

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo Council approves a new Community Watershed Restoration Grant**

*Grant program set to launch this fall*

#### **Summary**

At their June 20, 2022 meeting, Council endorsed the Community Watershed Restoration Grant Guidelines and Criteria, effectively supporting a new grant program for environmental restoration within the City of Nanaimo.

Up to \$20,000 in grant funding will be available annually to community organizations, environmental non-profits and individual residents that aim to carry out watershed restoration projects focusing on urban stream and riparian restoration enhancement, natural environment protection, and/or climate change adaptation solutions. Individual applications of up to \$20,000 in funding will be accepted; however, funding of less than \$20,000 may also be split between more than one successful applicant. Funding may be used to provide financial support for restoration planning and design studies, material purchase, invasive plants disposal, equipment rental and labour.

The City will begin accepting grant applications in early fall with applications due in mid-October. For more information on the Community Watershed Restoration Grant and other available City of Nanaimo grants, visit the grants section of the City's website at [www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/grants](http://www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/grants).

**Strategic Link:** This program supports Council's Environmental Responsibility priority "to protect and enhance Nanaimo's natural environment by looking after the community's biological diversity and adapt the way we live, work, recreate and move".

#### **Key Points**

- Council endorsed a new \$20,000 annual Community Watershed Restoration Grant. The grant will support community environmental restoration projects focusing on urban stream and riparian restoration enhancement, natural environment protection, and climate change adaptation solutions.
- The 2023 grant will be launched in early fall 2022 and be awarded in early 2023.
- The Community Watershed Restoration Grant supports the direction and implementation of the Climate Change Resiliency Strategy and the Green Goals of the draft City Plan - Nanaimo Relmaged that highlight the importance of building capacity with residents and neighbourhood groups to support environmental restoration.

#### **Quotes**

"Nanaimo residents and local volunteers have historically been wonderful stewards of the City's many watercourses and natural spaces. The Community Watershed Restoration Grant will provide these stewards important financial support necessary to assist their work."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- Council allocated \$20,000 for the proposed grant in the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan.

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