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Resident Input Sought for the Electoral Area F Boundary Study

The Boundary Study for Electoral Area F (Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Whiskey Creek, Meadowood) in the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has entered the community engagement phase. Electoral Area F (EA F) residents are invited to attend a community meeting to learn about and provide feedback on the proposed EA F boundary options. Following the meetings, a survey will be available in June for area residents to provide further input. Resident feedback will help inform the boundary recommendations that will be presented at the end of the study.

The purpose of the Boundary Study is to recommend a boundary within EA F that could be explored in a potential future EA F incorporation study. The Boundary Study is the outcome of the EA F Governance and Services Study that was completed in 2022 and is being led by a study consultant selected by the RDN.

Potential boundary scenarios have been developed by the study consultants for EA F based on technical criteria. Electoral Area F residents are invited to attend a meeting to learn about the boundary options and share their views.

- **Meeting 1:** Thursday, May 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Bradley Centre, 975 Shearme Rd, Coombs
- **Meeting 2:** Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Arrowsmith Hall, 1014 Ford Rd, Coombs

There will be a presentation from the study consultants at 7 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. Both meetings will present the same information and format. Residents are encouraged to attend one meeting.

A survey about the proposed boundary options, including maps, will be available from June 1 to 15. Electoral Area F residents can register and subscribe to the Boundary Study project webpage at getinvolved.rdn.ca/eaf-boundarystudy to complete the survey online and to receive project updates. To submit the survey in paper copy, residents can print the survey from the project webpage and submit it to the RDN by email to eafboundarystudy@rdn.bc.ca or by mail or in person to the attention of the Electoral Area F Boundary Study Team, Regional District of Nanaimo, 6300 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2.

The Boundary Study 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 on the project webpage.

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Background

The 2022 Electoral Area F (EA F) Governance and Services Study was conducted by a study committee of nine EA F residents, led by impartial study consultants. That process included public committee meetings and a community engagement phase, including public meetings and a survey. At the conclusion of the Governance and Services Study, the committee produced a final report of the study in May 2023 and recommended that the RDN request support from the Government of British Columbia (the Province) to conduct an incorporation study. The RDN supported this recommendation and requested approval and funding from the Province to undertake an incorporation study. The Province approved a boundary study to first determine viable boundary options for a potential future incorporation study within EA F.

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