

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City Council set to establish scope of work for Core Services Review**

*Consultant chosen to lead discussion*

#### **Summary**

Nanaimo City Council is set to proceed with the first step of its Core Services Review.

At its meeting held Monday night it was announced that Dr. Roshan Danesh was chosen to work with Council during an upcoming open meeting scheduled April 15 to develop the scope of work for a Core Services Review. Details outlined in the scope of work will be used to draft the required Request for Proposal document following which an outside consultant will be hired to carry out the actual review.

The Core Services Review is intended to provide Council, staff and the community an opportunity to examine the City's services and operations and determine where, when looking forward, the City should best direct its attention, resources and support.

*Strategic Link:* Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government.

#### **Key Points**

- Nanaimo City Council voted February 2 to proceed with a core review of the City's services and operations.
- Dr. Roshan Danesh, a lawyer, conflict resolution innovator and educator, was chosen from a list of qualified candidates as the successful consultant for facilitating the first meeting of the Core Services Review Steering Committee for the purpose of establishing a scope of work.
- The Core Services Review Steering Committee is comprised of members of Council and chaired by the Mayor. The committee's mandate is to support, guide and oversee the Core Services Review.
- The meeting scheduled for April 15 is an open meeting of Council. Members of the public interested in the Core Services Review are welcome to attend as observers. (EDIT - to accommodate scheduling, the meeting date was changed to April 23)

#### **Quotes**

"The first step when undertaking a project of this magnitude is to carefully establish a clear vision of what's needed. The meeting scheduled for April 15 with Dr. Roshan Danesh is an important opportunity for individual Councillors to explain their vision of what the Core Services Review could look like and, through a shared discussion, arrive at a scope of work that everyone is comfortable with."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- The initial three steps of the Core Services Review include: 1) establishing a scope of work for the review, 2) posting a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure a consultant to conduct the review, 3) conducting the review, including feedback from the public.
- While the Core Services Review is underway, no additional City services will be undertaken until the review process is completed.

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