

SCENARIOS REVIEW SELF-GUIDED WORKSHOP BOOKLET

THANK YOU FOR HELPING PLAN NANAIMO'S FUTURE!

Nanaimo is a great place to live and like us, others will choose it for their home in the future. Together, we are shaping a bright future for our city. Your input in this step of REIMAGINE NANAIMO will help plan how and where our city should grow and change in the coming 25 years!

Scenarios exploration is an opportunity to discuss different ways our city could grow, understand challenges and opportunities, and work towards a future land use plan.

A SELF-GUIDED JOURNEY

- These materials cover similar information to the community workshops, packaged to be completed at your convenience.
- This is a great activity to do together with your organization, a group of friends, or your family, but can also be completed independently.
- You should plan about 1.5-2 hours to take this journey. Don't have that much time? The online <u>Scenarios</u>
 <u>Exploration Survey</u> at <u>getinvolvednanaimo.ca</u> doesn't go into as much depth, but can be done in 10-30 minutes.

QUESTIONS?

- email us at <u>reimagine@nanaimo.ca</u>
- phone us at 250-755-4464

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Land Acknowledgment

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the City of Nanaimo is on the Traditional Territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the Traditional Territories of the Snuneymuxw and Snaw-Naw-As First Nations.

WELCOME!



Thank you for taking this self-guided journey into scenarios exploration. This step is focused on Land Use Scenarios Exploration where we look at the potential future physical layout and pattern of our city as it grows. We are exploring where we should have more people living and working in Nanaimo in the future. Please remember that scenarios are one part of planning for Nanaimo's future. As we continue REIMAGINE NANAIMO we'll also explore strategies relating to topics like the environment; mobility; parks, recreation, and culture; climate action; and more. A City Plan looks at many aspects of our city – including how and where we should grow – the focus of this stage of work.

HOW TO REVIEW EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

During this self-guided journey, there are places where we'd like to share information that provides context and detail that will help you provide feedback. You'll have two options for reviewing this educational information:



VIDEO: Click on links beside the video icon to watch a short video of the information. This works best if everyone participating has access to a shared screen or their own screens.

WRITTEN: Read the content in this booklet if you don't wish to watch the videos.

NOTE: You do not need to do both! The content in the video and the written information is the same.

HOW TO RECORD YOUR INPUT



ONLINE: Use <u>this link</u> to open an online feedback form that includes the questions asked in this booklet. Enter your comments into the online form.

OR



WRITTEN: Write your input in the feedback spaces included within this booklet and return it to the City (see address details on p. 3).

HOW TO HOST A GROUP (if you choose to)

Great ideas can happen when we work together! If you'd like to bring together your own group to explore scenarios, here are some hints on how to prepare. If you prefer, you can also complete this workshop individually.





Choose a Date & Time

Pick a date any time between now and Monday, September 20. Plan for a discussion of approximately 2 hours though it could take less or more depending on your group.

Consider How You Will Host

If you are hosting your discussion in person, choose a comfortable location. If you are hosting online, set up an online meeting link (there are a number of online meeting platforms that have free options, for example: <u>Cisco Webex</u>, <u>Zoom</u>, <u>Skype</u>, and <u>Microsoft</u> <u>Teams</u>). If you choose to meet in person with others please follow any current health advice and best practices.

Invite Your Participants

Invite family members, others in your household, friends, neighbours, or people in your organization to join your discussion. Provide your invitees with the meeting details. A group of between 3 to 8 is optimal, but you can host any size. Encourage your invitees to review this booklet before your meeting. If someone can't make it, encourage them to still provide feedback on their own time at **getinvolvednanaimo**. **ca**.

Gather Materials for the Meeting

You will need:

- Copies of this booklet for each participant (on a device or on paper)
- One place to record your group's feedback (either using the online form at <u>this link</u> or on paper in this booklet)
- Possibly some drinks and snacks
- A small group of people wanting to talk about Nanaimo's future!

Review & Discuss the Preliminary Scenarios

Use this booklet to work through the discussion. Encourage participants to speak from the heart and make sure everyone gets a chance to talk.

Document the Group's Comments

After discussing a topic, input your group's collective feedback into the **online scenarios review form** or write them in this booklet. Then, move onto the next topic. There are 3 discussion activities in total.

MEETING TIP!

The self-guided workshop allows time to explore and discuss directions in depth which can increase understanding and support informed decisions. Review the content in this booklet before the meeting to help participants understand topics and • answer questions. • • •

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Submit your Group's Comments by September 21, 2021.

- If using the <u>online form</u>, simply submit when you are finished
- If submitting written comments: » Scan and email your form to reimagine@nanaimo.ca
 - » Mail or drop your form to: City of Nanaimo Service and Resource Centre 411 Dunsmuir Street Nanaimo, BC V9R OE4 Attn: REIMAGINE

Enter the Prize Draw!

Follow the link at the end of the online form or fillin the form at the end of your completed booklet if you're submitting a paper feedback form. One prize draw entry per completed feedback form.

Please submit your feedback by 4 pm on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Next Steps

All feedback will support the creation of a consolidated land use scenario for Nanaimo's future. Watch for a Phase 2 Engagement Summary in fall 2021 at getinvolvednanaimo.ca.

How to Support a Great Meeting

- Make sure everyone has a chance to say something. One way to do this is to ask participants to share their comments one-byone, so there is space for everyone to talk. You could consider setting a time-limit to start, so everyone has an equal chance to speak.
- Allow participants time to reflect. Ask everyone to quietly consider their initial responses to a topic before discussions get underway. This can result in very thoughtful discussions.
- It's okay for people to disagree. If consensus on an issue cannot be reached, write down varied points of view in the feedback form.
- Encourage participants to stay on topic and steer the conversation back when needed. Try to keep the discussions moving so there is time for all the activities.
- Make sure you're capturing discussions. Read back to the group what you've written to get their agreement.

INTRODUCTION



<u>Click here</u> to watch a 14-minute introductory video.

Read pages 4–11 of this booklet to review the written version of the introductory information.

WHAT IS REIMAGINE NANAIMO?

REIMAGINE NANAIMO is the City's opportunity to work together with the community to shape Nanaimo's future. It's a chance to discuss how our spaces, systems, and policies should evolve in the coming 25 years to better meet the needs of our people and our environment.

Looking back at the past ten years, it is clear that change is happening in Nanaimo. Change cannot be ignored, but it need not be feared. Planning gives us an opportunity to guide change in a way that helps make our City better. It allows us to choose the directions that we think will work best for Nanaimo.

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?

Phase 2 is the exploratory part of the REIMAGINE NANAIMO journey. It is where we bring together all we've learned so far, talk about ideas for the future, and collectively test different choices. This stage is an exploration. It is not an endpoint, but rather an important step that will help us set our path forward.

This phase of a planning process is complex and takes a willingness of all those involved to learn, explore, have conversations, and listen carefully to one another to continue building an understanding about what makes the most sense for Nanaimo's future.



