

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Residents invited to discuss Public Safety at upcoming engagement session**

The City of Nanaimo Public Safety Committee is hosting a community engagement session to hear residents' thoughts on public safety in Nanaimo. The session will be held on Wednesday, February 28 in the Beban Park Social Lounge from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"The Public Safety Committee is pleased to hold its first community engagement session," says Councillor Sheryl Armstrong, "This is a great opportunity for residents to provide input as to the concerns they may have in their neighbourhood and across the city."

The session will be facilitated by Pam Shaw, Director of the Master of Community Planning Program at Vancouver Island University along with master program students. A World Cafe-style format will be used for the evening which features a different topic to be discussed at each table.

"This session will provide the community an opportunity to engage with members of the Public Safety Committee, Council and staff to identify and talk about topics such as public safety education, emergency management and other issues affecting public safety in Nanaimo," added, Fire Chief and Director of Public Safety, Karen Fry.

Goals of the evening will be to determine priorities for the Public Safety Committee to focus on for 2018, future uses of the Community Policing and Service Office and address any concerns from the community.

For more information, visit [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/engagement](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/engagement).

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