

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo residents encouraged to attend Events Centre open house meetings**

*Six open houses will be held in various parts of the city in the upcoming weeks*

#### **Summary**

Residents of Nanaimo are invited to take part in a series of six open houses being held across the City to discuss the proposed Events Centre.

The purpose of these open houses is to encourage people in the community to get involved in this decision-making process by asking questions and examining the information that has been made available. There will be a number of City staff and Councillors in attendance to answer questions and provide information to the public.

Accessibility to residents was a key factor in determining the dates and locations of the various open houses. See the complete list of dates and locations here:

February 9 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (Dodd Narrows Room)

February 16 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Oliver Woods

February 21 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Moose Hall

February 23 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Harewood Activity Centre

March 1 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Beban Park Lounge

Also, City staff will be meeting with students in Vancouver Island University's upper cafeteria from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on February 15.

Details and information regarding the proposed Events Centre are available on the City's website and residents are encouraged to visit the site in advance to read the reports and review the videos. Information regarding the upcoming referendum is available on the website as well.

To learn more about the project and the referendum visit: [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca).

*Strategic Link:* An Events Centre supports the Recreation, Culture, Sports and Tourism priority by providing the necessary resources and space to facilitate the development of recreation, sport and culture in Nanaimo

## Key Points

- Open house events will be held in six different areas across the City over the course of three weeks.
- Residents are encouraged to view the research and reports ahead of time, which are available online.
- The City invites the public to attend these sessions and ask questions regarding the proposed Events Centre.
- Members of Council and City staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information.

## Quotes

"Our hope is that the residents of Nanaimo will see these open houses as an opportunity to engage in the discussion regarding the proposed Events Centre. A lot of information has been made available online and we encourage people to get involved by researching that information and bringing their questions to the open house in their area."

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