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RDN Strategic Plan 2023-2026 Approved by the Board

On September 26, 2023, after a three-month review that included a series of facilitated workshops and meetings that were open to the public, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board of Directors approved the RDN Strategic Plan for 2023-2026. The strategic plan sets out the Board's vision, role and commitments and serves as the guiding document for the development and delivery of RDN programs, initiatives and workplans to achieve the Board's goals. The Board identified five strategic areas of focus representing the most important opportunities and challenges facing the RDN.

The five strategic priorities are:

- Protecting our vital lands and ecosystems: To accelerate the acquisition of regional parkland in order to secure and steward natural areas with important conservation and recreation values that contribute to community well-being.
- Managing impacts of climate change: To understand the impacts and risks to our communities from a changing climate and develop effective, science-based adaptation and mitigation strategies.
- Planning and managing for growth: To plan for and manage growth in our region to meet the needs of our communities within the means of the environment and to improve quality of life.
- Water security: To steward our region's watersheds and water resources in a sustainable manner, ensuring adequate quantity and quality of water for our domestic and agricultural needs.
- Advocacy: To effectively communicate our region's challenges, needs and objectives to the
 provincial and federal governments and compel an appropriate response to the critical issues
 impacting our communities.

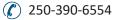
"The new strategic plan provides a clear vision and direction for the RDN Board, enabling us to be proactive in addressing important opportunities and challenges in our region," said Vanessa Craig, RDN Chair. "The plan supports the work we do with the public, our partners, and other levels of government to find solutions to the critical issues impacting our communities."

For more information on the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, visit rdn.bc.ca/long-term-plans

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