

REIMAGINE NANAIMO

PHASE 2 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY APPENDICES

FALL 2021





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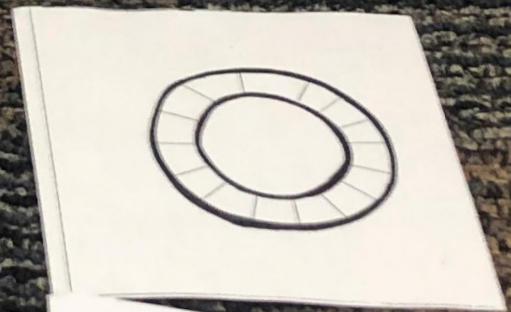
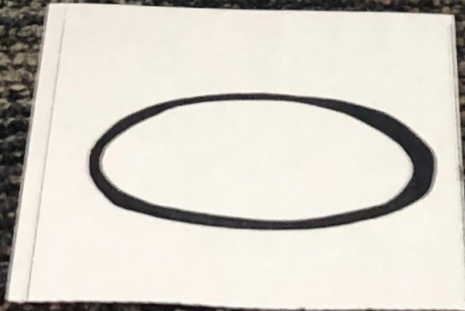
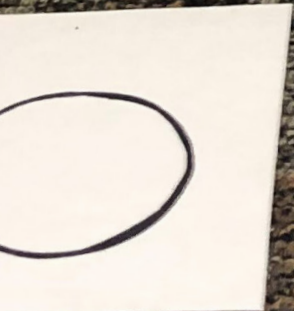
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APPENDIX A

YOUTH WORKSHOPS

In this section are notes recorded during Youth Workshops and Meetings. Notes are a summary of discussions.

CHILL AND CHAT WORKSHOPS – WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 14 & JUNE 15, 2021 – 23 PARTICIPANTS

Favourite place in Nanaimo

- ▶ Eowntown core and commercial street
- ▶ Piper's Lagoon
- ▶ All of Nanaimo
- ▶ Colliery Dam
- ▶ Pipers Lagoon and Bowen Park
- ▶ Neck Point Beach and Beban Park
- ▶ Downtown area
- ▶ Rhodo garden at Bowen Park

What do you love most about Nanaimo?

- ▶ Tight knit community feeling
- ▶ Great location – hub city—two hours to Vic and Van
- ▶ Everyone helps the community
- ▶ So many waterfront sources to connect with nature (Departure Bay, Neck Point, etc)
- ▶ Nature in general (forests and oceans),
- ▶ Seeing the ocean everyday
- ▶ Not too loud or quiet
- ▶ Great centenary
- ▶ Lots of programs for youth to join like LIT/QUEST

What would you change about Nanaimo?

- ▶ Waterfront walkway—first side is nice but the second side has trash and homeless people. Would like to make it trash and drug free.
- ▶ More urban development. More active transportation. More roads that are for walking and biking.
- ▶ Homelessness and have homes for all. Manage homeless.
- ▶ Create public transit between nanaimo and Victoria and start up fast ferry from downtown nanaimo to Vancouver. Revitalize economy.
- ▶ More garbage clean ups around town. Too much litter downtown.
- ▶ Have bigger mall and redevelop strip malls into housing.
- ▶ Educate people about climate change.

Where do you spend your time in Nanaimo? How can it be made better?

- ▶ Entertainment. LIT and Quest. Loves volunteering. Likes QF Harewood lounge. Loves the downtown core. Invest in new buildings, bike paths and trails downtown. Less congestion and more ways to move downtown.
- ▶ Country Club, Woodgrove, waterfront and Maffeo Sutton park. Plant more trees and appreciate nature more.
- ▶ Upper Colliery Dam. Lots more constructions. Would like quiet area with trees for dogs.
- ▶ Parks and treed areas. Would like secure forested areas with no pot smoking.
- ▶ Downtown and forested areas, Linley Valley. Focus on less urbanized areas and parks. Add more trees and aseptically the E&N trail to separate it from the highway.

Imagine 10 years into the future? What would you like your future self to see?

- ▶ More fast and affordable transportation. Fast ferry to Vancouver. Public bus from Vic to Nanaimo. More people to start businesses in Nanaimo and would commute to other centres from Nanaimo. Hub City has perfect location between other major centres. VIU needs to be focused on. Reinvest in downtown and transportation.
- ▶ More outreach projects to clean up garbage. And more planting. More classes and education to take care of the environment. Work together more to reduce waste. More urban agriculture.
- ▶ More housing for the homeless. More environmentally friendly housing.
- ▶ More transportation options so you don't need to own a car.
- ▶ More French immersion high schools throughout the city
- ▶ More transit advancements and quicker. More eco friendly transit options.
- ▶ Housing options that are affordable to students
- ▶ Bike shares and bike rentals/libraries. Similar to bixi bike program that is affordable.
- ▶ More variety of stores for youth. Diverse businesses.
- ▶ Parks near libraries so that there are calm places to read near libraries where you picked up books.

Would like you like to live in Nanaimo when you move out on your own?

- ▶ Would like to live in a big city and return to Nanaimo and see how it changes in the future
- ▶ Would like to go to big city for more opportunities long term. Interested in knowing where flooding will happen with climate change.
- ▶ Wants to stay in Nanaimo because it's safe and diverse (from Alberta). Never want to leave VI.
- ▶ Wants to leave after VIU and return to Nanaimo after experiences to reconnect with friends. Like the local hiking in Nanaimo.
- ▶ Will leave for school and then will look for affordable housing. But like the location and scenery and ocean. Also like the birds. Need to explore but all family is on the island.
- ▶ Might move away for more opportunities for young grads. Nanaimo is good place to families and seniors.
- ▶ Nanaimo is too expensive and does not make economic sense to stay. Housing is too inflated without high paying job opportunities. Small town feel in Qualicum and Duncan is more affordable. Probably move to Alberta cities where cost of living is more affordable and more job opportunities. Sentimental attachment to Nanaimo, and sad to leave but makes more sense to leave.
- ▶ Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo are similar and close. Easy to return to see family from bigger cities.
- ▶ Good schools in Nanaimo for children.
- ▶ Travel the world first. Nanaimo is a good town for families and retirement, but not a lot of opportunities for youth and emerging careers
- ▶ No encouragement for youth to stay. Would like you like to live in Nanaimo when you move out on your own?

What would encourage youth to stay?

- ▶ Need attractions for younger people.
- ▶ Need to open up Nanaimo to be more attractive to youth.
- ▶ Affordable housing and transportation.
- ▶ More businesses and fun places. Give incentives and benefits to attract businesses and people.
- ▶ Connect Nanaimo to the world around it.

What is the best way to engage with youth?

- ▶ Through schools newsletters and contacting clubs through school district 68 (like we are doing now and on school time)
- ▶ Social media – Instrgram, TikTok, YouTube
- ▶ Rotary leadership awards—vancouver island ecological restoration
- ▶ Incentives
- ▶ Like challenges and competitions to build hype and encourage participation
- ▶ Make it easy to access – QR codes
- ▶ Simplify—not too much words—use photos
- ▶ School announcements
- ▶ Doesn't have to be focused on youth. Make it the same playing field and make it on all all ages. Not youth-centric.
- ▶ Give youth the room to grow and compete on the same level of adults.
- ▶ Collaboration of youth and adults

How can you make a difference with climate change?

- ▶ Focus on school community initiatives (e.g., organic recycling at school, organized reusable masks for student body, eco cup competition to save energy city wide, reduce packing in lunch, turn down lights and thermostats, district climate club (not just school), youth bus passes, hydroponic growing of plants at the school, food forest on school property, etc.)
- ▶ Raise awareness about climate change in the community.
- ▶ Share accurate information and stress the seriousness of it.

CHILL AND CHAT WORKSHOPS – NDSS



JUNE 22, 2021 – 20 PARTICIPANTS

Favourite place in Nanaimo

- ▶ NIC and Newcastle island
- ▶ Trails around Mt. Benson, Ammonite Falls
- ▶ Waterfront downtown
- ▶ Waterfront
- ▶ Westwood Lake
- ▶ Gina's restaurant

What do you love most about Nanaimo?

- ▶ Summer programs, leaders in training, PRC camps
- ▶ Community organizations and businesses
- ▶ Growing right now with lots of mainlanders and fast growing population
- ▶ Walk to a lot of places and things are close together
- ▶ Expensive to live here, but many nature opportunities like trails and beaches
- ▶ Assortment of parks for many uses
- ▶ Nature and beautiful places to visit
- ▶ Sports with Nanaimo United Soccer
- ▶ Playing field lacrosse

What would you change about Nanaimo?

- ▶ Hard for non-drivers (no N) to get around town. Need more bus stops to get around Cedar and Mount Benson area.
- ▶ More bike trails b/w Cedar and Nanaimo.
- ▶ Less lights on the highway.
- ▶ Bowen frisbee golfers can hit people at Bowen.
- ▶ Lots of homeless people.
- ▶ Not enough programs, sport camps etc. for high school age through City. Most are private.
- ▶ It's hard to find enjoyable jobs for students.

- ▶ Encourage small business that are fun (ice cream shops, etc.)
- ▶ Schools in Nanaimo need to be upgraded. Buildings are old.
- ▶ Bored on weekends as there is not enough to do for youth. Want more events happening and places to go and see like museums, etc. Places to go hang out for the day.
- ▶ Want to be able to play more sports in Nanaimo. Lacrosse teams in Vancouver can play more games than in Nanaimo.
- ▶ More job opportunities in city. Apprenticeships, etc. Training youth to work up to jobs.
- ▶ Put more pressure on province for higher teacher salaries for good teachers.
- ▶ Nanaimo is a hard place to live with no car.
- ▶ Nanaimo is too expensive to live and eat out.
- ▶ Restaurants are not open late and no place to hang. Stay in parking lot with friends because there are no other options.
- ▶ Tourists get bored when visiting Nanaimo. More tourism destinations for all ages and families.
- ▶ Too many restaurants are closed certain days of the weeks and hours.
- ▶ More councilors and mental health awareness at the youth health centres. School councilors are overwhelmed and youth drop in areas need to include mental health. Resources for youth.
- ▶ More accessible programs where people can talk about mental health.
- ▶ Downtown has potential stores close too early. Nothing is ever open. Youth want to go there.
- ▶ Night market downtown and lots of activity and bustle downtown (its usually pretty dead).
- ▶ Not much to do downtown. Kids hang out when they wait for the ferry and they need activities and places to hang. I.e.) park, benches etc.
- ▶ More events downtown for the whole family. Seasonal events, etc.
- ▶ Need vibrant downtown with many businesses.

What are some things the NDSS Student Council is doing?

- ▶ Loaves and fishes
- ▶ Food drives
- ▶ Everyone deserves a smile for homeless (450 bags)
- ▶ Cans over candy
- ▶ Coat drives
- ▶ Next year there is a leadership class at NDSS to help out in the community

What is the best way to engage with youth in Nanaimo? Reach and connect with high school students?

- ▶ Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat
- ▶ Ads on social media
- ▶ More on social media rather than activity guides
- ▶ Videos on TikTok to catch attention. Places to visit in the city?
- ▶ Feeding them through the school works well
- ▶ School Instagram pages. Each school has their own page.
- ▶ Go through the schools with communication. Ad info into the announcements. Some kids don't have phones or electronic devices.
- ▶ Get city speakers to come and speak to classes and student council.
- ▶ Have more engagement sessions with youth.
- ▶ Internships with the city of Nanaimo for youth. Share info with schools.
- ▶ Teenagers may not know about all the opportunities available to them. They don't know about all the things to do. Raise awareness.

Would you like to live in Nanaimo when you move out on your own? If not, why? What is encouraging you to stay?

- ▶ Wants to leave because Nanaimo restricts career path. Wants bigger city.
- ▶ Would like to leave but come back. Loves the 4 seasons and proximity to ocean and natural scenery. Doesn't like the spread out character of the city.
- ▶ Spread wings a little bit, but really like the family connections to Nanaimo. Will come back eventually.
- ▶ Wants to leave and seek other opportunities on the mainland, but probably will eventually return.
- ▶ Want to explore other places.
- ▶ Most family stays in the community. Once they are here, they stay local.
- ▶ Don't want to live in Nanaimo because career path is not common. More opportunities elsewhere.
- ▶ Limited by programs at VIU. Programs are better at other schools like BCIT (e.g., sonogram technician).
- ▶ Bigger cities have more options.
- ▶ VIU is very basic for courses. i.e., dietetics is only offered at UBC or leaving province. Have to leave Nanaimo in order to get education.

LIT & QUEST WORKSHOP #1



JULY 19, 2021 – 24 PARTICIPANTS

What is your favourite place in Nanaimo?

- ▶ Beaches
- ▶ Westwood
- ▶ Waterfront
- ▶ Downtown
- ▶ Neck Point
- ▶ Nanaimo Ice Centre
- ▶ Country Club

What do you love about where you live?

- ▶ Feels safer than where they lived before
- ▶ Close to friends
- ▶ Close to the ocean
- ▶ Close to school
- ▶ Close to the mall
- ▶ Living close to amenities
- ▶ Community
- ▶ Nature
- ▶ Hikes
- ▶ Pretty
- ▶ Chatime
- ▶ History
- ▶ Close to the beach
- ▶ Everybody knows everybody
- ▶ Many parks
- ▶ Close to parks
- ▶ Close to a pump track
- ▶ Friendly neighbours
- ▶ Close to friends
- ▶ Lots of areas with old growth
- ▶ Sustainable food growing places

What would you change about where you live?

- ▶ Less busy/more quiet road
- ▶ Want more kids in the area
- ▶ Improve the park space
- ▶ It's too quiet/boring
- ▶ It's a long drive to get somewhere
- ▶ Want more Starbucks
- ▶ Want double decker buses
- ▶ Renovate the school (NDSS)
- ▶ The people
- ▶ Bus times (currently coming every 4 hours)
- ▶ Closer stores
- ▶ Delivery time (postal services, online orders) is longer than other places
- ▶ Put in a convenience store
- ▶ Neighbours
- ▶ More buses
- ▶ Very old
- ▶ Got rid of the only market
- ▶ Dead body was found
- ▶ Well water
- ▶ Gives taxes extremely late

DRAGONS DEN: What would you like to see in Nanaimo?

- ▶ Restaurant centre with various options that Nanaimo doesn't currently have
 - » "Restaurant Way"
 - » Clinton Diner
 - » Chick-fil-A
 - » Chipotle
 - » In-N-Out Burger
- ▶ Mall expansion with more store options that compare to larger cities (like Vancouver)
 - » Hotel (local hotel development and growth)
 - » Stadium & hosting events
 - » Stores like Aritzia, BrandyMelville
 - » A more fun place to hang out that is suitable for everyone
 - » A tourist attraction to boost economy
 - » Increase local production of goods so Nanaimo can be more self-sustaining (or have faster shipping times)
- ▶ Goal: to have what Vancouver offers but in a safer, less stressful environment. By implementing this plan, the future generations can grow with better opportunities and chances to make a difference. This plan would make Nanaimo more well-known.
- ▶ Driving/walking/biking bridge from the Island to Vancouver
- ▶ Better/more parking downtown
- ▶ Two-storey Costco
- ▶ Old growth protection – have an Old Growth Protection Department with bylaw officers that monitor it
- ▶ Allow for pet monkeys, lemurs
- ▶ More homes for the homeless/homeless shelter
- ▶ Disney Nanaimo
- ▶ Double Decker buses and better bus schedules
- ▶ White board walls to stop graffiti and promote public art for everyone
- ▶ Add meeting rooms with whiteboards
- ▶ Renovated schools with A/C
- ▶ More funding to help the homeless
- ▶ More funding for schools
- ▶ Expand Westwood Lake park area (one big greenspace)
- ▶ Hydraulic bridge to Newcastle Island
- ▶ School upgrade
 - » Bigger school
 - » More options of learning languages (beginner AND intermediate levels)
 - » Teachers that enjoy teaching
 - » Bigger library and more book options
 - » More computers
 - » More trained counselors and friendlier staff
 - » Bigger gym
 - » More gym supplies

LIT & QUEST WORKSHOP #2



AUGUST 12, 2021 – 17 PARTICIPANTS

What is your favourite place in Nanaimo?

- ▶ School
- ▶ Nanaimo Ice Centre
- ▶ Home
- ▶ Long Lake
- ▶ Air House
- ▶ Sugarloaf Mountain
- ▶ Westwood Lake
- ▶ The river
- ▶ Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

What do you love about where you live?

- ▶ There is a trail near my house
- ▶ My school is close
- ▶ I live next to a lake with lots of trails
- ▶ My friends live nearby
- ▶ There is a basketball court nearby
- ▶ Lots of areas with old growth
- ▶ Sustainable food growing places

What would you change about where you live?

- ▶ More bus stops
- ▶ A goldfish (snack) factory
- ▶ Would like to live closer to catchment school
- ▶ Peacocks should not be allowed in residential neighbourhoods
- ▶ Neighbourhood is getting too busy
- ▶ Remove the 3-dog limit bylaw
- ▶ Brannen Lake is getting too busy
- ▶ Too many people park on Leighton Rd to get to Westwood Lake

- ▶ Speeding through neighbourhoods
- ▶ Add a bike lane along the entire length of Hammond Bay Rd
- ▶ Put a skate park at the old Jean Burns site
- ▶ Make biking safer along the highway

Activity: What ideas do you have for Nanaimo?