SCENARIOS CONTEXT



WHY DO WE EXPLORE SCENARIOS?

A City Plan looks at both improving what we have and planning for the future. Why?

- We have to. A city is legally required to develop and update an Official Community Plan that guides how its community will grow.
- It helps us make progress towards our goals. If we plan well for future growth in our city, we can help create more places where people have their needs met closer to home, we can make it easier and more convenient for people to use transit and active transportation, we can protect valued or environmentally sensitive areas, and we can locate our services and amenities equitably and where they are most needed. On the flip side, if we don't plan for future growth carefully, we risk perpetuating many things we don't like about our city today and we could miss opportunities for improvement.

Scenarios exploration is about leveraging change so we can guide growth and development to the places that will bring us the greatest benefit as a community and help us reach our goals.

SCENARIOS ARE PART OF A BIGGER PLANNING PICTURE

Land Use Scenarios are one part of REIMAGINE NANAIMO that includes:

Draft Framework, Goals, & Indicators	Land Use Scenarios	Supporting Strategies & Policies	
Guide WHAT we wish to achieve as a community. Feedback currently being collected through the online Foundations Feedback Form.	Guide WHERE and HOW our community will grow and change over the next 25 years.	Guide key directions on topics like environment; parks, recreation, and culture; climate;	
	Input currently being collected online and through workshops (including this self-guided	mobility; and more. Initial ideas gathered in Phase 1 and further exploration is	

workshop).

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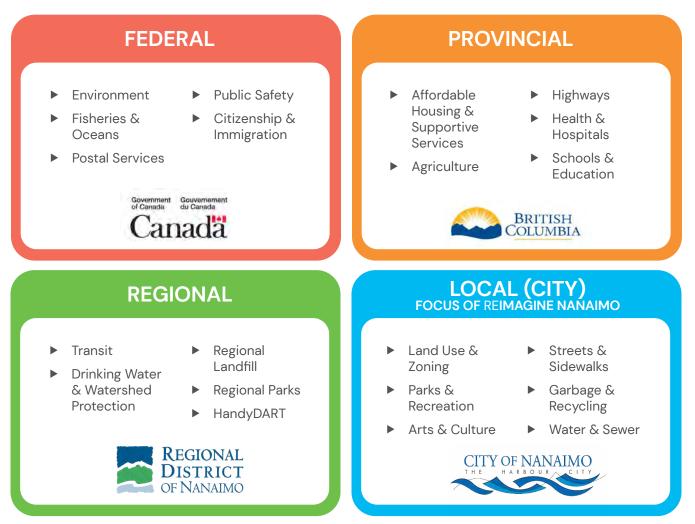
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planned for Phase 3.

MANY GROUPS HELP DELIVER THE SERVICES WE USE EVERY DAY

The City of Nanaimo is one of several organizations that provide services to the community. The City works closely alongside all levels of government as well as neighbouring First Nations and municipalities to provide services and programs that meet the needs of residents.

A City Plan focuses mainly on services within direct city control (those under the Local umbrella) while encouraging, supporting, and advocating progress on services led by other groups.



KEY ROLES OF DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

COMMUNITY INPUT (so far)



Connecting with and listening to the Nanaimo community is the foundation of REIMAGINE NANAIMO. We completed the largest community engagement program in our city to date in summer / fall 2021, connecting with thousands to understand what matters most, key concerns, and ideas for the future. Many perspectives were shared and key themes have emerged. Coupled with analysis of the city today and best practices research, these themes provide direction for Phase 2 explorations.



Access to Nature & **Outdoor Recreation**

We value our green spaces and love being minutes away from nature and places to play outdoors. Preserving this access for the future is essential.



A Waterfront Identity

The waterfront is part of who we are, and we want more opportunities to connect with and celebrate it.



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Central Hub
Identity
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We're excited about our role as the Central Hub of Vancouver Island and wish to build on this with effective transportation connections, economic development, and identity building.



We want to respect and respond to the perspectives, values, and needs of all individuals and groups in Nanaimo and create spaces and programs that are for everyone.



We are getting ready to embrace our role as a climate leader, making choices that will reduce our impacts, protect our natural assets, and position us for a greener future. However, we recognize that changing our behaviours will be challenging.



We are preparing to embrace a shift from more suburban to urban living and are excited about more cultural, entertainment, and public living opportunities and daily needs closer to home. However, it's important this transition is thoughtful, with attention to place-making and protecting our character.



We would like to move around our community more easily by foot and bike, and we want our transit to be more frequent, faster, and accessible, but we're also coming to terms with reducing our reliance on automobiles.



We are concerned about the rising costs of living in our city and are seeking ways to make it possible for people of all socio-economic backgrounds to find their home here.



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Neighbourhood
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We value our existing neighbourhoods and the balance between urban and residential areas. Maintaining a mix of urban and residential areas and protecting the character of neighbourhoods is important.



We want to see Downtown Nanaimo become the vibrant, engaging centre for arts, culture, entertainment, tourism, business, and employment that has been envisioned over the years.



We are worried about the increasing social challenges our community is facing and how to help all people to live healthier, happier lives while keeping our city feeling safe and welcoming.

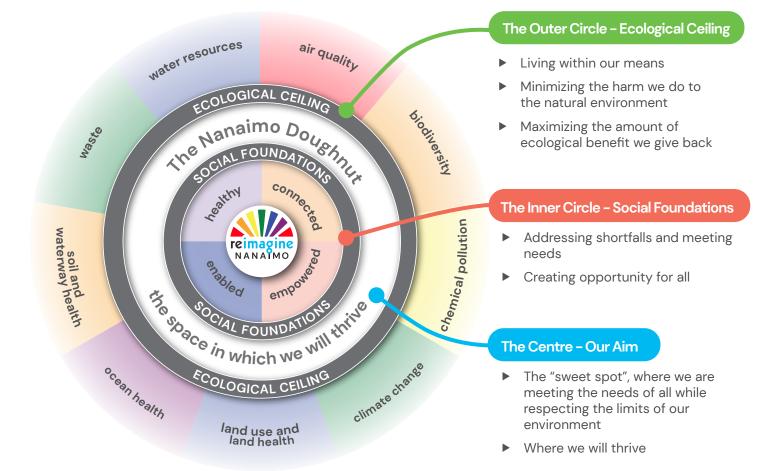


We wish to attract and maintain great businesses and institutions that provide quality jobs so we can work close to home in employment that fulfills us.

The **Nanaimo Doughnut** is our draft framework – a way of organizing how we plan for Nanaimo's future in a balanced and integrated way. It challenges us to consider: *How can* **our city** *be home to thriving people, in a thriving community, while respecting the wellbeing of all people and the health of the whole planet*?

At the city level, this means strengthening our **social foundations** so that all community members can live well, while at the same time staying within our **ecological ceiling** by making choices that protect and enhance our environment. The space in which we thrive is the "doughnut" between respect for social foundations and the ecological ceiling. commitments and policies that we are already using, while adding in important new directions that will accelerate our progress towards creating a community in which we will thrive.

