

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Interested in running for Council? Attend a Candidate Information Session

#### Summary

On Saturday, October 20, 2018 voters in the City of Nanaimo will elect a new council consisting of one Mayor and eight Councillors. Two local government candidate information seminars will be held on Wednesday, August 29 and Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 6 to 8 pm in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

The purpose of the seminars is to provide potential candidates with information regarding the role and expectations of Mayor and Council for the City of Nanaimo, including how to become a candidate, what's involved in becoming an elected official and other matters of interest to anyone seeking to be elected to Council.

Those interested in becoming candidates are encouraged to attend one of the sessions.

*Strategic Link:* n/a

#### Key Points

- Two candidate information sessions will be held on Wednesday, August 29 and Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 6-8 pm for those interested in learning about running for council and what to expect if elected. Candidates only need to attend one of the sessions.
- The sessions will be held in the Nanaimo River Room of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street.

#### Quotes

"We encourage those interested in running for council to attend one of the candidate information sessions in order to fully understand the roles and responsibilities of elected officials."

Sheila Gurrie  
Chief Election Officer and City Clerk  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- To become a candidate you must be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day, October 20, 2018; a Canadian Citizen; resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and, not be disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

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