

Hello Fellow Nanoose Residents,

The date for the **Referendum to borrow \$30 million** for the **proposed expansion for Ravensong Aquatic Centre** has been set for **April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

It is **imperative that you vote** as what is required is “more than 50 per cent for the cast ballots vote the same way on the questions stated, the result is binding.” This more than 50% of all votes cast in the Oceanside area, NOT just Area E (Nanoose Bay).

Here is the link where you will find a document with the **Information Boards** that the RDN will be using to display details, the Handout from the RDN that outlines **Where and When you can vote** and also when the various **Information Sessions** are being held as well as some additional documents:

<https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rac-expansion-referendum/widgets/191384/documents>

There will be an **Information Session at Nanoose Place** on Monday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 5 – 7:30pm;

Alternate Information Sessions, all 5-730pm:

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Coombs Fairground

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Lighthouse Community Centre

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Craig Street Commons

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Qualicum Beach Community Hall

March 12<sup>th</sup> – St. Columba Presbyterian Church

**Voting Day is Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** from 8am to 8pm if you don't go to the advance polls or mail in your ballot. **Area E votes at Nanoose Place.**

Below is the **motion that was unanimously adopted by your NNRA Board:**

“In the current economy and increasing taxpayer pressure by the RDN, the NNRA *will not support* the pending \$36m Ravensong Aquatic Centre Expansion Referendum.”

Please note that information supplied and the Referendum only addresses the borrowing for the expansion and **DOES NOT** address future *increased costs* for the operation of the expanded facility, i.e. Maintenance, Staff, Utilities and Reserve Contributions. All of which will be paid for by the taxpayer via their property taxes once operational. It appears from the RDN's 5 Year Financial Plan that the increased operating costs will be roughly \$1.1m a year which will equate to almost an additional 50% cost above and beyond the cost of the financing charges for the \$30m loan.

## **Be Informed and Remember to Vote!**

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors for NNRA – Northwest Nanoose Residents Association