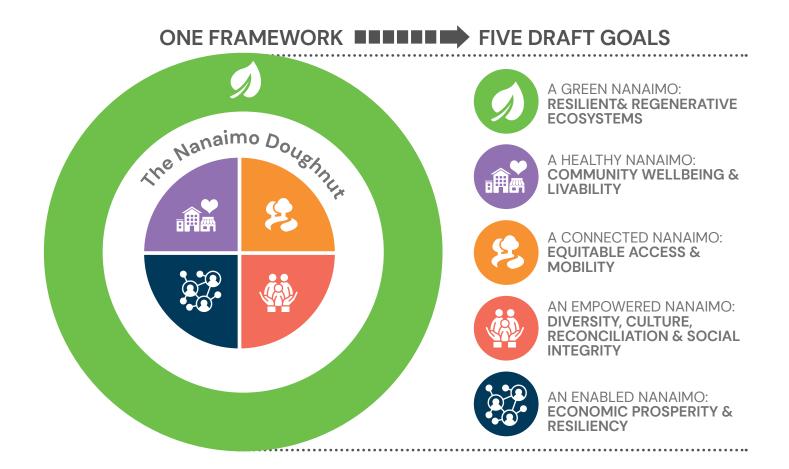
The Nanaimo Doughnut is intended to build upon





Five **Draft Goals**, based on the framework of the Nanaimo Doughnut, represent areas of focus for Nanaimo's future. Together, they are meant to guide a balanced approach.

These five draft goals flow from the framework, while integrating aspirations articulated in our previous plans and community input so far. They will be refined through the Phase 2 explorations.



GOALS OVERVIEW

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Want to provide feedback on the draft framework and goals?

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to complete the <u>foundations</u> <u>feedback form online here</u>. Or if you prefer, a paper copy can be <u>downloaded</u> <u>and printed using this link</u>. Complete yours by Monday, September 20.



A GREEN NANAIMO: RESILIENT& REGENERATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

A Green Nanaimo is about how we can support the lands, air, and waters that sustain us. It is about advancing collective knowledge, living in harmony with our environment, and responding to the impacts of climate change while protecting people, businesses, and infrastructure. It means making decisions that prioritize a resilient and regenerative environment, moving us towards a city that gives back to our natural world rather than taking from it. A Green Nanaimo recognizes and embraces its role as a sustainable city that helps maintain the naturalness of our larger region and beyond.





A HEALTHY NANAIMO: COMMUNITY WELLBEING & LIVABILITY

A Healthy Nanaimo is about both the wellbeing of our residents and the livability of our city. It is about creating a community for all of us. A healthy city means that all people have the opportunity to access and maintain a good standard of living – regardless of their life stage, family composition, or socioeconomic status. Nanaimo envisions a city where a person can live an entire lifetime, finding comfort and happiness in a safe and secure home and having access to healthy food. A Healthy Nanaimo is where people do not go unhoused or hungry. It is a city where we can all thrive.





A CONNECTED NANAIMO: EQUITABLE ACCESS & MOBILITY

A Connected Nanaimo allows people to easily access what matters to them. Our connections are how we experience our community. Everyone needs to get around and we should have safe, equitable, and enjoyable options to do so. Complete, compact neighbourhoods that provide daily needs closer to home allow people to choose more walking or cycling. A well-linked multi-modal transportation system provides choices about how we travel through our city and beyond. A Connected Nanaimo means access and mobility for everyone.





AN EMPOWERED NANAIMO: DIVERSITY, CULTURE, RECONCILIATION & SOCIAL INTEGRITY

An Empowered Nanaimo feels welcoming and safe to all those who choose this city as home. Together, we are actively making progress towards reconciliation. It's a recognition that we are all different – and these differences make our community interesting, innovative, and vital. Our differences affect our experiences, and by embracing diversity, we are building our community spirit. It's about hearing each voice in civic life – through effective engagement and public process. In an Empowered Nanaimo, everyone can find their place in the city's diverse social fabric and contribute to our community's future.





AN ENABLED NANAIMO: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY & RESILIENCY

An Enabled Nanaimo is about attracting and maintaining great businesses and institutions that provide good jobs, places to shop, and opportunities that keep our city thriving. Enabling homegrown ideas, talent, and businesses while welcoming new investment from around the world will advance our city's prosperity. It involves harnessing our unique assets and communicating them in a way that really calls to people, embracing and building upon what makes Nanaimo special. An Enabled Nanaimo is known as a great place – to live, to work, and to experience.



ACTIVITY #1: CITY BUILDING

Part of scenario building is thinking about improvements we'd like to see in different locations of the city. We'd like your thoughts on where key city elements are a priority. It is also gets us thinking about the layout and geography of Nanaimo which is important for Activity #2.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Review the toolbox on these pages to learn about key city-building elements.
- 2. Move to the **City-Building Map** on the next page (pp. 14–15) and consider where different citybuilding elements are most needed in Nanaimo.
- 3. Write a number (1) on the map in the location of your first idea, then describe it on pp. 16-17.
 - » Identify which city-building element it is (or add your own if it's not in the toolbox).
 - » Tell us why you think it is important for that location.
- 4. Continue by adding a number ② on the map and describing a second city-building element. Add up to 20 city-building elements to your map that you think are priorities.



CITY BUILDING TOOLBOX

The toolbox contains 10 different elements that can affect how Nanaimo will grow and evolve in the future.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS



Active Transportation

Where should active transportation improvements be prioritized?

Things to consider:

- » While the goal is to upgrade all of Nanaimo so it's more walkable and bikable, it's not realistic to do it all at once; choices must be made about where to prioritize investments
- » Considerations like investing where many will benefit and creating a more equitable mobility network are important



Transit Improvements Are there locations where transit improvements should be prioritized?

Things to consider:

- » People who live in more suburban areas are less likely to have frequent transit because buses must travel further to reach fewer people, increasing the cost of service
- Access to reliable transit is especially important for people who cannot or choose not to drive



BUILT FEATURES



Town Centres

Where should we concentrate density (i.e., more people living and working)?

Things to consider:

- Town Centres will include a mix of high-rise, midrise, and ground-oriented housing and many jobs
- » These are walkable centres where daily needs are close to home
- Having too many Town Centres can reduce their impact by distributing people and jobs too far apart, so it's important to prioritize



Tall Buildings Where are the best locations for highrise buildings (12+ storeys)?

Things to consider:

- » High-rises allow our city to grow up, instead of out
- While they may not fit all personal lifestyle choices, tall buildings can increase our variety of housing types
- » In the next 25 years, it's likely only a few new high-rises will be added to Nanaimo so we must be thoughtful about where they go



Shops & Services Where are we missing retail services?

Things to consider:

- » Shops and services need people living nearby to be viable and successful
- » Spreading out shopping means more vehicle use and less support for small businesses that rely on walkable areas to thrive

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Infill Neighbourhoods

Where can we add diverse housing (e.g., townhomes, fourplexes, and secondary suites?)

