

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City of Nanaimo releases COVID-19 Recovery Plan

#### Summary

At their July 13, 2020 meeting, Nanaimo City Council approved the COVID-19 Recovery Plan. The plan, which aligns with the Province of BC's Restart Plan, will provide a path forward for resumption of City operations in a safe and economically viable way.

The plan outlines four progressive steps that the City will take toward a gradual, safe and measured reopening of municipal facilities and resumption of City services and programs that have been suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be updated as needed and will likely change as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, as the Province updates BC's Restart Plan and as the Provincial Health Officer makes announcements for reopening other sectors of the economy or relaxing restrictions currently in place.

The COVID-19 Recovery Plan is attached to the online version of this news release and can be found at [www.nanaimo.ca/COVID19](http://www.nanaimo.ca/COVID19).

*Strategic Link:* Providing a multi-step plan to COVID-19 recovery supports a community that is livable and economically healthy.

#### Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo's COVID-19 Recovery Plan is a multi-step approach to resumption of City services and reopening of City facilities impacted by the pandemic. Through each step, the health and safety of residents and City staff will be the primary focus, while balancing the needs of the community and City Council with running a safe and efficient operation.
- The plan addresses the financial impacts from COVID-19 on the City's budget and the 2020-2024 Financial Plan.
- The plan is guided by the following principles: protection of health, economic recovery, community priorities, resource availability and health, well-being and productivity.
- Plans were also announced at the July 13 meeting regarding the phased reopening of City arenas. Find more information on these plans by clicking on the July 13 Council meeting link in the online version of this news release.

#### Quotes

"As we move forward, the plan will serve as the road map to our new reality. By taking a measured approach to "reopening", we are positioning ourselves for a strong recovery, building resiliency and ensuring the safety of residents and City staff."

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