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Planning for Your Water ... Have Your Say

The Englishman River Water Service is developing a project to sustain a healthy river system and meet the future water needs of the City and the RDN (Nanoose). Project components include:

- A new river water supply intake which will take water from the river. It will be carefully designed to take into account the needs of river users and fish.
- A new water treatment plant to meet Island Health's drinking water quality standards, as well as a distribution system to deliver water to homes and businesses.

- An aquifer storage and recovery system which will enable water extracted in the winter (when supply is plentiful) to be stored and used in the summer. This will reduce the amount of water that needs to be taken from the Englishman River in the summer months.
- Phased design and construction to be undertaken in response to local needs as the community grows and to ensure affordability.

This is an essential project and community engagement is an important part of the project process. Engagement is intended to promote public understanding, enable members of the community to provide input and to ensure the preferred design has broad-based support.

As part of the consultation for this project and to better understand the community's thoughts and priorities, business owners and residents now have another way to provide input with the launch of PlaceSpeak, a location-based online platform which ensures feedback is from people directly affected by the project.

Residents and business owners in the area served by ERWS, can find information, register to receive updates, provide feedback through surveys, discussion forums and polls. A public open house is also planned for

Thursday, May 8 when the preliminary design of the intake, treatment plant and distribution facility will be available for review and comment.



We hope you will consider joining the conversation on PlaceSpeak. **Instructions are here:**

How to connect to PlaceSpeak:

- www.placespeak.com/englishmanriver
- www.englishmanriverwaterservice.ca
- www.parksville.ca

How to use PlaceSpeak:

1. Visit the PlaceSpeak website
2. Click on the "Connect to Topic" button near the top right of the page (using the icon)
3. Register with PlaceSpeak to verify your location
4. Participate in the survey
5. Join the discussion and contribute your views

Beaches Closed to Dogs in March and April

Parksville beach is a popular spot for Brant geese that have flown non-stop from Mexico. Most have only a few days to regain strength before making another non-stop flight to the Alaska Peninsula and then to their nesting grounds beyond. Because Brant feed at the tide-line, they are especially vulnerable to disturbance and for this reason, our beaches are closed to dogs in March and April. This allows the Brant the critical time they need to rest and feed undisturbed. The Brant Wildlife Festival features many activities and events during March and April. www.brantfestival.bc.ca.



Brant



Canada Goose

City Dates

March 13	Coffee with Council
March 17	Council Meeting
March 18	Council Advisory Committee
March 20	Advisory Planning Commission
March 20	Coffee with Council
March 27	Coffee with Council
April 3	Coffee with Council
April 7	Council Meeting
April 10	Advisory Design Panel
April 10	Coffee with Council

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and is welcome to observe advisory committee meetings. Please refer to the City's website for agendas, dates and times as well as Council meeting highlights and minutes.

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City Services

2014 Sewer Rates

In February, Council approved an increase of 6% to the sanitary sewer user rates for 2014. These increases are necessary to maintain sewer reserves at acceptable levels. Rates were not increased for the five years between 2008 and 2012 and 2013 saw an increase of 4.6%.

Water Main Flushing

The City's annual water main flushing program will run until March 28 from 7 am to 3.30 pm, weekdays. Residents should expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure. During flushing, residents are encouraged to keep a fresh supply of drinking water and to check for discolouration of water before doing laundry. If water is discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until the water runs clear.

Earth Hour 2014 - March 29

Earth Hour will be recognized on Saturday, March 29 between 8.30 and 9.30 pm when millions around the world switch off lights for one hour to raise awareness and show concern for the environment. Information and sign up is available at www.earthhour.org.

Spring Wood Chipping Program

Details about this year's program, which runs from March 24 to April 17 on weekdays between 8 am and 2.30 pm, is on the web under *Newsroom/Public Notices*. The dates crews will be in neighbourhoods is also advertised in the *PQB News*. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.



One pile per residence will be removed by the chipping crew and piles should be left on the boulevard. Piles are limited to five feet wide by three feet high in size and the branches must be less than six inches in diameter. Do not combine piles from multiple households as it is more difficult and time consuming for crews to take apart large piles for chipping than to handle many smaller piles.

Rocks, stumps and construction waste which may cause injury to operators must not be included in the piles. Materials such as pampas grass and clematis and wisteria vines cannot be chipped and will not be removed by crews. Pampas grass, vines and other compostable vegetation, garden debris, leaves and grass clippings should be taken to the Church Road Transfer Station.