Things to consider:

- » Sensitive infill can help more people find affordable homes, while keeping the character of existing neighbourhoods
- Infill areas often work best in existing neighbourhoods close to Town Centres or along transit corridors

COMMUNITY FEATURES & SERVICES



Indoor Community Wellness Facility Where should new / updated indoor recreation facilities be prioritized?

Things to consider:

- » As we grow, we'll need more facilities
- » We'll continue to renew existing facilities like Beban, Bowen, NAC, NIC, and Oliver Woods
- » We're combining recreation and physical and mental wellbeing
- » New facilities should be close to many residents and in underserved areas



Cultural Facility (Indoor or Outdoor) Where should we add cultural spaces for performance, art, heritage, etc?

Things to consider:

- » Cultural spaces support programs, services, and events that drive our creative economy and create a thriving community
- » Locating cultural spaces and places to be accessible to many and to increase cultural visibility in our community is important



Parks & Open Space Are there places that should be park or existing parks that could be improved?

Things to consider:

- As our community becomes built up, opportunities to add new parks or open space can become more limited
- » This means we must best use what we have, and be thoughtful about where new parks are most needed or most beneficial



Affordable Housing & Access to Services Where could we add services for those experiencing homelessness?

Things to consider:

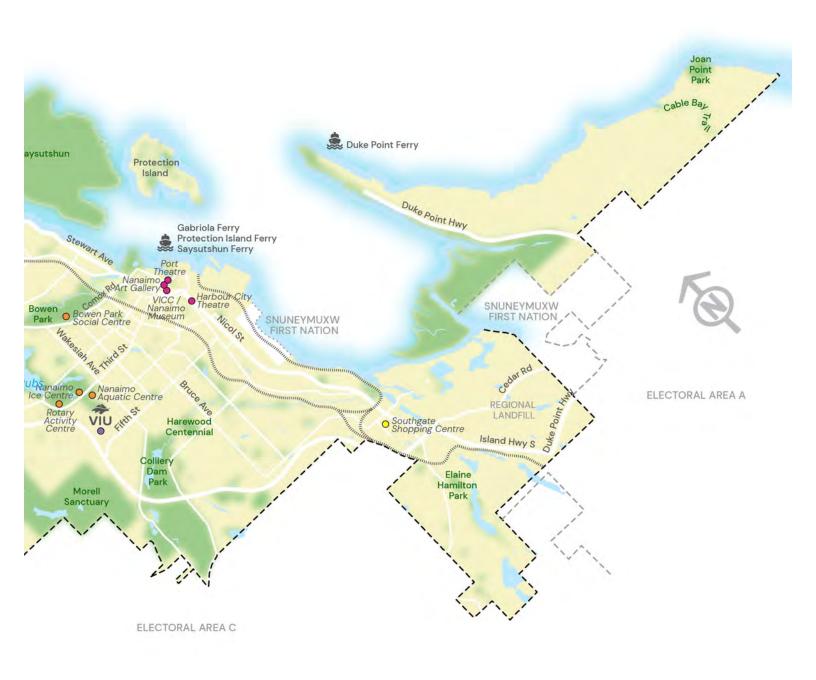
- » Locating supportive housing close to the services people require is important
- » Existing neighbourhoods often express concerns about concentrating a lot of supporting housing in one location

ACTIVITY #1: CITY BUILDING MAP

Use this map to show your suggestions for adding city-building elements to Nanaimo. Write a number ① on the map of the location of your first idea, then describe it on the next page. Add up to 20 ideas.







ACTIVITY #1: YOUR CITY-BUILDING IDEAS

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TOOL BOX REFERENCE



Town Centres



Infill Neighbourhoods

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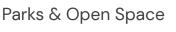
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Shops & Services



Indoor Community Wellness Facility

Cultural Facility



Affordable Housing &

Access to Services

Active Transportation

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Transit Improvements



Other Ideas You Have!

MAP **CITY-BUILDING ELEMENT** #

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WHY?

Explain why you think your suggested city-building element should go in this location. Need more space to write? Use p.39.

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AP CITY-BUILDING ELEMENT

WHY?

Which item do you think is needed in this location?

Explain why you think your suggested city-building element should go in this location. *Need more space to write? Use p.39.*

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SCENARIOS CONTEXT



<u>Click here</u> to watch a 7-minute scenarios context video.

Read pages 18–21 of this booklet to review the written version of the context information.

WHY WE PLAN FOR GROWTH

Growth can be beneficial to cities in many ways. When we plan well, we can:



Create vibrant and equitable neighbourhoods where more people have what they need close to home.



Leverage growth to help shift the needle on our commitments to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



Generate city revenues to be invested in quality amenities and services for all who live here.



Integrate transportation options so we have more a more walkable, bikable, and transit-friendly city.

Growth also has its challenges, such as:



Infrastructure, including roads, water, and sewer, needs to be adjusted and possibly expanded.



Once built, infrastructure needs to be maintained and occasionally upgraded, which affects taxes paid by citizens.



New construction can place pressure on natural features, watersheds, trees, and habitats.



Our community services, recreational facilities, parks, programs, and services see increasing demand.

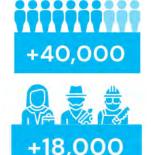
Planning ahead for where to focus growth, helps maximize opportunity and identify and mitigate challenges.



WHAT ARE WE PLANNING FOR?

In 2020, the City completed population projections that inform scenarios planning. Key findings from the analysis tell us that:

- ▶ Nanaimo's population has now passed 100,000
- By 2046, it is estimated Nanaimo's population could grow by up to an additional 40,000 residents with an additional 18,000 new jobs created
- ▶ We use these estimates to create a 25-year plan for our growth



Using the projections, a land inventory was completed to provide an outlook of how our current land base may align with these future demands. Key findings tell us:



- There likely is enough remaining land suitable for housing development in Nanaimo's boundary to accommodate the projections, depending on the types of housing we develop.
- While a lot of the land that would work for single-unit homes in Nanaimo has already been developed, there is still a lot of opportunity for infill in multi-unit housing forms like apartments and townhomes.



- We are facing a shortage of industrial lands.
- With the city's strategic location and strong port, air, and highway networks, Nanaimo is attractive to industry, which helps create good jobs and economic development.
- However, if our existing industrial areas fill up and we can't accommodate future needs, we could see industry choose other locations.

COMMERCIAL

- We have more than enough lands designated as commercial.
- This is a challenge, because having too much commercial land can lead to it being too spread out and contributing to our car-oriented nature.
- The land inventory recommends looking for opportunities to support existing retail nodes by adding new commercial and residential uses in these areas, helping to create places where many services are available within a short distance.



- Nanaimo has key institutional uses, including the hospital and university that will continue to be strong drivers for employment, and we should capitalize on them.
- As the city evolves, we will need to continue working closely with education and health providers to align facilities with our growth.

