

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Open house planned for proposed home-based business regulations

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo is reviewing and updating its home-based business regulations and will be hosting a public open house on Tuesday, December 4 from 4-7 pm in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre's Shaw Lobby.

The regulations were first introduced in 1993 and much has changed over the last twenty five years, including type of business activities and the trend towards higher density developments. The update considers permitted uses, size of business, number of employees, vehicle trips and more.

Home-based businesses are those that are either operated at home or from home, where either most of the business is conducted on the operator's property or the home is used as a base of operations for work done outside of the property. For more information, visit [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/home-basedbusiness](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/home-basedbusiness).

*Strategic Link:* Updating the current home-based business regulations contribute to a healthy economy.

#### Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo is reviewing and updating its home-based business regulations which were first introduced in 1993.
- A public open house will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 4-7 pm in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.
- At 37 per cent of the total business license base, home based businesses are a significant contributor to Nanaimo's economy.

#### Quotes

"The purpose of the review is to update, improve and modernize the regulations to facilitate and support home-based businesses while balancing the needs of the residential neighbourhoods in which they operate. The open house will provide an opportunity for those interested to learn more about the proposed changes and provide feedback."

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