



Ravensong Aquatic Centre RDN Bylaw #899

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is reviewing District 69 Swimming Pool Service Establishment Bylaw #899.

Bylaw #899 gives the RDN the authority to operate Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum Beach and recover the costs related to the facility. The changes would have financial implications for residents of Electoral Areas E, F, G, H, City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach.

The two Bylaw #899 changes being considered are:

- 1. Change the cost recovery funding model to one-third assessment, one-third usage and one-third population-based from its current funding model of one-half usage and one-half assessment.**
- 2. Adding Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay) as a participating area.**

Learn more, ask questions and have your say:

In-Person Open Houses

December 7, 2022, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Rotary House, 211 Fern Road, Qualicum Beach

December 8, 2022, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Oceanside Place Arena, 830 Island Highway W, Parksville

December 14, 2022, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Bowser Legion #211, 7035 Island Highway W, Bowser

January 4, 2023, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Nanoose Place, 2925 NW Bay Rd, Nanoose Bay

January 5, 2023, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Bradley Centre, 975 Shearme Rd, Coombs

January 18, 2023, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

BGC Parksville Child & Family Centre, 132 Jensen Ave, Parksville

Virtual Open Houses

December 12, 2022, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom meeting at: bit.ly/pool-bylaw-dec-12 or join by telephone by dialing: +1-587-328-1099, when prompted enter meeting ID: 679 7330 5468 and passcode: 812003

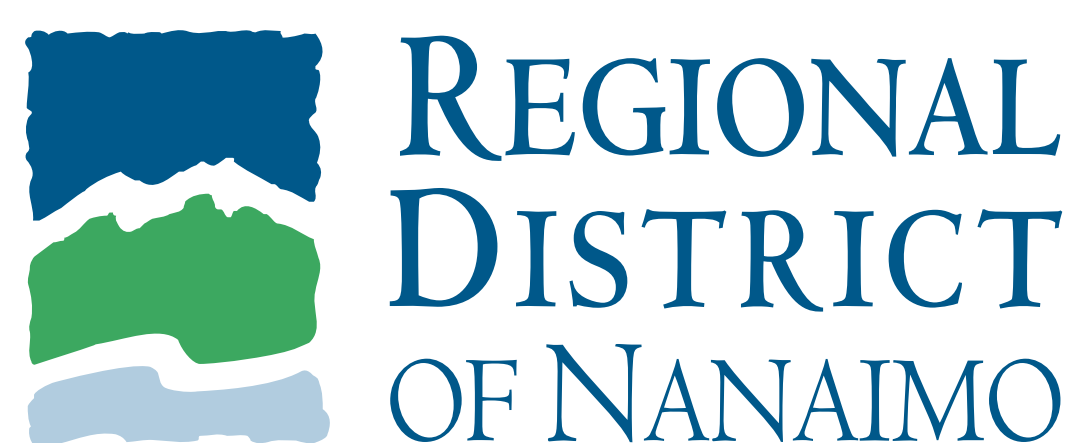
January 9, 2023, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom meeting at: bit.ly/pool-bylaw-jan-9 or join by telephone by dialing: +1-587-328-1099, when prompted enter meeting ID: 640 3089 1258 and passcode: 302469

