

NEWS RELEASE

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Applications open for Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness

Deadline to apply is April 21

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications for eleven volunteer at-large members for the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness (ACAI).

The purpose of the ACAI is to promote social and political equity within existing and proposed City plans, policies, bylaws and infrastructure and make recommendations to ensure that the City is inclusive and accommodating to citizens of all ages, abilities and walks of life. The term for this committee will end October 2026.

Those interested in joining the committee are encouraged to visit the City website to review the terms of reference before submitting an application. Residents of Nanaimo who have experience related to matters of accessibility and inclusiveness and wish to make a difference in their community are encouraged to apply.

Application forms can be submitted online, downloaded from www.nanaimo.ca/goto/committees, or picked up from Legislative Services in City Hall (455 Wallace Street). Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21.

Strategic Link: The Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness supports City Plan's Empowered Nanaimo goals.

Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo is accepting applications for eleven Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness positions.
- Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness meetings will be held once every two months.
- Applications will be accepted between March 22 and April 21, 2023.

Quotes

"We are very excited to see this committee starting up again, and look forward to seeing a diverse group of citizens volunteer to put their names forward. If you care about your community, and have a passion for helping to ensure our City is accessible and inclusive to all, we invite you to apply."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- In September 2022 updates were made to the Accessible British Columbia Act, requiring public sector organizations to establish an accessibility committee.
- The ACAI was first established in December 2019. Membership requirements were recently updated to reflect changes directed under the Accessible BC Act.
- Under the new legislation, at least half of the members must be persons with disabilities or persons representing a disability-serving organization. Indigenous representation must also be included.

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