- ▶ More resources for the homeless
- ▶ More resources for food for the homeless
- ▶ A more welcoming-looking city (cleaner, etc)
- ▶ More swimming pools
- ▶ Go kart/mini golf facility
- ▶ Theme park/waterpark
- ▶ Mall with a waterpark, paintball, and a basketball court in it (similar to West Edmonton Mall)
- ▶ Affordable housing
- ▶ Electric buses
- ▶ More electric cars
- ▶ Safer biking paths (wider and away from the roads)
- ▶ For Hammond Bay Rd:
 - » Add a rainbow sidewalk that's easier to see
 - » Bike lane all the way down Hammond bay
 - » Roadside art to slow down traffic
 - » Remove the liquor store beside Piper's Pub and add a coffee shop and/or teen drop in centre (nothing to do along Hammond bay rd for teens)
- ▶ Make bus stops bigger (lots of kids trespass on private property as it's too crowded)
- ▶ More covered bus stops
- ▶ Add a recycling facility downtown
- ▶ More parks/playgrounds for teens (many neighborhood parks are geared towards small kids)

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City of Nanaimo
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APPENDIX B

FOUNDATIONS FEEDBACK FORM WRITTEN COMMENTS

In this section are comments recorded from the Foundations Feedback Form. Comments are unedited and are shown as received. Comments containing inappropriate or offensive language have not been included.

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT FRAMEWORK

Q3. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR IMPROVING THE NANAIMO DOUGHNUT OR HOW WE COMMUNICATE ABOUT IT?

- ▶ Focus on ecological impact discriminates against those below the poverty line, as policies implemented often add costs to their already stretched lives. Things like bag bans, carbon taxes, property tax increases, bans on ICE vehicles, etc. Are things that might seem feasible to the privileged elite, but these only serve to make life more difficult for the young working class.
- ▶ I agree with her indictment of economic thinking. But productive work and sustainable income are two other fundamental human needs. I don't see these in the model, although perhaps they are subsumed under social?
I am less clear that this is a sufficient framework for a city planning session, which fundamentally concerns the built environment and how we live and move within it.
- ▶ Although this "doughnut" is fine as an illustration for aspirations it does not spell out policies, actions, or measurable metrics. Pretty much all governments provide nice fluffy messages, I'd like to see something a bit more precise. Fluff is often used for political purposes and then discarded as and when the government wishes.
- ▶ Not at this point – attending the community workshop on Sept 16th.
- ▶ Health needs to take a much larger section. This community is in desperate need of a much larger hospital. There is also a critical shortage of doctors and nurses with no end in site.
- ▶ Much too general and open to wildly different interpretations. It needs specifics.
- ▶ I like the idea of a circle format as everything affects everything else at varying degrees. From a thinking, being and acting standpoint, there are three pillars for the circle that the community needs to live (starting from a supporting stance of education and leadership at the City of Nanaimo municipal level). Equitable and empowering considerations; green initiative and economic resilience need to be the basis for the reimagining Nanaimo initiative.
- ▶ Great but it seems like the ecological ceiling is limiting the social component when they are interconnected – maybe a gradient?
- ▶ I work with municipal governments and other public/non-profit sector organizations to develop and articulate strategy. My take is that the donut assumes that the major or most important constraints are ecological. I am unsure if that is entirely complete. I have sometimes communicated some of the same concepts of setting goals in a constrained context by using a funnel. You can pour anything you want into the top of the funnel, but only a certain amount will come out the bottom. And, there is a valve at the bottom which represents the constraints – typically time, money, knowledge and willpower, most of which we have the means to identify and measure. Adding ecological limits to the list of constraints completes that framework. We also need to assess hard vs soft ecological limits and agree on what they are.
- ▶ I think it provides a good basis for the concept that will be digestible to the layperson. I am glad to see the idea of an "Ecological Ceiling" being included, rather than the endless expansionist mindset you see in so many other cities. This portion will really sink in with people who already care about these issues, but may need to be explained or expanded upon to capture the attention of the portion of the population that doesn't consider ecological impacts. Perhaps some messaging on *why* we must be cognizant of the ceiling, and how doing so will ultimately improve the quality of life of current residents and the lives of their children.
- ▶ It was just words. Did not say what had to be done to achieve these goals. Or is that going to happen at a later date.
- ▶ Perhaps some examples of actions/services that would help a person stay in the middle zone.
- ▶ Doughnut although a highly recognizable word could be better. Mandala?

- ▶ Introduction prior to this page needs to be much clearer!
- ▶ What about outside factors beyond the doughnut like smoke from the fires across the province and beyond? How does this microcosm model approach far bigger issues beyond our community?
- ▶ I do not believe we need to exert the energy into a donut, when we have the layout and consideration by staff and council on what needs to be done. A donut to me is a waste of time energy and space.
- ▶ I am not certain why this type of (theoretical) concept needs to use the doughnut analogy. The concept can easily be explained without.
- ▶ To be sure, the concept provides a wholistic vision of key priority areas and one assumes, later, detailed directions and objectives will no doubt be added. One concern at present is that feedback is being collected in August, during the middle of summer, shortly after people are re-emerging from an extended period of social and community isolation – I am not sure that large numbers of people will be interested or even aware of the unfolding process during a season often associated with holiday and family, nor do I think they will be keenly interested in participating in a process that deserves their attention and could have lasting impacts on the city. Second, there are some key issues about affordability, housing, economic opportunity, along with resiliency that, while mentioned as issues, may, in fact, warrant more attention and focus. The donut idea seems to suggest equality of priorities, and to be sure, all the priorities are important or worthy, but it seems to me that the nexus of issues related to the economic health of the community, ranging from affordable housing, the impact of precarious employment and stagnating wages, and an accelerating impact of climate change may in fact be more important and fundamental issues that will shape our city. Third, again, the impact of both inter-provincial and inter-urban migration and international immigration to Nanaimo, each different, each offering both opportunities and challenges for the city, each profound, should be considered, or included more clearly as one of the major social policy issues to be explored.
- ▶ a real waste of time and money. find the problems and fix them, simple.
- ▶ More depth required in explaining this theoretical concept. Also provide a reference & link so those readers who want to look up more about the theory.
- ▶ Perhaps something other than “doughnut” would make it less easy for folks to ridicule.
- ▶ Need more easy way to explain so local people can understand with example/ scenario.
- ▶ I’m still concerned about the homeless population.
- ▶ Cancel it and return to the previous methods
- ▶ Not enough consideration for good paying jobs (economic development) and affordability
- ▶ I want concrete details. How will this work in Nanaimo specifically? How will this change how the municipality makes decisions? Does the municipality have enough power to implement this way of thinking in a meaningful way? The words in the Nanaimo doughnut framework are empty buzzwords. What do they actually mean?
- ▶ A waste of time. This is way too complicated and confusing.
- ▶ Provide some clear examples and follow through with it via a storyline
- ▶ We as a city need to be at the forefront in developing a mental health hospital with great resources available 24/7. We need to help these young people get well , we need to make them part of society again. So many young people sick like this is literally a nightmare.
- ▶ Why don’t we focus on housing and homelessness!!!!!! These are more important issues!!!!
- ▶ Its progressive Marxist thinking and we should abolish it.
- ▶ I think more specific examples on how this would effect decision making would help
- ▶ I’m not sure about the doughnut depiction. I prefer straight lines. I find it easier not to go around in circles.

- ▶ The theory is great and understandable for global thinkers. For those who don't easily assimilate ideas at that level, there needs to be strong evidence, and concrete examples, of the irrevocable link between local and global and why it is essential for Nanaimo's prosperity and wellbeing that local decisions are made in a global context.
- ▶ more focus on homelessness and affordable housing is needed (more explicit)
Using terms like "enabled" and empowered in centre of circle seems a bit abstract and I think will lose a lot of people... get more specific.
- ▶ A Doughnut is a bad name and symbol for the city's future. Even if not intended, it brings back thoughts of negative urban sprawl, obesity, and fast food. Is there an indigenous, or Pacific Northwest symbol that's more appropriate?
- ▶ I think the problem with the doughnut is many people won't understand it. Also many people refuse to accept that the world has been pushed to near its limits in many ways. If people's livelihoods are threatened by this model they won't accept it, plain and simple, and unfortunate.
- ▶ It needs to relate to individuals, in their lives – both as business owners / employees, and members of a family / community. Great for identifying big picture / collective goals!
- ▶ 'Push' has to come from areas like negatively affecting the environment, By-laws + leading by example (ie=good job banning plastic bags, but it could have been done a lot sooner) – what is the next step towards positive change? We could have a brief checklist of clearly measurable goals to work on as a community (break + form new habit, 1@time)

emphasis needs to be on reducing environmental impact (humans change their ways vs our actions)

–don't "respond" to climate change, we need to be proactive (none of the other donut parts will do successful w/o this foundation)

- ▶ The Social Foundations component of the doughnut is incomplete -- at this point it only lists vague buzzwords when it should reflect clear components of social foundations.
- ▶ I don't like the word doughnut- I prefer wheel, integrated circle, concentric circles rather than a name associated with junk food (and totally unhealthy).
- ▶ I want more information. Sound principal, cover our most important issues with as minimal environmental impact as necessary. But I want to see a comparison of different issues and what we will pool most of our resources or "environmental impacts" into.
- ▶ I would like to see "educated" as one of the social foundations. Not just in the "book sense" but learning more world values, not so insulated.
- ▶ I think you guys don't understand the concept of the donut properly. In the explainer video, they show the outer donut as the things that we will unavoidably cause if we don't change our ways, thus the ecological ceiling sits below that. Because that's the maximum our ecosystems can handle from our societies. The graphics in the inner circle appear to be connected to what's above the ecological ceiling because if we don't be careful and mindful of how much we develop, and do it within the framework laid out in the inner circle, our growth will continue to burst out of the ecological ceiling and cause the issues they have shown on the outer circle.

What you have done, is picked random issues without keeping them categorized as either what we are avoiding or what we are aiming for. If you had at least picked one or the other, it would have made sense.

- ▶ It seems well-meaning, but too theoretical.
- ▶ nice way to think about goals but left me wondering how to apply it
- ▶ I read the Doughnut Economics book a year or two ago. So excited Nanaimo is jumping onboard with it.
- ▶ There needs to be more focus on community safety.

- ▶ I think the city needs to be careful with how the doughnut organizing theory is applied in decision-making. Analysis using this theory would need to be rigorous and evidence-based for the theory to actually have desired outcomes. For example, I strongly believe Nanaimo's affordable housing challenges will only be solved if it becomes easier to build housing in Nanaimo. I would view this as improving the inner-ring (social foundation), however people opposed to housing development would likely view increased home-building as overshooting our outer ring (outer boundary).
 - ▶ Focus less on the "Nanaimo Doughnut" and put your ideas into action. Nanaimoites are frustrated by real issues like housing and homelessness. We don't want to see you focusing on theories and ideas instead of doing work where it is needed now. The doughnut is there, put it aside and get to work.
 - ▶ Make the sweet spot narrower; indeed overlap the outer and inner circles. The graphic the way it is makes the two goals appear at best in conflict and at worst mutually exclusive.
 - ▶ I think the Doughnut is a good model; everything depends on implementation. As for communication, it would be helpful to have some examples about what the Doughnut means in practice and application in our context. How will it be used as a decision-making tool? Be more specific about how it applies to policy and planning.
 - ▶ It's a question of people's short attention spans (including mine) when explaining a theoretical orientation
 - ▶ You need to keep explaining and we need to keep listening and working at getting an understanding. It is going to take time.
 - ▶ Good to compare it with Amsterdam. So then we know where it is happening in another town.
 - ▶ I am fine with it as a small business owner who can think outside the box(and has to at this time)
- I suspect larger businesses etc may need more financial tie-in info to grok the concept.
- ▶ The inner ring of Ms. Raworth's donut sets out the minimum we need to lead a good life, derived from the UN's sustainable development goals and agreed by world leaders of every political stripe. It ranges from food and clean water to a certain level of housing, sanitation, energy, education, healthcare, gender equality, income and political voice. Anyone not attaining such minimum standards is living in the doughnut's hole.
- The outer ring of the doughnut represents the ecological ceiling drawn up by earth-system scientists. It highlights the boundaries across which humankind should NOT go to avoid damaging the climate, soils, oceans, the ozone layer, freshwater and abundant biodiversity.
- Between the two rings is the good stuff: the dough, where everyone's needs and that of the planet are being met.
- ▶ It's a good start, but still too complex with too many steps. Break it down further into 3 or 4 titles that are easy to understand that encompass everything that is currently in the doughnut.
 - ▶ Specific examples of the various value words, in a more detailed document, would be helpful. That way if a person thinks that something, such as thriving locally owned businesses, or increased safety in our parks or on our streets, is a personal value, they can find it on the doughnut.
 - ▶ just keep referencing how ideas and plans relate to it as we go through this
 - ▶ More focus on the "ecological ceiling" as the limit for all development.
 - ▶ I understand the "Nanaimo Doughnut" idea is to balance social programs /health and comfort of people with ecological considerations, but this section of the survey doesn't really explain how we are going to meet that sweet spot. Seemed like a lot of sugary talk about doughnuts but no substance.
 - ▶ identifying examples of using nature based solutions to keep capital and maintenance costs down and consequently, allow for either lower taxes OR a refocus of taxes.

- ▶ I am not sure if the model provides an adequate picture or avenue to see distinct priorities or that some of the items in the donut may have a much greater day-to-day impact on lived experience. Circularity suggests in a way equality and while the items in the various donut rings are in fact all important, the model and visual representation may suggest this sense that they are each having the same impact on the community. Impacts and the forces of change ebb and flow, some social, economic or political factors highlighting one issue or area, only to change and move to another. I am not sure if this model suggests this. For example, the Pandemic has highlight the importance of some items in the model over others requiring a shift in focus. The changing housing market another factor that is having a greater impact on lived experience than others. The communities economic health and opportunities ebb and flow and yet in many ways shape resilience of the community to flexibly deal with other priorities in the circle. I am not sure if this makes sense or captures my thoughts on the model, and I hope that I am able to convey this – but it seems to me this sense of the variable or different impact of, the opportunities related to, threats and weaknesses revealed by different items within one ring of the donut is not adequately reflected by the model. The different areas are not in fact of equal impact even though the model suggests they are.
- ▶ I think some of the priorities are out of touch and reality
- ▶ Please do not use imagery of actual donuts when talking about this as it makes this concept seem trite and vapid. Hold some sessions with the local business community (Chamber of Commerce & similar, plus invite media) to ensure that people understand what it is and how it can support business (current perceptions seem to be that is detracts from it). Share articles and case studies from other communities where donut economics are having results so that people feel excited for the future. Get Nanaimo thought leaders to share their thoughts on the donut economy or why they are excited about it. Include local business in that.
- ▶ Perhaps providing some examples about how it can be implemented.
- ▶ I would like to transition from my car to bike, walk, bus, and rideshare. I feel unsafe everywhere on my bike (lack of really good biking infrastructure) and have no confidence my bike will be where I left it, whether I lock it up, or not. Fix that and I'll be all over the bike aspect. Walking infrastructure is, frankly, a joke in Nanaimo. The very best stretch of sidewalk is by the new indigenous housing/Quarterway/Buttertubs, and into the adjacent subdivision. All of Nanaimo should be like that. If you want to be a developer in Nanaimo, "adopt a sidewalk" and have some sort of formula where they put money into a fund to make up for all the sidewalks and uncovered drains they were allowed to create in the 70s and 80s (when they ran Nanaimo.) I like the two big trails, but feel unsafe on stretches of both trails, even grossed out (more than once, people defecating right beside the trail.) The trail problem ties directly to addiction and homelessness. Finally, busses have improved, but I don't feel safe on them as I did even two years ago. I don't know how this can be addressed, but again, this is a big part tied into mental health. Frequency, and more flexibility in routing would draw me in, as well as safety. For now, I drive.
- ▶ Call it something else, e.g. "model"
- ▶ Like any overarching process or system, it likely needs to be broken out into tangible goals/ milestones to show the way to achieving a solid connection between inner and outer rings, thus building a strong center, step by step
- ▶ Perhaps using examples of how the city of Nanaimo is using this doughnut to shape decisions would be helpful
- ▶ Is there anything that can be done with the term "doughnut" to avoid silly confusion with baked goods?
- ▶ Keep Nanaimo sustainable .

