

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City seeks public feedback on the proposed Departure Bay Waterfront Walkway**

*Take the Survey!*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is seeking the public's feedback on the proposed Departure Bay Waterfront Walkway to aid future decisions on the project. A project brochure, video and survey are available on the City's online public engagement platform and the public are encouraged to provide their input until June 30, 2021.

The Departure Bay project links the existing trail behind BC Ferries Terminal to the existing walkway near the Kin Hut at Kinsmen Park. The project includes beach restoration, new public access points to the beach and separated pedestrian and cycling paths which will connect Departure Bay to the existing waterfront walkway network on Stewart Avenue.

The City has prepared a series of conceptual designs for the walkway in Departure Bay using a 'green shores' approach.

Residents of Nanaimo are encouraged to visit [www.getinvolvednanaimo.ca/waterfrontwalkway](http://www.getinvolvednanaimo.ca/waterfrontwalkway).

**Strategic Link:** The Departure Bay Waterfront Walkway is one of the key actions identified under the Economic Health pillar of the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- Nanaimo's waterfront walkway is a key attraction for residents and tourists. The 2017 Nanaimo Waterfront Walkway Implementation Plan envisions 13k of active and accessible waterfront from Departure Bay to the Nanaimo River Estuary.
- The Departure Bay section as proposed would use a 'green shores' approach to create a safe pedestrian and cycle pathway along the waterfront and meets a number of the community's goals around active transportation, environmental Restoration and economic development.

#### **Quotes**

"The Departure Bay Waterfront Walkway has been identified by the community as a priority for many years now. Council is excited to share these new concept plans with the public and get feedback on the design and budget. I encourage our residents to complete the online survey as the results will help Council determine next steps for the project."

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