



# LOCAL ELECTIONS 2008

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**November 15, 2008**

## Qualifications for Voting

### INFORMATION FOR REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO ELECTORAL AREA VOTING

On Saturday November 15, resident and non-resident property electors will vote in local government elections. Voters in Electoral Areas A, B, and F will be voting for Regional District Directors. Voters in Electoral Area B will also be voting for Islands Trust Trustees.

Electors throughout the RDN will also be voting in referendums and a plebiscite during local government elections. Residents of all Electoral Areas will be asked if they are in favour of establishing a new function for drinking water and watershed protection. In portions of Electoral Areas A and C, residents will vote on the transfer of responsibility for local fire protection service, and the purchase of new equipment. Residents of Electoral Area E will be asked in a plebiscite if they are in favour of establishing local burning restrictions.

This flyer is intended for residents and property owners in the RDN Electoral Areas. It is also provided for information to residents of Nanaimo, Lantzville, Parksville, and Qualicum Beach.

#### RESIDENT ELECTORS:

If you live in one of the RDN's Electoral Areas you may be eligible to vote in the November 15, 2008 election. In order to qualify to vote you must meet the following criteria:

- a. must be 18 or older on general voting day;
- b. must be a Canadian citizen;
- c. must be a resident of BC (as per s.52 of the Local Government Act) for at least 6 months prior to Election Day; (May 13, 2008)
- d. must be a resident of the voting area jurisdiction (as per s.52 of the Local Government Act) for at least 30 days prior to Election Day; (October 16, 2008)
- e. must not be disqualified from voting by the Local Government Act or any other enactment, or otherwise be disqualified by law.

Persons qualifying as "Resident Electors" who will be applying to register at the time of voting must provide at least two documents verifying the applicant's identity, with at least one containing the applicant's signature, such as a Drivers License.

#### NON RESIDENT ELECTORS:

If you own property in Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G, or H but reside elsewhere, you may be eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector. In order to qualify to vote as a non resident elector you must meet the following criteria:

- a. must be 18 or older on general voting day;
- b. must be a Canadian citizen;
- c. must be a resident of BC (as per s.52 of the Local Government Act) for at least 6 months immediately before registration day; (May 13, 2008)
- d. must not be entitled to register as a resident elector;
- e. must have been a registered owner of real property in the Electoral Area for at least 30 days immediately before registration day; (October 16, 2008)
- f. must not be disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

A person may register as a non-resident property elector in relation to only one parcel of real property within Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G or H.

If more than one individual is the registered owner of the real property, only one of those individuals may register and the person registering must do so with the written consent of the number of those individuals who, together with the person registering, are a majority of registered owners.

Persons qualifying as "Non-Resident Property Electors" who will be applying to register at the time of voting, must complete an application form, must provide at least two documents that provide evidence of the applicant's

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identity and must provide a copy of land title registration or tax notice which provides proof of ownership. At least one of the documents must contain the applicant's signature, such as a Drivers License.



# ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

## NOVEMBER 5 & 12, 2008 – 8:00AM TO 8:00PM

Advance voting opportunities shall be open to qualified electors at the following locations between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, and Wednesday November 12, 2008. Ballots will be available for the positions of Electoral Area Director for Areas A, B and F, for positions of Islands Trust Trustees, for the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection referendum in Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G and H, for the burning restrictions plebiscite in Electoral Area E, and for the Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw referendum in portions of Electoral Areas A and C.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2008 – 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Voting Place	Ballots
Gabriola Elementary School Library 680 North Road, Gabriola, Island	Director, B Islands Trust Trustees Drinking Water Referendum
RDN Administration Office 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo	Director, A, B & F Islands Trust Trustees Drinking Water Referendum, A, B, C, E, F, G & H Burning Restrictions Referendum, E Referendum on Fire Protection, portions of A & C
Oceanside Place 830 W Island Highway, Parksville	Director, F Drinking Water Referendum E, F, G & H Burning Restrictions Plebiscite, E
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach	Director, F Drinking Water Referendum E, F, G & H Burning Restrictions Plebiscite, E

