

NEWS RELEASE

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City of Nanaimo seeking feedback on next phase of planning for Woodgrove area

Second phase looks at growth scenarios for the area

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is preparing a Woodgrove Area Plan to provide more detailed land use and policy guidance for future development in the Woodgrove Secondary Urban Centre. Now in its second phase, the project is focusing on understanding the potential impacts of future residential and commercial growth over the next 30 years. This includes assessing how growth may affect transportation and infrastructure networks, as well as residents' ability to access daily needs.

Between March and April 2025, feedback was received from over 1,200 survey and workshop participants on priorities, concerns and aspirations for transforming the Woodgrove Urban Centre into a complete community (i.e. a vibrant urban centre with a mix of residential, commercial, park, recreational and cultural components). The results are summarized in the Phase 1 – Woodgrove Area Plan Engagement Summary.

A survey, open from June 16 to July 2, 2025, to collect feedback on three growth scenario options and more information can be found on the [Woodgrove Area Plan page on Get Involved Nanaimo](#).

Strategic Link: Public engagement for the Woodgrove Area Plan supports Council's priority to engage with our community and stakeholders to ensure we are responsive to their needs and concerns.

Key Points

- The Woodgrove Area Plan project aims to provide more detailed land use and policy guidance for future development within the Woodgrove Secondary Urban Centre.
- Phase 2 focuses on assessing the potential impacts of future residential and commercial growth on transportation and infrastructure networks, as well as Woodgrove residents' ability to access their daily needs.
- A survey is open from June 16 to July 2, 2025, to share findings and gather feedback on the results. The survey can be found on the City's Get Involved Nanaimo site: www.getinvolvednanaimo.ca/woodgrove

Quotes

"City Plan: Nanaimo ReImagined identifies the Woodgrove area as one of six key Secondary Urban Centres where growth and change are encouraged. The Woodgrove Area Plan will help guide that transformation — ensuring the area becomes a dynamic, complete community with housing, shops, services and vibrant public spaces. This is an important step in shaping a more connected and sustainable future for Nanaimo."

Jeremy Holm
Director, Planning & Development
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Over 1,200 survey and workshop participants shared their input on priorities, concerns and aspirations for transforming the Woodgrove Urban Centre into a complete community.
- An assessment was completed to understand how future residential and commercial growth could impact

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transportation, infrastructure networks and Woodgrove residents' access to daily services. The Phase 2 – Growth Scenarios Assessment report can be found here: www.getinvolvednanaimo.ca/woodgrove

- The Woodgrove Area Plan is intended to become part of City Plan and will provide clarity for the future development of the City's most northern Secondary Urban Centre.

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