



NORTHWEST NANOOSE
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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February 4, 2022

Mr. Sean Grant,
Inspector of Municipalities
Governance & Structure Branch,
PO BOX 9839 STN PROV GOV
Victoria, B.C., V8W 9T1

RE: "Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Service Amendment Bylaw No. 899.02, 2022" referred to below as the "Amendment".

Mr. Grant,

We are writing you today on behalf of the Northwest Nanoose Residents Association, commonly known as the "NNRA". The NNRA is a registered society in BC representing the North/West sector of Nanoose Bay residents living in Area "E" of the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Mr. Bob Rogers, RDN Director, Electoral Area "E" has brought to our attention his concern and strong opposition on behalf of Electoral "E" residents to the above proposed Amendment. The NNRA shares those concerns and opposition for the following reasons:

1. The original Bylaw 899 established on June 22, 1993 excluded Electoral Area "E". It followed what was considered to be a democratic process involving the then local tax payers. It was fully supported by the Electoral Area "E" Director and received unanimous support of the RDN Board.
2. The underlying logic for establishing the original Bylaw 899 was primarily based on geography and the anticipated limited usage by Area "E" residents. Using the Fairwinds Wellness Club, as the midpoint of Nanoose Bay, residents have had to travel 44 kilometers in order to use the Ravensong Aquatic Centre.
3. The original anticipated limited usage of the Ravensong facilities by Area "E" residents has proved itself a fact. The only historical activity and usage survey of this facility by the RDN showed peak Area "E" usage of 5.52% in 2010, followed by a reduction in usage to 3.9% in 2015. No further usage analysis by the RDN has occurred since then.
4. It is evident that the minimal usage of the Ravensong facilities can be attributed to the existence of three privately owned pools, two within Area "E" and one in close proximity. The Fairwinds Wellness Club, Pacific Shores Nature Resort and the Beach Acres facilities all opened after 1993.

They are available and remain open to the public on a "fee for usage" basis, subject to current Covid 19 protocols.

5. It is estimated the financial impact to Electoral Area "E" tax payers by this proposed Amendment will be significant; estimated at \$1,320,000 between 2022 & 2026 then approximately \$500,000 per annum plus inflation, thereafter. The Nanoose Bay area has 3,439 parcels of land, approximately 6,500 residents and three existing pool facilities which have to date adequately handled local residents requirements.
6. This proposed Amendment, if passed, also sets a new and financially dangerous precedent for Electoral Area "E" tax payers. Please note, the City of Parksville is also considering a new community pool. (We have attached Pages 2 and 9 of the "Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre" brochure as well as the City of Parksville, February 1, 2022 News Release for your perusal.) We believe that if the Ravensong Facility Amendment is approved by your Ministry, it could well set the stage for another Parksville "cash call" from Electoral Area "E" residents.
7. Please also note should the Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Facility proposal proceed, it would make more sense for Electoral Area "E" to financially participate in this initiative as opposed to the Ravensong Facility. Put differently, it would be neither fair nor reasonable for Electoral Area "E" residents to financially support both Qualicum Beach and Parksville while continuing to support the three existing swimming pool facilities in the area.
8. Finally, the Village of Qualicum Beach is privy to all of the above limited usage information, however, they have not attempted to provide any justification for including Area "E" in this Amendment?

Consequently, at our recent February 4, 2002 Directors Meeting of the Northwest Nanoose Residents Association the following motion occurred:
Motion by Director Michael Kosich;

"The NNRA formally advise it is not in favour of the recent Regional District of Nanaimo decision to force residents of Electoral Area "E" to be a participant in the Ravensong Pool Service without providing Electoral Area "E" residents the opportunity to give their electoral approval or rejection in 2022.

Vote on Motion: "Unanimously Approved"

In closing, we respectfully request that this proposed Amendment by the Regional District of Nanaimo be overruled by your Ministry.
Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.



Kirke MacMillan, President
Northwest Nanoose Residents Association

Cc. Tyler Brown
Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo

Bob Rogers, Director
Electoral Area "E".



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Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre



Public Consultation – Engage with Us!

Phase 1 - Feasibility

Phase 2 - Detailed Design Phase

Despard Test Site

Financial Information

Do you have a question or comment?

For the past twenty years, there has been considerable discussion about the need for a new swimming pool and more indoor recreational and community space in the Oceanside region. The concept for construction of a new swimming pool in Parksville arose from the Mayor's Roundtable event and community engagement sessions in 2019. Through in-person meetings and resident surveys, Council determined five strategic priority areas for their term of office. Recreation and economic [Continue reading](#)

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Bob Rogers, Director
Electoral Area "E".



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Archived Key Dates

 Timeline/Key Dates - 2019-2020

Key Dates 2021



COMPLETED

- Staff report to Council
- Launch of information on Let's Talk Parksville
- RFP for project consultant
- Assessments and studies
- Appointment of advisory working group
- Community engagement and consultation (HDR)



Ongoing or anticipated

- Community engagement and events
- Project management
- First Nations engagement and consultation
- Grant/funding research



2022-2025 - Anticipated should project proceed

- Completion of site plan process and detailed design
- Referendum/Assent Voting
- When detailed design is complete, construction of the pool and multiplex is expected to take between 24 and 30 months.

HDR Newsletters

Council to Discuss Next Steps for Aquatic and Recreation Centre Project

On February 16 at 1 pm in the Forum, Parksville Council will meet as Committee of the Whole (COTW) to discuss the proposed Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre project. A COTW meeting provides a less formal opportunity for Council to consider and discuss options for the project.

At this meeting, Council will consider next steps such as project scope, potential sites and siting criteria, budget, timelines, roles of the Regional District of Nanaimo and other levels of government, and future public engagement and consultation. Council will also consider if the project planning should proceed at this time, be suspended for a period, or cancelled and removed from the workplan.

In December, Council directed staff to arrange this COTW before adding funds to the 2022 budget.

HOW TO BE INVOLVED

Residents are encouraged to get involved; here are some of the options:

- Watch the COTW in the Forum, or the meeting will be webstreamed live from the City's website and archived for viewing at another time. (For in-person attendance at COTW, please see notes below).
- Comments and questions may be emailed at any time to council@parksville.ca and will form part of the public record. Comments specific to the COTW should be submitted by 4 pm, February 15.
- [*Let's Talk Parksville*](#) provides extensive background, public engagement results to date, staff reports, and key project documents.
- Continue to provide comments, share ideas or ask questions on [*Let's Talk Parksville*](#). Input will form part of the public record and will be provided to Council for consideration throughout the project phases.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Aligned with PHO restrictions, the maximum number of residents to be accommodated in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre for a Council meeting is forty with ten spaces allocated to Council and support staff. For everyone's safety, the following protocols are in place:

- Please avoid attending in-person, unless fully vaccinated.
- Appropriately worn face coverings/masks are mandatory at all times while in the building.
- You must remain seated when in attendance.
- Stay home if sick or not feeling well.

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