- ▶ I support imagery of the “Doughnut Economics” as a way to communicate complex ideas. I like the ecological boundaries on the exterior and the connection with Rockström (2009) research on planetary boundaries. I see in Raworth, that the interior concept aligns roughly with the UN 2030 Sustainability Goals. I note that this has been simplified for the “Nanaimo Doughnut”. I think imagery are very important reminders need while we are making and evaluating decisions. Thus the imagery can help remind us of a broader concept and context. I think the “Nanaimo Doughnut” video script could be clearer when it says “in the center is the sweet spot”. Center can be interpreted as the middle of the full circle imagery which is zone you don’t want to be in. It is the hole. Suggest the use of “the ring inside (of) the doughnut is the sweet spot....” It is probably best to not use the mathematical term “annulus” in 2-D and “torus” for 3-D :).
- ▶ Why is this model used as nanaimo the one of the few municipalities in canada using this model. Hypocritical as Nanaimo runs on development and clear cuts everything in site. Why not use case studies of beautiful towns with a similar vision as Nanaimo and see what their model is? For example what model does the City of Victoria use. This doughnut model was voted for as “it made nanaimo unique and progressive” rather than using a tried and true model that has worked for similar municipalities in BC to achieve their goals.
- ▶ The devil is in the details. Most people dont get theory but they do understand specific actions. What you are suggesting is a retraining of what people do in their life. Education is not training. Training is task driven not knowledge driven. Knowledge informs what the training must deliver. Give us details and we can judge what you are asking us to agree to.
- ▶ The values and principles are clear, but from where we are now, how to achieve and maintain the balance is not clear.
- ▶ will be nice to see the tangible actions that follow these beautifully worded headings and ideals.
- ▶ every area of the plan would need to be looked at conception. For every action there is a reaction.
- ▶ The environmental protection imperative is very strong. I don’t see that come through in the discussion on the different scenarios. How can we enhance ‘green’ within the city, not just within parks and natural areas. E.g. tree canopy cover targets, a street tree planting (e.g. requirement as part of subdivision) to create more shade and decrease the urban heat effect; protection of stream corridors, etc.
- ▶ simplify it ... it takes enough effort to understand that people might not be willing to take the time and work.
- ▶ Really simplify it. If it requires a video to explain it’s probably too complicated
- ▶ I think this is a really positive direction for our city and I strongly support it. My only cranky criticism is I hate the term “sweet spot” which is a much over-used cliché applied to all sorts of commercial products from ice cream shops to investment services to feminine wash products. I know it’s cranky of me but I’d like another term.
- ▶ Maybe a more in-depth video explanation would help. Or using an example or case study would also help.
- ▶ Don’t call the thrive ring the “centre” it’s confusing as it’s not the centre of the donut
- ▶ This is a great start. To really bring it home, work with a local baker to create different flavours of doughnut, covering each of the key theme areas.
- ▶ While the doughnut framework looks good in theory, I wonder how difficult it will be to actually put it into practice. Everyone likes different doughnuts, The favourite doughnuts for the North, Centre and South of Nanaimo are probably very different....One doughnut does not fit all :-)
- ▶ I think that an explanation could be helpful that different people (re: age, likes, dislikes etc) will have different viewpoints with regards to what we will ultimately find in the “sweet spot”
- ▶ I hate fluffy goals. I like strongly measurable outcomes.
- ▶ good description, but i’ve read about doughnut economics a bit already

- ▶ I think that we need more on how we will achieve our goals while respecting the ecological aspects of change.
- ▶ Is there a mechanism for making sure that the doughnut stays "round" ? e.g. if "pollution" goes over target, does that narrow the "sweet spot" band in one spot ? how many such narrow spots are acceptable? will they be offset by widening the "social foundations" band? how will we know when the sweet spot band becomes too narrow before it's too late?
- ▶ Seems too vague and general to be meaningful, but perhaps the specifics come later
- ▶ We definitely are not following the Nanaimo Doughnut at the moment. All people are not thriving nor are we doing our best to care for our environment in Nanaimo. We are still allowing permits to cut forests to be cut down to develop into housing or industries and we have a huge homeless population. Furthermore, our downtown is sadly a place in which many avoid and don't want to go instead of drawing our community to go there. Nanaimo has so much potential! I like this doughnut model though.
- ▶ Personally I'm on board. I know a lot of Nanaimo residents that have very different priorities (\$\$) and I don't see them buying into this approach no matter how you visualize it.
- ▶ I think that I understand most of it, but the concept is quite "busy". I will have to see it in a working process I think to completely understand it.
- ▶ How is it possible to meet the needs of all
- ▶ Please add a section that folks can click on which says You can help Nanaimo by..... ie. you can help Nanaimo by not throwing plastic in the ocean. You can help Nanaimo by volunteering at local food bank. Etc. Many folks need concrete action suggestions.
- ▶ I would like to see examples that are currently being done in Nanaimo and examples of how future efforts would impact our space, place and how we interact with our environment and each other.
- ▶ It would help me to better understand doughnut economics if there were examples of areas where we have gone beyond the doughnut (over consumption) and how the city would/could measure that and address it. It's very easy to see the inequities that exist in the center of the doughnut (health, connected-ness etc.) but not very easy to see how doughnut economics will help the city solve those issues.
- ▶ Don't change the round wheel... just ride the bike properly. I'm not sure if any of our politicians and bureaucrats walk, ride or drive around Nanaimo. It's a disgrace we don't even look our existing infrastructures.. etc roads, sidewalks, open ditches, poorly making parks and green spaces.
- ▶ cancel the whole idea
- ▶ I think as a municipal government, conversations about the doughnut are a little ethereal and not tangible to most.
- ▶ We should include planning and practices to raise the ecological ceiling such as supporting connectivity corridors for ecosystem integrity and sponge city to better deal with rainwater.
- ▶ My first reaction: It looks good... but what makes it unique to Nanaimo? All the things listed there seem to be what any community would (should) want
- ▶ I would encourage large item removal from the land fill. Like bed frames or couches and construction items that could be recycled More recycling for compost , cardboard ,etc for apartments and condos. Public transportation need the attention of city council as the main way to get around Nanaimo and there needs to be more buses through out the week and weekend with later times as well.
- ▶ We need to address homelessness, affordable housing, mental health and safety as core issues. We do not need a bus depot in the heart of downtown. We need to replace the art studios that burnt down, create affordable live and work spaces for artists and the downtown will flourish.
- ▶ i think the draft is good

- ▶ I like the plan. I am glad that there is a vision to “regeneration” of the community. Such an important aspect as we deal with the global environmental crisis that we are facing. How do we do this in a practical and effective way? This will be the challenge to effectively put into place through educational advertising? People need to learn about these ideas. One of the most obvious things that I see is all the garbage everywhere in the city. Road sides, back alleys, bags of discarded items and garbage in green areas. What can we do to deal with this issue. Hard to be a proud member of the community when there is garbage everywhere.
- ▶ focusing more on downtown and developing in already developed areas – our downtown is rough and when people drive to Nanaimo they are shocked at the underutilization horrible development and amount of homeless roaming around.

We need more walkable downtown with homes and services for the homeless and more high rises in the unutilized brown fields. The more we develop on the outskirts the less parkland and more congestion on main roads like Hammond Bay. There has been so much development in this area that the traffic, speeding and decimation of deer. The waters in the harbour area should also be better utilized – revive the area around the ferry build there, develop there, it’s got so much opportunity for high rises and shops. it’s a real shame that that area barely gets use except for the ferry and boat launch. South Nanaimo needs help and could be so much better – tare away some of the small boarded up crack shacks and build safer nicer community instead of creating urban sprawl everywhere else.

- ▶ I think I understand the concept but there has been no indication of how this will actually be applied in a practical way which is a crucial aspect of this.
- ▶ The brief video about Nanaimo’s donut is very good – it helps to break down the misconceptions. I would strive to get that brief message to as many residents as possible.

- ▶ Although at first glance it looks appealing, there are many items on the outside ring that Nanaimo can have zero impact on, yet we risk not meeting the real needs of real people on the inside of the doughnut by spending money on the outside items. There appears to be an underlying philosophy “Every bit helps, or We can do our part”, which is not supported by key facts. What decision can Nanaimo make that won’t cost extra, but can make a difference with climate change or global water resources? Canada could disappear from face of the earth and there would be no measurable effect on global rising CO2 levels. There are good ideas from the initial survey, that don’t just sound good, but could make a difference in Citizens lives. Trying to lower costs to make the City both more affordable and attract great jobs and businesses are key goals, but certainly appear to be at odds with the constraints of the outer ring. You can’t lower taxes and permit costs and speed up developments for young families while spending extra money on a “green ecosystem”. Who defines what green is? Super expensive Teslas and Nissan Leafs? Solar panels? Carbon reductions? Bike Lanes? More recycling\$?
- ▶ Doughnut economics is new and untested. Nanaimo should focus on delivering to taxpayers the services we need at the budget we can afford, rather than trying new and untested economic theories.
- ▶ The length of the videos and the graphics are good. Simpler language might be helpful ... it looks like the doughnut theory is basically a balance between what we want/need, and the effect those wants/needs will have on our environment.
- ▶ More education on the Doughnut thinking. Then use the Doughnut visual to explain how decisions are made.
- ▶ Not sure what the inner circle is really about
- ▶ Possibly add (generally accepted) examples from Nanaimo, BC or Canada to mimic the “outside the sweet spot” examples used in the Raworth video (Goal #1): where have we overshot and where have we fallen behind?

- ▶ I am a disabled senior with mobility issues. The ability to visit the downtown core with handicapped parking spots so far from the stores is nil. I don't use a wheelchair so to park underground and walk to the stores is just not an option. Now there is talk about having the downtown core walking only. I'll never be able to go. And now they want to add a walkway along the waterfront for quite a way. Another thing I won't be able to do unless they put up railings on either side. I am not the only one with walking issues. There are many Nanaimo residents, not just seniors, who this so called improvement will be of no benefit. Adding all the bike lanes cutting down the width of the driving area is dangerous. Also, many of the lovely beach areas are not accessible. We used to go to Stephenson Rd. in Lantzville that they have labelled no parking. Nanaimo is a lovely city for the fit and healthy.
- ▶ The Donut is a strategic vision. What the call looking down from 30,000 feet at the big picture. To expand the donut you could have a second donut explaining the details by having clickable expansions. So how can I make a difference with waste? So I click on that part of the donut which opens a new window on how individuals can make changes.
Happy to discuss
- ▶ The environment should be forefront. Without protecting that, the rest of the donut is useless. There is no planet B.
- ▶ The Nanaimo Doughnut is nothing better than a marketing tool if it is not implemented in REAL life. The entire basis (the outer ring) of the doughnut is our environment. Nanaimo MUST implement measures that do not degrade the environment in order to increase profit. So far, I am disappointed in how Nanaimo is responding to the environmental crisis.
- ▶ Too theoretical. Need actual applications to Nanaimo for me to understand
- ▶ How much commitment in each of the domains is needed??
- ▶ Drop it. Waste of time and money
- ▶ I don't get how the components interact, or how one affects the other
- ▶ I feel that examples would be helpful to explain what you mean healthy, empowered, connected, enabled centre. What would that look like as a city? How would our municipality accomplish this? As a side question, I am wondering if this is overreach for a municipality and merely visionary. I feel that a municipality's role is to create and protect the space for thriving, not just create an ecological ceiling, because human thriving requires more than environment, but definitely including an ecological ceiling. I am wondering where community spaces for social interaction fits into this equation, as that is where the sweet spot of where thriving can be accomplished?
- ▶ My expertise and interest is mostly around the ecological part. There needs to be explicit goals to create ecological connectivity to facilitate coexistence of animals, plants and humans. Current corridors are mainly along rivers and streams, but ocean and lake shoreline green corridors should be a priority, both for ecological and human welfare reasons. Housing development should take into account the need for adequate park and green space, trails and protection of wetlands. Providing native flowering plants where there is now grass would go a long way to supporting pollinators.
The other area of concern is the ever increasing homeless crisis. This reflects poorly on Nanaimo. I am not sure what the solution is, but providing for a dignified existence of displaced individuals has to be a priority to enhance quality of life for both the homeless and the rest of Nanaimo's population.
- ▶ The safety of the residents has been jeopardized greatly in recent years. This problem needs to be solved first before moving to something else.
- ▶ concepts and visions are great, but specific plans for both inner and outer circles need thorough investigation. A specific goal would be to ensure that all residents are provided equal opportunities as well as responsibilities.
- ▶ Not right now. See how things progress.
- ▶ We have to focus on business that contributes to our society not the dirty industries of yesterday.

- ▶ Sounds like consultant speak. the current model for strategic planning in municipalities.... A bit of a panacea – wanting to be all things – and in all the right ways – for all people. Will be better appreciated when you get away from the generalities and start conversing in more rifle shots and not shotgun sprays
- ▶ So general – discussion only starts when specifics are filled in

as for a healthful environment:

 - 1) noise pollution is not adequately addressed/ noticed
 - 2) nature access/with 40 000 more residents expected we need expansion (read:doubling/ of all our publicly enjoyed, accessible green spaces we have today within city limits – an NO nibbling away at the edge by developers!
- ▶ More incentives to be employed long term
- ▶ How do FN fit into this plan? If we are looking at all the people, shouldn't we be recognizing the first people and their right to this land and decisions surrounding it? What will be giving back? How will be incorporating their vision into this plan?
- ▶ We need parks (not just the ones we have), we will need more bicycle paths, and we need to make better shopping for people who live on the rocks and mountains so they don't have to get in their car every time they need something like milk or cigarettes. Nanaimo is a very dependent city. One has to get in a car for almost everything.
- ▶ Consider a different term to "sweet spot" for overall goal. What exactly is the sweet spot? Goal or Vision?
- ▶ I do not understand how the City limits of Nanaimo can be perceived as the limit of our doughnut when we seem to be seriously pursuing growth... What are our limits??
- ▶ need some sort of way to digest and organize the info. Anything is better than nothing. We'll see how it works out?
- ▶ With the economic doughnut I believe you have covered all basis.
- ▶ I would like to see more explanation on Land Use and Land Health.
- ▶ The 'circle' identifies a continuation of impact on each part of that specific circle. However, the other circles appear separate to the other circles and to the whole, or even to set the innermost part as the 'priority' which is not appropriate. Perhaps a model that more visually would address this would be something like a celtic knot where the lines intersect and are continuous.
- ▶ Strongly suggest you not refer to the Doughnut as "complex" tool that implies or leads to perception of most not understanding. 'Complex' world fine. Suggest different description – maybe 'integrated', 'comprehensive' or (?)
- ▶ This doughnut can apply to any community anywhere. Just full of feel good components.
- ▶ How will you fund all these initiatives. Many new businesses will not come here. Why would you encourage tourism as it goes against the principles of the doughnut. There should be no electric vehicles as their are atrocious use of child labour in the countries producing the batteries as well as the impact on the environment
- ▶ It's a job for all three levels of government, but to really bring our vulnerable to the centre of our community plan, a wrap around, with the strong arms of the more privileged, healthy and backbone of the community wrapping around our vulnerable youth, People with mental health challenges and seniors.
I also think we need to hurry up on getting more people out of their cars, with safe walking and riding infrastructure, and addressing bike/ebike theft in Nanaimo so people can commute and shop with the expectation their bikes will be safely stored.
- ▶ No, I think it works!
- ▶ After viewing the first video, I understand what all the circle mean. However, I am not too sure why you are telling me about it? The Doughnut, so what? is not really clear to me.

- ▶ The “Doughnut” modelling is presented well. That being said, my concern is with “The Outer Circle – Ecological Ceiling” and “The Inner Circle – Social Foundations”.
Regarding the “Outer Circle”: Removing/ disturbing and green space and/or waterfront ecosystem will create a negative, residual effect. Case in point is the proposed waterfront walkway from Departure Bay to the BC Ferries terminal. This is not an acceptable risk to the existing environment and we will not be able to “Maximize the amount of ecological benefit we give back” in any way once this shoreline is lost.
Regarding the “Inner Circle” and “Social Foundations”: Although we celebrate the growth in population to our fair City and with the knowledge this population will continue to grow, we must not lose sight of the fact that our homeless population continues to grow as well. Vancouver Island has become a haven for the unfortunate and those who do not reside within the social norms, for a variety of reasons. Although some measures have been taken to address this, more must be done to either accommodate safe and secure situations for these individuals, or measures put in place to deter this migration to Nanaimo. I do not pretend to have a solution to this situation but I do believe that continuously claiming this falls outside of your responsibility and it is under Provincial and/or Federal jurisdiction, is not the answer. Maybe some pro-active and “progressive” solutions might be found if the same amount of energy you are focusing on “Reimagining Nanaimo” was focused on this aspect of “Social Foundations”. Deflecting responsibility will not make this problem disappear.
- ▶ I kept looking for the seven parts of the doughnut economy, until I realized there was only 1. I think calling it a doughnut dilutes the ideals you have within it and is a bit confusing.
- ▶ Stop playing with board game decision tools. Time to take on problems that need real solutions.
- ▶ Add a ‘blank’ category for future unknowns.
- ▶ It seems to me just a fancy way of stressing the importance of a balance of social and ecological considerations.
- ▶ This is eye opening actually and a good model to use in many areas of life, even personally. I like it!
- ▶ As soon as I start seeing words like holistic especially mixed with all the generic buzzwords I no longer believe that someone that has a strong plan or ability to lead is in charge of the project, and rather it is someone who wants to appease everyone which in the end will please no one and we will end up with a patch work of partially implemented plans that don’t work with each other and 20 years down the road still won’t be completed and will be trashed or left to rot.
- ▶ Maybe include some practical examples and how a conflict in the donut could be resolved.
- ▶ some examples would help
- ▶ I’m very concerned about my safety while out in public too many undesirables hanging around and approaching me in threatening ways and there seems to be no consequences for criminal activity and there is nothing about restorative justice.
- ▶ Too much management of everything. I think the environmental angle is overdone and manipulative.
- ▶ For me I read great catchwords and cool graphics and sorta like saying I want peace on earth. However the reality – having lived on the island since 1957 and in Nanaimo since 1964 I see problems that the donut does not deal with in a realistic way. Firstly Nanaimo was built and developed with primacy resource extraction money. And now as the fish, mining and trees are much less available we are selling the last big asset – our land. This is not a good thing to base our economy on. And of course the big issue is decisions are made by many of the people who benefited from and want to see continue – primary resource extraction – as we could see from how the Conservatives almost got a seat here – so much for ABC – anything but C... and Paul Manly who lives “the doughnut” came last.

