

Community Report

What's happening in our community

As autumn paints our community in vibrant colours, we're excited to share the latest news and updates from across the District in our Fall Community Report.

With storms becoming more frequent due to climate change, preparing for fall and winter weather is more important than ever. In our cover story, we walk you through how we get ready for those dark and stormy days—and share tips to help you prepare your home and family for storm season.

You will also learn about resources from North Shore Emergency Management to help you prepare for potential evacuations caused by hazards such as flooding and wildfires.

Finally, you'll learn about some new places and spaces—a new park on the former Delbrook lands, a refreshed Windsor artificial turf field and several newly resurfaced sports courts across the DNV.



How we prep for the fall storm season—and how you can, too

Even on hot summer days, our Streets Department crews are preparing for storm season. Summer is ideal for trimming vegetation and clearing access to culverts and catch basins—before shorter days and heavier rains arrive.

"As climate change increases storm frequency and intensity, proactive maintenance is more important than ever," says Mike Blackmon, Streets Supervisor. "We work through our long inlet checklist during the summer."

With over 500 culverts and 10,000 catch basins across the District, crews stay busy year-round.

Ready for rain, snow and wind

"Our annual seasonal readiness involves preparing for heavy rain, snow and ice and wind," says Nicola Chevallier, General Manager, Engineering Public Works.

Ahead of storm season, crews inspect and clear storm and sanitary sewers, ditches and basins. Crews prepare sandbags for flood prevention, stockpile salt for winter road safety and prime the Snow Command team and fleet. Crews also prepare for wind-related issues like downed trees.

Meanwhile, Operations Centre staff monitor weather conditions, and staff from multiple departments undergo emergency response training to ensure 24/7 coverage during major storms, explains Chevallier.

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Lessons from the 2024 atmospheric river

Over the weekend of October 19–20, 2024, a Category 4 (out of 5) atmospheric river brought a once-in-200-years storm to parts of the North Shore. Over 72 hours, some areas received more than 300 millimetres of rain.



“Last October was the biggest rainfall event in generations,” says Peter Cohen, General Manager, Engineering Infrastructure Services. “Learning from all large intense storms on the North Shore, like those in 2005, 2014, 2018, 2021

and 2024, is crucial to understand and improve our complex stormwater system.”

While flooding impacts were broad across the community, no fatalities or serious injuries were reported within the District’s developed area. And while Cohen cannot quantify how much more destructive the storm could have been, he says without the significant investment in natural hazard mitigation infrastructure throughout the District over the past 20-30 years—with Council support—“we could be talking about a much different outcome.”

Following the storm, the District formed a task force to review its response to this emergency.

The task force recommended a series of short-term priorities to be implemented or advanced before the start of the 2025 storm season. Crews have since completed inlet cleanouts, debris removal, bank restorations and upgrades to overland flow paths—important parts of the drainage system that help to carry rainfall from the mountains to the ocean. Site-specific plans for 14 locations—including temporary flood barriers and equipment needs—are in development to refine preparations for upcoming major storms.

Longer-term priorities identified by the task force will be looked at in the coming years.

“The more we learn, the better we’re able to adapt,” says Cohen. “We’re taking those lessons—and what we know about climate change at this point—and applying them to build greater resilience into our infrastructure.”

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How residents can prepare

As weather patterns shift along the South Coast, bringing a distinct fall storm season, consider adopting seasonal practices to help protect your property.



Inspect your property:

Check retaining walls, drainage systems and natural creeks. If anything doesn’t look right, bring in a qualified professional. Also, remove any household items—such as furniture or patio decking—that have been placed within creeks or against drainage culverts.



Clear debris:

Remove leaves and blockages from catch basins near your home. If it requires our assistance, contact **DNV.org/report**.



Make a plan:

Create a family emergency kit and plan with tips from **NSEM.ca**.



Stay informed:

Sign up for Alertable at **NSEM.ca** to receive emergency notifications.



Review insurance:

Understand your coverage and potential limitations before storm season. As our climate changes, your property insurance needs may change. **Learn more about home insurance for unexpected events and disasters.**



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Know the risks:

Learn about local hazards in the North Shore Disaster and Climate Risk Profile at **NSEM.ca**.

To report a storm-related issue:

- **Online:** DNV.org/report
- **Phone:** 604-990-2311 (weekdays) or 604-990-3666 (after hours)





North Shore Evacuation Plan

If the concept of a disaster on the North Shore makes you imagine bridges gridlocked with evacuating residents, you aren't alone. But the reality is that *most emergencies that require evacuation won't involve leaving the North Shore.*

The most likely events, fires and floods, are typically localized. Evacuations are expected to involve moving from the affected area to a nearby safe area on the North Shore.

Know your zone

The North Shore Evacuation Plan created by North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM), divides the North Shore into seven evacuation zones, three of them in the District. Zones are divided into sub-zones, each containing a transportation hub, which would provide anyone who needs a ride with transportation to reception centres where they can reunite with family members, access information and receive support.