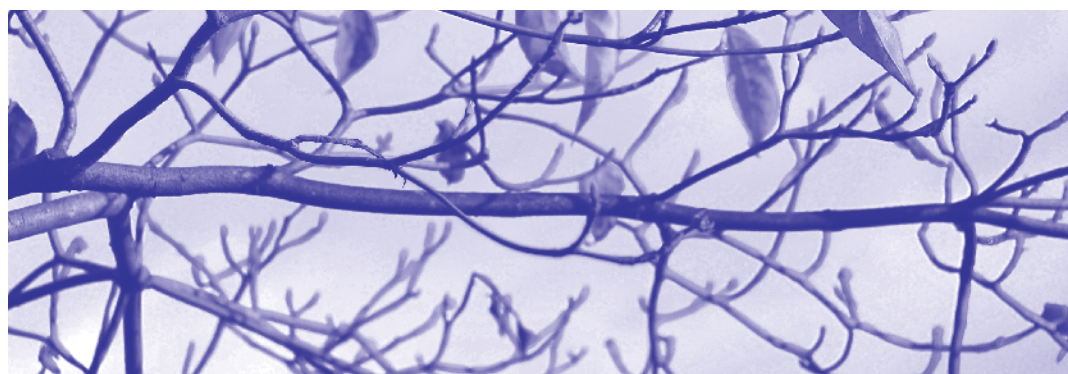
### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008 – 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Voting Place	Ballots
RDN Administration Office 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo	Director, A, B & F Islands Trust Trustees Drinking Water Referendum, A, B, C, E, F, G & H Burning Restrictions Plebiscite, E Referendum on Fire Protection, portions of A & C
Oceanside Place 830 W Island Highway, Parksville	Director, F Drinking Water Referendum E, F, G & H Burning Restrictions Referendum, E

## QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE AT AN ADVANCE POLL

All qualified electors are now permitted to vote at either an advance voting opportunity or on general election day. The requirement that advance voting be open only to voters who would be absent from the Regional District of Nanaimo on general voting day has been removed from the Local Government Act.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Maureen Pearse, Chief Election Officer, or Jane Armstrong, Deputy Chief Election Officer, at 250-390-4111, or Toll Free at 1-877-607-4111. Election information is also available at [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca).




## CANDIDATES FOR ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS AND ISLANDS TRUST TRUSTEES

Electoral Area	Name	Address
<b>A</b>	Burnett, Joe	2520 Pylades Drive, Ladysmith
	Eert, Bev	2094 Gould Road W, Nanaimo
	Garnish, Frank	2512 Barnes Road, Nanaimo
<b>B</b>	Hague, John	1379 Sealovers Lane, Gabriola Island
	Phillipoff, Jim	870 Carmen Crescent, Gabriola Island
	Rudischer, Gisele	960 Canso Drive, Gabriola Island
<b>F</b>	Warr, Jeff	185 Malaspina Drive, Gabriola Island
	Biggemann, Lou	2471 Tintern Road, Coombs
	Peacey, Ceri	661 Gilbert Road, Qualicum Beach

The following candidates have been elected by acclamation

<b>C</b>	Young, Maureen	2335 Godfrey Road, Nanaimo
<b>E</b>	Holme, George	2965 Dolphin Drive, Nanoose Bay
<b>G</b>	Stanhope, Joe	1025 West Island Hwy., Parksville
<b>H</b>	Bartram, David	4819 Ocean Trail, Bowser

## ISLANDS TRUST CANDIDATES (two to be elected)

	Boehm, David	1134 Chappel Place, Gabriola Island
	Ferens, Deborah	387 Lyngail Place, Gabriola Island
	Lowden, Ian	1830 Lackehaven Drive, Gabriola Island
	Malcolmson, Sheila	901 Berry Point Road, Gabriola Island
	Moeller, Eric	940 Horseshoe Road, Gabriola Island
	Ralph, John	1420 Wild Cherry Terrace, Gabriola Island

## Plebiscite on Area E (Nanoose Bay) Burning Restrictions

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PLEBISCITE?

