NEWS RELEASE

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Final session planned for Public Engagement Pilot Program

Summary

The Public Engagement Pilot Program will wrap up with the fourth and final session taking place on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 in Beban Park Social Centre. This session aims to further community engagement and public conversation by focusing on building relationships between Council and neighbourhoods.

Facilitated by Larissa Cozer with moderators from the Young Professionals of Nanaimo, the session will involve round table discussions organized by neighbourhoods where attendees will have the opportunity to meet members of the new Council, share what they love about their neighbourhoods, identify issues of concern and work together on solutions. The session will begin promptly at 7 pm so participants are asked to arrive and be in their seats by that time.

Space is limited. Residents planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Monday, November 19, 2018 to PublicEngagement@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4460 ext 4265. To prepare for the session, resources and materials are available on the Public Engagement Pilot Program page at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/engagement or see the link in the online version of this news release.

Strategic Link: Enhancing community engagement supports the priority of "Taking Responsibility to be an Excellent Municipal Government"

Key Points

- The session will take place on Wednesday, November 21 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm in the Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Road. Space is limited, please RSVP by Monday, November 19, 2018 to PublicEngagement@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4460 ext. 4265.
- Attendees will have the opportunity to meet members of Council, share what they love about their neighbourhood, identify issues of concern and work together on solutions.
- Following this final session, the Community Engagement Task Force will prepare a report on their findings of the Public Engagement Pilot Program and present it to Council in 2019.

Quotes

"To further enhance citizen involvement in the engagement process, this session focuses on strengthening relations between Council and neighbourhoods. We hope you will be able to join us on November 21 and encourage your neighbours to attend."

Bill Manners
Member
Community Engagement Task Force

Quick Facts

- The Community Engagement Task Force is a result of a Council motion made to set up an "ad-hoc committee" to develop a pilot program consisting of open-topic engagement sessions held in an informal setting. Their next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 27 at 4:30 pm in the Service and Resource Centre boardroom (411 Dunsmuir Street) and is open to the public.

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