



# ELECTORAL AREA UPDATE

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## Electoral Area 'H' Official Community Plan Review

An Official Community Plan (OCP) describes a long-term vision for the future and a course of action to achieve it. Objectives and policies in the OCP guide land use, servicing as well as



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physical, social and economic changes in the community over the long-term. The RDN is now reviewing the OCP with input from the community. The Review is a "targeted" review, meaning that it is not a complete re-write but will be

focused on amending those areas in need of change, or adding topics currently absent.

There was a great turnout for the first Community Meeting held on February 3 at the Lighthouse Community Hall. Input was recorded and is available for viewing on the project web site. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21.

Attending the public meetings is only one way to participate in the OCP review. You can also stop by the Bowser office located upstairs at Magnolia Court and speak with a planner. Hours are Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you are part of a group or organization that would like to provide input, we can attend your meeting, or schedule a special meeting just with you.

Stay tuned for more online engagement. The first survey had an excellent response rate with over 200 surveys completed, and as the project gets further along there will be another survey to ask for input on possible changes to the OCP.

Visit the project website at [www.rdn.bc.ca/areahocp](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/areahocp) and sign up for email updates on the project.

## Wastewater Services

The **Bowser Village Wastewater Servicing Study** is currently underway. This Study will provide the detailed design and cost estimate of a potential community collection system and a tertiary-level treatment plant as well as both marine and ground disposal options for treated effluent.

The RDN will be engaging with First Nations, residents and stakeholders throughout the process. Once the design study is complete, there are still several stages required before a project of this nature would be considered: including public approval, grant funding, and finalized design.

*Public consultation events will be held in Spring & Summer 2016. More information and updates can be found at [www.rdn.bc.ca/bowser](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/bowser).*

## Oakdowne Community Park

The Oakdowne Community Park Licence of Occupation has been renewed for 30 years. This forested park in the lower Little Qualicum watershed was established in 1994 and is maintained by RDN Parks staff in collaboration with area residents. The RDN is also applying for Licence of Occupation for other parcels in the vicinity. If successful, this would see the size of the existing park effectively tripled.

## Recreation Update

RDN Recreation and Parks staff is working with local First Nations to discuss incorporating cultural awareness and education into future recreation programming and staff training. The RDN currently partners with Qualicum First Nation during summer programs. Discussions are underway to include other local First Nations and to incorporate recommendations put forward by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

## We're moving!

The Bowser Recreation office will be moving out of the Salish Sea Market, but will be staying in Magnolia Court on the second floor at 204-6996 Island Highway. Hours will be posted; drop in with any recreation questions or ideas or to just say hi to Chrissie. Phone number is 778-424-5448 and email is [cfinnie@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:cfinnie@rdn.bc.ca)

## Summer Camps

Registration can be completed in person through RDN Recreation and Parks at Oceanside Place or Ravensong Aquatic Centre, by phone at 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014 or on-line at [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation).

## SUMMER PLAYGROUND AT QUALICUM FIRST NATION CAMPGROUND (6-12YRS)

Spend your summer days by the beach and in the cool forest. Join your friends for outdoor play, crafts and games. We encourage pre-registration to avoid disappointment, a limited amount of drop-ins are available. Note: 5 year old children who have completed Kindergarten may register.

## QUALICUM FIRST NATION CAMPGROUND

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays  
July 19-August 25  
\$16/1 or \$19/1 drop-in

## MARINE ADVENTURES AT VIU DEEP BAY MARINE FIELD STATION

Join us for a camp filled with hands-on marine science. Look after the marine animals, work in the lab on science experiments, explore life in the tanks and on the beach, make crafts, take boat trips on a working research vessel and more. Optional lunch included for an additional fee. Weekly registration is encouraged; limited daily registration of \$55/1 is available. ➤

*This flyer is intended for residents in RDN Electoral Area H. 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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## VIU DEEP BAY MARINE FIELD STATION FISHY FUN CAMP 6-8YRS

