

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Free parking available in Nanaimo evenings and weekends**

*City set to continue to provide free parking downtown*

#### **Summary**

A partnership between the City of Nanaimo and the Downtown Nanaimo Business Improvement Association (DNBIA) has been renewed by Council allowing a continuation of free parking downtown at on-street meters and the Bastion parkade located on Skinner Street each evening and on weekends.

As before, the Harbourfront parkade and Vancouver Island Conference Centre parkade will remain as pay parking.

*Strategic Link:* Initiative to support downtown revitalization.

#### **Key Points**

- Free parking continues to be available downtown, evenings and weekends.
- Introduced in 2015, the free weekend and evening downtown parking initiative proved successful during its first year.

#### **Quotes**

"This is an important step in our continued work with the DNBIA in attracting more users to Nanaimo's downtown."

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