

NEWS RELEASE

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City seeks public input on Heritage Conservation Program

Review and update set to kick off

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is seeking the public's input as it begins the process of reviewing and updating the Heritage Conservation Program. The purpose of the review and update is to:

- Seek input from residents and stakeholders regarding heritage values;
- Identify collaborative opportunities and synergies related to Nanaimo's culture and heritage;
- Explore the connection between Nanaimo's heritage and culture (where do these sectors overlap?); and,
- Review, renew or update program initiatives that support community values and priorities.

A series of public events have been scheduled to gather community input. In addition to the events listed below, a series of stakeholder workshops and interviews will also be undertaken.

Strategic Link: The Heritage Conservation Program Review and Update Initiative will further the goals of the Cultural Vitality (Creativity, Diversity, Heritage and Innovation) Pillar of the Strategic Plan as well as the heritage policy objectives of the Official Community Plan and the Cultural Plan.

Key Points

- SEPTEMBER 15 - Public Open House from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm (drop-in) at the Nanaimo Museum. Drop in, ask questions, review the display boards and learn about the City's current heritage program, objectives of the update, and further opportunities for input.
- SEPTEMBER 26 - Mines & Yours: Honouring Heritage in Nanaimo (Pecha Kucha Night Nanaimo Vol. 2) from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the Port Theatre. Facilitated by the Nanaimo Design Nerds. Registration is required (cost is \$5). Register @ www.tinyurl.com/PJ7F00V.
- OCTOBER 14 - Heritage Basic Workshop - Facilitated by Heritage BC. Details to be determined (check website for updates).

Quotes

"The Heritage Conservation Program has served the City well since its creation in 2002. This review and update process will help to strengthen the program, expand its scope, and ensure its operational objectives are closely aligned with the objectives identified in our recently adopted Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo"

Chris Sholberg
Culture & Heritage Planner
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The Nanaimo Heritage Strategy was completed in 1994, and in 1998 a Heritage Action Plan was developed. It remains important to periodically review and update the Action Plan to reflect the City's current priorities while identifying future opportunities.
- This fall represents the third review of the plan (now known as the City's Heritage Conservation Program).

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