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## Call for applications to Systems Planning Organization board

### Summary

The newly-formed Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization (SPO) Society is seeking three directors-at-large to join the inaugural Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Individuals who are passionate about making Nanaimo a safe and equitable place to live and are interested in working with others to find innovative ways of tackling homelessness in our community are invited to apply. Successful candidates will have previous board experience or specific skills in health and housing.

The SPO will undertake research, compile data, provide education and share information related to the community's response to homelessness. The SPO will examine the issue of homelessness from a broader community perspective and facilitate coordinated action by Nanaimo's non-profit organizations, Snuneymuxw First Nation, other levels of government, the business sector and the broader community.

Applications can be downloaded from www.nanaimo.ca or picked up from Legislative Services in City Hall (455 Wallace Street) and will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022.

*Strategic Link:* Taking steps to ensure our community is livable and full of opportunity for all generations and walks of life.

### Key Points

- The Nanaimo Systems Planning Organization Society is accepting applications for three at-large members to sit on the Board of Directors.
- Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022.
- The SPO is governed by a nine-member board. This includes representatives from the City of Nanaimo, Snuneymuxw First Nation, the Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation, the non-profit housing sector, health services sector and shelter providers, in addition to three members at-large.
- The goal of the SPO is to optimize the current approach to homelessness advocacy and prevention and to enable an effective, coordinated response.

### Quotes

"This is an excellent opportunity to step forward and demonstrate leadership in helping to find solutions to the health and housing challenges facing our community. I encourage qualified individuals who have a passion for helping others to apply."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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