Mo-Fr, Jul 4-8 9:30 am-3:30 pm \$250/5  
Tu-Fr, Aug 2-5 9:30 am-3:30 pm \$200/4  
Lunch option \$5/1, \$25/5, \$20/4

## OCEAN ADVENTURES CAMP 9-12YRS

Mo-Fr, Jul 18-22 9:30 am-3:30 pm \$250/5  
Mo-Fr, Aug 22-26 9:30 am-3:30 pm \$250/5  
Lunch option \$5/1, \$25/5



### Rebates

For a more complete list of rebates and eligibility visit [www.RDNrebates.ca](http://www.RDNrebates.ca) or call 250-390-6560.

### NEW! Oil to Heat Pump Rebate

is available in RDN Electoral Areas. This program encourages the transition from oil heating to heat pumps and is an additional \$250 incentive from the RDN for those who complete the upgrade and are eligible for the provincial Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program administered by City Green Solutions.

The popular **RDN Septic Maintenance Rebate** program is back for a third year. This year, up to \$1,000 is available for RDN homeowners to a) obtain a Maintenance Assessment report, b) install Risers and/or c) install an Effluent Filter.

Rebates are available until December 31st or until the rebate budget is spent.

**The Rainwater Harvesting Incentive** provides up to \$750 to install a cistern (min. 1000 imperial gallons) and other rainwater harvesting system components.

**Rural Water Quality Stewardship Rebates** (a two-part rebate program)

- 1. Water Quality Testing** – one time 50 per cent off of comprehensive water quality test for private well owners.
- 2. Wellhead Protection Upgrades** – \$50 to \$500 is available for upgrades to existing well construction to improve groundwater protection. This includes upgrades to well cap, well casing stick-up, surface seal or for well closure. Upgrades must be completed by a registered qualified well professional.

### Home Energy Assessments

A \$150 incentive is available to residents who have an initial Home Energy Assessment conducted by a certified energy advisor.

An additional rebate is available if the follow-up assessment shows an increase in your home's EnerGuide rating.

### Woodstove Exchange Program

Receive \$250 by replacing an old wood-burning appliance with an EPA-certified wood burning, pellet, or gas stove insert.

### Renewable Energy Systems

A \$250 rebate is available to residents who purchase and install an eligible renewable energy system.

### Residential Electric Vehicle

#### Charging Station

Residents who install an eligible Level 2 EV Charging Station can apply for this \$250 rebate.

### Sustainable Development Checklist

Receive between \$500 and \$1000 for achieving a high Checklist score when building an efficient home.

### Graded Site-Cut Timber Incentive

Up to \$250 for homeowners who provide documentation confirming the use of site-cut timber for a structure requiring a building permit.

### ENERGY STAR® Clothes Washer Incentive

Residents who purchase an eligible ENERGY STAR® clothes washer from May 1 to June 30 and again from October 1 to November 30, 2016 can access a \$100 joint rebate from BC Hydro and the RDN. Limited rebates available.



If you haven't heard about the RDN's popular Team WaterSmart program yet, visit [www.teamwatersmart.ca](http://www.teamwatersmart.ca) for tips on water conservation and water quality protection, the Team WaterSmart KidsZone and upcoming workshops and events.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**Know the Risks:** Did you know that wildfire is the number one hazard in the RDN? You can learn more about hazards in the region by visiting [www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency).

**Have a Plan:** Home emergency plans include the basics like including a strategy for communicating after a disaster, a meeting place and how to care for service animals or pets.

**Personal Support Network:** Create a support network of at least three people to assist during an emergency. Give them keys and add their contact information to a shared emergency plan.

**Get a Kit:** An emergency kit should include at least one week of the basic necessities – visit [www.publicsafety.gc.ca](http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca) for a detailed list.

**Be Safe.  
Be Proactive.  
Be Ready!**

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