



# ELECTORAL AREA UPDATE

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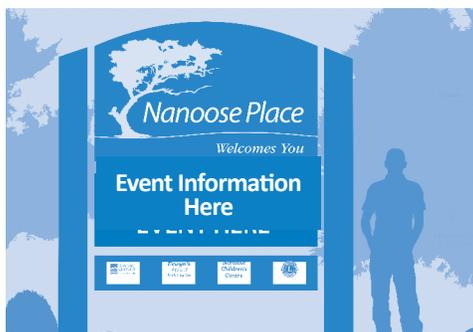
## Nanoose Place Upgrades

(Strategic Focus: Recreational Amenities) The RDN has entered into a Community Works Funds contribution agreement with the Nanoose Bay Activities and Recreation Society (NBARS) to complete some much-needed upgrades to Nanoose Place. NBARS has been busy all summer working towards switching the building to natural gas, adding a new sound system and paving the parking lot.



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New signs will be coming soon and will continue to build on our community identity by using the same theme as the highway signs erected last winter.

## Community Parks Update

(Strategic Focus: Recreational Amenities, the Environment and Active Living)

The fall Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting was held October 12th and included discussions on how to proceed with beach access, consideration of the

Blueback Community Park as a site along the Marine Trail and improvements to Oakleaf Community Park. The next POSAC is scheduled for February 2017.

Work at **Blueback Community Park** is expected to be completed this fall. Once complete, the waterfront park located on the corner of Blueback and Tyee Road, will have an expanded roadside parking area, a porta potty and change room as well as a rough grass lawn for the community to enjoy.

A new waterfront community park has been acquired at the end of **Oak Leaf Drive**. Sensitive coastal bluffs and unique stands of stunted Garry Oak are special features to see in this primarily forested park. The park is currently receiving some improvements to get it ready for public use and an Open House event will be announced this fall.

At **Moorecroft Regional Park**, the Caretaker position has been cancelled and the Caretaker's house and Kennedy Hall buildings will be removed this fall/winter. Going forward, security at the site will be carried out by a security company and as with our other regional parks, the public is encouraged to report any concerns to Parks staff.

## Fire Services Coordinator

(Strategic Focus: Service and Organizational Excellence)

The Board recently added the staff position of Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator. This position will be staffed mid-November and will provide logistical and administrative support to fire departments across the RDN.

*HAVE YOUR SAY!*

Residents are encouraged to attend the 2017 **Nanoose Fire Prevention Society budget meeting** on October 26th. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall and will discuss the 2017 budget. All Area 'E' residents and property owners are eligible to attend and vote. The 2016 operating and capital budget total was \$960,800 which equates to between 7.5 and 22 percent of individual RDN levied taxes.

The public is also invited to attend RDN budget discussions on the 2017-2021 Financial Plan on **November 8th and 15th. Meetings will begin at 3:00 p.m.** in the Board Chambers at 6300 Hammond Bay Road.

## Share the Road



## New Nanoose Loop Signage

(Strategic Focus: Improving Active Transportation)

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has agreed to install more road signage to make the Nanoose Loop safer. The new share the road and speed limit signs will enhance bike lane and vehicle safety along Northwest Bay Road, Stewart Road and Dolphin Drive and Powder Point Road.

*highlights*

- \* Share the Road
- \* Water Update
- \* Standing Committee Established for Electoral Areas

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## Crown Land GPS Trail Data Collection

New parks and trails mapping is being developed for Electoral Areas. An interactive RDN Parks and Trails Finder map provides searchable information for parks and recreation trails throughout the RDN and is compatible with most mobile devices. Geo-referenced PDF maps are also being made available as they are developed.

Visit [www.rdnmap.ca](http://www.rdnmap.ca) and [www.rdn.bc.ca/gis](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/gis) to find out more.

## Water Update

(Strategic Focus: Service Excellence, The Environment and Economic Health)

Following a record warm and dry spring, the summer of 2016 was much closer to normal in terms of temperature, precipitation and lake levels at Arrowsmith Dam. Most community water supply systems in the region maintained Stage 2 (even and odd day) watering restrictions and the RDN would like to thank residents for doing their part to be efficient with outdoor water this summer.

## The Englishman River Water Service

water treatment project is on track to be completed in the latter half of 2018. The contractor prequalification process for this significant project is currently underway and the construction contract tender is anticipated to close early in 2017.

## Water Monitoring in Nanoose

A monitoring plan is being developed to better understand and track water resource information in Area E. Data on groundwater, surface water, climate and water demand will all factor into the monitoring plan, with the ultimate goal to have enough data from the Nanoose area to more reliably estimate – and protect – water availability for the community and for ecosystems.

**mark your calendars!**

There will be a meeting held on **Thursday November 17th from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Nanoose Library Hall to present the draft monitoring plan and update on water initiatives in general.**

## Agriculture and Bylaw update

The Agriculture Bylaw and Policy Updates Project is now complete with the adoption of Bylaws "500.402, 2016" and "1285.26, 2016" on June 28, 2016. The bylaws include new or amended agriculture zones for land in the Agricultural Land Reserve and general regulations related to agriculture, farm use and the keeping of animals. The project involved amendments to RDN zoning bylaws to better support farming and improve consistency with provincial regulations and marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the Agricultural Area Plan.

To learn more, visit [www.growingourfuture.ca](http://www.growingourfuture.ca).



RDN Board members were proud to attend the installation of the **Witness Blanket at Vancouver Island University on October 6th**. The contemporary art installation recognizes the impacts of Canada's Residential School era and will be on display at the Nanaimo Campus from **October 6-November 30**. The RDN contributed \$5,500 to help bring the art installation to the region.

## RDN Strategic Priorities

### Focus:

Governance

Service and Organizational Excellence

Relationships

Economic Health

the Environment

To read the RDN's Strategic Plan, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/strategicplan](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/strategicplan)

## STANDING COMMITTEE

### Established for Electoral Areas

We now have a Standing Committee dedicated to the Electoral Areas. This initiative was identified as a priority in our Strategic Planning sessions and the Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC) will now replace the Electoral Area Planning Committee. It includes additional area-specific topics such as community parks, emergency preparedness, fire protection, bylaw enforcement and building inspection. The inaugural meeting was held on September 13th. Meetings are normally scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca) for the schedule.

## PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD FOR 2017!

### We appreciate our volunteers



We have openings on several of our advisory bodies including Parks and Open Space, Grants-in-Aid, Liquid Waste, Solid Waste and Board of Variance.

To find out how you can get involved, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/boardappointments](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/boardappointments) to obtain an application form and to see a full list of positions. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016.

## RDN's new Chief Administrative Officer

The Board is pleased to introduce Phyllis Carlyle as the new Chief Administrative Officer. Ms. Carlyle was selected by the Board after a cross-Canada search and brings over 26 years of municipal experience to her new role including the past 12 years as General Manager of Law and Community Safety at the City of Richmond. Ms. Carlyle joined the RDN on October 11, 2016.



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