

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo's Affordable Housing Strategy Nears Completion**

*Public survey now online; final open house on August 22*

#### **Summary**

After nearly a year of talking to the community about housing issues and priorities and identifying solutions, Nanaimo's Affordable Housing Strategy is nearing completion.

There are two more opportunities to provide your input on how to improve housing affordability and accessibility in our city: An online survey will be available on the City's website until August 23, and an Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 22 from 5 - 8 PM at the Bowen Park Auditorium (500 Bowen Road).

The goal of these events is to solicit feedback on how the City plans to address the issues and priorities identified through the Affordable Housing Strategy process. You can read more about what we've learned so far and the proposed policy options in the Affordable Housing Discussion Paper, which is available on the project page at [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/AHS](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/AHS) under the 'Documents' tab. The online survey can be found on the project page and at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Nanaimo>.

*Strategic Link:* Affordable Housing is one of Council's 2016-2019 Strategic Initiatives

#### **Key Points**

- Affordable housing is one of Council's key initiatives for 2016-2019.
- We are now in the final phase of the Affordable Housing Strategy process, during which we will finalize the strategy before bringing it to Council for adoption.
- During the month of August, there will be a second online survey and an open house. These are the final opportunities for the public to provide input on the Affordable Housing Strategy.

#### **Quotes**

"Housing affordability is a key concern for Nanaimo residents. The strategy will assist the City in tackling the challenge by providing a range of housing options to the community over the coming years."

Dale Lindsay  
Director of Community Development  
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