KEY OBSERVATIONS

As we plan for growth, it's important to consider Nanaimo's context. Several key observations that have emerged so far are outlined below.









We're Building on What We Have

- Considering that we currently have 100,000 people living here today and we're planning for an additional 40,000 over the next 25 years, 70% of our 2046 population are already living here.
- This means that change through growth will be slow and incremental and much of what exists today will very much be part of what's here in 25 years.
- Planning to position future growth where it supports our goals is important, but it won't completely change the city we are today.

We are a Mid-Density City

- We are coming from a past of being a suburban city.
- Prior to this century, our growth has been long and linear, stretching north and south at relatively low densities.
- This means, as a city, we have and will continue to have much lower overall population density than more urban centres in the Lower Mainland and Capital Region.
- Even as our population grows, Nanaimo will continue to be a middensity city.

There are Many Opportunities for Infill

- Because of Nanaimo's past growth, we have a lot of low density sites in our city.
- Many of our commercial areas are auto-oriented, with single-level buildings and vast surface parking.
- As our city grows, these large land areas could become more attractive for future redevelopment with large areas of land available for infill.

We Must Choose Where We Grow

- If even a few large-scale developments occur, they could absorb a very large proportion of the future growth projected for Nanaimo.
- ▶ This means less demand for growth in other areas.
- Therefore, it is important to think about encouraging growth in locations where it will best help us achieve our goals.











Our Housing Forms Are Shifting

- In the past five years, Nanaimo has shifted from new construction being predominantly in single-unit forms to more multi-unit forms.
- This is in part due to affordability and changing demographics, but also because Nanaimo is reaching a point where there is limited land remaining that is suitable for developing new single-unit homes.
- As a city nears its boundaries, trends shift to infill and densification, with more new development happening in the existing urban area.

Infrastructure Costs are Escalating

- A key question many medium-sized cities are facing is how to manage costs to care for infrastructure – our roads, sewers, and water lines.
- Recent studies in Canada show it's typically two times or more expensive to manage infrastructure for low-density development, because it requires more infrastructure being used by fewer people.
- If we grow outward through single-unit development, costs to maintain infrastructure and taxes paid by the community will be higher than if growth happens through multi-unit developments in existing urban areas.

We are a City in a Region

- As the largest city in our region, Nanaimo has an important role in accommodating growth to reduce regional sprawl and protect the forests, meadows, fields, and recreational lands we love.
- If we accommodate growth wisely, it can help limit new growth pushing into nearby regional lands which would lead to more land being consumed by development and more people driving further to access daily needs.

Growth is Part of a Larger Strategy

- Growth alone will not create a sustainable and resilient city.
- We also need key strategies to support our mobility, climate change, and social goals.
- Our success will rely on changing our collective behaviours, embracing technology, and investing in green and sustainable infrastructure.
- Combining a strong land use plan that identifies where and how we wish to grow sustainably in the future, with powerful actions and strategies, is required to achieve our goals.

ACTIVITY #2: SCENARIOS REVIEW

Three exploratory scenarios have been created based on current plans and policy, phase 1 input, and best practices. None of these scenarios are a final plan; rather, they are created to stimulate discussion. We're gathering community observations about the preliminary scenarios – what works, what doesn't, and ideas for improvement. This input will be used to focus in on the best ideas to combine into a preferred land use scenario for Nanaimo's future growth and change.

THREE PRELIMINARY SCENARIOS

This booklet includes the following information for each scenario:

- Overview: A diagram and summary of key highlights about the scenario that differentiates it from the others.
- Performance on Key Accounts: Initial GIS analysis to see how the scenario could help move us closer towards our goals.
- Your Comments: A place to record your observations about the scenario.



ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Review all three scenarios in this activity first. Try to imagine 25 years into the future and what Nanaimo might be like with an additional 40,000 residents living here and an additional 18,000 jobs under the different scenarios.
- 2. After initially reviewing the scenarios, start with Scenario 1 and use the comment sheet to record:
 - » What you like or see as strengths about the scenario.
 - » What you dislike or see as weaknesses of the scenario.
 - » What you would suggest changing to improve the scenario.
 - » Any other notes or observations.
- 3. After commenting on each of the three scenarios:
 - » Identify if there was one scenario that resonated most with you and explain why.
 - » Identify if there was something you were hoping to see, but didn't. These missing elements could be explored further as a consolidated land use scenario is created.
 - » Any further comments you have on scenarios.

SCENARIO 1: CURRENT PATH OVERVIEW

This scenario considers how Nanaimo could evolve if we continue on the path set by the current Official Community Plan. This means keeping land use designations the same as they are now.

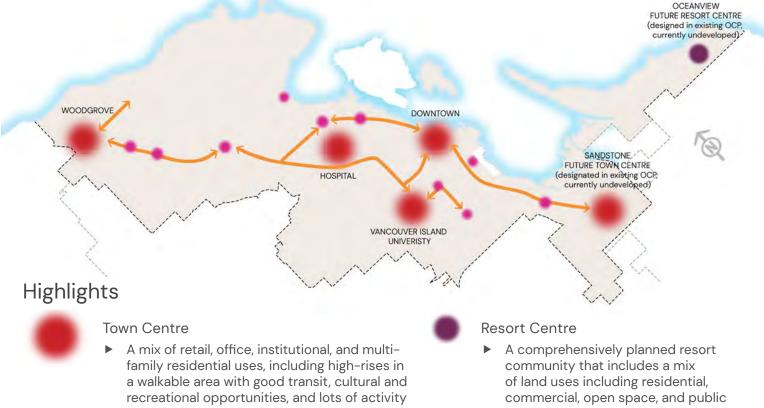
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Video Overview of Scenario



Detailed Land Use Concept



- 4 existing Town Centres: Woodgrove, Hospital, Downtown, and VIU that build on existing jobs and add more opportunities for living
- 1 new Town Centre: South Nanaimo, located in the undeveloped area known as Sandstone south of Cedar Road

Existing Commercial Centres

Existing retail destinations including malls and neighbourhood shopping centres which are encouraged to evolve into more mixed-use areas

Corridor

- Key streets connecting Town Centres envisioned to be lined with mixed-use / residential uses
- Encourages more people living along major transportation corridors with easy access to transit or active transportation options

- and recreational uses
- Located in the undeveloped area known as Oceanview in South Nanaimo

