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ELECTORAL AREA UPDATE

AREA B | GABRIOLA & SURROUNDING ISLANDS

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VOLUNTEER WEEK



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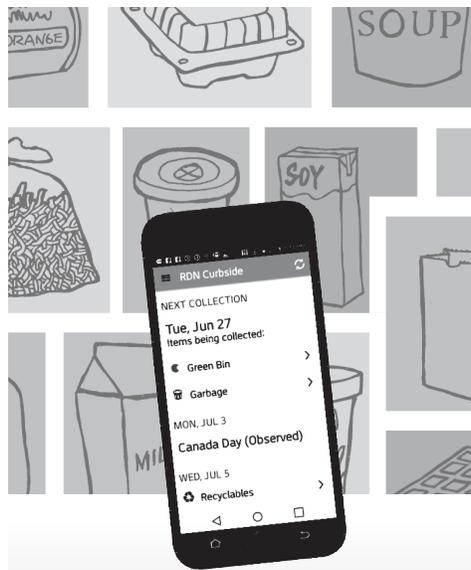
In April, we celebrated National Volunteer Week at the RDN. Thank you to our volunteers who help generously by providing their time and energy, such as maintaining our parks & trails,

shaping regional growth, assisting local community groups, protecting our water supply and those that help during emergencies. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated in the RDN.



What Goes Where

Wondering what to do with your recycling? Access the *What Goes Where* tool for recycling options for hundreds of items.



Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside or download the RDN curbside app to connect with My Schedule, what goes where and receive RDN curbside service alerts.

Rebates

Do you want to save money and make your property more environmentally friendly?

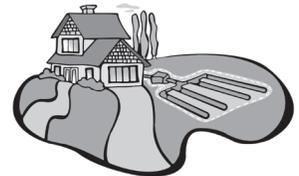
Visit www.rdnrebates.ca to learn about our various rebates and incentives. They are provided annually on a first-come, first-served basis. Act early to avoid missing the opportunity!



SepticSmart

The RDN's SepticSmart program promotes best practices for septic system care and maintenance. Each year, the program offers free workshops for RDN residents.

SepticSmart



Four workshops were offered in the Region this spring, including one in your community at the Gabriola Agriculture Hall on April 5. In the last decade, over 1500 residents have attended a SepticSmart Workshop to learn how to prolong the life of their system, save money and protect the environment. Workshop participants also qualified for a bonus of up to \$100 to top up a Septic Maintenance Rebate.

Visit www.SepticSmart.ca for more information.

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness

Our Emergency Services department is working on simplifying the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) to align more with the PreparedBC program. The revised NEPP program is designed to encourage residents to first ensure they have their personal and household preparedness plans in place, and then to reach out to their neighbours and work together to broaden their resilience in the event of an emergency. >

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The NEPP program will include online information, networking opportunities, and peer-to-peer support as well as handouts and workshops delivered by the regional emergency services team. Get prepared and consider starting or joining a neighbourhood program!

Watch for the new Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness project to launch later this month on www.getinvolved.rdn.ca. Register and get involved!

Area B Building Statistics

Electoral Area Building Permits for 2017

Electoral Area	# of Permits	Construction Value (\$M)	New Housing Units
B	86	10.2	29

Electoral Area Building Permits for Jan-Mar 2018

Electoral Area	# of Permits	Construction Value (\$M)	New Housing Units
B	23	3.3	9



Huxley Community Park



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Huxley Community Park Celebration on April 21, 2018 to mark the completion of the first phase of park improvements which includes a new playground, new sports court perimeter boards and resurfaced tennis courts. The initiative was made possible through contributions from the Gabriola Ball Hockey Association, Western Economic Diversification Canada's Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, the Gabriola Lions Club, and the Community Fund for Canada's 150th, collaboration between the Nanaimo Foundation, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast. Planning for the second phase of improvements is currently underway and the Preferred Conceptual Plan for the Gabriola Skatepark is complete.

Get Involved RDN!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT

Starting this month, look for our monthly RDN Updates in the Nanaimo News Bulletin, the Parksville Qualicum Beach News and the Gabriola Sounder to find out about upcoming events, projects and community meetings.

You can also keep up-to-date by following us on Facebook and Twitter, visiting our website homepage & calendar and by signing up to Get Involved RDN at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca.



Huxley Park

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