

NEWS RELEASE

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City seeks volunteers for Committee and Variance Board

Deadline is May 16

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is currently seeking volunteers to fill one at-large position on each of the following: the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness (ACAI) and the Board of Variance (BOV).

Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness (ACAI): The successful applicant for the Committee will have experience and involvement related to issues of accessibility and/or inclusiveness. The term of office for this position is three years, until June 2028, or as determined by Council.

Board of Variance (BOV): The successful applicant for the BOV will have a basic understanding of building and zoning regulations such as the City's Zoning Bylaw and BC Building Code, as well as familiarity with interpreting architectural plans and documents. The Board of Variance member cannot be a member of an advisory planning commission, an elected official, or an employee of the local government that appoints them. The term of office for this position starts August 30, 2025, and ends August 30, 2028, or as determined by Council.

For more information about these bodies including mandates, eligibility requirements, time commitments and how to apply, visit the City's website at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/committees.

Interested in becoming a member? Submit a completed application to Legislative Services by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025 in one of three ways:

- Online: www.nanaimo.ca/goto/committees
- Email: legislative.servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca
- Mail/In Person: Legislative Services, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

Members may sit on one committee at a time and must be a City of Nanaimo resident, unless specified otherwise in the Terms of Reference.

Please contact the Legislative Services Department at 250-755-4405 if you have any questions.

Strategic Link: ACAI supports City Plan's Empowered Nanaimo goals. BOV supports Governance Excellence by facilitating decision making.

Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo is accepting applications for volunteers who wish to join the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness and Board of Variance. One vacancy on the Committee and Board is open.
- Applications will be accepted between now and May 16, 2025.

Quotes

"Public participation is at the heart of a healthy, responsive local government. Whether it's improving accessibility or helping navigate land use decisions, these volunteer roles offer meaningful ways for residents to shape the direction of our city."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- 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.
- The Board of Variance (BOV) is an independent body that consists of five members appointed by City Council.

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