

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City seeks input on neighbourhood associations

#### Summary

As part of its major public policy review and development process, REIMAGINE NANAIMO, the City is reviewing how it works with neighbourhood associations and seeks input from them.

Over the past year, the City has engaged with local neighbourhood associations to determine how best to support and engage with these groups in the future. Key issues that have been identified during this ongoing discussion have focused on the organizational structure of the associations and the conditions under which they are supported by the City.

To build upon the input received so far from the neighbourhood associations, the City has prepared a short survey to gauge the public's perspective on these issues and to tell us how they would like to participate in neighbourhood matters that interest them. The public is invited to complete the survey via [Get Involved Nanaimo](#) by November 15, 2021.

*Strategic Link:* Updating the City's relationship with local neighbourhood associations, and the conditions under which these groups are supported by the City, is consistent with the Governance Excellence and Livability goals of the City's Strategic Plan.

#### Key Points

- As part of the REIMAGINE NANAIMO process, the City of Nanaimo is reviewing how it works with neighbourhood associations.
- Over the past year, the City has engaged with local neighbourhood associations to determine how best to support and engage with these groups in the future. Key issues that have been identified during the ongoing discussions have been focused on the organizational structure of the associations and the conditions under which they are supported by the City.
- To build upon the input received so far from the neighbourhood associations, the City has prepared a short survey (5 minutes) to gauge the public's perspective on matters and to tell us how they would like to participate in neighbourhood issues that interest them.

#### Quotes

"The City of Nanaimo has working relationships with local neighbourhood associations dating back more than three decades. Overall these have been positive but it is clear that issues have arisen over the past few years with respect to how associations are organized and the level of support that the City is providing to them. The purpose of this initiative is to review the organizational structure of the associations and the services and supports provided to the associations by the City, with an eye to ensuring the organizational integrity of the associations, and improving the City/association relationship going forward."

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