Neighbourhood

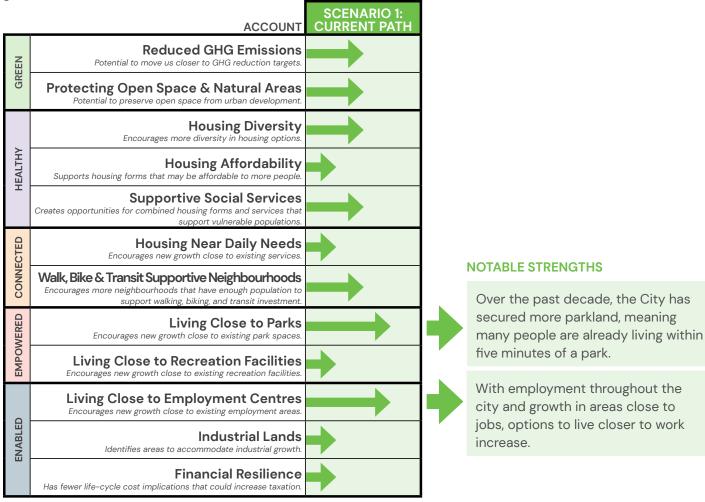
Primarily residential areas with single-family homes and a mix of secondary suites, townhomes, duplexes, and fourplexes and potential for a small amount of neighbourhood-supporting retail

Industrial Lands

As exists today

SCENARIO 1: CURRENT PATH PERFORMANCE ON KEY ACCOUNTS

The following table contains initial observations about how quickly Scenario 1 could help us make progress towards our goals. Your observations will add to this initial analysis and help identify an approach to future growth in Nanaimo.





WHAT COULD SOME CHALLENGES BE?

- While Current Path was progressive when created in 2008, new knowledge allows us to build upon it and make enhancements that could move us faster towards our goals.
- With some larger areas of undeveloped lands remaining in Nanaimo's boundary, Current Path will likely lead to many of these lands being developed in the coming years. This might mean less infill happening in our existing Town Centres.
- As undeveloped areas are built out, new roads and services will be extended into these areas. Like our existing ones, new roads and services will need to be maintained and operated by the City and funded through municipal taxes.

SCENARIO 1: CURRENT PATH YOUR COMMENTS

What are your observations about Scenario 1?

STRENGTHS: Things I like or think would support our goals for Nanaimo's future.

IDEAS: Changes we could make to this scenario to make it better.

CHALLENGES: Things I dislike or think might not fit our goals for Nanaimo's future.

OTHER: Any other observations, questions, or thoughts I have on this scenario.

SCENARIO 2: MOBILITY HUBS OVERVIEW

Mobility Hubs focuses new growth around seven hubs distributed across the city, where transportation networks come together. It encourages more housing forms like townhomes and fourplexes to fill the gap between single-family homes and apartments.

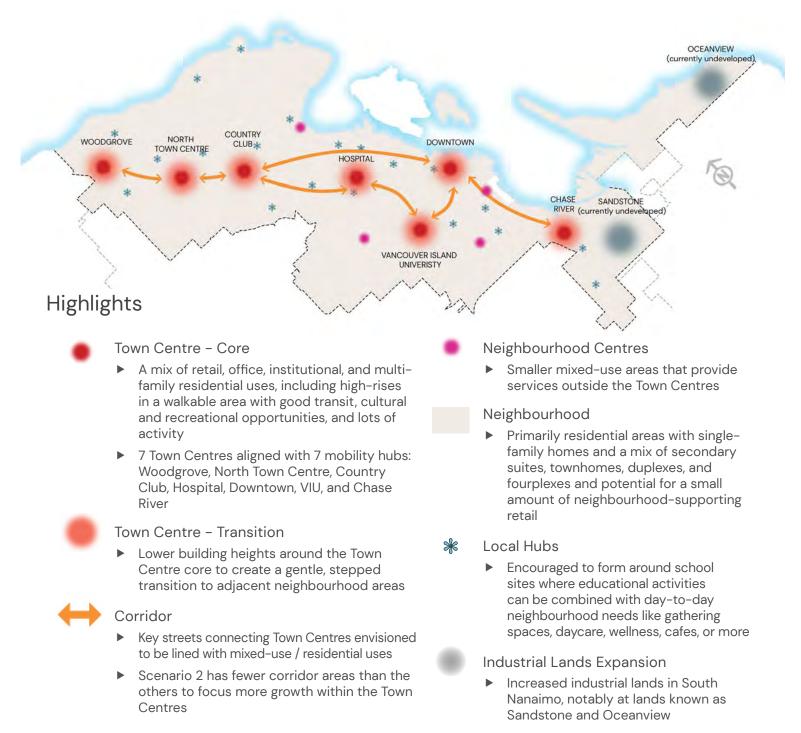
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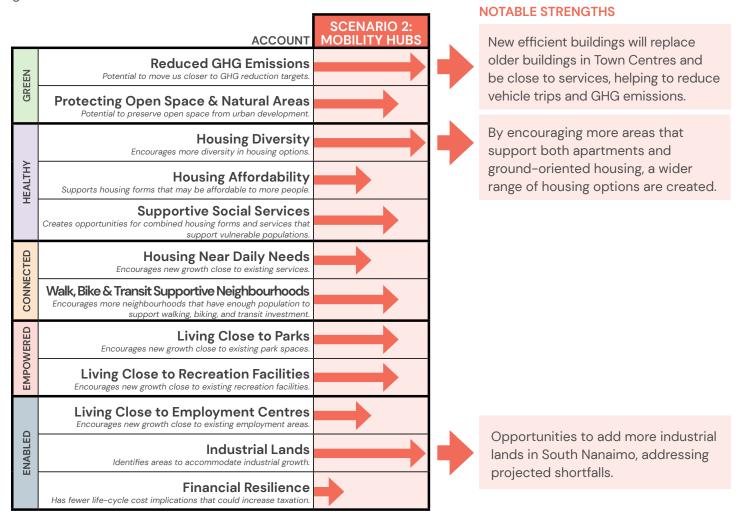


Detailed Land Use Concept



SCENARIO 2: MOBILITY HUBS PERFORMANCE ON KEY ACCOUNTS

The following table contains initial observations about how quickly Scenario 2 could help us make progress towards our goals. Your observations will add to this initial analysis and help identify an approach to future growth in Nanaimo.





WHAT COULD SOME CHALLENGES BE?

- With disbursed Town Centres, growth will happen through the decisions of landowners. This means new development may not happen first in locations where it is most desired.
- With more gentle density like townhomes, development will be more spread out than if there was more focus on higher density forms like apartments. This can mean more roads and utilities that need to be maintained, which affects taxes.
- A more distributed approach among seven town centres will stretch resources, requiring prioritized decisions about where the City should invest first in services, recreation, active transportation, and other amenities.

SCENARIO 2: MOBILITY HUBS YOUR COMMENTS

What are your observations about Scenario 2?

STRENGTHS: Things I like or think would support our goals for Nanaimo's future.

IDEAS: Changes we could make to this scenario to make it better.

CHALLENGES: Things I dislike or think might not fit our goals for Nanaimo's future.

OTHER: Any other observations, questions, or thoughts I have on this scenario.

SCENARIO 3: CENTRAL FOCUS

Central Focus encourages most new growth and higher-density housing in a focused urban core bounded by Downtown, the Hospital, and Vancouver Island University. It would lead to a more urban and walkable central core with less growth and change in areas beyond.

