



ELECTORAL AREA UPDATE

AREA 'H' | SHAW HILL | QUALICUM BAY | BOWSER | DEEP BAY

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Monday Transit – #99 Deep Bay

Regional District of Nanaimo Transit is now providing bus service one day a week in Electoral Area H. The #99—Deep



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Bay operates on Mondays only (except for statutory holidays) and serves the communities of Shaw Hill, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay and Bowser.

The route runs every Monday

between Woodgrove Centre in Nanaimo and Chrome Point Rd in Deep Bay. The cost for a one-way trip is \$2.50, or \$2.25 for seniors and youth.



To catch the bus, just use a transit wave at any point along the route (as the bus approaches, wave an arm in the air to alert the driver). To book a wheelchair pick up, contact RDN Transit at 250-954-1001.

For more information about the RDN Transit system and the #99—Deep Bay, call 250 954 1001. The #99—Deep Bay schedule and map pictured here is available at www.rdn.bc.ca—just click on Services and then Regional Transit. To go directly to the page, type in the following link: <http://www.busonline.ca/regions/nan/schedules/schedule.cfm?p=dir.text&route=99:1&day=1&>

RDN Rebates and Incentives

Through the **Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program** and the **Green Building Incentive Program** the RDN offers a variety of rebates to encourage home owners and owner-builders in the region to protect our watersheds by conserving water, reduce emissions by improving home energy efficiency, and invest in green building, renewable energy systems and low-impact development.

The Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program is providing up to a \$750 rebate to homeowners who purchase a 1,000 gallon (3,785 litre) cistern or larger for use in a rainwater harvesting system. For residents interested in learning more about rainwater harvesting, the RDN will be completing a Green Building Best Practices Guide on Rainwater Harvesting for homeowners later this year.

The Toilet Replacement program will continue this year, with the RDN providing up to two \$50 rebates to households in the region's Electoral Areas that replace a conventional toilet with a high efficiency or dual flush alternative.

The Green Building incentives that were available last year will remain, including the popular \$250 woodstove exchange incentive and the \$60 rebate for a home energy assessment. Incentives of up to \$200 will now be available to residents who complete a follow-up assessment that shows an improvement in home energy efficiency. Also new is a \$250

ACTION INCENTIVES	
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Woodstove Exchange	\$250
Home Energy Assessment	\$60 to \$200
Graded Site-Cut Timber	Up to \$250
Toilet Replacement	\$50 (Electoral Areas only)
Solar Hot Water System	\$250
Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Station	\$250
Rainwater Cistern	Up to \$750

CHECKLIST INCENTIVES	
Score	Incentive
55-74	\$500
75-89	\$750
90+	\$1,000

This flyer is intended for residents in RDN Electoral Area H. Overlapping postal routes could result in some adjacent electoral area residents receiving this newsletter. We hope you find the content of interest.

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rebate for up to five home owners who install an electric vehicle charging station.

In addition to action-specific incentives, the RDN Sustainable Development Checklist and Guide serve as a valuable resource to homeowners and owner-builders interested in optimizing the performance of their building, while minimizing its impact on the natural environment. The Checklist provides a comprehensive rating system for development projects, while the Guide offers information on green building practices. Residents who meet with the RDN's Sustainability Coordinator to review the Checklist and submit the completed Checklist with a Permit application are eligible for a \$50 incentive. Residents who achieve a high score on the Checklist are eligible for an additional incentive from \$500 to \$1000.

All rebates and incentives are limited and provided on a first come, first served basis. For details on any of the RDN incentives, call 1-877-607-4111, or email sustainability@rdn.bc.ca.

If you own or operate a business that provides products or services eligible for incentives, contact the RDN for assistance in getting the information you need.

If you are a resident with ideas for incentives that will conserve energy, reduce emissions, or result in greener, more sustainable homes in the region, let us know. We will consider your ideas as the program evolves in the future.

Henry Morgan Community Park

The Regional District is now able to begin work on the BMX pump track, sport court and natural play area planned for Henry Morgan Community Park, thanks to an \$85,000 grant from the provincial government's new \$30-million Community Recreation Program. Many

people worked hard to secure this funding including former Area H Director Dave Bartram, and a number of residents wrote letters of support for the park improvements.

The Area H Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee worked closely with park staff to develop the plan after receiving valuable input from Bowser school children and local residents. The end result will be an easily-accessible



community park with a variety of activities suited for people of all ages.

The balance of the funding for the construction of Phase 1, \$100,000, will be paid out of the Area H Community Parks Reserve Fund. Design is underway and construction on the park is scheduled to begin in late summer.

Recreation Programming

In Electoral Area H we are fortunate to have a part-time recreation programmer, Chrissie Finnie, whose office is located in the Salish Sea Market at 110-6696 West Island Highway. Chrissie is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and can be reached at cfinnie@rdn.bc.ca or by phone at 250-757-8118. New ideas are always welcome. The recreation programmer position is part-time, so

please make contact with Chrissie ahead of time if you are planning to stop by the office.

Building Inspection

Regional District of Nanaimo building inspection staff are available each Wednesday at the Lighthouse Community Centre to assist residents of Electoral Areas F and H with building permit applications and questions. Staff hours are from 9 am until noon, and appointments are not necessary.

This once-weekly local service is in addition to regular business hours at the RDN Administration Office at 6300 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo. For more information, please contact RDN Building, Bylaw and Emergency Planning Services at 1-877-607-4111.

Rural Village Centre Study

Community consultation will begin later this Spring on the RDN's Rural Village Centre Study. This region-wide study will provide an objective assessment of what is required for the designated rural village centres in each of the electoral areas (including a proposed new village centre in Deep Bay) to evolve

into complete, compact communities as envisioned in the Regional Growth Strategy and official community plan.

The consulting firm, Dialog, has been retained to determine which rural village centres have the most potential for evolving into mixed-use centres. The study is a response to concerns raised during the Review about the ability of some of these areas to accommodate compact, mixed-use growth due to the significant cost of providing community sewer and water services. The RGS continues to recognize all of the three designated Rural Village Centres in Electoral Area 'H' of Dunsmuir, Qualicum Bay and Bowser.

I will provide updates on this important study as more information becomes available.

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