

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **\$175,000 Green Fund Grant provided to the City of Nanaimo**

*Government of Canada and FCM support study of contaminated waterfront property*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo will receive a grant of \$175,000 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund to supplement an environmental investigation at 1 Port Drive. This 10.8 hectare brownfield site is located adjacent to the downtown core and is the legacy of former railroad activity. Consultants have been hired to take soil, sediment, groundwater, and vapour samples to identify the volume and location of contamination. This information will determine remediation options based on proposed land uses.

*Strategic Link:* This project supports Waterfront Enhancement, identified as a strategic priority in the City of Nanaimo's Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- Redevelopment of the site for mixed residential and commercial uses are prominent in a number of City planning documents. The site has also been envisioned as a multi-modal transportation hub supporting a fast ferry connection to Vancouver, passenger rail, intercity bus and transit.
- Due to the potential hazards to human and environmental health from contaminated sites, information on the level of contamination will assist in removing public health concerns and preserving the ecosystems that are a part of Nanaimo's waterfront.

#### **Quotes**

""The City of Nanaimo greatly appreciates the support of FCM for this project. Understanding the contamination on the property is a critical step to unlocking this strategic parcel for redevelopment. Going forward this property will be a hallmark for waterfront development and assist in the City's efforts to revitalize the downtown core and its surrounding neighbourhoods""

Bill McKay  
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