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Electoral Area 'H' Official Community Plan Review

The Official Community Plan Review in Electoral Area 'H' continues. A Community Working Group of dedicated volunteers



Director Bill Veenhof

had their final meeting on May 26th. An Open House planned for June 28th from 2-7:30 pm will be an opportunity for the wider community to see what changes are proposed and to provide their input.

As background to this Official Community Plan Review, the RDN contracted with consultants to produce three reports: an Active Transportation Plan, an Agricultural Land Reserve Preliminary Boundary Analysis, and an Archaeological Overview Assessment. These three reports are all recently complete with the first two posted to the project website.

The Active Transportation Plan will help the RDN prioritize improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure, most of which require coordination with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Having an Active Transportation Plan also makes the RDN eligible for provincial grants related to cycling infrastructure. Some key recommendations in the Plan include improving the shoulders on Highway 19A, adding crosswalks in busy locations, and making connections between roadside trails, quiet streets, and recreation trails to allow people to move around more easily and safely without using automobiles.

The Agricultural Land Reserve Preliminary Boundary Analysis provides a detailed overview of agricultural land in Electoral Area 'H', and was commissioned to better understand whether the RDN should make application to the Agricultural Land Commission to reduce the boundaries due to property owner input that their land is of poor agricultural capability.

The Archaeological Overview Assessment uses established models to anticipate areas of high or low potential to contain unrecorded archaeological sites, and will be used for the information of the RDN and property owners to better anticipate where archaeological sites may be found to improve their protection and minimize unanticipated delays in construction.

Office Hours for the Official Community Plan are in Bowser every Tuesday from 9:15-12:00 upstairs at Magnolia Court where you can speak with a planner.

Visit the project website at www.rdn.bc.ca/areahocp and sign up for email updates and stay tuned for the Open House date.

The website contains copies of all the presentation materials at community meetings and open houses so far, with summary reports on each event.

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 'H' Building Statistics

Electoral Area Building Permits for 2016			
Electoral Area	# of Permits	Construction Value (\$M)	New Housing Units
H	77	12.5	38

Electoral Area Building Permits for Jan-Mar 2017			
Electoral Area	# of Permits	Construction Value (\$M)	New Housing Units
H	7	1.1	1

Horne Lake Regional Trail

Planning work has begun on the Horne Lake Regional Trail, which will link the Big Qualicum River Regional Trail at the east end of Horne Lake with the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and their Log Train Trail. A \$10,000 Rural Dividends grant was awarded to the RDN in February to support a geo-technical feasibility assessment of trail corridor below Mount Mark along the north shore of Horne Lake. Planning and design will continue through 2017 and 2018 with development of the trail planned for 2019-2020. At the same time, the RDN will work with the Province, the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District, the City of Port Alberni, and First Nations >

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.

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both sides of the hump to realize a sea-to-sea BC Heritage Trail celebrating the ancient passage across Vancouver Island.

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.*

Bowser Village Wastewater Servicing

In March 2017, the RDN was awarded funding under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for a maximum federal/provincial contribution of \$7,590,328. The Draft Design report for the Treatment Plant, Collection System and Outfall pre-design was completed by Stantec in April 2017. Urban Systems Ltd. is currently advising the RDN on the process to establish the Service Area and elector approval for borrowing for the construction. A public meeting in May presented the various options and costs. A follow-up meeting in support of the elector approval process is scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2017 at the Royal Canadian Legion, 7035 Island Highway West, Bowser from 7-9 pm.

For more information, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/bowsersewer.

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.

Summer Recreation Programs



Summer Playground at Qualicum First Nation | 6-12yrs

Spend your summer days by the beach and in the cool of the 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
Tue-Thurs Jul 18-Aug 24
10:00am-3:00pm | \$18/day

Ocean Adventures at Deep Bay | 7-10yrs

Join us for a camp filled with fun hands-on science activities. Camp will be packed with science-based games, hands-on experiments, crafts, outdoor adventures and possibly a boat trip on Friday (weather permitting). Campers will have the unique opportunity to help take care of our marine animals, as well as observe animal behavior in our tanks and on the beach.

VIU Deep Bay Marine Field Station
9:30am-3:30pm
Tue-Fri Jul 4-7 | \$200/4
Mon-Fri Jul 31-Aug 4 | \$250/5

Youth Adventures at VIU Deep Bay | 11-14yrs

Join us for a camp filled with hands-on science based games, experiments,

outdoor adventures and possibly a boat trip on Friday (weather permitting). Campers will delve further into the science of taking care of our marine animals, as well as observations of animal behavior in our tanks and on the beach.

9:30am-3:30pm

M-F Jul 10-14 | M-F Aug 21-25 | \$250/5

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

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

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