Any questions, please contact the RDN at: 250-248-3252,

1-888-828-2069 toll free or recparks@rdn.bc.ca

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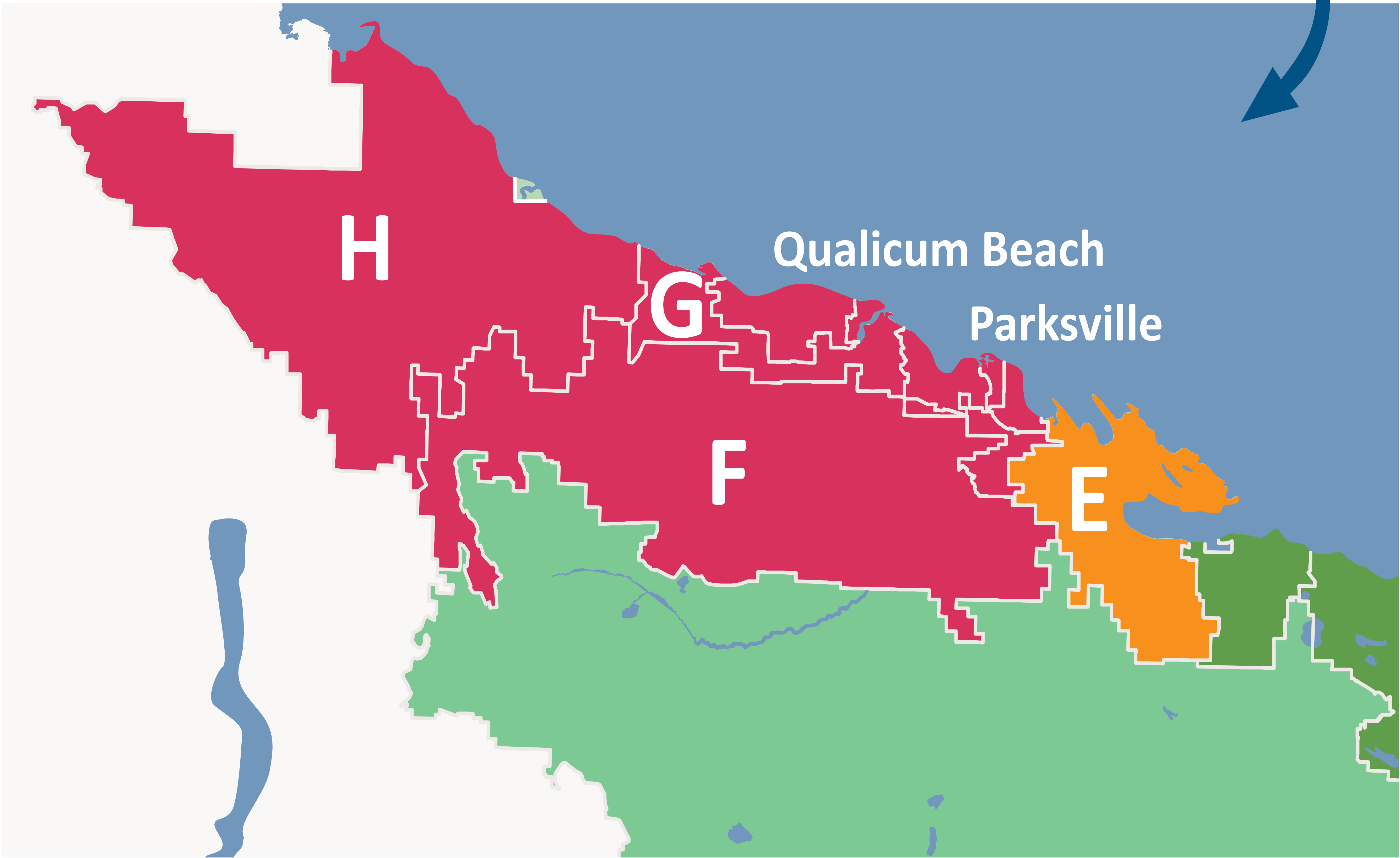


