

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Connect with Council during upcoming eTown Hall**

*Residents encouraged to participate on May 23*

#### **Summary**

With the first six months in office under their belt, members of City Council invite residents to join them for an eTown Hall happening on Thursday, May 23 from 7 pm to 9 pm. This is an opportunity to check in with Council on the priorities they have identified in their draft Strategic Plan: Environmental Responsibility, Governance Excellence, Livability and Economic Health.

To date, Council has undertaken a number of initiatives to support their priorities including implementing a new governance model (Governance and Priorities Committee), declaring a Climate Emergency, beginning the consultation process to identify a preferred Economic Development model for the City and continuing to work with the province, RCMP and others to address concerns regarding homelessness and public safety in our community.

Unlike conventional town hall meetings, Nanaimo's eTown Hall format allows for greater community involvement and convenience. Participants are able to watch the meeting live on the City website and submit their questions online as well as in person.

Residents wishing to participate in the eTown Hall may submit their questions through the City website at [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/etownhall](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/etownhall), on Twitter using the hashtag #NanaimoTH and on the eTown Hall event page at [Facebook.com/CityofNanaimo](https://www.facebook.com/CityofNanaimo). Residents can also ask their questions in person at the meeting or call in to the City at 250-754-4251 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday until May 23.

*Strategic Link: n/a*

#### **Key Points**

- An eTown Hall will be held from 7 pm to 9 pm on Thursday, May 23.
- Residents are encouraged to submit questions on the following Council priorities: Environmental Responsibility, Governance Excellence, Livability and Economic Health.
- The meeting can be viewed live on the City website and questions can be submitted both online and in person.
- Public feedback was received on the draft Strategic Plan and incorporated into the key focus areas, which fall under the four Council priorities.

#### **Quotes**

"This event will provide an opportunity for residents to check in with Council after their first six months in office and ask questions of their elected officials through a variety of methods. Having a community that is engaged is important and the online accessibility of this eTown Hall ensures that all residents are able to connect with Council, even if they cannot attend in person."

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