INFORMATION FOR REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO ELECTORAL AREA VOTING

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This flyer is intended for residents and property owners in the RDN Electoral Areas. It is also provided for information to residents of Nanaimo, Lantzville, Parksville, and Qualicum Beach.

Qualifications for Voting

**Resident Electors:**
If you live in one of the RDN’s Electoral Areas you may be eligible to vote in the November 15, 2008 election. In order to qualify to vote you must meet the following criteria:

a. must be 18 or older on general voting day;

b. must be a Canadian citizen;

c. must be a resident of BC (as per s.52 of the Local Government Act) for at least 6 months prior to Election Day; (May 13, 2008)

d. must be a resident of the voting area jurisdiction (as per s.52 of the Local Government Act) for at least 30 days prior to Election Day; (October 16, 2008)

e. must not be disqualified from voting by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Persons qualifying as "Resident Electors" who will be applying to register at the time of voting must provide at least two documents verifying the applicant's identity, with at least one containing the applicant's signature, such as a Drivers License.

**Non Resident Electors:**
If you own property in Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G, or H but reside elsewhere, you may be eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector. In order to qualify to vote as a non resident elector you must meet the following criteria:

a. must be 18 or older on general voting day;

b. must be a Canadian citizen;

c. must be a resident of BC (as per s.52 of the Local Government Act) for at least 6 months immediately before registration day; (May 13, 2008)

d. must not be entitled to register as a resident elector;

e. must have been a registered owner of real property in the Electoral Area for at least 30 days immediately before registration day; (October 16, 2008)

f. must not be disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

A person may register as a non-resident property elector in relation to only one parcel of real property within Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G or H.

If more than one individual is the registered owner of the real property, only one of those individuals may register and the person registering must do so with the written consent of the number of those individuals who, together with the person registering, are a majority of registered owners.

Persons qualifying as "Non-Resident Property Electors" who will be applying to register at the time of voting must complete an application form, must provide at least two documents that provide evidence of the applicant’s identity and must provide a copy of land title registration or tax notice which provides proof of ownership. At least one of the documents must contain the applicant's signature, such as a Drivers License.

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ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES
NOVEMBER 5 & 12, 2008 – 8:00AM TO 8:00PM

Advance voting opportunities shall be open to qualified electors at the following locations between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, and Wednesday November 12, 2008. Ballots will be available for the positions of Electoral Area Director for Areas A, B and F, for positions of Islands Trust Trustees, for the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection referendum in Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G and H, for the burning restrictions plebiscite in Electoral Area E, and for the Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw referendum in portions of Electoral Areas A and C.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2008 – 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
Voting Place Ballots

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<td>Islands Trust Trustees Drinking Water Referendum</td>
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<td>Oceanside Place 830 W Island Highway, Parksville</td>
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<td>Director, F Drinking Water Referendum E, F, G &amp; H Burning Restrictions Plebiscite, E</td>
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QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE AT AN ADVANCE POLL
All qualified electors are now permitted to vote at either an advance voting opportunity or on general election day. The requirement that advance voting be open only to voters who would be absent from the Regional District of Nanaimo on general voting day has been removed from the Local Government Act.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Maureen Pearse, Chief Election Officer, or Jane Armstrong, Deputy Chief Election Officer, at 250-390-4111, or Toll Free at 1-877-607-4111. Election information is also available at www.rdn.bc.ca.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS AND ISLANDS TRUST TRUSTEES

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<td>Burnett, Joe</td>
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<td>Eert, Bev</td>
<td>2094 Gould Road W, Nanaimo</td>
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<td>Garnish, Frank</td>
<td>2512 Barnes Road, Nanaimo</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Hague, John</td>
<td>1379 Sealovers Lane, Gabriola Island</td>
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<td>Phillipoff, Jim</td>
<td>870 Carmen Crescent, Gabriola Island</td>
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<td>Rudischer, Gisele</td>
<td>960 Canso Drive, Gabriola Island</td>
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<td>Warr, Jeff</td>
<td>185 Malaspina Drive, Gabriola Island</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>Biggemann, Lou</td>
<td>2471 Tintern Road, Coombs</td>
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<td>Peacey, Ceri</td>
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The following candidates have been elected by acclaimation

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<th>Island Trust Candidates (two to be elected)</th>
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<td>Boehm, David</td>
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Plebiscite on Area E (NanOOSE Bay) Burning Restrictions

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PLEBISCITE?
This plebiscite is being conducted to determine whether residents of Electoral Area E (NanOOSE Bay) are in favour of establishing local burning restrictions. The plebiscite will not directly result in new burning restrictions; however it will be used to help the RDN consider establishing burning restrictions in Area E.

