



January 2023 Newsletter

Hello Fellow Northwest Nanoose Resident,

The Northwest Nanoose Residents Association held its 1st AGM since 2019 on January 16th and the Board is taking this opportunity to give you an update. In this email update you will find:

- 1) Membership details
- 2) New Board Members
- 3) Ravensong Aquatic Centre Information
- 4) What steps the Board is taking on your behalf
- 5) Steps you can take

Membership

The annual membership for a Household remains at \$10 annually. If you would like to be a member to support the Board in its endeavours please give your \$10 to one of the Board members noted below or contact the treasurer Michael Kosich at mskosich@gmail.com . Please join the Association and give us a larger voice / representation.

Board Members 2023

Kirke MacMillan - Chair, Madrona Drive - akmacmillan@shaw.ca

Michael Kosich – Treasurer, Seahaven Road - mskosich@gmail.com

David Jamieson – Acacia Road - davidjamieson@shaw.ca

Bill Marsh, Madrona Drive - marsh@marsheng.com

Wayne Stark, Bay Drive - wayne@pursuitinc.com

Neil Watson, Arbutus Drive - neilwatsonbc@gmail.com

Rudi Widdershoven, Madrona Drive – madronarudi@gmail.com

Ravensong Aquatic Centre Information

Preamble on Bylaw & link to info and survey

- * The RDN is trying to add Area E (Nanoose Bay) to surrounding areas in order to expand their tax base to help pay for the Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum by amending Bylaw 899**
- * Nanoose has not been contributing to the pool since its inception in 1993, we were excluded by request;**
- * Nanoose has 13% of the area's population;**
- * Nanoose has 18% of the area's property assessment;**
- * 3.9% of the usage was by Nanoose residents in 2015 (down 18% from 2010);**
- * under the proposed formula Nanoose will be paying 12% of the cost of the pool;**
- * the RDN is using the 2022 budget for calculations and there is forecasted to be a 43.4% increase in the pool budget by 2026;**
- * with 2022 (last year) budget numbers Nanoose property owners will be paying \$8.82 per \$100,000 of assessment (2023 budget forecasts \$9.70 per \$100,000 = 11% increase)**
- * the change will be mandated by the balance of the area as we only have 1 vote at the table, or only 13% of the population if it goes to referendum;**

The equitable solution would be for the formula to be based 100% on usage, and updated every 5 years;

The Northwest Nanoose Residents Association is preparing a presentation for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Fairwinds Community Association will be participating in the presentation;

Food for thought before you complete the survey. It has been difficult to fully understand all of the implications, no matter what information is given. The process and formula it is not Transparent, Equitable or Democratic as the voice of Nanoose residents only have 1/6 of the say at the Board, or 13% in a vote.

What steps the Board is taking on your behalf

- 1) In conjunction with Fairwinds Community Association we are having a meeting this Friday with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to outline:
 - the Lack of Transparency
 - Inequitable tax formulas proposed
 - Being Mandated as there is no true voice for Area E (Nanoose)

- 2) Planning on:
 - Delegation to the RDN Board
 - Meet with local MLA
 - Meeting with the Mayor of Parksville

Steps You can take

- Join the Association to show your support, and increase the numbers we are representing;
- Have your neighbours join;
- Complete online survey by January 31st (getinvolved.rdn.ca/pool-bylaw)
- Write or Email the RDN Directors and Ministry of Municipal Affairs (below is a list of names and emails);
- Apply to be a delegation at a RDN meeting and let them know your opinion;

Thank you for your interest, together we can get our Voice heard,

Rudi Widdershoven

on behalf of

The Board of Directors of Northwest Nanoose Residents Association (NNRA)

www.nnra.ca

To complete the RDN survey online by Jan. 31st please go to

getinvolved.rdn.ca/pool-bylaw

Director of Electoral Area E, Nanoose Bay, Mr. Bob Rogers is against this bylaw change.

If you support his position please email him at ... bob.rogers@rdn.bc.ca and also to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs....Ministers Office at.....

MUNI.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Letters stating your opinion about the above should go to the following:

Vanessa Craig..RDN Board chair and Director of Electoral Area B

Email. vanessa.craig@rdn.bc.ca

Tyler Brown..RDN vice chair City of Nanaimo

Email tyler.brown@nanaimo.bc.ca

Bob Rogers.. Director Electoral Area E

Email bob.rogers@rdn.bc.ca

Leanne Salter.. Director Electoral Area F

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Lehann Wallace..Director Electoral Area G

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Stuart McLean..Director Electoral Area H

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Doug O'Brien..Mayor of Parksville on RDN Board of Directors

Email mayor@parksville.ca

Teunis Westbroek..Mayor of Qualicum Beach on RDN Board of Directors

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The Honourable Anne Kang

Minister of Municipal Affairs

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