This plebiscite is being conducted to determine whether residents of Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay) are in favour of establishing local burning restrictions. The plebiscite will not directly result in new burning restrictions; however it will be used to help the RDN consider establishing burning restrictions in Area E.

### WHAT IS MEANT BY "BURNING RESTRICTIONS"?

The term "burning" is being used to describe residential activities that include open burning of land, clearing debris, and residential backyard burning of vegetative matter.

### WHO VOTES?

Qualified resident and property electors in RDN Electoral Area E will be able to vote in this plebiscite.

### WHAT IS THE QUESTION?

THE REFERENDUM QUESTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

"Are you in favour of burning restrictions in Electoral Area E?"

[Area E]





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## WHY IS THE RDN HOLDING A PLEBISCITE ON BURNING RESTRICTIONS IN AREA E?

Population growth in the RDN has led to an increase in backyard and open burning, especially in rural/urban interface areas such as Area E. Many local residents have become concerned about the health and environmental impacts of burning, and have requested that the RDN establish burning restrictions in Area E to keep pace with similar restrictions in neighbouring communities.

## WHAT ARE THE CURRENT BURNING REGULATIONS IN AREA E?

The Nanoose Bay Fire Department and the BC Ministry of Forests and Range commonly prohibit open fires for waste disposal between June 15 and September 15. Aside from this prohibition, there are no regulations affecting burning in Area E.

### *Referendum on Drinking Water and Watershed Protection*

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS REFERENDUM?

This referendum is being conducted to determine whether residents of Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G, and H are in favour of establishing a regional function for Drinking Water and Watershed Protection. The function would enable the RDN to proceed with its Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan, a strategy for sustaining regional water resources and watershed planning. Regional Watershed Protection would also become part of the RDN's daily operations.

#### WHERE DID THE ACTION PLAN ORIGINATE?

The Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan was completed in 2007 by a committee representing local residents, provincial and regional governments, conservation groups, the Vancouver Island Health Authority, and the forestry and well drilling industries. The committee was formed by the RDN to make recommendations related to watershed protection and drinking water supply, such as climate change, population growth, and resource depletion. The Action Plan is available at [www.ActionForWater.ca](http://www.ActionForWater.ca), or by request from the RDN.

#### WHO VOTES?

Qualified residents and property owners in RDN Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G, and H will be able to vote in this referendum.

#### WHAT IS THE QUESTION?

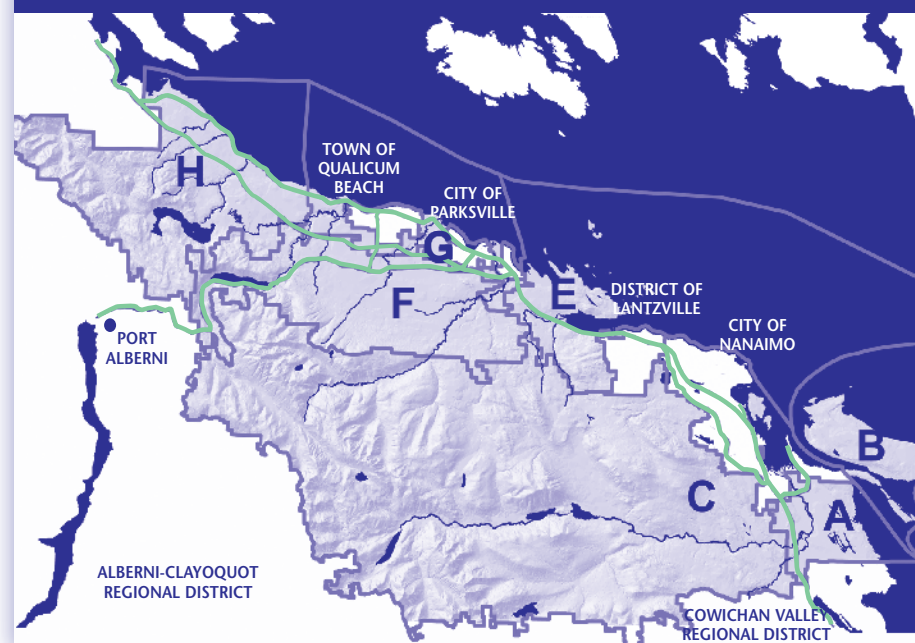
THE REFERENDUM QUESTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