- ▶ I think while it is a good start, a stronger emphasis should be placed on mental health and the states of Nanaimoites at the outset of community re-opening.
- ▶ I do not feel that a doughnut works well.
- ▶ stop process and lower taxes
- ▶ Oh stop with the doughnuts. It means nothing. Someone got paid to make a dumb graph when those \$ could've been actually spent on our hospitals, roads or schools.
I want Real Practical Positive Change.
For some it could be overwhelming as there is a lot of information in it. It is also quite esoteric – I am keen to get to the how as lofty goals are great but let's get to the meat of the matter!
- ▶ I am afraid that is just another taste of the week. Present economic theory of a goal of 5% growth for ever is also not sustainable. The doughnut theory is jargon heavy. Just stop politicians from spending beyond our means!
- ▶ The green goals would be hard to maintain if everyone doesn't get involved.
- ▶ Using examples of what constitutes social foundations and environmental ceilings within the context would be helpful to illicit better engagement, thought and/or ideas from the reader/viewer who hasn't given much thought to it before. What kind of foundations are we looking to lay? What kind of environment are we hoping to sustain? Even asking these questions could be helpful. Or just diving a *little* bit further into how the model is applied would be nice.
- ▶ The Doughnut needs to be realistic . . . an explanation is required as to how it will be implemented.
- ▶ It will likely come later but being more specific in each area outlining what areas of Nanaimo will be affected/changed/improved etc.
- ▶ Some practical examples of how getting to the "sweet spot" will be achieved may help with understanding. I have my own assumptions about how it can/will be done, but I'm not clear at this point if my thoughts are aligned with the City's.
- ▶ Try to make this simple.....so we can get it
- ▶ Get rid of the donut. It's another gimmick – try to stay focussed on great cost effective ideas which will help boost the appearance and safety of Nanaimo. Keep it simple, donuts are for dessert.
- ▶ Video is not specific. I would rather see graphs for what are the priorities.
- ▶ Educating current Nanaimo population to live clean, not through garbage on roads, parks. Animals, cats and dogs should not be left without care.
- ▶ The change in mindset from endless growth to community and environmental balance is exciting. Can't wait to learn more.
- ▶ I wonder how people who earn their livings from natural resources such as logging and fishing will respond to this. It all sounds great in theory and in general but how does it play out when people have different values and priorities?
- ▶ I think you are doing a super job with this
- ▶ I don't see Nanaimo in a doughnut, or I just can't imagine our society/humans operating in a space where we meet our needs and don't go beyond. We cannot operate in a doughnut and be a capitalist society at the same time. I personally like the idea of living within our ecological means, but there is no indicator in society that humans ever do. Capitalism will be the fall of humans. As lovely as the doughnut model is, it is not realistic. We can't have our doughnut and eat it too.
- ▶ It'll be workable as long as the city staff embrace it. If they don't, nothing will change.
- ▶ It is important to take changes proposed to Nanaimo to referendums by the people. Let's improve our downtown. Let's make our cruise ship port area walkable and beautiful so all types of boat tourism will want to come and spend money here. Let's build a vibrant airport community with shopping and housing. Let's have recreation facilities in each area of town. Let's build housing with glorious views for everyone. Let's petition all levels of government to fund supports for all, childcare, addictions services, job promotion, low cost housing etc.

- ▶ This reeks of consultant-speak and fad policy-making. Word salad nonsense. Please get real and get unbiased professionals to do this, not marketers and special interests.
- ▶ Did yall really spend thousands to create "the doughnut"
- ▶ No suggestions
- ▶ We can't thrive socially unless we can thrive economically.
If we are to live within our means ecologically the city must've within its means financially.
The city's tax base is NOT a bottomless money pit.
Start trimming the city's fat instead of tapping the tax base harder.
- ▶ The doughnut or sweet spot could use some examples or scenarios to illustrate how it actually works
- ▶ People sometimes lose interest when faced with yet another specialty term. Rather than focusing on the Nanaimo Doughnut, I think it would be better to emphasize the Wholistic Approach to Growth which it embodies.
- ▶ I love it, but I do find it a bit vague. For example, in the centre, "healthy", "connected", "enabled" and "empowered" are all well and good, but I wonder how those are broken down. (does "healthy" = easy access to nature and walking/cycling paths, or does "connected" = more accessible/affordable community events?). Although maybe you answer this in the next slides :)
- ▶ The Nanaimo Doughnut is a horrible idea. We know this whole thing is part of the Great Reset. You will own nothing and be happy.
- ▶ Not at first glance. But make sure when you drill down into specifics you present it in tangible ways that everyone can understand and step away from the policy wonk language. Knowledge transfer and clear communication with three to five big points plus annual updates on where we are in the sweet spot and where we are piercing the ceiling.
- ▶ The very first step of the donut is the well-being of people, but the donut shows very little (almost nothing, like an afterthought) to address the underlying social problems of Nanaimo (high unemployment, high amounts of homelessness (and associated addictions, etc.), high crime rates, high amounts of basement suites (as an indicator of low wages and high costs of living and high housing prices), low median wages, high amounts of service industry jobs, little production of value to consumers outside of Nanaimo). Dealing with these is the foundation of all of the other items, but only a small amount of thought seems to have gone into this piece.
- ▶ I have heard negative feedback from those who don't understand it, so perhaps a simpler version of the messaging with the opportunity to delve deeper with more technicality? Although some people don't seem to want to understand, regardless of what you do. I would like to see examples of where and why this framework worked before in similar cities/societies. I believe the Netherlands has adopted this? Any other countries or cities?
- ▶ I don't believe it should be labeled a complex tool. It is not complex, it is just a round picture with words about society. Also the word complex may prompt people to assume there are deeper meanings or more complicated outcomes from using the tool, when the more basic approach may be sufficient. I do appreciate a visual tool as it is easy to make connections between the inner and outer circle, so I would keep the doughnut, but don't make it sound so complicated. I had a university instructor once say that estimating the cost of capital was very complex, but in reality it was only as complex as the business you were dealing with. She was misleading and it stumped many of the students.
- ▶ I think it can be more simplified
- ▶ There needs to be a lot more specifics in your explanations. Examples and actual plans. So far it's a lot of corporate buzz words. There is potential but there needs to be more detail.
- ▶ I like the videos. May need to see them a few times to understand and remember.

- ▶ I live at Pacifica on the Seawall, walk the Seawall daily but disappointed in the amount of litter, lack of recycling oil and fuel spills in the Marinas I witness every day. The Nanaimo Doughnut theory is unobtainable without every resident citizen taking responsibility for their actions including restaurants and businesses. Many restaurants and businesses do not recycle which is unacceptable.

We need to educate and enforce proper disposal of waste, recycling and boaters behaviours. Litter also feeds rodents.

Signs to educate and advise of potential fines for littering or spills would be helpful as well as more recycling containers in public areas.

Plastic and styrofoam packaging is another serious problem. It's time to enforce businesses to change packaging. Compostable packaging should be used everywhere possible.

Waste from builders and developers is overwhelming and can easily be reduced by reuse and less packaging from appliances to lighting.

Everyone should take pride in our City and the beautiful Harbourfront. The City can also increase Cleaning Crews to limit and maintain control of litter.

- ▶ It is so general that I struggle to see how it specifically relates to Nanaimo.
- ▶ Recycling is very important to us. I live in a 55+ community of patio homes in North Nanaimo. The City does not pick up our garbage or composting. We have to pay for our own garbage pick but our Strata cannot afford to hire a Co. to pick up the compost so it all go into the garbage. I would like to see this change.
- ▶ Get rid of your doughnut. Completely useless. How can I understand something so small, complex on an iphone.
- ▶ Cancel it and return to the previous methods
- ▶ This is not the way forward.

- ▶ Stop irrigating public green spaces in drought conditions. A lot of that wasted water actually gets distributed onto roadways and sidewalks which makes no sense, especially when water restrictions are in place for residents. Start putting way more investment in sidewalks, traffic calming and bike lanes. roadway narrowing and motor vehicle restrictions. When roads are narrowed traffic calming is in place and active transportation infrastructure is well connected and separate from motor vehicles then more people will walk or ride rather than drive. I hear this argument all the time, people just don't feel safe walking or cycling in Nanaimo. Buckle down on boat owners releasing their raw sewage in Nanaimo's harbour. Especially the live-a-boards. Enforcement on after market exhaust systems for motorcycles, cars and especially diesel pickup trucks which cause very unnecessary noise and air pollution. No more wood burning/pellet burning fire places and stoves. Crack down on motorists idling their vehicles unnecessarily, especially at the ferry terminals. For every tree cut down to make more room for subdivisions, mandate a policy where contractors must plant two trees in it's place. Come up with a plan to STOP plowing snow onto sidewalks!!!! This has been going on for far too long and MUST STOP!!! This action alone takes pedestrians back into their cars, which goes totally against what your trying to promote here. Take bold action in what you're trying to promote here, instead of studying everything to death without anything coming to fruition in the end.
- ▶ I would much rather see specific points, rather than some made up abstract concept. Tell me what you are really going to do!
- ▶ Cut the cutesy neo-wok "doughnut" jargon and speak to people in clear, intelligible and concise English. Remember that 99.99% of Nanaimo residents are neither planners, nor urban economists. They just want to discuss how to make their Nanaimo a better, more liveable city in terms they can understand. Despite "doughnut economics" being the current flavour of the month among the professional planners club.

- ▶ Don't destroy cable bay? Get rid of this stupid thing. Use ya common sense. And ask the locals what theyd like.
- ▶ Give examples of what types of things would be good for our Centre of the doughnut.
- ▶ How will the model be used during times of decision making? How does the model help to inform the decision makers?
- ▶ I do not see how infrastructure improvements fit into the model.
- ▶ I feel like within the donut providing examples of exactly what steps will be taken towards fixing the issues and getting to that ideal centre would be beneficial.
- ▶ I like the concept. I wonder whether the word doughnut will lack the seriousness required. I wish I had a better suggestion but maybe there is a better tag line (even if doughnut economics underpins the approach).
- ▶ I need more clarity on why I should care about this model and how it relates to specific actions that the city will take.
- ▶ I think each section needs to be touched on in a bit more detail, rather than outer ring and inner ring.
- ▶ I think residents and businesses would appreciate have better information for how the doughnut will be implemented and utilized. An example of this would be replacing the grand "we" with more specific groups that would be guided by the doughnut: Mayor and Council in their strategic planning; Council in their meetings; senior staff in bringing forward reports; consultants hired for reports. Realistically, the majority of the public doesn't need to know the complicated details on the doughnut, but rather that the social foundation and ecological ceiling will be used to inform decision making at whichever level.
- ▶ It seems nebulous and unclear. It could mean anything?
- ▶ Let's see some examples for Nanaimo in real time.

- ▶ From Page 6 A City's Role I see the city's role can be quite limited with the other three forms of government having influences on the doughnut. The key is to have all four working together and this involves at least four political parties.

It appears to me the city doughnut can benefit from what is offered from the other three. Is it enough? I can see the city can refer to the doughnut when it's not enough and appreciate when it is enough. The citizens then need to hear from city communication where the doughnut stands at the moment and what the city needs to thrive.

I'm a citizen and I don't have all the info to know if the doughnut is thriving, so this needs to be available to me the citizen. Maybe it is available but I don't know where to find it. So i just complain. Doughnut updates and progress or regression needs to be communicated!

Let's look at an example. Most would agree homelessness is an issue in this city. And it appears to me a lot of people want this taken care of. It is stated in the guide that a problem arises with "not in my neighbourhood". Again, from page 6- A City's Role The city handles a lot of maintenance, parks and recreation, arts and culture, and land use/zoning. What can the city do? With land use/zoning create a new neighbourhood! And draw help from the other three forms of government to do it!

City: Land use/zoning

Provincial: Affordable housing and Supportive Services

health, hospitals

education

agriculture jobs

Federal: Public Safety

Environment

Employment and Social Dev Canada-Reaching Home (which i don't see in their role)

Regional: Transit

Regional Parks

Creating a new neighbourhood wiil address the problem and consolidate the social services required and create employment. The other neighbourhoods and downtown will be able to thrive the way they want to live as well.

- ▶ I understand the concept but I am unsure of how you specifically are going to apply this model to Nanaimo. Perhaps we aren't meant to know specifics at this point.
- ▶ I would like to ensure healthy active lifestyles and cultural needs are focused on.
- ▶ I'm thinking as this next phase is developed there will be practical and on the ground examples that will help clarify this approach. I kind of get it but wouldn't be able to explain it yet. Hopefully the workshop will explore the specifics which will consolidate my understanding.
- ▶ just ensure that you keep pushing out the messaging in regards to what the doughnut is. Stop the Reimagine ads and replace with doughnut ads
- ▶ Let's get out of this rut, help open more childcare options for shift workers, focus on cleaning up downtown Nanaimo. Empower and push more resources into the RCMP to help facilitate a cleaner Nanaimo. As it stands visitors come to Nanaimo and first thing they see is what looks like an extension of Surrey. Let's clean up the city before creating more room for the garbage to spill out on.
- ▶ More images in the parks
- ▶ Need concrete solutions and timelines so we can see where we need/have to go.
- ▶ need more ice rinks for safe exercising /ice skating /lacrosse and sports
- ▶ not at this time
- ▶ Perhaps an explanation on how we will measure our success within the doughnut. Also a baseline as to where we are currently within the doughnut. Are we in that "sweet spot" in any measure?
- ▶ Social media
- ▶ The doughnut appears that process may cost us more money than actual development and change
- ▶ The doughnut does not explain how we attain the areas of the doughnut
- ▶ The doughnut is an extra set of hoops for development and housing construction of which the city is in severely short supply of. Affordability is already strained and the doughnut will not help solve this.
- ▶ The social foundations seems quite vague, especially compared to the more concrete terms in the ecological ceiling. For example: I understand how we can measure and work with air quality parameters, but what are "enabled" social foundations?
- ▶ There might be too many ideas with a broad scope, lacks focus
- ▶ Videos are good – especially, perhaps, for the elderly who might be confused by a seemingly complicated visual. Simple communication via video is always good.
- ▶ We should invest in future resources (social, environmental, mental health, sustainability, etc.).
- ▶ Work through a couple of specific issues? For example affordable housing/homelessness; helping a new small business survive; making it safe for people in wheelchairs to move around Nanaimo. Thanks.

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT GOALS

Q9. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR REFINING THE DRAFT GOALS OR ANY ADDITIONAL GOALS YOU THINK ARE NEEDED TO BETTER REFLECT WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR NANAIMO.

- ▶ Nanaimo's needs at this point in time are pretty simple: We need affordable housing that isn't just supportive housing or assisted living. We need transit that can actually be relied on for consistent convenient commuting (think Victoria or Vancouver). We need to stop the unnecessary development of green space for commercial space that sits empty or simply serves to allow existing businesses to relocate leaving their old space empty (greenrock). Focus on sustainability as opposed to vanity.
- ▶ The Donut model derides the economists' obsession with growth. Yet this process says nothing about limits to our city's growth. How big do we want to become? What kind of investment do we want to attract? Do we keep growing as much as demand allows, as people want to move here? My feeling is that when it comes to our urban future it is growth oriented, and growth for growth's sake. at the expense of livability and the preservation of what makes us as a city unique – not just the parks and the trails and ocean, but the neighbourhoods, the quirky corners, the interesting architecture in the old parts of the city, the connection to Nanaimo's past. Instead we're getting canyons of high rise boxes, cookie cutter design and loss of green space.
- ▶ Good aspirations, but vague. I am onboard with these 'goals' but defining some metrics which can be measured in near real time, and processes which outline and enshrine these principles in decision making pipelines are needed if these goals are going to be realized.
- ▶ not as yet – just moved to Nanaimo in May 2021 and will attend Sept 16 meeting
- ▶ There should be a much larger focus on supporting the health and wellness of our community.
- ▶ What are the specifics here. The details matter more than generalities.
- ▶ These goals are all interconnected.
- ▶ Need to show how all the goals are connected. Where is mention (health and happy community) about health care, both from a disease prevention and a health promotion perspective? This concept fits with education.... where is mention of this, especially pertaining to green initiatives, health promotion, life long learning (for example, how the university figures in connecting to community not only from a economic perspective)
- ▶ We need to stop pouring money (like paying for a security guard to increase safety) into the businesses in the downtown area and develop OTHER areas. Parks and green space are ok. Business are not thriving and in my opinion won't. We should stick to coffee houses and and ice cream parlors.
- ▶ Is the framework meant to be exhaustive of the outcomes of the City, or is it meant to convey that amongst all outcomes, priorities have been identified so that these 5 are the ones being pursued? If they are meant to be exhaustive, there are three that are missing. One is health and safety. There is nothing amongst these goals that sees a municipality as meeting the fundamentals of Maslow's hierarchy of human needs. Safe drinking water, sanitation (disease prevention, mainly), protection from human and material loss from fire, accident, natural disaster or crime are notably absent. Two, perhaps a subset of livability is buzz: the spark that some cities have that makes them come alive to residents and visitors. You know buzz when you experience it – if you've ever visited San Francisco or Rome, for instance. A third missing outcome is land use harmony – facilitating all of the activities of a city while minimizing conflict among neighbouring land uses (why we try not to site chemical plants next to schools, for example). In general, though, the framework and goals are on the right track.

