

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Council Moves Forward to Address Tent City

The City of Nanaimo does not support the continuation of the Tent City at 1 Port Place. We are attempting to address the concerns of downtown residents and business owners. The City is currently seeking to secure alternative shelter options.

The City is taking a prudent and balanced approach to address the public concerns on the Tent City. The City urges any members of the public who have been negatively impacted by the Tent City, and who wish to make a sworn statement, to email our solicitors at [office@govlaw.ca](mailto:office@govlaw.ca)

Counsel for the City of Nanaimo, Troy DeSouza, has advised that it is the City's intent to proceed to court during the last week of June, 2018. Mr. DeSouza has stated, "The public will best be served by bringing this matter before a Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to resolve the competing concerns".

Council will continue to update the public as information is received.

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