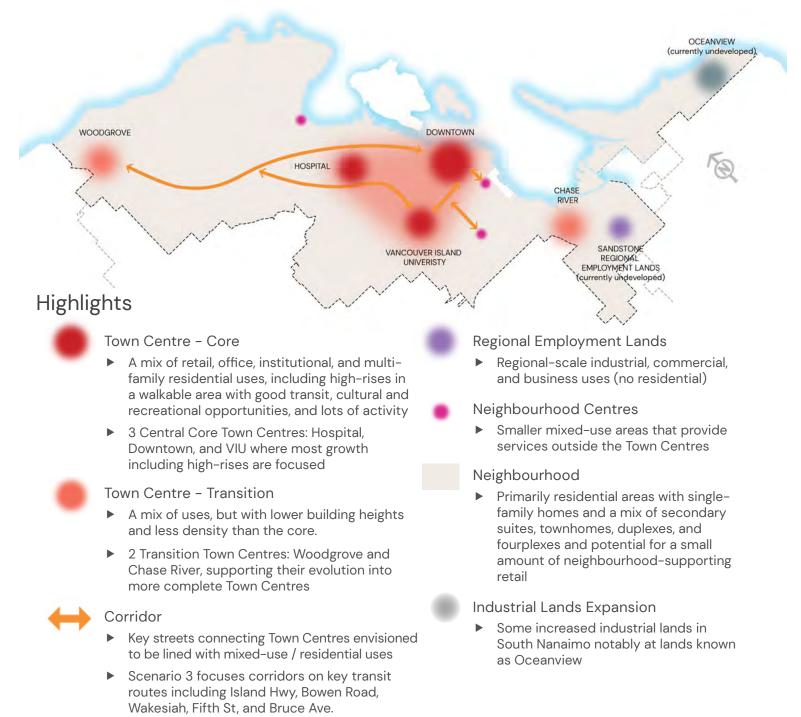
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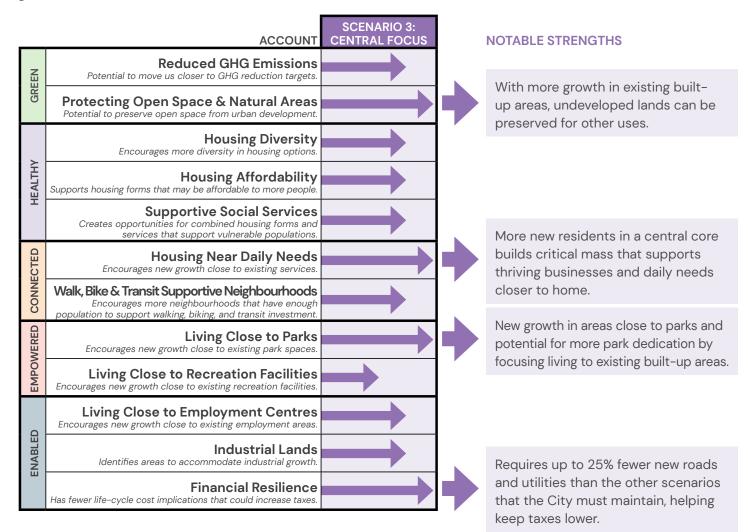


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SCENARIO 3: CENTRAL FOCUS PERFORMANCE ON KEY ACCOUNTS

The following table contains initial observations about how quickly Scenario 3 could help us make progress towards our goals. Your observations will add to this initial analysis and help identify an approach to future growth in Nanaimo.





WHAT COULD SOME CHALLENGES BE?

- More people living and working in a central area means we'll need to shift our transportation habits faster and provide strong alternatives to driving in order to manage congestion in the central core.
- With many of Nanaimo's existing recreation facilities outside the central core today, people may need to travel further to access them.
- With a focus on strengthening the central core, while improvements will still happen in other parts of the city, it could be slower than in other options.

SCENARIO 3: CENTRAL FOCUS YOUR COMMENTS

What are your observations about Scenario 3?

STRENGTHS: Things I like or think would support our goals for Nanaimo's future.

IDEAS: Changes we could make to this scenario to make it better.

CHALLENGES: Things I dislike or think might not fit our goals for Nanaimo's future.

OTHER: Any other observations, questions, or thoughts I have on this scenario.

ALL SCENARIOS PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

There is no "perfect" solution for how we grow. There are always choices and trade-offs to be considered. Through scenario exploration we can build our understanding about how decisions about future growth can support progress towards our goals. The table below provides a summary of the performance of all three scenarios together.

	ACCOUNT	SCENARIO 1: CURRENT PATH	SCENARIO 2: MOBILITY HUBS	SCENARIO 3: CENTRAL FOCUS
GREEN	Reduced GHG Emissions Potential to move us closer to GHG reduction targets.			
	Protecting Open Space & Natural Areas Potential to preserve open space from urban development.			
	Housing Diversity Encourages more diversity in housing options.			
НЕАLТНУ	Housing Affordability Supports housing forms that may be affordable to more people.			
	Supportive Social Services Creates opportunities for combined housing forms and services that support vulnerable populations.			
CTED	Housing Near Daily Needs Encourages new growth close to existing services.			
CONNECTED	Walk, Bike & Transit Supportive Neighbourhoods Encourages more neighbourhoods that have enough population to support walking, biking, and transit investment.			
EMPOWERED	Living Close to Parks Encourages new growth close to existing park spaces.			
EMPO	Living Close to Recreation Facilities Encourages new growth close to existing recreation facilities.			
ENABLED	Living Close to Employment Centres Encourages new growth close to existing employment areas.			
	Industrial Lands Identifies areas to accommodate industrial growth.			
ш	Financial Resilience Has fewer life-cycle cost implications that could increase taxes.			

SCENARIO INSIGHTS



After reviewing all three scenarios, answer the following questions:

 Was there one scenario that you felt would best support Nanaimo's future goals? Tell us which one and describe why.

2. Was there something you were hoping to see in one of the scenarios, but didn't. Tell us about it.

3. Do you have any other comments you'd like to share about scenario explorations?



The upcoming Phase 3 will be where we compile ideas, preferences, and directions into draft plans. It will be about drafting policy and strategy documents that bring together what we've explored into a City Plan and supporting Action Plans.

Big things to watch for this fall and winter:

FINAL FRAMEWORK & GOALS

The community's review and feedback on the Draft Framework and Goals will be used to refine and finalize them. The final framework and goals will organize the City Plan and the policy directions created.

DRAFT LAND USE PLAN

The community's input from the scenarios exploration process will be combined with technical analysis and Phase 1 input to create one draft land use plan that brings together the best ideas for Nanaimo's future growth. The process will consider feedback on the three preliminary scenarios, along with alternate ideas identified through engagement, to bring together a physical land use plan for Nanaimo's future.

DRAFT POLICY DIRECTIONS

Building on Phase 1 input, discussions from Phase 2 engagement, technical analysis, research, and best practices, draft policy directions will be brought forward for public review and consideration. These policy directions will tackle more detailed directions on HOW we might achieve the goals we've set out. Through Phase 3 engagement, directions will be assessed, discussed, and finalized.