- ▶ Would be nice to have some concrete examples to go with this general framework. These concepts are great but how will you implement them?
- ▶ All five goals are interlinked; the completion of each is dependent on the completion of all.
- ▶ An “enabled Nanaimo” can’t ignore that we are only 100,000 people in a region whose population is much higher. Sometimes those outside Nanaimo seem to demand services to fit their lifestyles that are not necessarily compatible with what we might want. We may have to address these incompatibilities head-on, sometimes.
- ▶ Instead of having the voters being told what they want, it would be great if they were asked what THEY want. Winning an election does not mean you get to TELL the people what they are getting.
- ▶ I think more specific goals are needed. These sound very glossy and meaningless as goals.
- ▶ In my view, without a healthy self-sustaining local economy, in which affordability, environmental and climate resiliency and opportunity are present, many of the other goals may be moot.
- ▶ I think that it is important to not allow this project to become too cumbersome. As it develops then refinements can be introduced, in the beginning though keep it simple.
- ▶ The description on the video of the empowerment goal is quite good. Unfortunately, this is not reflected in the background documents for this goal. In the background documents, the focus for empowerment is culture, waterfront access and parks. This does not relate at all to the empowerment goal of reconciliation, diversity, political voice. There is a big divergence here that needs to be corrected. Go back to the original doughnut theory.
- ▶ first fix existing issues, then start playing with the fluff. so far these goals do not address the problems at hand.
- ▶ Very vague ambiguous information: need more specifics. I truly dislike the use of the word enabling as it is often used in co-dependency literature. Suggest a more positive term.
- ▶ Need to understand that green planning (eco-assets, sponge cities etc.) need to be the overarching theme to any development approvals.
- ▶ Make Nanaimo more reachable by providing easy transit services to people who has no car, seniors, travelers and students. Example, hop on hop off buses, Tavel pass weekend for such services. This is the way people who has no vehicle or unable to drive can visit all over the island.
- ▶ While great work has been done here my concerns are around the population that we don’t want to continue to attract which is the drug use population that brings many problems to Nanaimo. Those problems impact so many. Walking and even driving thru town can be challenging when faced with people begging for money. Treatment centres is a need for our city to help that population.
- ▶ Increase security for it’s citizens. We do not feel safe. Deal with the stolen and abandoned shopping carts by charging the owners for the return of their property and charge fine the thief. Have the fines paid by garnishing their income.. Deal with issues that are within the city’s mandate rather than all this virtue signaling.
- ▶ How about building the fire station at Nottingham Dr and HBay Rd?
- ▶ Focus on housing!!!!!!
- ▶ We need to stay in our lane, focus on things locally, not overshoot and try to solve the world’s problems.
- ▶ The only downside to living in Nanaimo for me is the amount of drugs, petty crime and homeless. I have friends who live in the north who say “I would never bring my kids downtown”, which I think is sad, but sometimes I wonder if I’m being irresponsible bringing my own kids downtown. We have people on our street in the south end all the time trying to break into our cars. I’m not sure where the improvement of feeling safe, particularly downtown and the south end, fits into the fabric of these current goals.

- ▶ These are great goals for Nanaimo. I believe it would be more beneficial for the videos to go more in depth with how each goal would be accomplished, but perhaps that will be discussed further on, making this suggestion unneeded.
 - ▶ For the goals where we put “room for improvement”, the goals could be better defined. Also for future videos, could you please include captions and decrease the volume of the music to make them more accessible.
 - ▶ The goals are quite high level and could benefit from more explanation and examples (including in the videos). Also, connections between the goals could be brought out (e.g. the importance of a green Nanaimo for health and for the economy).
 - ▶ I hope the “healthy” goal includes medical care – the massive shortage of doctors is a huge issue and needs attention
 - ▶ Perhaps the goals need to be portrayed better than a brief feel-good jingle video that lacks any context and details. Alright, so we want (all) people to have access to housing, but it’s said in such a way that gives no impression that anything will be done to ensure the action required to achieve that, and it really glosses over the reality that people NEED this so badly here. “Affordable housing” that is market value for example, like the new building going in near 3rd st, isn’t “affordable”, it’s just normal housing, and it’s deceptive to even call it that. That’s the impression I’m getting from the goals being projected here. Sounds nice and all, but not convincingly saying much if thought about.
 - ▶ Restore damaged ecosystems to their natural state. Clean contaminated lands and intensify their use. Stop urban sprawl. Focus growth to where infrastructure is already in place. Celebrate the arts and as core to identity and economy. Encourage creative place making and culture first.
 - ▶ Examples of how these goals can be achieved in Nanaimo, providing clear examples even if they are hypothetical. Putting goals into the context of community will get people more excited to give feedback. I feel the Steiner Properties restoration project at Terminal / Commercial is an opportunity to put these goals into a relatable perspective.
 - ▶ Housing is absolutely your number 1 priority right now. Not up for debate.
 - ▶ Green Nanaimo/a Healthy Nanaimo – these are connected – they need to be worked together through: planning, zoning, community projects etc. (ie. bike lanes=less cars=less carbon emissions) or more parks=more ecosystem preservation +opportunity for community enjoyment
- A connected Nanaimo – parks need to be more accessible for all users (mobility, hearing/vision etc.) think of all baby boomers who will develop mobility challenges – to keep folks healthy they need to be able to access safe outdoor spaces for exercise + relaxation
- ▶ 1. The language of supporting lands, airs and waters “while protecting people, businesses and infrastructure” suggests that there could be a dichotomy between the two. Looking at the environmental impacts BC is currently experiencing, it’s clear that we need to support and protect environment in order to protect people, businesses, etc. We can have no business or economy if we are in the midst of catastrophic environmental crises.
 - 2. “Empowered Nanaimo” makes reference to “inclusion and diversity” indicators but doesn’t identify what these are and doesn’t identify what the City will actually do to promote inclusion and diversity. The Phase 1 Engagement summary identified the need to support diversity but there seems to be no tangible outcomes from those comments. The summary also demonstrated that the work thus far has failed to collect feedback from many community members who identify as racialized or Indigenous (representation of these groups in the survey was less than half their 2016 census representation). What are you doing to ensure that these voices are included?
 - 3. Why are non-residential building permits considered a key indicator for “Enabled Nanaimo”? As more and more sectors move to remote work, this indicator seems out of date and potentially at odds with the City’s green aspirations.
 - ▶ I’d love to see economic prosperity be tied to environmental stewardship and equity, inclusion, and diversity.

- Green Nanaimo: this shouldn't include any language about economic concerns. That is separate. Ecological concerns are too great to water down by including other goals within them, and by making them contingent on economic concerns we are effectively choosing to continue with the status quo. See what has happened on salt Spring as an example. When they changed the language on their community island trust, suddenly they found the environment took a back seat to development. From the times colonist, "The Islands Trust was unquestionably established to put the brakes on development, but in 2003 it shifted its focus from environmental to social goals.

This was reflected in Trust correspondence which, for 30 years, contained the tagline "To Preserve and Protect," but suddenly and without explanation, changed to "Preserving Island Communities, Culture and Environment..."

The Gulf Islands are in crisis... The province must intervene to help with issues such as enforcement, water shortages and clearcut logging on private land... Failure to do so will see the islands lose their natural splendour and fade into something bland, ordinary and uninspiring.

Make this goal about only green issues, or we will pay the price later (we have been lucky to avoid wild fires thus far..)

Empowered: what does this even mean? How are we supposed to feel connected to our community when there's such a disconnect between what's needed and what we get?

Enabled: this is all talk. Why are you guys approving so many new chain restaurants when so many local businesses are struggling or shutting down. Do we seriously need another Tim Hortons when there's one two minutes down the road either way?? Why aren't we putting a limit on development when there's so many empty stores, why aren't we limiting what franchises can be opened up? We've sold out completely here, just because something isn't downtown doesn't mean that it should be corporate chains! Most

of Nanaimo lives north of downtown, I'm sick of chains.

Find a way to encourage developers to build taller with commercial space underneath. All these little almost gated communities in the north end are an eyesore and a waste of space.

Make every new development plant a big native garden somewhere on the lot.

Get the streets clean. Plant flowers and trees

- Liveability – housing and property development on a human scale – low to medium density, rather than high density, lots of open spaces between low-rise developments, small neighbourhood parks among low-rise developments, limit height to maximum 6 storeys outside of downtown core,
- Homelessness and drug users are not being considered
- Nanaimo doesn't need catchphrases and short videos to "explain" these empty words. Just get to work doing these things!
- Health -- to me the most important goal. I'm particularly worried about under-housed or un-housed individuals and about those with mental challenges.
- The words enabled, empowered, connected – they seem interchangeable to the point of almost being meaningless – it's too fluffy. Drop them and go with the sub-headings, which are more specific and speak to action. The word resilience is used twice – once to talk about a "green" nanaimo, one to speak about economic – re-think this. The language you choose is important and should be precise.
- The tendency is to overemphasize business interests over other goals. How will this tendency be curbed?
- A little more how would be helpful.
- Safety needs to include a broader community focus beyond just one's home. Resilience needs to better address impact to climate change and preparedness to respond to a catastrophic event.

- ▶ Not sure if a “caring community” falls into one of these existing goals. If it is I missed it in the videos.
- ▶ <https://doughnuteconomics.org/about-doughnut-economics>
- ▶ Reduce loneliness by changing how we lay out the city by city planners. what saves us is how we live in relationship we need to promote connections by how we build. Nanaimo streets make me feel unsafe when cycling!!
- ▶ This may be a small item but I am not sure that the names of the goals adequately reflect what they might represent.
- ▶ I believe strongly that the concept of a 30 million dollar bike lane or sidewalk is so far out of touch with reality that it is hardly worth discussion. I cannot believe that you are thinking of it. You want to make Nanaimo available for all, yet, property taxes skyrocketed this year, so you can do bike lanes. Not such a good plan in anyones book. On Waddington, there is a narrow portion of the street at the top of the hill and where only two vehicles can pass, someone decided to put a bus stop there to stop all traffic. Great planning, I do not think. Metral drive is another fiasco. We need new planners in this city very quickly. We cannot afford much more of this or no one will be able to live in the city. Please think of the people that are here now, and are retired, and paying the property tax they can ill afford.
- ▶ It might be early in the process but the presentations seem a bit airy fairy and childish. I feel like I’m watching my grand daughter’s favourite cartoon. Very upbeat and hopeful but where are the things you want me to do. Where are the details in your plan. You could pepper known or proposed examples of the execution of the plan so that the people can see a detailed result or thought through design.
- ▶ Focus on creating the gathering places (i.e. walking streets, strip malls, etc.) before the transportation routes (i.e. bike lanes, bus routes, etc.)

- ▶ This is a long comment, (I really hope the formatting comes through or it’s going to be a DEUCE to read) but I feel this is important feedback. If you have the patience to read it, thank you.

I love seeing the direction Relmagine Nanaimo is taking. But there is an important piece missing for me. What would make these goals stronger for me? Prioritization.

For background: in business, you often see organizations create goals and missions that sound great—but wind up having little bearing on day-to-day decision making. Goals like “we will provide great service” or “we will prioritize the environment”. These are lofty goals, but not useful goals. Why?

Because there is no acknowledgment of what the organization expects to *sacrifice* to attain them.

A healthy Nanaimo sounds great. A green Nanaimo sounds great. But the challenge of attaining these goals is not in imagining them, but in prioritising them.

What happens when our city officials face the same dilemma as our national officials, where the sponsorship dollars that win elections are tied to outcomes that are not green?

What happens when creating financial opportunities for local businesses causes large international businesses to leave... taking a headline-worthy number of “jobs” with them?

Paraphrasing Hegel: tragedy is not conflict between good and evil, but conflict between two goods. These goals are good. But where is the cost?

For example, take this familiar experience: two friends who would like to lose weight.

One says “I would like to lose weight for health. I would like to lose weight to save money on food. I would like to lose weight to advance my career

as a ballerina/o”.

The other says “I’m willing to confront my mother who insist I have seconds. I’m willing to go to bed hungry twice a week even though the stress from work makes me cry. I’m willing to pay extra \$ for healthier food, and give up my hobby to do it.”

Who do you believe will succeed?

You see, people are very similar in our ideals. We all want to be ethical, kind, healthy, connected, prosperous and free. Where we differ is in what we’re willing to sacrifice to get there.

To me, there is a more productive question than “what ideals do we want?” and that is “what are we willing to sacrifice to attain our ideals?” While it gladdens me that the Reimagine Nanaimo project exists, and I am truly impressed by both the public outreach and the followup I see, HOPE will come not from choosing rewards, but from choosing what we will sacrifice to attain them. If it was free, we’d be doing it already.

- ▶ The grey portions of the Reimagine Nanaimo logo in the lower righthand corner are not clearly visible so the result is distracting text that looks like it says “imagine”. Suggest revising the colours to all white or similar or putting it on a coloured background to avoid this.
- ▶ I think that some goals about the type of economic growth and opportunities could be identified. I am still currently appalled when forests are cut down to build more furniture malls and car dealerships. Keeping the other goals in mind, I think Nanaimo really has to think about zoning that keeps green space in tact and use existing buildings and disturbed land for new businesses.
- ▶ These statements are really general, but I like the intent behind them.
- ▶ Good start. Needs deeper meaning. A lot of it just sounds like fluff that has been talked about for years, but nothing seems to come of it.
- ▶ While I understand the underlying empathy and good intentions regarding having a high standard of living for all – I don’t believe it is realistic. E.g. To fund great housing for low income earners, the money for the programs has to come from somewhere – probably taxes. This likely means tax increases for those of already working very hard and doing well – it seems like the folks who are above some magical income line get saddled with the bill for supporting others. I appreciate we need “safety nets” and that’s why we have welfare and E/I insurance etc. But where do we draw the line? I’ve always taught my kids that their destiny, in the end is in THEIR hands, no-one elses. They work hard and strive to do better for themselves all the time, but where is the incentive, if at the end of the day we all get taxed punitively to support those that choose not to put in the graft, or pursue education options? Just a thought....
- ▶ I would not encourage investment from elsewhere that focuses simply on extraction of resources for export, for example, and we have more than enough big box stores that send their profits elsewhere. How about looking at whether new businesses meet standards of fair trade, and how about support for local worker co-ops, where local people make the decisions and invest profits back into the community?
- ▶ First video: only white people live here. Second video: we are talking about poverty – here’s your POC Third video: only very fit white people ride bikes I stopped watching at this point. Please do better. Overall impression: Nanaimo had no indigenous people, they have no insight to offer, but don’t worry, a lovely white lady has it all under control.
- ▶ Quite nice!
- ▶ I thought the enabled Nanaimo could have focused on the need to encourage businesses more.. No businesses = no jobs
- ▶ My concern is that all goals are given equal weight. However, with the climate crisis, I think we have to give priority to the environmental goals. There should thus be an overriding goal of ensuring that each action protects the environment.

- I find it strange how reconciliation is defined repeatedly as "We are all different and that's what makes us special"? To me (a first generation vancouver islander who has interacted w Nanaimo my whole life), I would hope reconciliation would include the publicization of the promises made in the treaty of 1854 that were broken. I would like to see the city & province make efforts to return at least some of the land along Stewart Avenue and in Departure Bay that was stolen from the Snuneymuxw people, and I would also hope the DND lands that housed the Nanaimo Indian Hospital would be searched for children's bodies. I would love to see signage around Port Place Mall recognizing the size of the Snuneymuxw village that once was there. I find the language on this page quite vague, while the legacy of colonialism on this island is not. Also- what's up with the Bastion? It would just be really interesting to see more local history in the street than just diana krall. What of all the mothers & auntys that came and sang before her ?

- "Empowered" and "enabled" are not descriptive words--- without explanation, they don't communicate what's involved in these goals at all. Meaning should take precedence over alliteration.

The goals should include equity in overall quality of life, not just in access to transportation and mobility. One of the most striking negative features of Nanaimo right now is the disparity between the haves and have-nots. You can see it plain as day when you drive through different neighbourhoods.

- More community gardens that part of the Nanaimo. That also include fruit trees .
- Don't necessarily need investment from around the world.
- I worry that at least some of the money that has been spent on this fancy poll about improvement goals could better be spent on actualizing the goals themselves.

- Green Nanaimo: Resilient & Regenerative Ecosystems - I support the words resilient and regenerative ecosystem in the byline text. This aligns to concepts of resilience over growth and reinforces the 'doughnut economics' framework. The script mentions "land, air and water that sustain us" is still quite anthropocentric view when you are talking about ecosystems that include other species. I had to listen multiple times for how the environment (natural systems, ecology and biodiversity) and climate change were represented in the triad of sustainability, and felt the script was skewed towards social and economic considerations first. These later elements are addressed in the other goals. Connected Nanaimo: Equitable Access & Mobility - I support the message, especially the equitable component. I found the video images confusing because some of the bike lane images were not from this region and accreditation was missing. It is good to be aspirational but I felt distracted trying to place the image in the context of this City. Nanaimo has some unique challenges to overcome to make it connected and equitable; even just based on geography and topography. The public transit (RDN service provisions) is expensive and not convenient. Many of the other provincial policies for carbon reduction add additional cost to the consumer, especially around transportation, which can add to (amplify) social exclusion from normal activities. Thus coordinating equitable access and mobility is extremely important for Nanaimo. Although not reflected in the video script, I feel like Nanaimo takes an approach of "if you build it, they will use it" and it needs to shift to a more reflective of full age range (8 to 80s perspective). I note that the City has been building on 'inventory' of bike routes and needs to add more 'safe' transitions for continuity. I think the branding needs to move more from outdoor enthusiast in spandex, to all ages (kids to school), and e-bikes that support commuters on these hills.
- better define the difference between a 'healthy' and 'empowered' nanaimo with separate subheadings. or eliminate one.
- no comment at this time

- ▶ All sounds like “talk” with no action, nice words but where is the action behind this and how will action occur? Many photos used weren't even of Nanaimo as Nanaimo has none of the descriptions discussed in the video. Wording in all videos is vague and utopian with no real substance. How will you ensure quality of life? What are the tangible steps? Nanaimo from a resident perspective feels like overcrowded streets privatization all homes and clearcut forests. What is happening in the city currently does not match any of the descriptions in the video. There is something disjointed here.
- ▶ All great goals. The heading ‘An Empowered Nanaimo’ should be followed by “Diversity, Culture, Reconciliation and Social Integrity.” (not social well being which is further up).