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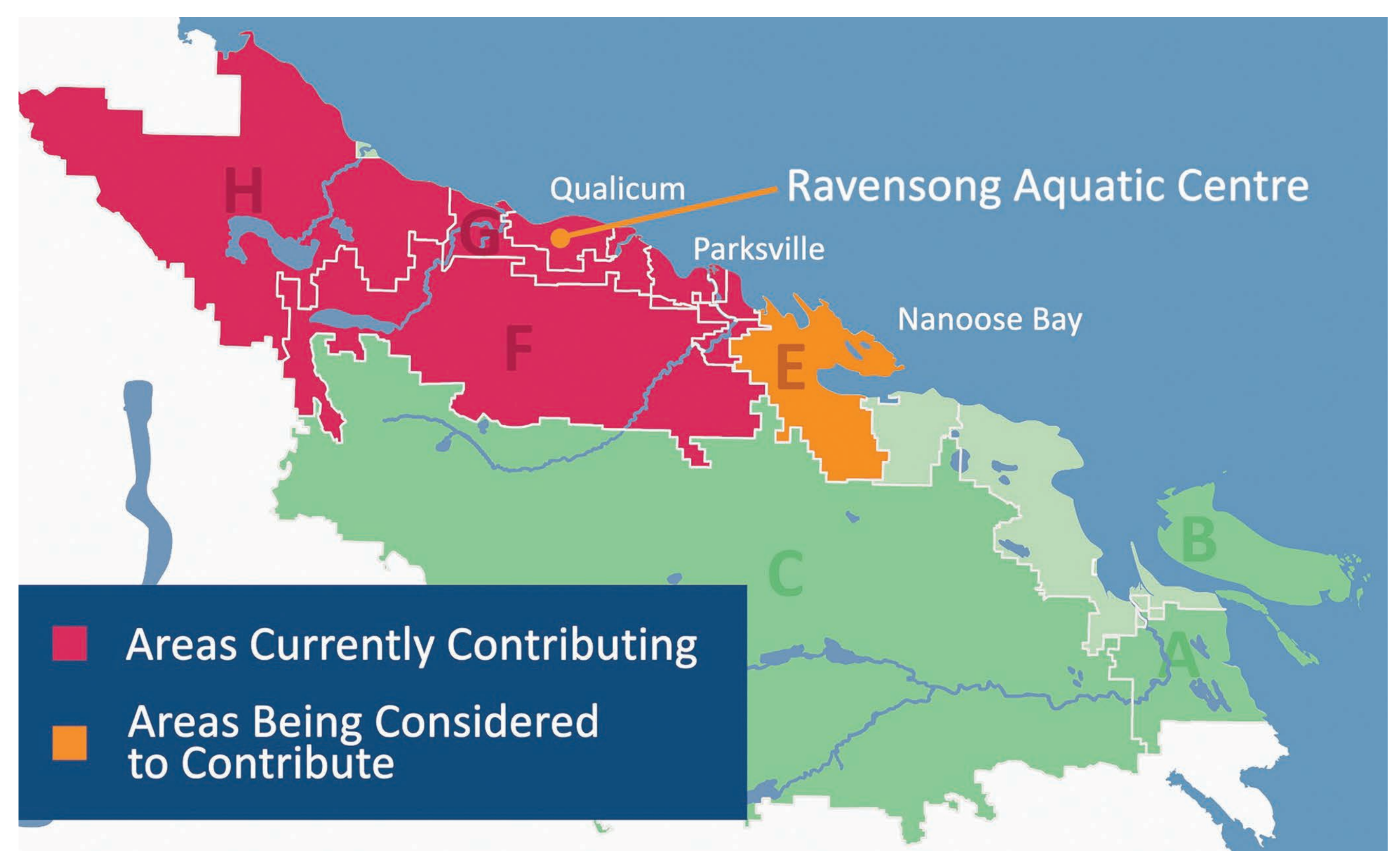
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

A. What is “District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Establishment Bylaw #899”?

The Bylaw was established in 1993 at the time the pool was built. It gives the RDN the authority to operate the pool and collect taxes and identifies the funding participants and the funding formula.

B. What areas within the RDN are included in the Swimming Pool Local Service?

Bylaw #899 identifies the funding participants: Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville, Electoral Areas, F, G and H.



C. What are the two changes to Bylaw #899 that are being considered?

The **first proposed change** is to go from the current model of one-half assessment and one-half usage, to a model based on one-third property assessment, one-third usage, and one-third population.

The **second proposed change** would add Electoral Area E as a participating area to the Pool Service. Electoral Area E would then join Electoral Areas F, G, H and City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach.



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D. How would the rates be calculated if the proposed changes* to Bylaw #899 are made?

