

STATEMENT

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Nanaimo Operations Centre Alternative Approval Process

Following the recent Nanaimo Operations Centre (Public Works buildings) Alternative Approval Process (AAP), an administrative error was found in the public notification process. Although staff followed the requirements outlined in the City of Nanaimo Public Notice Bylaw 2022 No. 7325, and ran the AAP for an additional 7 days (37 days instead of the required 30 days), the timing of the advance notice did not meet the Province's legislative requirements.

Due to this administrative error and to ensure an open and transparent process, staff will be recommending a second AAP take place in January 2024. A report will be presented to Council with options for their consideration at their Dec. 4, 2023 Council Meeting. Following their meeting, the City will provide an update on any next steps in the proposed project.

The City apologizes for the oversight and is taking steps to ensure all legislative requirements are met for future AAPs.

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