



AREA E | NANOOSE BAY

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'Fairwinds Landing' at Schooner Cove

The RDN has received a development permit application for 'Fairwinds Landing' at Schooner Cove. The applicant proposes to convert the existing hotel building into a mixed-use building of approximately 19,600 ft² (1,822 m²) of commercial space along with 11 tourist commercial/residential units. The applicant also proposes 39



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residential units in a new condominium building on the site. The development permit application includes variances to the land use bylaws for Schooner Cove and also proposes amendments to the phased development agreement for Schooner Cove.

The applicant has held a number of open houses to inform the community about the project and get feedback from the public on the proposal. The RDN also hosted a Public Information Meeting on May 30th to provide the community with an opportunity to learn more about the proposal and provide comment on the proposed variances and phased development agreement amendments. It is anticipated that approval of the application will be considered by the RDN Board in July. *More information about the Fairwinds Landing development application can be found at: www.rdn.bc.ca/fairwindslanding.*

Moorecroft Park Facilities Upgrade

This spring, staff and Directors revisited several ideas presented in the 2012 management plan to identify a clear path forward for facility improvements at Moorecroft Regional Park. A planning session held in mid-May with key stakeholders

(Snaw-Naw-As First Nation, Parks and Open Space Committee, community volunteers and District 69 representatives) identified the installation of multiple new vault toilets as the main priority for the park. An improved entry area and signage, gathering places and parking lot layout are other projects that surfaced as priorities. Over the next few years, staff will work towards implementing these improvements within the development zone of the park.

Director's Forum

Please join me for an Interactive Director's Forum on June 22nd at 7pm at Nanoose Place.

I will give an update on the RDN budget and tax impacts, the Englishman River Water Service Project, Community Works Projects and answer your questions and concerns.

Water Monitoring Update

As part of the multi-year Electoral Area E Water Monitoring Program, priority sites for expanded water monitoring have been identified in Nanoose Bay. Implementation is taking place in 2017, with a focus on data collection of groundwater levels, streamflow & levels, and climate/precipitation. Better data will help inform long-term water management in the area. In partnership with the Province and Vancouver Island University, a streamflow monitoring station has been established in lower Nanoose Creek. Partnership opportunities for climate station(s) and other streamflow stations are also being explored with other agencies and organizations.

Call for Private Well Monitoring Volunteers in priority locations

To collect groundwater data in key areas, the RDN would like to work with private well owners willing to volunteer their wells for long-term water level monitoring.

If you are interested in volunteering your well, please call or email the program coordinator at 250-390-6586 or jpisani@rdn.bc.ca as soon as possible.

A limited number of volunteers will be selected based on location and well characteristics; data logger installation is targeted to take place this summer.

Underground Water Tank for Fire Suppression

The RDN and Nanoose Fire Protection Society have received license from Island Timberlands to install an underground fire water tank on their property on Matthew Road near the Nanoose Creek crossing. This water tank will provide emergency water storage facilities for the area in case of wildfire. The tender for installation of the water tank closed in May, and installation is expected to be complete this summer. Financing for the project has been provided from Electoral Area E Community Works Funds.

Happy Anniversary to Nanoose Place!

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Nanoose Place. The RDN has been a proud supporter of the facility, recently providing \$215,000 in Community Works Funds for capital upgrades to the heating system, parking lot, signage and sound system.

Electronic Updates Coming Soon!

If you'd like to receive this update electronically, sign up at www.rdn.bc.ca/emailalerts

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Recreation Services Master Plan

The public survey phase of the District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan is now complete and work to draft the plan has begun. The public survey was mailed to residents earlier this year and we received more than 1,600 responses. In addition, 60 community group questionnaires and over 29 stakeholder interviews have been completed with more still to come.

The Plan will help guide the direction, philosophy, policies, priorities, and actions for the RDN's recreation services in District 69 over the next 10 years. The Plan will be based on the feedback received from the community and a draft is scheduled to be presented through a number of community engagement sessions in September and October. *For more information, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/recreationmasterplan*

Camping Season is Here!

The RDN operates the campgrounds at Horne Lake and Descanso Bay on Gabriola. *To reserve your campsite at Horne Lake, call 250-248-0500. For Descanso Bay, call 250-247-8255.*

Region-Wide Parks and Trails Mapping Now Available!

Our interactive RDN Parks and Trails Finder map provides searchable information for Regional and Community Parks and recreation trails throughout the RDN, and is compatible with most mobile devices.

Hiking without cell service? Geo-referenced PDF maps are also available for download – these can be printed or used with various mobile mapping applications. Maps are currently available for Mount Benson, Englishman River and Moorecroft Regional Parks, 707 Community Park, as well as Big Qualicum River Regional Trail with surrounding Hatchery Trails. Keep checking back as more PDF maps will be added on an ongoing basis. *Access our mapping at www.rdnmap.ca or www.rdn.bc.ca/gis.*

Englishman River Water Service Project Officially Underway



Construction of the Englishman River Water Service project officially got underway April 4th with a ground-breaking ceremony. The Water Service is a joint venture between the City of Parksville and the RDN to secure bulk water supply from the Englishman River for the residents of Parksville and the Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area. The general contract for construction was awarded to Knappett Projects Inc. in January 2017 and the project will be substantially complete by fall 2018.

Pictured at the ceremony are: Parksville Mayor Marc Lefebvre, Parksville Councillor Sue Powell, RDN Director Bob Rogers, MLA Michelle Stilwell, RDN Director Joe Stanhope.

Solid Waste Management Plan

The RDN is currently undergoing an update of the 2004 Solid Waste Management Plan. A Solid Waste Management Plan reflects a long term vision of how the regional district manages its solid waste, including diversion and disposal.

If you would like more information on the Solid Waste Management Plan process, visit: www.rdn.bc.ca/swmp or email zerowaste@rdn.bc.ca to receive updates and notifications on upcoming information sessions.

The RDN welcomes Jon Wilson to the position of Manager, Emergency Services. He will oversee emergency planning and fire services.

Area 'E' Building Statistics

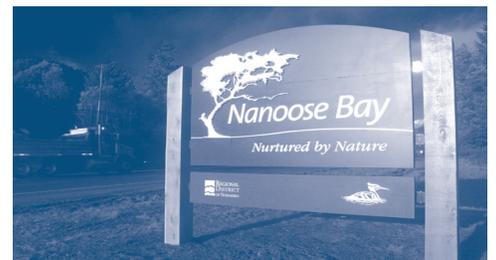
Year over year, building permits and value are on the rise.

Electoral Area Building Permits for Jan-Mar 2017			
Electoral Area	# of Permits	Construction Value (\$M)	New Housing Units
E	32	5.8	9

Electoral Area Building Permits for 2016			
Electoral Area	# of Permits	Construction Value (\$M)	New Housing Units
E	118	25.5	50

Rural Area Signage Project

Effective signage is important to the local economy, is a public safety factor and can strengthen community identity and pride. Building on the success of the Nanoose Bay, Nurtured by Nature signage pilot project in 2016, the RDN is working to better understand barriers to effective signage in rural areas. After the pilot project was well-received by the community, the Rural Area Signage Project was launched through an online survey and open houses in April and May. It is anticipated that the results will be presented to the Board in July. *For more information, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/ruralsignage.*



ENJOY YOUR PARKS & TRAILS!

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