If the proposed changes to Bylaw #899 are made, the RDN would calculate how much each participating area would pay through taxes using the following:

one-third assessment – one-third of the amount of taxes would be collected based on the property values in each area that is participating in the service

one-third usage – one-third of the amount of taxes would be collected based on the usage of the facility by each area that is participating in the service

one-third population - one-third of the amount of taxes would be collected based on the population in each area that is participating in the service

For example, a participating area that has:

higher property values compared to other participating areas would pay more of the assessment portion towards the pool service

more residents using the pool service compared to other participating areas would pay more of the usage portion towards the pool service

a lower population compared to other participating areas would pay less of the population portion towards the pool service

Once it is determined how much each participating area must contribute based on the above, the information is sent to the Surveyor of Taxes. The amount each area residential homeowner in the participating area would be taxed is calculated by the Surveyor of Taxes based on property values.

*Currently, the participating areas fund the pool service based on a one-half assessment and one-half usage funding model.



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E. What are the property assessment rates and how are they used?

Property assessment data from BC Assessment is used to help calculate how much residential homeowners pay for a service in their area. The tables below show the amount residential homeowners would pay for their share of the pool service based on the current and proposed allocation models.

Table 1: Current allocation model based on one-half usage and one-half assessment (excluding EA E)

Participant	2022 Average Residential Value	Residential Cost per \$100K Assessment*	Average Assessment**
City of Parksville	\$669,603	\$15.28	\$102.32
Town of Qualicum Beach	\$877,310	\$16.99	\$149.05
Electoral Area F	\$693,016	\$17.72	\$122.80
Electoral Area G	\$942,810	\$15.88	\$149.72
Electoral Area H	\$807,643	\$13.20	\$106.61

Table 2: Proposed allocation model based on one-third assessment, one-third usage and one-third population (including EA E)

Participant	2022 Average Residential Value	Residential Cost per \$100K Assessment*	Average Assessment**
City of Parksville	\$669,603	\$13.82	\$92.54
Town of Qualicum Beach	\$877,310	\$14.24	\$124.93
Electoral Area E	\$1,133,873	\$8.82	\$100.01
Electoral Area F	\$693,016	\$16.20	\$112.27
Electoral Area G	\$942,810	\$13.85	\$130.58
Electoral Area H	\$807,643	\$11.63	\$93.93

*The residential cost per \$100K Assessment equates to the amount that each residential homeowner in the specified participating area would pay per \$100,000 of their property’s net taxable value for their share of the pool service based on a one-third usage, one-third population and one-third assessment allocation.

**The average assessment equates to the amount that would be charged to the average residential homeowner on their property tax as calculated using the average residential value of the participating area in which they reside.



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F. How are Ravensong Aquatic Centre usage rates determined?

The RDN does a survey every five years* to determine who uses Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Based on 2015 survey data, the first row shows the Ravensong Aquatic Centre proportional usage rates (%) of electoral area and member municipality residents. The second-row numbers are the proposed allocations based on the average usage from the two most recent usage surveys (2010 and 2015) with Electoral Area E added and other users (NA, LZ, Other) distributed proportionately among existing funding participants.

Usage Rate by Area	A	B	C	E	F	G	H	NA	PV	QB	LZ	Other	Total
Based on 2015 Usage Survey data	0	0	0	3.9	19.6	18.7	6.3	1.0	24.2	21.8	0.1	4.3	100
Proposed allocations*	0	0	0	4.6	18.1	18.3	7.2	0	26.2	25.7	0	0	100

NA = Nanaimo, PV = Parksville, QB = Qualicum Beach, LZ = Lantzville

*Due to COVID-19, the 2020 survey will take place in 2023

G. Where do the population numbers come from?

The RDN uses population numbers determined through Statistics Canada’s census. The 2021 Census determined the population of RDN member municipalities and electoral areas in Oceanside to be as follows:

Participant	Population
City of Parksville	13,642
Town of Qualicum Beach	9,303
EA E	6,765
EA F	8,216
EA G	8,109
EA H	4,291



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H. What is the process to amend Bylaw #899?

