

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City looking for input on E&N Trail Alignment from Downtown to Seventh Street**

*Open House at Nanaimo E&N Train Station planned for June 3rd*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is undertaking an alignment and costing study for the E&N Trail from the downtown Train Station to Seventh Street; a distance of approximately 2 km. This section of the E&N corridor is one of the most challenging areas for trail development, with a narrow right-of-way, cross-grades, frequent road crossings and buildings immediately adjacent to the tracks. This study will examine alignment options for the trail that both satisfy corridor constraints while creating an attractive trail corridor for both users and the surrounding community.

The City is seeking the input of residents. To date the project team has been exploring the technical and financial aspects of both on and off-rail alignment options; they are now seeking public feedback on options to better understand identified priorities.

An open house event at the E&N Train Station on the back patio (or second floor if weather is inclement) will be held Wednesday, June 3rd between 4 and 7 pm. Display boards of the proposed trail alignment options will be presented, along with the opportunity to provide on-line or interactive feedback. Staff will be on-hand to answer questions.

*Strategic Link:* The development of the E&N Trail is supported by the Transportation and Mobility section of the City's Strategic Plan to reduce car dependency and increase active transportation.

#### **Key Points**

- The City of Nanaimo is undertaking an alignment and costing study for the E&N Trail from the downtown Train Station to Seventh Street.
- To date, the project team has been exploring the technical and financial aspects of trail alignment options both on and off the rail corridor.
- The City is now seeking public feedback on alignment options to better understand community and user priorities.
- The project team will be hosting an open house at the Nanaimo Train Station on Wednesday June 3rd at 4-7 pm.

#### **Quotes**

"We are looking forward to hearing from the public at our upcoming open house on June 3rd. To assist us in gaining as wide a range of feedback as possible, we encourage all interested residents to attend and provide their ideas, suggestions or comments."

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