



NEWS RELEASE

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City seeking new member for Board of Variance

Applications open until Feb. 6, 2026

Summary

Residents interested in becoming more involved with local government have the opportunity to apply to the Board of Variance. The City of Nanaimo is currently recruiting one member for a three-year term.

Successful applicants to the Board 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. Board members cannot be elected officials, employees of the local government that appoints them or on an advisory planning commission.

Applications can be filled out online or picked up at City Hall (455 Wallace Street). Interested residents can submit a completed application form to the Legislative Services Department by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, 2026.

- online: www.nanaimo.ca/goto/committees
- mail/in-person: Legislative Services, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5J6
- email: legislative.servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca

For more information regarding the board including mandate, eligibility requirements, time commitments and responsibilities, please see the [Board of Variance page on the City's website](#) or contact the Legislative Services Department at (250) 755-4405.

Strategic Link: Supports Governance Excellence by facilitating decision making.

Key Points

- The board is an independent body that can grant variances to relax zoning regulations, extend non-conforming uses and reconstruct non-conforming buildings.
- The deadline to submit an application is 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6.
- The term of appointment to the Board of Variance is three years, or until a successor is appointed.

Quotes

"This is a great opportunity to get involved with your community and contribute to the City's decision-making process. I encourage anyone who has experience in zoning and building regulations to apply."

Sheila Gurrie
Director, Legislative Services
City of Nanaimo

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