Regional District of Nanaimo – Interactive Web Map
Explanation of Map Layout, Tools and Searches.

Select a Map:

- Properties – Basic Property Layers (Lots, Addresses, Roads, Parks, Air Photos, Simple Topography.)
- Land Use Regs. – Basic Layers plus layers that relate to Property Development (Zones, OCP, Development Permit Areas, sensitive areas etc.)
- Utilities & Services – Basic Layers plus RDN Service Areas (Water, Sewer, Fire etc.)
- Environment Atlas – Basic Layers plus Environmentally Sensitive Layers (SEI, Watercourses)
- Legal Map – Conventional Cadastral Map (property and easement plan references with text)
MAP CONTENT: List of Layers in the Current Map (Turn layers ON/OFF, Set Active Layer)

Click to Access Map Content

CURRENT ACTIVE LAYER

SELECT ACTIVE LAYER
Use with the Identify Tool to show information about a feature in the Layer. Default is Parcels

Click in box to Turn Layers ON/OFF

CURRENT ACTIVE LAYER
SEARCHES: Simple Searches - In most cases a property can be found by the Address, the PID (property ID assigned by Land Titles) or Folio (assigned by BC Assessment Authority).

Instructions and Tips are displayed on each Search window.
Here are some additional notes:

ADDRESS Search – the road name is not necessary for the search. It is simpler to search just on the address number. The Look Up tool will return a list of all addresses that match your entry. Select from the list and click ‘Search’. Note that the map does not include addresses inside Nanaimo, Parksville or Qualicum Beach.

PID Search – Omit any spaces, dashes or other separators.

FOLIO Search – Our formatting includes an extra ‘0’ after the jurisdiction number. You may omit the jurisdiction and 0 from your entry. Eg 10439.020 instead of 769010439.020. The Look Up tool will find all matching folios. Select one from the dropdown list and click ‘Search’.

ROAD Search – This searches for the road centerline and includes municipal roads. Only enter the first few letters of the road name and use Look Up to provide a pick list. Eg ‘ced’ will return CEDAR RD, CEDAR RIDGE PL, CEDAR PL etc. Select one from the dropdown list and click ‘Search’.

PLAN NUMBER Search – Enter the numbers only, the Look Up will add the prefixes VIP, VIS, EPP or EPS and provide a pick list. The Search button will zoom the map to display all lots in the plan. In cases of large plans containing many lots, results may be confusing so other Search options should be tried.
ZONE Search – This provides a search for chosen Land Use Zones within the RDN Electoral Areas. Electoral Area F is covered by By Law 1285. All other areas except Elect B is covered by By Law 500. For information on Zoning in Electoral Area B go to Islands Trust. (www.islandstrust.bc.ca)

To action the Search – Use the pick list to select the Bylaw and then the Zone.
Click the Search button.
The map will zoom to display all the results and a list/report will also appear. If there are several results, you may use the navigation tools to pan and zoom to view areas in more detail. Below the map, a report will appear that displays a line for each selected zone shape.

The Gearwheel Tool provides options to Zoom to, Clear or Show on Map.
Blue hyperlinks open additional details on Zones and Subdivision Districts.

NAVIGATION:

Activate a tool by clicking on the icon.

The Zoom In/Out tools can be applied by a single click in the map or by a click, drag and release that creates a box which controls the location and degree of zoom.

Pan around the map by a click and drag action.
GETTING INFORMATION:
Most layers in each map have information (attributes) attached to each shape contained in the layer. eg the **Parcels** have legal description attributes and **Zoning** has the Bylaw, and Zone name and a link to a definition of the zone (see below for instructions).

Click on the ‘Identify’ icon to make it active and then click inside the shape.

The ‘More Information’ window will appear ....

Select the layer from the pick list

Expand ‘Grouped Attributes’ and ‘Assessment Values’ for more details

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR HOW TO GET ZONE INFORMATION
GETTING ZONE INFORMATION:

Find the target property using the Search Tools.

1. Go to the ‘Land Use Regulations’ Map.
2. Make the ‘Identify’ tool active.
3. Click inside the Property or Zone shape. (Zone shapes have a red outline)
4. Select ‘Zones’ from the pick list.
5. The attributes will display the Bylaw number and the Zone and Subdivision District.
6. The blue attribute is a hyperlink that will open a pdf page that contains details on the Zone.

Other Advanced Tools are available in the ToolBar and above the map window. Tips on their use are provided in each Tool Window.

More generic on-line help can be accessed from the ‘?’ icon:

For more assistance contact the RDN GIS Dept:
250 390 4111 or 1 877 607 4111 or gis@rdn.bc.ca

BE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE MAP.