

YOU ARE INVITED!!

To help decide where we live, work and play.

The 10-Year Review for the City of Nanaimo Official Community Plan (Plan Nanaimo) is a public process intended to reaffirm and build on strategies for meeting the many growth challenges the City continues to face.

This review is intended to update the City's Official Community Plan (OCP), which will guide Council in making development decisions for the next 25 years.

Over the next five (5) weeks, watch the newspapers and the City website for OCP "Backgrounders" on issues identified in the Official Community Plan. These Backgrounders will include topics on:

What Is An Official Community Plan?

The British Columbia Local Government Act defines an Official Community Plan (OCP) as "a statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management, within the area covered by the plan, respecting the purposes of local government."

In broad terms, an OCP sets out the location, type, and density of all types of land use, from residential and commercial to industrial, utilities and parks. An OCP can also include policies relating to social needs, agricultural activities, and preservation, protection, and restoration of the natural environment.



Building Complete, Viable Communities

Creating Town Centres, Neighbourhood Villages and Neighbourhoods that:

- Support a variety of lifestyle choices and offer a pleasant, convenient, urban environment
- Providing employment and other economic opportunities
- Efficiently manage public infrastructure and resources

Check back here on Thursday, 2006-OCT-19

Protecting the Environment

Identifying and protecting significant natural features by:

- Developing land in ways that protect our ecosystems
- Adapting our lifestyle to be more environmentally responsible

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Managing Urban Growth

Managing urban growth by:

- · Preventing the spread of development into rural land areas
- Focusing growth in urban areas

Check back here on Thursday, 2006-NOV-02

Improving Mobility and Servicing

Improving mobility and servicing by:

- Creating safe and convenient movement around the City by transit, cycle and on foot
- Maintaining an effective road network while reducing reliance on automobiles
- Using existing municipal services while effectively controlling costs and environmental impacts

Check back here on Thursday, 2006-NOV-09





Demographic Growth and Change

Adapting to a changing population by:

- Investigating alternative housing styles
- Improving community services

Check back here on Thursday, 2006-NOV-16

Get Involved!

Attend a Free One-Day Community Conference

Saturday, 2006-NOV-18 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Malaspina University-College

The conference will feature guest speakers, focusing on social, environmental, urban design, and smart growth.

Workshops will also be held to share your ideas for the community.

Pre-registration is required to confirm availability.

Register early to guarantee a seat.

Online at www.nanaimo.ca By phone at (250) 755-4473 We invite you to review these Backgrounders, think about how we are doing as a community, and GET INVOLVED.



Need More Info?

Want to express your views but can't attend the Community Conference?

Contact us to find out about other ways to obtain information or participate in the *PLAN NANAIMO* 10-Year Review.

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