Find your zone and read the North Shore Evacuation Guide: [NSEM.ca/evacuation](https://nsem.ca/evacuation)

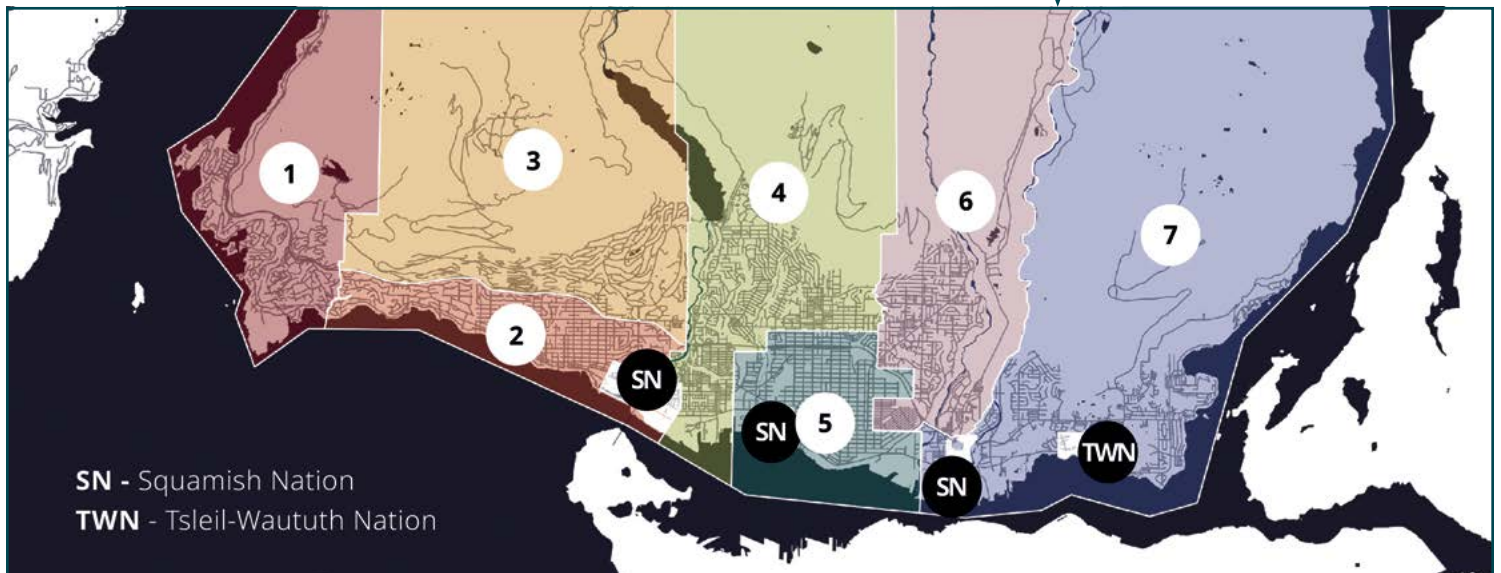
Make a plan

After a disaster or emergency on the North Shore, rescue crews may not reach you for several days, so it's important to have an emergency plan in place and to prepare or update your emergency kit. Visit [NSEM.ca](https://nsem.ca) for resources to make a plan for keeping your family safe in the days following an emergency.



Alertable is one of the key tools we use to share important information with North Shore residents during emergencies, including severe weather, wildfires and earthquakes. If you haven't already signed up for Alertable, now is a great time to do so.

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BC government introduces Bill 25: potential changes to neighbourhood zoning regulations



On October 9, 2025, the BC government introduced the Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act – Bill 25.

At the time this Community Report went to press, Bill 25 had not yet been passed. If approved by the provincial legislature, the bill will change zoning regulations in our neighbourhoods.

Currently, most lots are zoned to accommodate three units: a primary dwelling, a secondary suite and a coach house. Under the proposed legislation, most properties could be developed with four to six units, depending on access to frequent transit service.

Properties that would be exempt from these changes include:

- those without particular municipal services,
- lots larger than one acre, or zoned for larger lots,
- certain heritage properties,
- properties outside urban containment boundaries,
- land subject to specific hazardous conditions and
- lots in transit-oriented areas.

Additionally, if passed, Bill 25 proposes amendments to the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act. Key changes include:

- improving clarity for existing and prospective short-term rental hosts
- amending the definition of “principal residence” to support better understanding and compliance, and to facilitate timely enforcement
- revising the review process for registration and administrative penalty decisions to ensure consistency
- strengthening enforcement measures.

The brief summary above is for information only; please review the Local Government Act for details. We encourage you to stay up to date on the potential impacts of this proposed legislation.

Read more about the proposed Bill 25



New places and spaces

We’re excited to open a new neighbourhood park on the former Delbrook Lands this fall. The park includes a playground, splash pad, picnic shelter, small pump track for bikes and scooters, basketball half court, washrooms, walking paths, public art and improved tennis courts.



More places to have fun and unwind include:

Recently resurfaced sports courts at Evelyn, Cleveland and Eldon Parks, along with an expansion to six pickleball courts at Cates/Whey-ah-Wichen (Little Cates).



The Windsor ATF has been replaced and is now open for play.



At Kirkstone Park, a new nature play area has been created where hazard trees were removed. Logs and wood chips were repurposed to create a more inviting space for recreation. The project also improved access with natural log seating and better sightlines for sports spectators.



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