

NEWS RELEASE

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Seniors survey will help shape a new emergency preparedness information guide

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is inviting seniors, caregivers, family members and organizations that support older adults to participate in a survey that will help shape a new Seniors Emergency Preparedness Information Guide. The guide is being developed to help older adults prepare for community-wide emergencies and disasters such as extreme heat, power outages, wildfire smoke, earthquakes and severe weather.

Community feedback will help ensure the guide is practical, accessible and responsive to the needs of local seniors. Residents can complete the survey online or in paper format through community locations across Nanaimo. The survey is open until Oct. 1, 2026.

This project was made possible through funding from the BC Age-friendly Communities Grant Program. For more information on this project and to participate, visit www.GetInvolvedNanaimo.ca

Strategic Link: Emergency Management and preparing our community for potential emergencies and disasters supports City Council's Integrated Action Plan.

Key Points

- The City is seeking feedback from seniors aged 55+, caregivers, family members, service providers and senior-serving organizations to help inform a Seniors Emergency Preparedness Information Guide. The survey will close on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026.
- The survey can be completed online at www.GetInvolvedNanaimo.ca or found in paper format at Oliver Woods Community Centre, Beban and Bowen Park Social Centres, the Nanaimo Ice Centre and the Service and Resource Centre, as well as at participating community locations.
- Phone call, text or email feedback will also be accepted by email: SocialDevelopment@nanaimo.ca; telephone: 250-755-4414; or text: 250-668-5641.

Quotes

"While we can't predict our next emergency, we can predict that there will be emergencies. From extreme heat to wind storms, and power outages to evacuations, we want everyone to be as prepared as possible. The new guide we are creating starts with feedback. Whether you are 55 plus, or work directly with older adults, complete the survey and help us create an emergency resource that works for all of Nanaimo's seniors."

Acting Mayor/Councillor Tyler Brown
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The Seniors Emergency Preparedness Guide will provide information to help seniors prepare for emergencies, and avenues to find support when it is needed most.
- Community feedback will help identify preparedness barriers, preferred ways to receive information and ways to make the guide easy to understand.

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