"Are you in favour of the adoption of "Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1556, 2008" which, if enacted, would establish a drinking water and watershed protection function in Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, G and H for the purpose of the protection of sources of drinking water and watersheds within the electoral areas?"

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### PROPOSED DRINKING WATER & WATERSHED PROTECTION SERVICE AREA



## WHY IS THE RDN TAKING ACTION ON WATER SUPPLY AND WATERSHED PROTECTION?

Watersheds and aquifers are seen as a regional concern because they extend across municipal boundaries, yet there is no single government body with responsibility for watersheds. Through the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Action Plan, the RDN plans to work towards watershed protection and sustaining water resources in cooperation with provincial agencies, municipalities, water users, and local residents.

## WHAT WILL THE NEW FUNCTION COST?

Drinking Water and Watershed Protection would be funded primarily through a parcel tax of \$25 per year on properties in the RDN's seven Electoral Areas. These funds would generate the funds necessary for the RDN to support the service..

### *Referendum on fire protection within a portion of the Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Service area*

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE REFERENDUM?

This referendum is being conducted to determine whether residents in the western portion of the Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Service area, are in favour of adopting RDN Bylaw 1549, which would authorize the Regional District to borrow up to \$560,000 to purchase firefighting vehicles and equipment to be located in the firehall station on Hallberg Road. The intent is to purchase up to two vehicles as well as firefighting gear for volunteers. The amount borrowed would be repaid over a 15 year period.

The firehall would be operated by the Cranberry Fire District. A second referendum question seeks residents approval to enter into an agreement with the Cranberry Fire District which would result in the transfer of ownership of the equipment, the





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firehall and the land at Hallberg Rd. to the Cranberry Fire District once the debt is repaid.

### WHY ARE THE FIRE SERVICE CHANGES BEING PROPOSED?

Fire protection in the Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Service area is currently provided under contract with the Cowichan Valley Regional District through its North Oyster Volunteer Fire Department. Over the course of the last two years an examination of requests for changes to bring all properties within 8 kms response distance of a firehall and the long term requirements of the North Oyster Fire Department resulted in a decision to make a number of boundary changes. A portion of the service area is proposed to be amalgamated with the Cranberry Fire District.

Equipment located at the firehall station on Hallberg Rd. is not owned by the Regional District of Nanaimo and will be returned to the North Oyster Fire Department on January 1, 2009. Approval of Bylaw 1549 would provide a budget sufficient to purchase two vehicles and replacement gear and equipment for volunteers who would report to the firehall. The firehall would be operated by the Cranberry Fire District.

### WHO VOTES?

Qualified residents in parts of Electoral Areas A and C will be able to vote in this referendum.

### WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS?

THE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

“Are you in favour of “Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Service Area Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1549, 2008”, which if approved, would authorize the Regional District of Nanaimo to borrow up to \$560,000 to purchase firefighting equipment for the Hallberg Road firehall which would be repaid over 15 years at an estimated cost of \$91 per year; and

Do you approve of the Regional District of Nanaimo entering into an agreement with the Cranberry Fire District for the use of the firefighting equipment at the Hallberg Road firehall and at the end of fifteen years, transferring ownership of the land, equipment and firehall on Hallberg Road, to the Cranberry Fire District?”