The Local Government Act allows the RDN Board to amend a service establishing bylaw with the consent of at least two-thirds of the participants in the service. (for Ravensong Aquatic Centre, the participants are Parksville, Qualicum, Electoral Areas F, G and H).

As a result, in the case of adding a participating area to the service(s), the RDN Board may amend the service establishing bylaw in the following two ways:

With the consent of at least two-thirds of the participants in the service (including any proposed new participant) and Inspector of Municipalities' approval; or

In accordance with the requirements applicable to the adoption of the bylaw that it amends (such as a referendum or alternative approval process), and Inspector of Municipalities' approval.

NEXT STEPS

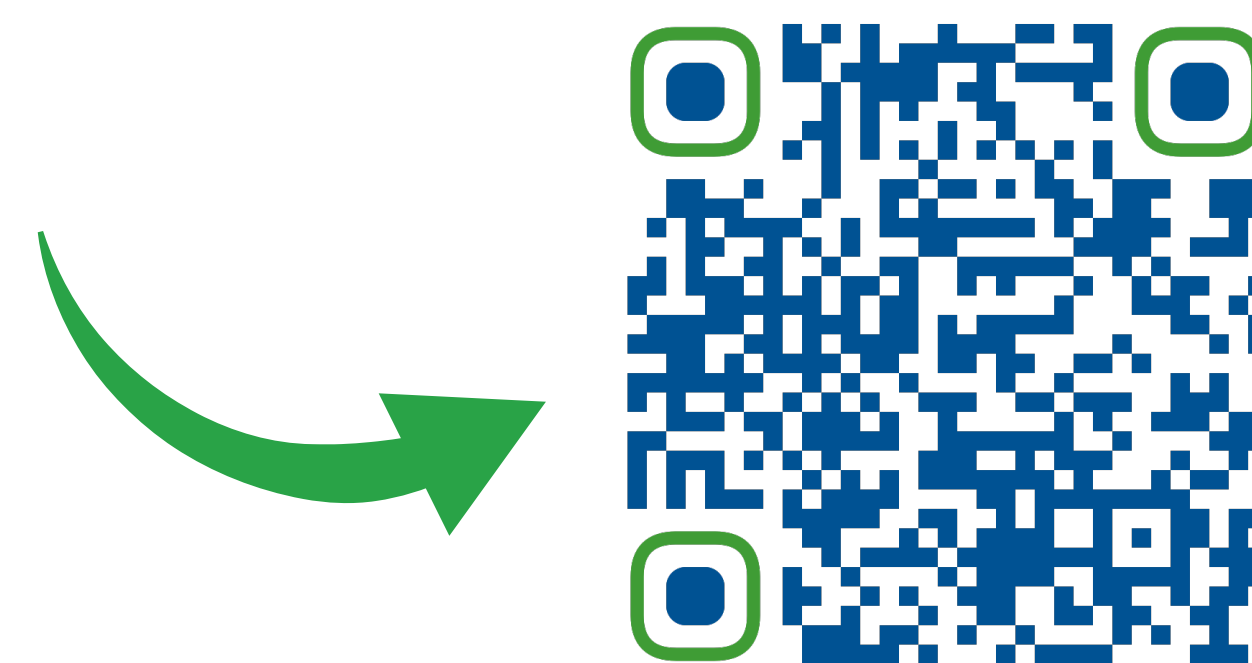
Let us know:

Do you support a new funding model for cost recovery for the pool service?

Do you support the addition of Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay) to this service?

Complete the survey by January 31, 2023 at getinvolved.rdn.ca/pool-bylaw

Scan to go to the project website and complete the survey



Survey Results:

A What We Heard Summary report will be provided with the survey results to the RDN Board for their review and to help them determine whether to proceed with changing the bylaw.

Once presented to the RDN Board, it will also be shared at getinvolved.rdn.ca/pool-bylaw and emailed to those registered to this page directly.