One of the goals, likely the one speaking to diversity, culture, reconciliation and social integrity should speak to recognition and celebration of the city's past – the history of Indigenous peoples, of early settlers, immigrants and recent arrivals. The importance of heritage features, places and buildings to the city's unique character, to creating a sense of place and social inclusion in the city.

The devil is in the detail, how we measure success (indicators that are measurable and meaningful). Also among these goals, what are the priority areas? What are the trade-offs? I imagine this will be in the implementation section of the OCP. Look forward to seeing more!

- ▶ Empowered Nanaimo needs to specifically mention arts and culture activities. Enable Nanaimo needs to specifically mention Education (all levels but especially post secondary) as this is a Major employer and economic driver
- ▶ Important goals but the action plan for each will be challenging. Good luck.
- ▶ More online voting for key community wide decisions.

- ▶ Green Nanaimo – our waterways; streams, rivers must be better monitored to insure salmon can spawn.
a Healthy Nanaimo – businesses need insure they maintain their properties so as not to fall into disrepair – Our waterfront near the ferry at Departure Bay is sorely lacking. More affordable housing needed. Too many properties left vacant and are nothing but expenses.
- ▶ Don't want to watch videos to provide my input. Should be able to just read about each one.
- ▶ The big piece that's missing concerns affordable housing. We're in the midst of an increasing housing crisis, of which visible homeless is only the tip of the iceberg. There's also no seeming recognition of mental health and addiction challenges. Taken together, the videos are very comforting and reassuring, because they send lots of good messages, but they are also rose-coloured glasses, because they ignore these pressing realities. The climate and biodiversity crises are not named, either; they are just rolled into a Green Nanaimo.
- ▶ I understand that this survey is about Re-imagining Nanaimo. The South of Nanaimo (particularly the Cable Bay Area) is integrated in a hardly visible, small area of the 3 scenarios. Yet there are 16000 people (see Save CableBay Trail petition) concerned about development in this area. I am concerned about lumping all communities into one big Nanaimo scenario. I am also concerned about people “just not being aware” about all the work the city is doing....I don't think anyone would even consider the Cable Bay area in the three scenarios because you can't even see them.....that is very, very scary to me, people making decisions without knowing what is really going on in the maps.
- ▶ EQUITABLE ACCESS & MOBILITY is very important to me as I choose to leave the car at home most days feeling unsafe on the roads is the main reason I've debated leaving Nanaimo
- ▶ Business goals need to be sustainable. It's fine to attract businesses but they need to fit the goals of doughnut economics and not constant growth.

- ▶ Not one of these videos talks about Any steps that will move toward achieving the goals. They are all aspirational statements.
- ▶ I would like to see an expression of and commitment to making the difficult choices necessary to achieve these goals (all of which are good goals), without continuing to privilege “the economy”, thinking we can continue to stress the natural environment, continuing with urban sprawl (which makes some of the goals much more difficult to achieve).
- ▶ The above videos is just telling what the goal is but it’s not telling us the steps our community leaders will do in order to get there. It’s nice ideas, but we need SMART goals, specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound goals. It’s nice to say Nanaimo will have affordable housing so all people in Nanaimo are housed, however, how are we going to do that? When?
- ▶ At this time I do not have any suggestions. I sadly had to miss the last meeting. I would need to see more of the working model (the Doughnut) to make suggestions.
- ▶ Enabled Nanaimo does not mean more malls. Equitable Nanaimo does not mean charging renters for parking.
- ▶ We need an art centre. There’s lots of development and money for sports & even bicycle lanes, but the arts in this city are generally put on the back burner. I find it quite shocking that a city of our size has no art centre and that every form of art struggles to find affordable and stable venues in which to exhibit. Look how long it took to build the Port Theatre!
- ▶ A welcoming and helpful Nanaimo. Helping others is paramount to community living, either in small hub neighbourhoods or in the greater community. Neither seniors nor young moms nor new comers or old Nanaimoites should be left to feel lonely or to be left struggling in a thriving community.
- ▶ In the EQUITABLE ACCESS & MOBILITY section, there just has to be mention of transition from fossil fuels, particularly since transportation contributes about 63% of the emissions in Nanaimo. Transition to clean modes of transport has to be a big part of the conversation. The photos in the video are of people on bikes, walking, skateboards, a wheelchair, loading a bus. All of those are what we want but the reality is that most people move about alone in a ICE car.
- ▶ As per early comments poor guidance and management of existing infrastructures
- ▶ Please concentrate more on downtown and the waterfront.
- ▶ More industrial land for companies to relocate. Cable Bay is too far. Sandstone is relying on one developer. Need to think about annexing or expropriation and subdivision.
- ▶ They are all worthy goals. I’m not sure “enabled” is really a clear term... it doesn’t reflect (to me) economic prosperity and resilience... though of course I can’t think of any other replacement suggestions at the moment.
- ▶ I would encourage community gardens in more local areas within the downtown and surrounding areas. Also market gardens need to be downtown on Sundays just to make it a nicer place to visit. I am serious about this. Small business needs to be encouraged even in these challenging times. I am not sure what areas due to the Pandemic but small local business needs to be here . More small bakeries, coffee shops, bike repair, clothing shops and craft stores as well manufacturing of goods.
- ▶ I didn’t hear much about reconciliation. Acknowledging the wrongs of the past and allowing healing to take place for the Indigenous tribes of the area would lead to such a renewed and strengthened population. “Indian” hospital that active in Nanaimo would be a good place to start to open a dialogue and acknowledge the wrong treatment of a people.
- ▶ love the idea, but current plan and development going on definitely does not match these ideas.

- ▶ Make the waterfront available to residents, not focusing on tourists, or giving priceless seaside land away to offload barges full of cars. We are the harbour city but only the wealthy can afford to access the harbour. A farmer's market and performance space would enliven our harbour for all.
 - ▶ As themes, all 5 goals create a reasonable story, but don't get into the specifics that would make theme measurable or targets. It would be great if they captured defined goals like "Increase the number of rental units by 500 units a year over the next 5 years", or "Lower commercial taxes by 10% and decrease red tape and regulations to attract new businesses". Without specifics these 5 goals are at risk of being in conflict with each other and costing extra money without achieving what they were intended to achieve.
 - ▶ I was referred to this survey as a sports stakeholder. There is nothing about sports. Rather, I'm asked to provide support for lofty, grandiose goals that in my opinion far overshoot the role of municipal government.
- Please just focus on fixing the obvious problems at hand: crime/addiction/mental health. Inadequate public transportation. Clearcutting and destruction of forest habitat. Uneven provision of sports facilities.
- ▶ a green Nanaimo, i think its good ,environment is important ,build a good and green Nanaimo is a long-term thoughts
 - ▶ Community Wellbeing and Livability" is in two titles (Healthy Nanaimo & Empowered Nanaimo), which is very confusing.
 - ▶ Improve the downtown and the waterfront. Relocate the Salvation Army.
 - ▶ Reducing environmental impact should be the main goal for every city right now. Also I see a serious lack of aboriginal involvement and leadership.
 - ▶ Without the sense of security all else is nothing. Nanaimo is not a safe community but rather a mecca for vagrants
- ▶ We somehow have to resolve the inherent conflict between the Donut Economic model and growth as a primary planning objective. The already approved Economic Development Plan is a problem because it has too many planned target areas for growth to be effectively implemented, and then leaves agriculture completely out of the picture. With what is going on in the world around us right now, the economic part of the planning process needs re-evaluation – think greener economy, food security, reduced carbon emissions.
 - ▶ More consideration for those with special needs. I received a jury summons 6 years ago and was told that there was no parking so I would have to take the bus. When I said that I can't take the bus and they couldn't guarantee me the one handicapped spot, they said no problem, they would remove me from the list. I really wanted to serve but was cut short.
 - ▶ These are very high level goals which is fine, but how are you taking into account the majority of people drive a car. You cannot change behaviour without a viable alternative.
If I need groceries will I take the bike? No I will take the car. So while offering all the sustainable options you need to change behaviours before building bike lanes and bus services before I give up the car. In addition 25 years from now the world will change with self driving cars, I do not envision any buses in the future as no one will own a car we will all go to the end of the street punch in our destination and go.
 - ▶ These are all lofty goals encapsulated in glamorous little videos. I have heard these statements made by the City of Nanaimo before. It's easy to say "resilient, regenerative, reconciliation, empowered, equal access, and prosperity" but those are empty words if they don't actually materialize into real things. I do not see Nanaimo taking any steps to ensure everyone has housing, to ensure that there is safe transportation, to ensure that the environment is PROTECTED. Does anyone in the City have training in climate change or regenerative agriculture? Does anyone in the City have training in taking the talk and making it a reality?

- ▶ I am happy with the draft goals specific to Nanaimo. They clarified the theoretical doughnut economic model for me
- ▶ Definitely a balanced approach. Pretty high level – hard to comment without what is being proposed in each of these focus areas
- ▶ This is a great vision for Nanaimo, but they are not goals. Goals are more tangible and actionable. This feels like a good direction to get everyone moving towards, but I feel Nanaimo people will want to hear action plans that include addressing some of the very urgent matters that are highly visible on our streets.
- ▶ These are all great goals, albeit somewhat vague in places. With respect to a connected Nanaimo, one issue of importance to me is that new developments should start with transportation and movement corridors and ecological connectivity with buildings and commercial centers fitted onto this foundation. An example of the wrong way to proceed is the Sandstone development in South Nanaimo. This is proceeding in the absence of a clear plan for how transportation will be solved, since existing roads are inadequate even for the existing population. For example, there should be an explicit plan to protect wetlands, including a trail system to ensure that housing properties are not impacting on natural features. In some cases it may be beneficial to create wetlands, which will be critical as climate change will stress our current water management systems. I have experienced how developers present great plans, but with trails and green space completed last, and often having the developer simply leaving with no consequence. In other words, developers have to be held responsible for their commitments, and the best way to ensure that is to make them complete the less profitable parts first.
- ▶ Federal government needs to step up with more resources and funding to our increasing homeless/mental illness/addicted population in our area it would be hard to grow the community effectively with these social pressures and the hardship it causes the homeowners in the community
- ▶ RESILIENT & REGENERATIVE ECOSYSTEMS –We talk big about Green for our Island however, when you look at our Waste Management System it is seriously lacking. Look at what Edmonton is doing. We have a great improvements needed. COMMUNITY WELLBEING & LIVABILITY – We need a more balance diversity
EQUITABLE ACCESS & MOBILITY – Agree, but don't sacrifice Vehicle mobility for alternate accessibilities. As this will come back to bite us later as we grow.
COMMUNITY WELLBEING & LIVABILITY – Is it possible to listen to EVERYONE while creating and moving forward? Hearing is important but choice forward is very important
- ▶ Nanaimo is a jewel among small cities, we know this and a lot of the world is catching on to this. I am not sure where this campaign is directed to. Is this for the residents information, or for selling to prospective businesses?
- ▶ We need to more specific! Hammond Bay Rd is a major road in Nanaimo but DOES NOT have a safe place to walk or cycle!
- ▶ –maintain & enlarge all present open sanctuaries in Nanaimo
–actively fight/ notice the city's noise level (from public and private sources)
–access to public space (including transport) is severely inconveniencing any one who has a canine companion and not (or no longer) drives a car to get anywhere
–shopping centers need safe spaces to park one's dog for sometime, where they can't freeze to death, die of sunstroke, or get stolen.
- ▶ Incentives for a younger work force
- ▶ Wonderful goals, but the Island and Nanaimo in particular is a popular place to live. Unless you plan effectively for population increases what you may end up with is just bad plans.
- ▶ Need to focus on core municipal services. Need smaller government, spend less not more. Taking on issues that are not City responsibilities
- ▶ I think parks and things for families to do are very important. For enjoyment of living.

- ▶ I support the draft goals as identified. My concern is with implementation and communication. Suggestions: 1) Jobs/economy: small retail provides an appealing visual theme, but digital/tech is likely more important for the future so should be part of your imagery and conversation. 2) Empowerment: Reimagine is an exercise by the City of Nanaimo. Local government will play a big role in building public acceptance of the Reimagine goals and policies. To succeed at this, local government must achieve high standards of transparency, responsiveness and genuine engagement. I have experience outside Nanaimo with government planning consultations, as a resident and a consultant, and have observed that a) engagement processes are too often used to manufacture support for actions that have been predetermined by Council, and b) real change in the community, in whatever direction, requires an openness to culture change inside City Hall, and this is a tough sell. 3) Access & mobility (a special interest of mine) – the imagery here tends to be abstract and the language quite lofty. Maybe I am projecting, but it seems that pedestrians and cyclists are often shown in a kind of euphoria, and the transit riders are often seniors with time on their hands. Let's present transit as an urgent need (which it is), and cycling and walking as valid forms of transportation where relatively small investments can generate big successes. I would like to think that the City looks at pedestrian and cycling issues with the same urgency as it would devote to a malfunctioning traffic light or an unscheduled road closure.
- ▶ All of the "goals" stated are nice to hear. Will be MUCH more difficult to resource to enable getting close to achieving them. A bit of "pie in the sky" me thinks. No one will argue the merits of the "goals" – but the practicality of them is another matter. Hope we get realistic at some point.
- ▶ Despite federal and provincial politics, it is vital that Nanaimoites move forward as supportive neighbours and knit ourselves into a strong fabric that is self-sustaining
- ▶ We really need large covered outdoor areas, a lot like the one at Maffeo Sutton. Perhaps begin at Beban at the under-utilized VIEF Fair Grounds and Departure Bay area. Large covered areas will make outdoor fitness, dance and other activities much safer in a post-pandemic world where we will very likely be living with COVID 19 as an ongoing threat for years to come, especially to the vulnerable among us who still want to stay well, but will not feel safe going indoors again for exercise etc. I am one of them. I will never return to indoor exercise again as, so far, the city cannot provide enough high end ventilation and other measures to ever make it safe enough again. The health & safety standards currently in use are outdated as of COVID 19's entrance into our world and the current standards provide only minimal protection to the public and to instructors. Vaccines only offer a few months' partial protection and people can still catch it & spread it (there will now be even more asymptomatic vaccinated and unvaccinated people) Also, as we live in a rainy climate, more covered outdoor areas just make good sense so folks can enjoy being more active outdoors. Thank you.
- ▶ none of these videos say any beyond expanding the title. How are we making Nanaimo greener? Solar farms? Neighbourhood power grids? How are we making Nanaimo accessible? How are we moving toward reconciliation. Sounds pretty, says nothing.
- ▶ We are a blue collar town. We need to reach out and get some head offices here with good paying white collar jobs. We need good sophisticated restaurants and first class shopping.
- ▶ There should be much more emphasis on affordable housing. What is happening now isn't nearly enough.
- ▶ These are great goals!
- ▶ These are all admirable and universal goals... What data is to be used to measure how we are situated along the paths to meeting them and what is our current position along those lines? What at the tradeoffs anticipated between them?

- ▶ Moving to fast, thinking people will abandon cars for bus and bikes. It'll be 40 years, all you're doing is making cars idle waiting for lights and things. How is that improving the environment?
- ▶ I would encourage bike lanes that head out of south Nanaimo on Victoria cres. and reconnect back across the Island highway and onto Haliburton street. This could become an enjoyable experience for tourists to take and enjoy Nanaimo's scenery. I really encourage more bike lanes throughout downtown Nanaimo and the surrounding hubs. Not just a white lane but with a divider so people feel safe and families can use this lane. This will encourage people to commute by bike. Also more bus transit times on Saturdays. People are using the bus and more times would be encouraging and this will encourage more useage. Sunday bus times on the heavily use buses like the 40. I would also encourage a glass and plastic pickup. I live in an apartment so I am not sure if this area is covered by the recycling or not. I am pretty sure it would be. More needs to be done in keeping large items out of a landfill. I would encourage more work to be done in this area as well.
- ▶ For those of us who are seniors...it would be nice to meet all of the goals during OUR lifetimes. Our transportation system (bus) is not good. This leaves one feeling unconnected and unempowered. Timelines to meet the goals should be attempted to be shown or done in "levels".
- ▶ Childish, feel good videos do nothing, and I mean nothing to inform me of what this process is supposed to do.
- ▶ I do not know what the purpose of the videos were. They told me nothing. I could not see any connection in the enabled Nanaimo video to economic prosperity. I would like to have seen what the definition is of each goal as each mean something different to people and what is the City's definition?
- ▶ give us some examples of how these goals will play out in the city. what specifically will be done towards enabling these goals?
- ▶ "green" nanaimo....define what this term means very specifically with examples of how citizens show they value the environment and sustainability.
Vancouver Island is separate geographically...how will what Nanaimo wants and needs impact other Island communities? (think big picture here)
Healthy community is not just about housing and food, it is about promoting health/ preventing disease through access and education (examples are community health centres with broad range of services; health care education offered in schools, community centres, university)
Economics is also about connection of existing companies, institutions with outside community in partnership (university, pulp/paper mills, innovation in tourism from an environmental perspective, use of coal mining shafts for heating homes, etc.)
- ▶ An Empowered Nanaimo – "everyone; maybe most is more realistic. I don't believe "everyone" is attainable.