ACTIVITY #3: POLICY IDEAS (OPTIONAL)



Complete this activity if you have time! A focus for Phase 3 will be development, review, and refinement of policy directions to guide HOW we can reach our goals. Many ideas have been shared already – and we're looking for more. For each of the 5 draft goals below, share your ideas for HOW Nanaimo can make BIG progress. Try to be as specific as possible or share examples of other communities you think are making good progress. Flip back to pages 10–11 if you need to review the draft goals. Your ideas will be combined with those of others as we develop draft policy directions in Phase 3.



A GREEN NANAIMO: RESILIENT& REGENERATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

IDEAS FOR HOW WE CAN BECOME MORE GREEN: _



A HEALTHY NANAIMO: COMMUNITY WELLBEING & LIVABILITY

IDEAS FOR HOW WE CAN CREATE A MORE LIVABLE COMMUNITY FOR ALL:



IDEAS FOR HOW WE CAN BECOME MORE CONNECTED: _____



AN EMPOWERED NANAIMO: DIVERSITY, CULTURE, RECONCILIATION & SOCIAL INTEGRITY

IDEAS FOR HOW WE CAN BECOME EMPOWERED:



AN ENABLED NANAIMO: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY & RESILIENCY

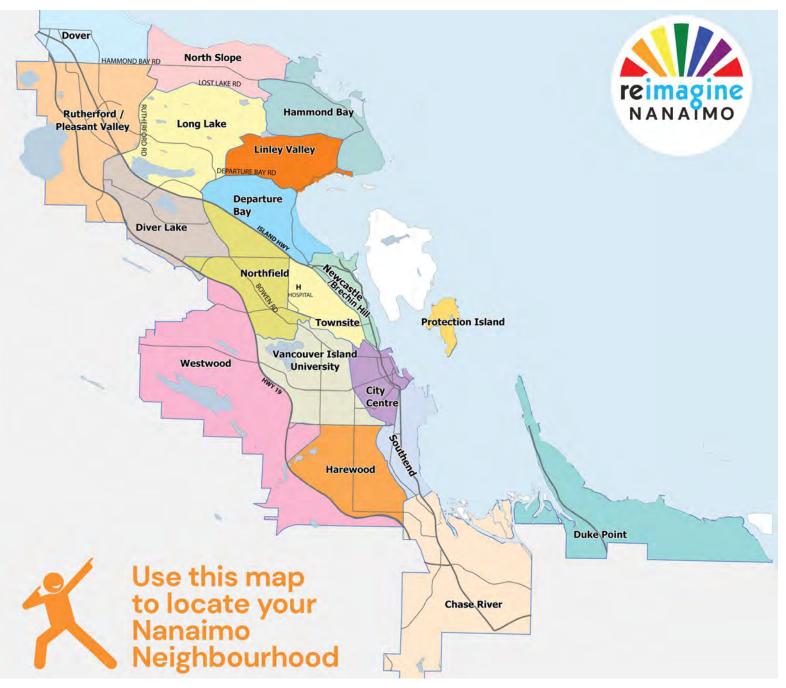
IDEAS FOR HOW WE CAN PROSPER: ____



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT SO FAR!

Please answer a few questions about yourself or your group to help us understand how participation reflects the make-up of our community. Your private information will be kept private.

How many people in your discussion group? (Check only one)			What type of housing do you live in? (write the # of participants beside each)		
	1	6	Single-detached home		
	2	7	Duplex		
	3	8	Triplex / Fourplex		
	4	9	Townhouse / Rowhouse		
	5	10 or more	Apartment / Condo (<6 storeys)		
List the age of each person in your group. <i>Example: 21, 56, 44, 22, 89</i>			Apartment / Condo (6+ storeys)		
			Suite		
			Mixed Use (residential over commercial or institutional)		
			Other (please specify):		
How would you describe your relationship to Nanaimo? (Check all that apply to your group)			The REIMAGINE NANAIMO process aims to reach a broad and diverse group of community members. Please let us know if you / people in your group identify as any of the following. (write the # of		
Full-time resident(s) of Nanaimo			participants beside each)		
Part-time resident(s) of Nanaimo		nt(s) of Nanaimo	 Indigenous person Racialized minority or person of colour Recent immigrant Having a disability 		
Nanaimo business owner(s)		s owner(s)			
Property owner(s)		.)			
Work in Nanaimo					
Go to school in Nanaimo		lanaimo	Member of the LGBTQ2+ community		
Live in another nearby community but come to Nanaimo for activities regularly			Is there other information you'd like to share about yourself / your group?		
Other (please specify):					



How many participants in your discussion group are from each neighbourhood? (Write the number of participants beside each neighbourhood that apply to your group.)

In Nanaimo:

____ Chase River

_____ Newcastle / Brechin Hill

_ Rutherford / Pleasant Valley

Vancouver Island University

– North Slope

South End

Townsite

Westwood

Protection Island

- ____ City Centre (Downtown & Old City) ____ Northfield
- Departure Bay
- ____ Diver Lake
- ____ Dover
- ____ Duke Point
- —— Hammond Bay
- Harewood
- Linley Valley
- ____ Long Lake

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- In Another Community:
- —— Snuneymuxw First Nation
- _____ Snaw-Naw-As First Nation
- District of Lantzville
- Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area
- —— Other:

ADDITIONAL WRITING SPACE

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NANATMO Use this space if you didn't have enough room to complete your comments in the booklet. Let us know what section or page these additional comments relate to.

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OPTIONAL CONTEST ENTRY



OPTIONAL PRIZE DRAW ENTRY FORM

NOTE: If you completed your feedback form online, use the online entry form.

For your chance to win a \$100 gift card to a Nanaimo eatery of your choice, complete the details below. One prize will be drawn from all Phase 2 Self-Guided Scenario Workshop Feedback Forms returned.

To enter the prize draw, you must agree to the terms and conditions of the Prize Draw:

By checking here, you confirm that you agree to all terms and conditions of the Phase 2 Self-Guided Scenarios Workshop prize draw at the bottom of this page (required)

Draw Entry Form Contact Details (all information will be kept confidential)

First and Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number:

GENERAL PRIZE DRAW TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This is a general summary of the Phase 2 Self-Guided Scenarios Workshop prize draw terms and conditions. To read the full terms and conditions go online to: <u>https://www.nanaimo.ca/docs/get-involved/</u>reimagine/self-guided-workshop-phase-2--terms-conditions.pdf or request a copy by contacting reimagine@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4464.

To be eligible for the Prize Draw, an individual must be (a) a legal resident of the Province of British Columbia, (b) regularly spend time in Nanaimo (living, working, going to school), and (c) 13 years of age or older. If the winner drawn bears a minor's name, the prize will be lawfully delivered on behalf of the minor to the minor's parent, legal guardian, or trustee.

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