



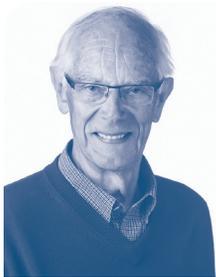
ELECTORAL AREA UPDATE

AREA G | SAN PAREIL | FRENCH CREEK | SURFSIDE | DASHWOOD

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French Creek Pollution Control Centre Expansion (FCPCC)

The Stage 4 Expansion of the FCPCC is a key priority in the RDN's Ministry-approved Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP). Expansion of the plant is required in order to accommodate growth in the service area and ensure the RDN's ability to meet the recently updated Provincial and Federal Government wastewater effluent regulations. The Preliminary Design of the Stage 4 Expansion is the next step in achieving this key infrastructure priority. The contract for preliminary design of the expansion has been awarded to AECOM Canada Ltd. and design work began in March. The expansion will accommodate growth in the service area and will provide sufficient treatment capacity to the year 2035.



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Rural Area Signage Project

Effective signage is important to the local economy, is a public safety factor and can strengthen community identity and pride. The RDN is working to better understand barriers to effective signage in rural areas and launched an online survey and held open houses throughout 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.

Area 'G' Building Statistics

Electoral Area Building Permits for 2016			
Electoral Area	# of Permits	Construction Value (\$M)	New Housing Units
G	102	16	44

Electoral Area Building Permits for Jan-Mar 2017			
Electoral Area	# of Permits	Construction Value (\$M)	New Housing Units
G	29	7.4	13

Coombs to Parkville Rail Trail

Work to develop the 7 km Rail Trail between Station Rd in Coombs and Springwood Community Park in Parkville is nearing completion and an official opening is being planned for the fall. Work has been affected by the unusually cold winter and very wet spring.

In April, the Board determined that a temporary ban on horses will apply to the trail until the end of June to provide time for compaction of the trail. With the compaction process complete, the trail is now open for horse use. The Board also resolved to discuss the matter of suitable accommodation for equestrians on regional trails at the Regional Parks and Trails Select Committee.

Updates on the official opening in the fall will be posted to www.rdn.bc.ca/parks.

Stanhope Road Connector Trail

Design work of Phase 1 of the Stanhope Road Connector Trail, linking Ackerman Road with the Wally's Way cul-de-sac, is underway. This connector will formalize the rough footpath that now exists and will provide a short but valuable off-road link towards Wembley Centre and Oceanside Place from neighborhoods to the west.

Plans for Phase 2, linking this trail through to Wembley Road opposite Crystal Court, will be reviewed in the future.

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



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

highlights

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Call for Private Well Monitoring Volunteers in priority locations

Based on the RDN's Phase 1 Water Budget study, the French Creek water region was identified as a priority area for further data collection. The scope for a water monitoring program to collect more data on groundwater and surface water in French Creek was developed in 2016, and in 2017 the RDN's Drinking Water and Watershed Protection program is moving to implement many of the recommended monitoring sites. This work is being conducted in partnership with other agencies and volunteers.

Groundwater monitoring in the region is proposed to be expanded by including private well owners who volunteer their wells for water level monitoring. A limited number of volunteers will be selected based on location and well characteristics; data logger installation is targeted to take place this summer.

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.

San Pareil Water Treatment System Upgrades and Expansion

UV Treatment – As mandated by Island Health in 2016, the RDN will soon use ultra-violet (UV) disinfection in addition to chlorine to meet the requirement for secondary disinfection. Eighty-three per cent of the project cost will be covered by the joint Federal-Provincial Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, reducing the cost to each property owner in the Water Service Area to approximately \$500. Construction and installation of the UV unit will take place this summer.

System Expansion - The RDN will commission a detailed design of a new watermain that will bring drinking water to 41 homes in the San Pareil neighbourhood currently on private wells. Once the design is complete and costed out, the

41 property owners will be given an opportunity to vote on the option to join the system through a mail-in petition. The petition process is expected to proceed in late 2017 or early 2018.

District 69 Transit Expansion

A transit expansion is being planned for September 2017 to enhance service to Areas G, H and the Town of Qualicum



Beach. Service will include a community bus within Qualicum Beach, five days per week service for the #99 Deep Bay bus and extra service on the #91 - Intercity.

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.

We are Now Mapping Trails on Crown Land!

Interested in trails outside of the RDN's Regional and Community Parks? We have started to map recreation trails on Crown Land. This ongoing project has started in Areas 'H' and 'B,' and will expand into the remaining Electoral Areas as we make progress. Maps of trails on Crown Land at Nile Creek – McColl Road and Big Qualicum Hatchery are available now with more to come.

Check for updates at www.rdnmap.ca or www.rdn.bc.ca/gis.

Rebates

WaterSmart Garden Incentive – Up to \$750 is available for conducting landscape efficiency upgrades including irrigation system efficiency improvements and soil & mulch amendment. This is a pilot program; funds are limited.

For a complete list of rebates and eligibility, visit www.RDNrebates.ca or call 250-390-6560.



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