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Nanaimo Gearing up for Another Year of Infrastructure Upgrades

The City of Nanaimo is preparing to get underway with nearly \$43 million in infrastructure and facilities upgrades, replacements and renewals in 2018 which includes over \$9 million towards supporting future growth within the city. These investments support the City's Asset Management Plan by ensuring the infrastructure that serves all residents and businesses in the city remains in good condition and functions as needed.

"Nanaimo has been conscientiously investing in its infrastructure renewal program for decades," says Bill Sims, Director of Engineering and Public Works, "In the last ten years, we've made major strides in our understanding and coordination of the needs of infrastructure renewal, looking out over the next 50 years. In 2017, we produced the Twenty Year Investment Plan, which lets the community know the levels of investment in the infrastructure that supports our daily lives. This year, we continue to invest in important infrastructure projects, with several major initiatives planned."

Major projects planned to begin in 2018 include:

- Terminal Avenue paving,
- Northfield-Boundary-Island Hwy intersection,
- LED lighting upgrades, Frank Crane Arena ice chiller replacement,
- Parkway trail redevelopment,
- new roof on the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre,
- mechanical improvements at Beban Park, and
- beginning the replacement of Fire Hall No 1.

Asset management involves planning, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining infrastructure used to provide City services—this is a core function of municipalities. More recently, this function has been formalized across the entire spectrum of City-owned assets. For more information on the City's Asset Management program along with recently completed and future projects, view the video series and read the information on Asset Management attached to the online version of this news release or visit www.nanaimo.ca.

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