REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

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New Community Park for Cassidy

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is pleased to announce that 0.41 acres of land has been purchased in Electoral Area A (EA A) for the creation of Cassidy's first community park. The first step will be to clear the property of the existing buildings and prepare the land for the park's development, which is allowed within the current zoning. Residents will have an opportunity to provide their input and help develop a vision for the park.

"I'm excited that Cassidy residents will have a community park to enjoy and to connect with one another," said Jessica Stanley, Electoral Area A Director. "Access to green spaces and play areas is important for the health and wellbeing of residents of all ages and I look forward to seeing this park completed."

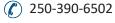
The RDN chose the property at 3483 Hallberg Road based on its location within the neighbourhood, its topography and existing open space. The land was purchased for \$420,000 using EA A parks cash-in-lieu reserves, allocated within the 2024-2028 financial plan to acquire park lands in EA A. Community Works Funding from the 2025 EA A community parks budget will be used to landscape and develop amenities in the park. Once complete, ongoing operations and maintenance will be managed by RDN parks staff through the development of a community park budget.

The RDN will share information about opportunities for Cassidy residents to provide their input on the community park's design in the fall of 2024. For information on parks in the RDN, please visit rdn.bc.ca/parks-services.

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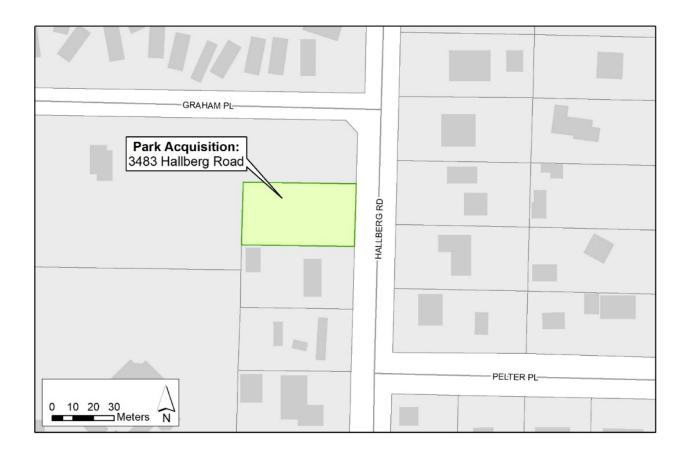
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