An Enabled Nanaimo – new investment needs clarity ie. add "beneficial" "valued" – to experience "WHAT"
- ▶ 1. A more explicit statement around including and utilizing First Nations voices.
2. Get people out of their cars. The bus plan in previous engagement exercises seems too low a goal in increasing ridership.
3. Bike/Walk infrastructure is improving in Nanaimo, but has a LONG way to go. Unfortunately Nanaimo has been historically underserved in this way, resulting in miles of uncovered drainage, narrow roads and no sidewalks in many of the subdivisions built in the late 70s into the 90s.
4. Of course the opioid crisis has left Nanaimo with a disproportionate number of problems around property crime, public safety and large numbers of unhoused people, causing a strain on our already limited emergency and health resources – all levels of government must continue to work together to address this, and improve the lives of these marginalized people (as well as the community at large.)

- ▶ Add Pickleball/tennis courts for south Nanaimo (Harewood Community Centre) similar to what Departure Bay did: 2 dedicated Pickleball courts and one tennis court with Pickleball lines
- ▶ Again it's about examples of what each goal means. It all Sounds good but what do the goals mean?
- ▶ All of this sounds really great. My concern is how are you going to work with the addicts and mentally unwell humans in our downtown core? This has been an ongoing problem and Downtown does not feel like safe place to be after the sun sets.
- ▶ All the videos are fine but I just don't understand the purpose of each video. The speaker is very clear, images are nice but I don't understand why you want me to watch the video and message behind it.
- ▶ All theses clips are very vague. What does it mean to live within our ecological means? What does inclusion, and reconciliation mean? Will we be changing place names to reflect their original names in Island Hul'q'umin'um'? Will we be paying rent to the Snuneymuxw for lands in use not included in the Douglas Treaty? How will we restore traditional fishing and hunting stocks to fulfill treaty obligations? Give back village sites? Will we be encouraging renewable energy, neighbourhood grids with battery storage? How will we ensure that people are homed and fed? It all sounds lovely. But there is no substance.
- ▶ Although I fully support having a thriving downtown, it's my wish for continued support, and promotion of businesses in all areas of Nanaimo. We are a uniquely spread out city and to thrive need our businesses to thrive North to South.
- ▶ As I have stated in the previous section, focus on "The Outer Circle – Ecological Ceiling" and "The Inner Circle – Social Foundations".
- ▶ Clarity of terminology
- ▶ Connected Nanaimo could be deeper regarding understanding of each other. The term Enabled is not inspiring. 'Thriving' or other terms may apply.
- ▶ Clean up downtown core. Stop clear cutting swaths of property to pound in over densified single family homes. Zone for some real high rises to up densification
- ▶ Connectedness is about more than mobility, e.g. meaningful participation in decision-making.
- ▶ Emphasis on the importance of mobility. It is hard to walk anywhere, particularly between sections of the city with the lack of sidewalks.
- ▶ Fantastic to live in a city setting goals and drafts that are so progressive
- ▶ Have you tried to walk anywhere, there are no sidewalks and the roads change names numerous times, which makes Nanaimo a laughing stock
- ▶ I am excited by these!
- ▶ I don't like that this city is being over run by foreign investment. Driving up prices and buying businesses and running them into the ground has not helped anyone. I don't like this UN inspired Nanaimo and I don't agree with UN sustainability. It leads to ugly places and loss of individual freedoms
- ▶ I feel like a focus on social planning, access to supports, housing availability and affordability will need a greater spotlight than in years past. We can only maintain our community if people can afford to live here / see Nanaimo as a place worth retiring to / setting up shop in. Housing and rental prices are skyrocketing, making these goals unattainable for so many, despite being a vibrant, beautiful, well placed community.
- ▶ I think a strong, sustained, tangible effort to help, house, and empower those living on the streets should be at the forefront of things, as they are the most vulnerable population in terms of their immediate environment.
- ▶ I think in all these goals are great. I'm just not sure how we are going to get there. Goals must be paired with action items to move us from concept to reality. What's to stop the next council from scrapping these ideas?

- ▶ I read this and watch your video and all around me I don't see the actions necessary to make this reality. Why do we want to have a highway through our downtown? Why do we want to turn the Jean Burns building into a bus loop? What are there no cameras at crosswalks – I personally have been threatened and nearly run over a fair number of times. Why are big trucks allowed roar through town and rev their engines? Why is our way in and out of town nothing but concrete walls, roads and building supply shops? Why do we cut all the grass and bushes and on our seawall just hen they fruit and then the birds can't feed on them – so people can't sleep there – we need housing!! Why are there so few garbage cans and why are they always full? Why wasn't there any communication about the little used expensive Rotary/tax payer garden which is on windiest point of the walkway and there no cover for inclement weather and who wants to sit on cold concrete? And what about the backward Nanaimo sign in place of a perfectly good wooden sign which could have been made by a local artist. Why aren't there NO SMOKING and NO BIKING at Breakneck Speeds on the seawall and why in all the years I walk daily on the seawall I never see police officers walking or biking on the seawall? The list goes on – I have been to community planning meetings – all talk and then the opposite happens. I live on Vancouver and Rosehill which we wanted to make into a wonderful historic community and the first old house torn up is rebuild with a ugly rectangle!! And what about the cars wrapped in plastic who live on our waterfront and we as citizens are not allowed to walk down there. I can't type any more but there are so many things that I see and just shake my head when I see REIMAGINE NANAIMO WRITTEN EVERYWHERE. Get the water fountains open with water stations to fill our containers, and we need bathroom, bathroom and bathrooms!!! !
- ▶ I think that there should be an option to read about the individual points in a survey as opposed to watching videos.
- ▶ I think the goals are great but I do not see them reflected in any of the decisions so far. For example with all the building permits given out i do not see any buildings that are green(solar energy, green spaces etc. Goals are great but if they are only words then what is the point of the exercise.
- ▶ i think this whole process is a waste of time and money. fix what we have and reduce taxes
- ▶ I would like more doctors in Nanaimo.
I would like a mental hospital in Nanaimo.
I would like unsafe traffic situations fixed.
I would like more scholarships and opportunities for local Nanaimo youth.
I would like more options for meaningful employment for local people.
I would like more support for arts and culture, specifically in the form of many small grants for many different artists who could propose small projects OF THEIR IDEAS (not some idea thought of by a committee they have to fit themselves into)
How about more than 15 icu beds?
More beds for detoxing off of hard drugs available for the asking. With compassionate trained staff.
Oh, I want all of these things and more.
- ▶ I would like to see a specific plan and goal to ensure our city is a safe and clean place to live, raise families, and grow old. There are too many dangerous people roaming around town and dangerous items found in many public places where children can get seriously hurt.
- ▶ I would like to see something specific about unifying Nanaimo – e.g. a concerted effort to create a downtown core which would be appealing to all, taking the heavy emphasis away from the malls, particularly the north end; more balance between the various communities.
- ▶ I'm sceptical
- ▶ If only the city of Nanaimo planning department would follow their own rules. Letting someone that bought a lot at half price , (that should never have been zoned as a building lot) Destroying the riparian zone. Breaking all the rules because they don't want to admit it was a mistake.

- ▶ In “A healthy Nanaimo”... Secure access to clean drinking water too! Is possible?
- ▶ In order for this plan to work, Nanaimo’s severe affordable housing problem needs to be addressed as well as its major transportation problems, for example, grossly inadequate public transport and lack of safe sidewalks and pedestrian crosswalks (especially on the Old Island Highway by the malls).
- ▶ In the area of health and livability I would like to hear more about how sport and recreation will fit into this goal.
- ▶ Interwoven with these goals should be creating a sense of identity for the city. Nanaimo has gone through many changes over the years, and we are poised to embark on a new and modern identity.
- ▶ Just try to make it simple so rye average person can understand it.....
- ▶ Keep costs down. Do simple things that make a big impact.
- ▶ Lacks the importance of aging in place and what community support and policies will look like going forward.
- ▶ Many of the goals seem very general. I guess I’m hearing too much macro instead of micro goals and because of the goals are so vague I can’t seem to get excited about them. Tell me how we can meet the goals.
- ▶ Minimising light pollution, e.g. lighting codes? Appropriate led lighting. A protected place to enjoy the night sky in Nanaimo!
- ▶ Nanaimo needs to clean up
- ▶ Nanaimo needs to do more for affordable housing for everyone – not just households with two middle class (or better incomes). The downtown core used to be a place I loved to go, but won’t now because it is just too scary.
- ▶ Nanaimo is a wonderful place. I fully support these goals. In order to achieve our environmental goals, it will be important to buy back our community forests from private corporations.
- ▶ No comments.
- ▶ No suggestions at this time.
- ▶ not at all
- ▶ Obviously a huge concern is housing – I don’t quite see this reflected in the goals. The renter population has grown steadily – people who cannot afford to buy homes is growing meaning that from students to families more rental units are needed, less short term rentals or aribnb and more opportunity (different zoning) for people to densify their properties.
- ▶ Once again, it’s up to staff to adopt and embrace the changes. Good luck!
- ▶ please consider the visually impaired and the hearing impaired when creating your mediums. Not all videos had CC, and those that did were not edited. The background music was too loud and competed with the narrator. For a group with an inclusivity goal, you fell seriously short.
- ▶ Please make use of referendums in order to have approval by the majority of residents for new projects.
- ▶ Please stop trying to satisfy special interests that beat their drum the loudest. The majority don’t care about this niche area. They want t safe and prosperous city they can be proud of. Coddling drug users and pretending to care about uncaded land lacks seriousness.
- ▶ Please stop with the terrible bike lanes that go nowhere. Either make them work or just don’t do them at all
- ▶ Refining is not necessary
- ▶ Sounds great! I want to live in a community like this.
- ▶ Teach the kids so they take it home to their families.
- ▶ Thank you for diving into the doughnut categories deeper! In terms of Economic Prosperity & Resilience, I would love to see the many empty lots and vacant buildings be converted and developed, especially the ones near downtown, for multi-use.

- More rental places for international students, we have large University (VIU) yet, incoming students cannot find affordable place to live. International students means more economic opportunity for the city, affordable goods, renters, part time employees in essential services. They are future immigrants, younger workforce for aging Nanaimo.

Improvement on Transportation is an essential, students cannot commute to campus on time if they do not have a car, this is one of the major pollution source in the city. If one does not have car, it is impossible to go anywhere on reasonable time frame. Each family has two, three cars and new development permits issued by city, has rental units which increases number of cars in new subdivisions. In Shelby Ann Avenue, some houses has up to 5-6 cars, new houses are altered inside and packed with room share renters. It is almost impossible for the kids to play safely in those subdivisions because of cars. Non of new subdivisions have car parking limits on the streets which must be an essential. Or at least introducing paid parking system brings some funds to City. Many Tenants do not care about cleanliness, surrounding of the houses, they even do not water plants, trees. It is city planning flaw.

Current, Nanaimo expanding so fast horizontally, soon land becomes in short supply that pushes prices to the roof. Vertical building is must, high rise condo buildings 15-20 storey is a must today. New houses are built so poorly, like a shed to meet minimum requirement, every word of the people living in it can be heard. Is there any better sound proofing requirement? How these houses are going through, commissioned and receives a permit for occupancy from the City?

Education, education and education needed for the city. Those eyesore houses, unsanitary living with hoarded junk must be fined by City Hall. Old cars stored around houses, city can buy them or at least arrange recycling service centre and sell those car parts for sustaining that service.

Encouraging house owners to grow their food on

their front yards instead of boring grass must be awarded through small grants program. People need to return basics of living environmentally friendly and care for our Mother Earth which feeds us all, decreases food prices, more organic food would be available for affordable price.

- Remember the expression "You don't get a second chance to make a first impression"? This applies to all first time visitors, tourists and investors alike. The city has a heck of a lot of work to do in this area.
- some of these are really vague, so I don't know how you plan on achieving these goals. The Ecosystems goal is really vague and it seems like you are just talking about public parks and greenspaces instead of preserving the natural forests from being developed in the first place. This goal seems hypocritical when you look at all the forest clearing for developments in Linley Valley, Chase River, north Jingle Pot etc. Parks are for people, sensitive ecosystems should be left alone
- Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback. Two areas that need to be strengthened are: 1) Reconciliation with First Nations. A stronger way to emphasize / acknowledge this is to talk about "truth and reconciliation." On many occasions I have heard First Nations say that the Non-Indigenous community needs to recognize the truth before we can pursue reconciliation. 2) More emphasis needs to be placed on climate and other environmental issues. Language is important. I encourage the City of Nanaimo to use the term "Climate Crisis". It more accurately reflects the situation Nanaimo and the broader planet is facing.
- The doughnut is a horrible economic model.
- The goals seem very broad reaching - perhaps providing some specific examples under each goal. For example, what are some projects that will be working on gender diversity, or improving multi-modal transportation, or encouraging businesses to locate in Nanaimo.

- ▶ The Empowered and Economic both seem a bit vague, though I think they are extremely important. Lots of info seems to be left as TBD in the plan.
- ▶ The enabled Nanaimo priority area uses vague language. I'm not exactly sure I'm getting what the outcome could look like. I could imagine the indicators, but needs some refinement. Go back to what the ultimate outcome and purpose is.
- ▶ The emphasis on nature is great but it's odd that it's the first goal because it's currently a strength and the amount of green space bordering Nanaimo is more than enough to supply plenty of green space if Nanaimo would just demand of the feds to take a small amount from forestry (which currently holds way too much of the island, supplying (relative to resources) very few jobs and mostly benefiting financially very few (wealthy) people). Jobs and economic diversity (beyond an emphasis on property sales and low-paying service jobs) is foundation of the rest of the items but seems to be tacked on as an afterthought. This item needs to be front and centre on any planning for the future.

My family is Salish, and I appreciate the emphasis on reconciliation, but to say in the middle of the bunch of items that diversity is important, but then to utilize a rainbow in the logo is a slap in the face – an understanding of a history of genocide and a displaced nation is a bit more important than how people have sex.

- ▶ There is an urgency required and Breaking Boundaries on Netflix is a must watch that is congruent with ND. We must start immediately and STOP any outdated practices!
- ▶ There should be more conservation of green spaces – we are losing so many trees to apartment blocks and high density housing changing the character of the city. Do we really want Nanaimo to keep growing at this pace?
- ▶ These are all noble goals but the “how” is missing. How do you plan to achieve all these things specifically. What actions are part of the plan

- ▶ The green nanaimo goal is already being realized. i feel that nanaimo is very nature oriented. minus some logging on doumont that erased quite a few mountain biking trails, but aside from that i havent noticed much in the way of nanaimo not being nature conscious.

Healthy nanaimo is a great goal, but we are currently moving in the opposite direction. the city is doing an absolutely terrible job at keeping its' residents safe, or healthy. i never go downtown anymore. from the city's apparent lack of backbone which is displayed in the many boarded up buildings, and derelict properties. ACME burnt down like 10 years ago? its just a concrete hole in the ground. A&B sound closed even longer ago i believe. fencing around the lawns because you cant manage them? do you realize the message we are sending to future generations? even current generations. I pay property taxes and income taxes on time every year. i'm tempted to throw my garbage in the bush because why would i care if the city clearly shows they dont care about solving the real issue.

Connected nanaimo. Yes. we should have more walking paths, especially on the waterfront. the water is so incredible during the summer, but even in the winter. food trucks in departure bay near the 7-11 is great. brings people outside. it becomes a destination. however building bikes lanes everywhere to remove travel lanes for cars is not sound logic. how many people ride their bike when it rains for 4 months a year? we should have smaller buses that run more frequently. we dont need a 40 foot long bus for all of the routes. i love taking the bus to get to a restaurant or pub if i know i'll be having some drinks. but when it takes 48 minutes to get to a pub on the bus, when i can drive in 12 minutes its very inconvenient. i lived in calgary and they had short buses for many routes. they can fit onto narrower roads and they cost less to operate.

Enabled Nanaimo

We definitely need to encourage business to happen in nanaimo, but we are so far from it

that i doubt the city is capable of change. I'm subdividing 3 lots in central nanaimo into a total of 6 lots. i started the process about 3 years ago. I cant even describe how painful it is to deal with the city. it took around 4 months for council to "read" 3 times. it was literally a combined 30 seconds of words that were spoken in 4 months. all of that could have happened in an hour of time. i've completed projects for governments, municipalities, large companies like Bell Mobility and private outfits and the city of nanaimo has been the worst customer by a long shot. They are so short sighted. the 3 lots had a total annual property tax bill of around 5500 dollars. the new lots when built on, will have an annual tax bill of approx \$24,000. almost 20 grand more a year in revenue, and yet the city is fighting me every step of the way. i've been forced to pave over center line when even in the documents, i was only responsible to pave out to center. i've installed storm drain, water lines, etc. i can see why no one wants to do business here. If the real estate market had gone the other direction, i may have lost my shirt on this project.

All this talk of setting goals makes me apprehensive about the outcome. i've seen how nanaimo wastes money, and it seems like this is just an excuse to hire more people and raise taxes to cover these new positions. But alas, i am hopeful for change. because to lose hope is to lose everything.

- ▶ Where are you going to house the homeless? How about sidewalks and bike lanes? How about a coat of paint and improved appearance of downtown? Practical solutions not this airy fairy stuff.
- ▶ Nanaimo Has been doing generally great.

- ▶ Until everyone stops littering on our streets, Seawall, Harbourfront, waterways and stop over consuming packaged materials the above goals cannot be achieved.

