



ELECTORAL AREA UPDATE

AREA E | NANOOSE BAY

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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.



Water Monitoring in Nanoose

The ongoing RDN Electoral Area E Water Monitoring Program seeks to understand more about the groundwater and surface water resources in the Nanoose area. Since last summer, four new groundwater monitoring sites have been added in 3 different mapped aquifers in the area. This is thanks to volunteers in priority locations who offered their private wells to be instrumented with water level data loggers. This year, an upper Nanoose Creek watershed climate station is planned to be installed in partnership with Island Timberlands. Over the long term, the groundwater, surface water and climate data collected through this program will help to inform water management in the area.

For info on Drinking Water & Watershed Protection in the region, visit www.dwwp.ca.

Signage Strategy for Community Parks & Trails

The Signage Strategy for Community Parks and Trails is a standardized system of signs, typefaces and graphics to welcome and communicate information to visitors of RDN parks and trails. The goals are to develop a Signage Strategy to create signs that identify a site as a RDN Community Park or Trail site, to be visible and legible upon approach to the site and along a trail, to be contemporary and



Sign from the Es'hw Sme~nts Community Park

aesthetically pleasing, and to be cost effective in fabrication and installation. Developing a new signage program after the launch of the RDN's new graphic standards is an opportunity to align Parks Services with corporate branding. All Electoral Area Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee's will receive an overview of the signage types and an opportunity to provide comment on the aesthetic and the content. A pilot park will be chosen for each EA by the area POSAC.

Englishman River Water Service update

The RDN's Nanoose Bay Peninsula (NBP) Water Service area currently gets its water supply from a series of groundwater wells and, during the summer months, also the Englishman River. Year-round Englishman River water will soon contribute supply to NBP water customers, increasing the overall water supply for the service area. Thanks to a joint venture partnership with the City of Parksville, a new river intake and filtration plant is under construction and is scheduled for completion by the fall of 2019.



englishman river
WATER SERVICE

For more info on this project, see www.rdn.bc.ca/englishman-river-water-service.



GET OUT AND ENJOY OUR
PARKS & TRAILS SAFELY

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

highlights

- * District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan
- * Improving Fire Protection
- * Water Monitoring in Nanoose

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Rebate Building Statistics

Electoral Area Building Permits for 2017

| Electoral Area | # of Permits | Construction Value (\$M) | New Housing Units |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| E | 109 | 18.6 | 30 |

Electoral Area Building Permits for Jan-Mar 2018

| Electoral Area | # of Permits | Construction Value (\$M) | New Housing Units |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| E | 26 | 5.7 | 9 |

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!

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. 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!

District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan

The RDN initiated the development of an updated Recreation Services Master Plan for District 69 (Oceanside) in the fall of 2016. The Master Plan will be a strategic document used in mapping out the future provision of recreation services in District 69 for the years 2019 - 2029. Public engagement to date has included input from 1,687 residents via a community survey, interview and discussion sessions with participants representing over 30 various community organizations and a community group questionnaire completed by 60 organizations. As well, five community open houses occurred throughout Oceanside near the end of 2017. The final draft Master Plan was presented to the RDN Board and District 69 Recreation Commission in April.

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca

Improving Fire Protection

Following on successful installation of a water tank in 2017 in the Mathews Crossing area, residents within the Seablush area can expect to have an improved fire protection coverage area. A 24,000 gallon water storage tank is going to be installed at White Heather Lane in 2018/19. Financing for the project has been provided from the Electoral Area E Reserve Funds.



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 Souther 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.

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