Little Qualicum:** Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones St, Qualicum Beach
- **San Pareil and Englishman River:** Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Tigh-Na-Mara Resort, Grand Strathcona Room, 1155 Resort Dr, Parksville
- **French Creek:** Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., École Oceanside Elementary School, 980 Wright Rd, Parksville

Each meeting will begin with a presentation by the project consultants at 6:45 p.m., followed by questions and answers and then small-group discussions. Each meeting will present similar information, but residents are encouraged to attend the meeting closest to their community to discuss their local issues.

Electoral Area G residents can also share their perspectives about local services through a survey that is open until May 19. To submit the survey online, residents can visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/eag-cia. To submit the survey in paper copy, residents can:

- Complete the paper copy found in the mailout sent to EA G residents in April 2025, or
- Download and print a copy of the survey at getinvolved.rdn.ca/eag-cia.

Paper surveys can be submitted by email to eagcia@rdn.bc.ca or by mail or in person to the attention of: Electoral Area G Community Issues Assessment Team, Regional District of Nanaimo, 6300 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2.

The Community Issues Assessment is anticipated to be completed by July 2025. Input from the community meetings and the survey will be summarized and presented to the RDN Board and available to the public.

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Background

Electoral Area G (EA G) includes the communities of Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum and Dashwood. At approximately 5,073 hectares, the area is bound to the north by the Strait of Georgia, surrounds the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach and is bisected by the City of Parksville.

Since 2001, there have been several boundary extensions and the population for EA G has grown significantly. The current governance and service delivery arrangements include a mix of regional district, municipal, provincial and improvement district services as well as private water services. The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) submitted a request to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to undertake a governance and services study for EA G in November 2021. In these situations, however, the Ministry recommends a community issues assessment be undertaken before further governance work is completed.

A study consultant selected by the RDN is leading the study and will summarize the findings for the RDN Board.


The community engagement phase of the Community Issues Assessment will provide EA G residents, First Nations, the improvement district, private water utilities, Parksville and Qualicum Beach the opportunity to learn more and provide input and feedback.

Electoral Area G residents can register at getinvolved.rdn.ca and subscribe to the Electoral Area G Community Issues Assessment project page to receive project updates.

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