

NEWS RELEASE

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Connecting the World Through Public Works

The community is invited to an open house

Summary

On Wednesday, May 24, the City of Nanaimo's Public Works department will host more than 400 Grade Four and Five students, and 200 members of the public in honour of Public Works Week, "Connecting the World Through Public Works."

Students will visit the public works yard during the day, exploring interactive stations. Public Works staff will engage the students in learning about road maintenance, water distribution, solid waste, recycling and more.

Staff will open the yard to the public between 3 and 6 pm. Small groups will be guided through a number of stations and parts of the Public Works Yard with interactive and educational information on how staff respond to weather events and maintain above and below ground assets to ensure the City runs smoothly.

Open house tours are free, but registration is required to ensure enough tour guides are available. To register use course code 97873 in the Parks, Recreation and Culture registration system at recreation.nanaimo.ca.

Staff will also lead an exclusive guided tour to the watershed including South Fork Dam and South Fork Water Treatment Plant on Thursday, May 25. This tour is also free - registration is required and only a limited number of spots are available. Please register for this tour using course code 97872.

Strategic Link: Provision of affordable and sustainable utility services is critical to the livability of a community. See how Public Works makes land use, planning, and capital investment decisions with a long term life cycle asset management perspective for the design, maintenance, and renewal of servicing infrastructure, including natural assets.

Key Points

- In honour of Public Works Week, the community is invited to register to attend a free open house at Public Works on May 24 from 3 to 6 pm, use course code 97873.
- There are a limited number of spots available for the public to also attend a Watershed Tour on May 25 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Quotes

"We are connected through public works, whether it be through a network of roadways, sewer system or drinking water pipelines. It is exciting to be able to welcome the public to learn more about public works operations first hand."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- City of Nanaimo was the winner of the Canadian Public Works Association 2021 National Public Works Week

(NPWW) Awards Contest. Nanaimo's 2021 NPWW celebration competed with other Canadian municipalities for Most Creative Entry.

- This year, National Public Works Week is May 21 to 27 and the theme is "Connecting the World Through Public Works".

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