WHAT IS MEANT BY “BURNING RESTRICTIONS”?
The term “burning” is being used to describe residential activities that include open burning of land, clearing debris, and residential backyard burning of vegetative matter.

WHO VOTES?
Qualified resident and property electors in RDN Electoral Area E will be able to vote in this plebiscite.

WHAT IS THE QUESTION?
THE REFERENDUM QUESTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
“Are you in favour of burning restrictions in Electoral Area E?”
WHY IS THE RDN HOLDING A PLEBISCITE ON BURNING RESTRICTIONS IN AREA E?

Population growth in the RDN has led to an increase in backyard and open burning, especially in rural/urban interface areas such as Area E. Many local residents have become concerned about the health and environmental impacts of burning, and have requested that the RDN establish burning restrictions in Area E to keep pace with similar restrictions in neighbouring communities.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT BURNING REGULATIONS IN AREA E?

The Nanoose Bay Fire Department and the BC Ministry of Forests and Range commonly prohibit open fires for waste disposal between June 15 and September 15. Aside from this prohibition, there are no regulations affecting burning in Area E.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS REFERENDUM?

This referendum is being conducted to determine whether residents of Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G, and H are in favour of establishing a regional function for Drinking Water and Watershed Protection. The function would enable the RDN to proceed with its Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan, a strategy for sustaining regional water resources and watershed planning. Regional Watershed Protection would also become part of the RDN’s daily operations.

WHERE DID THE ACTION PLAN ORIGINATE?

The Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan was completed in 2007 by a committee representing local residents, provincial and regional governments, conservation groups, the Vancouver Island Health Authority, and the forestry and well drilling industries. The committee was formed by the RDN to make recommendations related to watershed protection and drinking water supply, such as climate change, population growth, and resource depletion. The Action Plan is available at www.ActionForWater.ca, or by request from the RDN.

WHO VOTES?

Qualified residents and property owners in RDN Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G, and H will be able to vote in this referendum.

WHAT IS THE QUESTION?

"Are you in favour of the adoption of "Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1556, 2008" which, if enacted, would establish a drinking water and watershed protection function in Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G and H for the purpose of the protection of sources of drinking water and watersheds within the electoral areas?"
WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS?

The referendum questions will be as follows:

“Are you in favour of “Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Service Area Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1549, 2008”, which if approved, would authorize the Regional District of Nanaimo to borrow up to $560,000 to purchase firefighting equipment for the Hallberg Road firehall which would be repaid over 15 years at an estimated cost of $91 per year; and

Do you approve of the Regional District of Nanaimo entering into an agreement with the Cranberry Fire District for the use of the firefighting equipment at the Hallberg Road firehall and at the end of fifteen years, transferring ownership of the land, equipment and firehall on Hallberg Road, to the Cranberry Fire District?”

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The Regional District would levy a parcel tax to cover the cost of repaying the borrowing under Bylaw 1549. This is estimated at $91 per property per year. If the boundaries of the Cranberry Fire District are approved to be expanded, property owners would pay a fire protection service tax to the Cranberry Fire District. For properties valued at $100,000, this tax would be $64. Total annual fire protection costs for properties valued at $100,000 in the affected service area would be approximately $155.

* WHERE DO I VOTE?

Qualified Electors of Electoral Areas A and C who are within the Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Service Area must go to Cranberry Firehall, located at 1555 Morden Road, to vote on Loan Authorization Bylaw 1549, and the Hallberg Road Firehall Agreement.

Please visit www.rdn.bc.ca for more information on the 2008 election, please contact Maureen Pearse, Chief Election Officer or Jane Armstrong, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250-390-4111 or toll-free at 1-877-607-4111. Please contact the RDN prior to the election if you are unsure about where to vote.

**Voting Places**

**OPEN 8AM TO 8PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**ELECTORAL AREA A**
- North Cedar Intermediate School: 2215 Gould Road
- Cranberry Fire Department Hall: 1555 Morden Road

**ELECTORAL AREA B**
- Gabriola Elementary School: 680 North Road

**ELECTORAL AREA C**
- Extension Hall: 2120 Ryder Street
- Pleasant Valley Social Centre: 6300 Doumont Road

* **ELECTORAL AREAS A AND C**
  - **YELLOWPOINT WATERLOO FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREA ELECTORS ONLY**
    - Cranberry Fire Department Hall: 1555 Morden Road

**ELECTORAL AREA E**
- Nanoose Place
- **ELECTORAL AREA F**
  - Bradley Centre: 2925 Northwest Bay Road
  - **ELECTORAL AREA G**
    - St. Columba Presbyterian Church: 921 Wembley Road

**ELECTORAL AREA H**
- Lighthouse Community Centre: 240 Lions Way