### WHAT WILL IT COST?

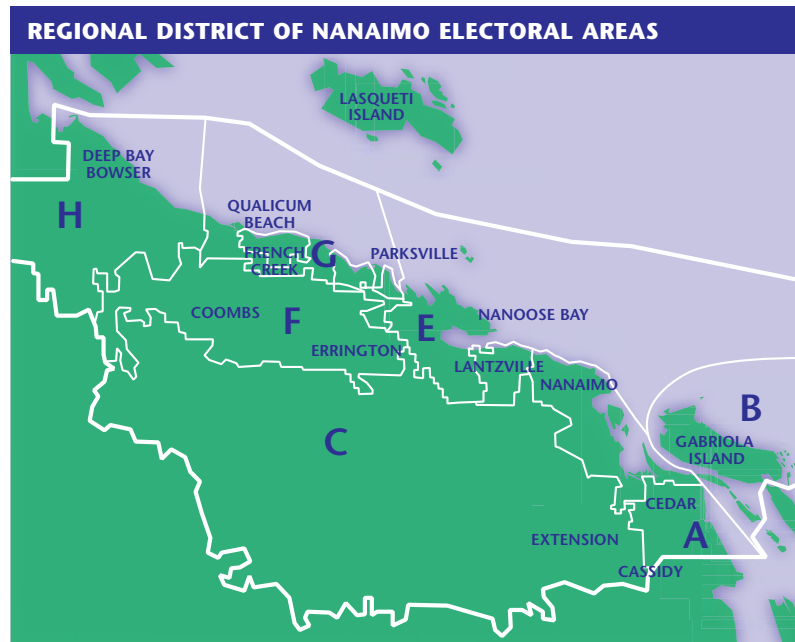
The Regional District would levy a parcel tax to cover the cost of repaying the borrowing under Bylaw 1549. This is estimated at \$91 per property per year. If the boundaries of the Cranberry Fire District are approved to be expanded, property owners would pay a fire protection service tax to the Cranberry Fire District. For properties valued at \$100,000, this tax would be \$64. Total annual fire protection costs for properties valued at \$100,000 in the affected service area would be approximately \$155.

### \* WHERE DO I VOTE?

Qualified Electors of Electoral Areas A and C who are within the Yellowpoint Waterloo Fire Protection Service Area must go to Cranberry Firehall, located at 1555 Morden Road, to vote on Loan Authorization Bylaw 1549, and the Hallberg Road Firehall Agreement.



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### Voting Places

**OPEN 8AM TO 8PM  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

#### ELECTORAL AREA A

North Cedar Intermediate School 2215 Gould Road  
Cranberry Fire Department Hall 1555 Morden Road

#### ELECTORAL AREA B

Gabriola Elementary School 680 North Road

#### ELECTORAL AREA C

Extension Hall 2120 Ryder Street  
Pleasant Valley Social Centre 6300 Doumont Road

#### \* ELECTORAL AREAS A AND C

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Cranberry Fire Department Hall 1555 Morden Road

#### ELECTORAL AREA E

Nanoose Place 2925 Northwest Bay Road

#### ELECTORAL AREA F

Bradley Centre 975 Shearme Road

#### ELECTORAL AREA G

St. Columba Presbyterian Church 921 Wembley Road

#### ELECTORAL AREA H

Lighthouse Community Centre 240 Lions Way

All voting places are wheelchair accessible, and curbside voting will be available for electors who require this service.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 2008 ELECTION, PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN PEARSE, CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER OR JANE ARMSTONG, DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER AT 250-390-4111 OR TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-607-4111. PLEASE CONTACT THE RDN PRIOR TO THE ELECTION IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT WHERE TO VOTE.

