

NEWS RELEASE

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City Seeks New Office Space in Downtown Nanaimo

The City of Nanaimo is seeking “Expressions of Interest” for alternative office space in downtown Nanaimo to accommodate City Staff currently housed in the City Hall Annex.

Through the Expression of Interest process, the City is requesting proposals from building owners and developers to provide 40,000 sq ft to 45,000 sq ft of office space in downtown Nanaimo. The City is seeking proposals that would include options for replacement of the City Hall Annex and may include purchase, lease or lease to own either an existing office building or a design/build of a new office building on City or privately owned land.

The City is looking for new office space, as the current seismic design of the City Hall Annex is significantly deficient. The costs associated with making the necessary seismic upgrades are such that alternative premises are being sought to evaluate alternatives which are the most cost effective.

The Expression of Interest will be advertised in various news media and electronic formats, and will seek formal submissions by the end of July. Once submissions are received, they will be reviewed by Staff and forwarded to Council in August for its consideration. The Expression of Interest document will be available on the City’s website by 2010-Jun-15. Questions regarding the Expression of Interest can be directed to Kurtis Felker, Manager, Purchasing & Stores (kurtis.felker@nanaimo.ca)