

RDN Board Report

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Highlights from the Regional District of Nanaimo Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2017

Abandoned Vessels

The Board adopted a motion in support of MP Sheila Malcolmson's Bill C-352 which calls for the federal government to develop a national strategy for abandoned vessels.

Bowser Sewer Service

Up to \$100,000 of Electoral Area 'H' Community Works Funds has been allocated to the design and implementation plan for the proposed Bowser Sewer Service. This project has also received more than \$7.5 million dollars in funding from the federal and provincial governments. Residents can expect a public information meeting about this project in May. Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/bowser for the latest.

RGS Minor Amendment

The Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw has now been adopted after alternative wording proposed by the Town of Qualicum Beach was approved by the affected local governments.

Horses on the Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail

Horses will be excluded for two months from using the Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail while the trail is given time to dry out and be packed down by regular pedestrian use. Further discussion has been referred to the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee.

Board Supports Converting Railway to Trails

After hearing a presentation by the Friends of Rails to Trails Vancouver Island, the Board will be supporting their movement to convert the railway to trails between Parksville and Courtenay. The Board will show support by sending a letter to the Island Corridor Foundation.

QFN/RDN Collaboration Protocol Update

The RDN will submit a grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for support of community-to-community activities with Qualicum First Nation.

Two Fire Engines for Errington

Two four-door fire/rescue engines will be purchased for the Errington Volunteer Fire Department. The cost will be just over \$1.4 million.

Contract Awarded for Secondary Treatment Upgrade

NAC Constructors Ltd. has been awarded the contract for construction of the Secondary Treatment Upgrade at the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre. The award totals \$67,990,000 and construction will begin in May.

Bowser Seniors Housing

The Board amended the boundaries of a Crown lease area in order to allow the Bowser Seniors Housing Society to submit a grant application to the province for the construction of a seniors housing complex.



Next Meeting: Committee of the Whole—May 9, 7:00 pm.

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