

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **Applications open for Design Advisory Panel membership**

## **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is recruiting for two volunteer at-large positions on the Design Advisory Panel. The panel considers development permits in relation to guidelines, principles and conformance with the Official Community Plan and reports their findings and opinions to Council. It also provides independent, objective recommendations to the applicant, City staff and Council aimed at improving matters of design that affect the public realm.

Successful applicants for the Design Advisory Panel will be familiar with urban design guidelines, design principles and have the skills necessary to assist staff in establishing guidelines to ensure that the form and character of future developments is of high quality and meets the needs of the community.

Applications can be downloaded from <a href="www.nanaimo.ca">www.nanaimo.ca</a> or picked up from Legislative Services in City Hall (455 Wallace Street) and will be accepted from until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the Design Advisory Panel meeting schedule, mandate and terms of reference on the City website prior to applying.

Strategic Link: Select Committees enable Council to receive advice, ideas and feedback from persons other than Council members and staff.

# **Key Points**

- The City of Nanaimo is accepting applications for two volunteer Design Advisory Panel at-large members for a three-year term ending April 2025 or as determined by Council.
- The Design Advisory Panel meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.
- Interested residents must submit a completed application to Legislative Services by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8th.

#### Quotes

"The Design Advisory Panel assists Council with decision making by providing recommendations regarding character and form of development permit applications. This work has significant impact on our City. I encourage residents with a background in architecture, urban and/or landscape design and development to apply."

Leonard Krog Mayor City of Nanaimo

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