City of Nanaimo can and should educate the public to stop littering and take responsibility seriously.

Think twice before you consume another packaged good and toss the package.

- ▶ Vehicle access to Mount Benson so that the mobility challenged and older demographics can enjoy it.
- ▶ They're good goals, but not easily met! They seem a long way off. (Sometimes the speaker speaks too quickly, and sometimes the music is too loud.)
- ▶ We are really missing out by not profiling Nanaimo as the hub of Arts activity on the Island and in embracing more our role in tourism as the gateway to the Island.
- ▶ We don't need to welcome international investment. Focus on what we have and can grow.
- ▶ We have such a long way to go here in Nanaimo, to say the least. You don't build safe, protected, separate cycling lanes where motor vehicles are still allowed to park on them, like you did on Front street. This is the kind of thinking where I feel you have the wrong people at the helm of your sinking ship. Hire leaders who actually understand what you're promoting here so you can execute objectives properly, unlike the poor Front Street example. And there are so many examples of ineptness.
- ▶ We need more services from the City in 55+ and senior communities
- ▶ What is important for Nanaimo is to make it a better place for those who live here now and who hope to live here as they age.
- ▶ Would love to see the waterfront area by the cruise ship terminal have some plans or ideas for the public to vote on ?

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT INDICATORS



Q16. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR REFINING THE DRAFT INDICATORS OR ANY ADDITIONAL KEY INDICATORS

- ▶ 1: need to track species loss/compromise, esp insects, pollinators – dense development eliminates; water samples exceeding not meeting BC guidelines
- 2: availability of support/services – mental health, addicts and homeless, disabled, etc; child poverty levels; incidence of violence against women; child abuse;
- 3. Nanaimo is a linear city bound by the sea and mountains. Nodes of development, with basic services and shops, make sense where it is walkable. Where I live, the hills mean no one walks to do their shopping as a norm. Too hard coming home. As a population we are and will continue to drive to get to the shopping centres that cluster the shops that meet our needs, and to friends/attractions/specialty stores. Given our geography, making walkability a focus is ill-conceived.
- 4. incidence of hate crimes; vibrancy of cultural life
- 5. back to the donut – the focus is all on growth and traditional economic activity. how much do we want? Track level of volunteerism.
- ▶ Wondering about the reconciliation aspect of the plan and if the work needed for that is incorporated. Also wondering about economic resiliency and looking at invisible aspects of the economy that may not show as workforce and businesses in the traditional ways. eg. gardeners who do the work of forest gardens to help feed those in need and/or contribute to community gardens / motherers caring for children even moreso in the midst of COVID while working from home Really appreciate the work that has gone into this so far. Love the videos
- ▶ “Improvements” to traffic flow and design frequently miss the mark by miles and miles. Major lack of affordable housing.
- ▶ 1. Need for wildlife population monitoring and health
- 2. Monitoring changes in behaviour – reductions in garbage, water use and driving suggests that education and infrastructure is having an impact
- ▶ – I would like to see systemic practices in zoning/ etc which capture land for public use (nature preserve, parks, common lands, etc).
- We will NOT see improvement in land (housing/ commercial) affordability using the same failed methods that other cities have tried (eg Vancouver/Victoria/etc). We must be courageous and innovative in our zoning.
- All density increases should have a non-profit covenant. The city could optionally give for-profit density (directly or via a density bank) to developers when needed in order to acquire land that is desired for public use (parks/etc).
- Other systemic zoning practices could also be explored – this is just one (important) method that we should be using.
- Densification of anti-social properties (eg strip malls & parking lots) should be required before development is allowed on land that could be used for public purposes. For example, the city port land should NOT be developed (except as a park) at least until the port-place lands are densified into part of the downtown (assuming it will not be turned into a park). Maximizing poorly used land such as surface parking and single story commercial should be required before near-by lands are committed (especially if those lands could be returned to the commons).
- ▶ 1) How many alternative energy systems are being installed in the community for residential, commercial and industrial buildings. What is the city doing to encourage this?
- 2) How many electric car charging stations are being installed.
- 3) What maintenance programmes are in place for these charging stations.
- 4) Safe Sidewalks, walking and cycling paths between neighborhoods are important for encouraging personal health. And community health will follow.
- ▶ A connected Nanaimo should include infrastructure like bike racks, bike lanes, water fountains and E-bike charging stations

- ▶ A green Nanaimo also needs to be engaging in regenerative practises, including education on how to improve the carbon capture in soils, planting far more trees, and better practises in terms of utilising wastes (liquid and solid) to improve our resilience and greenery.
- ▶ 1. Education to help people understand needs of community from green perspective. Offer funding to use rain barrels, have large items taken to landfill or reused.
2. Having a home is just one piece of promoting health. How to support mental health and addictions? What about working with province to ensure violence against women and children is addressed and better services offered. We absolutely need better health care generally in Nanaimo! More family and geriatric physicians, more nurse practitioners, more health promotion and education centres to address all health care needs (unless client needs hospital care); nurses staffing schools to teach about health promotion.
- ▶ 1. Under A HEALTHY NANAIMO, we should find an indicator about spaces in the city dedicated to food production (read: more community gardens).
2. Under EMPOWERED NANAIMO – Participation in PARKS/REC prog & services, you need to find a way to measure why people are or are not participating. For example, I have found very very few changes in the offerings over the last few years. The same Japanese cooking class has been offered for close to a decade, I can't find an Arabic language class. Ask people what they want. The programing (xcept for swimming) is dull.
- ▶ Again all these draft indicators are too glossy and not useful to actually get at the general topics that you call goals. More analysis and thinking is needed to go more deeply into the realities of living in Nanaimo. These indicators are largely the same old indicators that have been used for generations. They reflect the out of day paradigm that supposedly your donut economics was trying to call into question. Abandon such linear thinking.
- ▶ 1. Under Green indicators, there is nothing about air quality. Does the City have a role here?
2. Well-being and livability are focused only on housing and food. If these are meant to be short term goals, then that might be OK. But if there is a longer term perspective of Reimagining Nanaimo, then there are lots of other important areas to include. Where is recreation in this mix.
3. Food security as presented is nice-sounding, trendy, unrealistic and meaningless. Why is local food production a result being sought? There is an urban myth that there is only 3 days worth of food in stores on Vancouver Island. If that were true, it would mean that each existing grocery store would need to be entirely restocked every 3 days. That's a lot of semi-trailers of food on the ferries, which just aren't there. Ask a local grocery store manager about his stock turnover to get a better idea of how much is on hand. There is no hope at all of providing a significant portion of food needs locally, despite the pleadings of a vocal back-to-the-land minority. If each family needs an acre of land to supply fruits and veggies only (animals take more land), a city of 100,000 would need 25,000 acres or 50 square miles. Extrapolate that to the whole Island and you will find there is not enough arable land available, unless you cut a lot of forest. Even then, most land is only modestly productive. Urban society has developed due to specialization, including food production. A farmer in Saskatchewan is many times more efficient in growing wheat for bread than any on Vancouver Island can ever aspire to. So, we import wheat from Saskatchewan. And, frankly, I like my orange juice and mangoes and they just don't grow here. So food security should NOT be about growing everything locally. It should be about optimizing the existing food production and distribution systems so that people don't go hungry. Food recovery, as is done by Loaves and Fishes, feeds far more people than local food production and is only scratching the surface in terms of its potential. Today there is enough food so that no one in Nanaimo needs to be hungry. A better indicator of food security would be volume/value of food recovered and distributed.
- 4. Empowered is a catchall for a bunch of

dissimilar goals relating to inclusion, access to recreation (including waterfront access) and governance. Strange bedfellows, these, not seen in any other city I'm aware of.

5. Many indicators are vague or misleading. For example, inclusion and diversity are goals, not indicators of progress. Investment in arts, culture and heritage measures inputs not outcomes.

- ▶ 1.) Re: Green space area. This needs to include a bit more detail, and take into account ecological connectivity. Ten 1km square parks are not of the same ecological value as one 10km square park.

2.) In fisheries biology we use something called "Limit Reference Points" to establish acceptable thresholds. When a fish stock falls below an a certain boundary that affects the long term sustainability of viability of a species, a series of actions are triggered automatically to correct the issues. No one makes the call to do so, the data decides. These actions are defined clearly in advance and vetted by experts, not thrown together in the heat of the moment to address whatever happens to be of concern on a given day.

I think this type of thinking needs to be instituted for some of the indicators, because what good are tracking indicators if there's no mechanism to trigger action?

Example: Decide on your LRP for rental housing availability: If it falls below a certain threshold, maybe it triggers the reevaluation of zoning practices or Air BnB rentals? Every Landlord loves the idea of easy income from Air BnB, but they cut into our available housing supply, trading stable long term rentals for short term stays. Is increased landlord profit worth such unstable housing supply for our residents in the long term?

- ▶ An annual census of homeless people requiring medical intervention and monitoring crime statistics should be included.

- ▶ A "connected Nanaimo" should also measure driving and transport from a regional perspective. If we manage to provide options for Nanaimo citizens to reduce driving but we're still flooded by road traffic from north and south of the city, we aren't solving the whole problem. Even a limited rail service from here to Courtenay and back may provide options and allow us to limit road capacity from the north.
- ▶ A healthy Nanaimo covering homelessness is being ignored by senior levels of government. Those governments must own up to their responsibilities by enthusiastic encouragement by OUR council.
- ▶ Achieving these goals will be difficult but first you must make a goal and create a map to get there
- ▶ Add a volunteer component to Enabled section.
- ▶ Affordable housing is subject to market forces outside of our local gov't. We need to show leadership and creativity to show real concrete goals that will offer long term solutions to low cost and social housing.
- ▶ Again, there is little to no discussion directly of newcomers, either immigrants, or migrants from other parts of Canada or the island. This is an oversight. I assume that "welcoming for all" is meant to include cultural diversity and new Canadians, and also, capture people moving to Nanaimo from larger centers. I think as well, in the empowerment section, there needs to be a discussion of grass roots measures to involve community associations and unique neighborhoods in planning a regulating their immediate area
- ▶ At least political voice has now been added to Empowerment but if one looks at the original Amsterdam portrait, indicators like culture, parks programs, waterfront access do not belong in empowerment ... these belong in Connected.
- ▶ Difficult to combine well being and livability into the same section, should be separated
- ▶ Diversity and Inclusion is not an indicator. How will this be measured?

- breakdown indicators. some are valid points that should be pursued.

others are a complete waste and do not assist in improving Nanaimo.

virtue signaling has no place in government or in the private sector.

basically all proposals will create more irreparable long term issues, versus creating a better living environment for the populace.

- Can your indicator for community well being tease out those homeless populations that might choose to come to Nanaimo because we are providing supports to address the issue?
- Community Wellbeing: suggest adding sufficient # of required resources & services.
Empowered: suggest formally stating recognizing that we occupy Indigenous lands.
- Connectivity between protected areas should be included as an indicator, otherwise you get islands of protection suffering from edge effects that compound over time.
- Create facility where job seeker and employers get in touch directly. Place where both find each other easily. Work place BC, is doing their job but need more creative approach.
- Currently it's difficult for businesses that are waiting many months and even over a year for permits for building or renovating. Too many hoops to jump too few engineers and /or folks who work on permitting. We need to have a much better and efficient system.
- Deal with issues that are within the mandate of governance of a city. There is a real sense that this city has become unsafe for its residents. Deal with increased security. Nanaimo has an image of welcoming vagrants for a free ride. Squat anywhere and wait for the poverty pimps to arrive. The only increase of employment rates in Nanaimo is through taxpayer funded social work. Perhaps focus energy to bring in private sector jobs and a safe community for its taxpayers.
- Encourage business to set up in downtown, with financial incentives. Make a provision for greater police presence to deal with the vagrant issues.
- Fast track development projects where appropriate – reduce delay as much as possible. Reduce 'red tape' that seems to bog down so many projects...OR at least be more publicly transparent why delays occur.
- First off, why can I get money for practically every bottle I pay a deposit on in Alberta. I go to the recycling depot in Nanaimo, it's like no you can't get money for that, no I can't get money for this etc etc etc. Our recycling program stinks in Nanaimo. We make it hard for people to get their money back. It's literally a pain in the ass. Second. How long do you think our society, the world is going to use Landfill sites. We need HIGH efficiency INCINERATORS to combat expanding and filling landfill sites. Why we don't have them I do not know. They can operate perfectly on highly clean natural gas which we have plenty of. I hate landfill sites. We need to think proactively about our landfill sites and burning soon of our waste. Why are restaurants exempt for recycling. Everything goes into the garbage. I'm sick of them getting away with recycling. Shopping malls.
- Focus on housing and make it more affordable to live here. Everyone deserves a home. Even middle class can not buy homes! This is ridiculous.
- Focus on local things. Far reaching things like measuring our impact on climate change should have no bearing on our decisions as a city. What we do is inconsequential on a global stage. We need to focus on real tangible things like preserving and improving our local environment.
- For a healthy Nanaimo, I believe addressing mental health is also needed. Being able to see the level of service available, including types of services, and the number of people accessing such services, will help us to better know how to seek government support to ensure all thrive in Nanaimo.

- For a green Nanaimo, I am thinking maybe something should be included for wild fires/wild fire protection plan? Since this is going to be a pressing issue for the future of BC as whole, Nanaimo as a city should have a plan of some kind.

And for the empowered Nanaimo, I think that something for mental health needs to be done. More programs, more facilities, and more counsellors that work outside the Mon-Fri, 9-5 work schedule. Our mental health resources really lack in Nanaimo.

- For a green Nanaimo: measuring groundwater quality and levels
For a healthy Nanaimo: gathering statistics on acute and chronic illnesses. That might show patterns emerging over time
- For a healthy Nanaimo, perhaps we should be looking at the reasons that lead to homelessness, and how we, as a city, can improve upon that. I feel that we should also look at providing an adequate number of public washrooms. During the pandemic, most washrooms have been closed. For the homeless, who for whatever reason are homeless, have no public facilities. That is appalling. As well, we should be monitoring food banks to ensure that all citizens can get enough to eat.
- For a healthy Nanaimo, we also need an indicator of community connectedness (do people have the opportunity to interact with their neighbours in a healthy way)
- For a healthy Nanaimo, would love to have some reference of access to medical care. Even though I know this is a provincial responsibility, I think the city does have influence, whether that is in the push for MAJOR improvements to NRGH or that a ""improved"" nanaimo may be better able to attract more family GPs, or encouraging more of the NP clinics.

For connected, I think there should be a metric about accessibility improvements. Things like adding tactile paving for the vision impaired, sidewalk cutouts, etc.

- For each goal, the indicators represent quite a narrow range of ideas. Many more could be included. Some are not easy to measure, especially Inclusion and Diversity – is this just a demographic measure or does it include attitudes and behaviours?
- for environmental indicators, consider adding, air pollution indicators and "green" energy production/use
- For Green indicators: water consumption should be for all water users, not just residential, along with norms from other municipalities and goals for Nanaimo. Greenhouse gas emissions should be from all sources in the City, split into categories such as residential, industrial, commercial, municipal, agricultural. Greenhouse gas emissions per capita should be compared to other municipalities along with goals. For Green Indicators, add a category that measures energy consumption and generation within the City along with per capita norms and goals. Also, add something that measures the environmental impact of the economic generators within the City.
For Healthy Nanaimo indicators: Add a measure that lets us know how much of our food is imported to the City or alternately, how much is produced and consumed locally. We should also add an indicator that measures the whole housing stock within the City (possibly with category breakdowns) and compares the number of dwelling units of all types per capita to other municipalities and a goal for Nanaimo.
For Connected Nanaimo: The growth in local centers within the City should be shown as a % of overall growth. In other words how successful are we at steering the new growth into the local centers.
For Empowered Nanaimo: very difficult to really measure, but have no problem with the suggested indicators.
For Enabled Nanaimo: Add a measure that gives information on the age demographics and skill sets of the workforce.

- ▶ For the economic measures, the criteria is focused on new growth. We need to assess what's already here, what's driving under-employment, how many of the "new jobs" go to "new residents"(this applies to housing too) and thus fail to alleviate conditions for locals? When and Why do companies abandon Nanaimo and lay off 200 people? We need to look into the current economical and social climate in town to see what really needs to be done... Do we actually need more childcare so people CAN go to work?(we really do), do we need businesses like tim hortons to provide better working conditions? Do we need to change the atmosphere in a particular area so businesses get needed clients? Or, do we only need new companies to roll in, carve up some land into a building and in the long term hire 10 people part time?
 - ▶ For the fifth topic, I think it's important to measure the number of independently owner and local businesses in the city. I would preferentially like to encourage these smaller businesses to open, rather than chains like McDonalds or Walmart.
 - ▶ Foster architectural beauty and excellent urban design. Celebrate the unique island identity. Zero waste. Centre for cooperative businesses. Redevelop downtown port lands into a vibrant, mixed use hub, with waterfront parks and attractions. Passenger ferry service to Vancouver. Make Nanaimo a place to stop and stay, not just pass through.
 - ▶ Goals are all fine, a response mechanism is what will really be key to react to indicators that are pointing in a negative direction for a particular goal. Many of these goals are out of the city's scope and must be supported by upper levels of government as well
 - ▶ Great starting point! Need to understand what businesses / economic opportunities are being created in the process.
 - ▶ Green House Gas emissions should mostly be left to the provincial and federal government. They have the power to enforce, tax and make changes.
 - ▶ Green Nanaimo – density, zoning, parkland + reserves
Connected Nanaimo – equity for access for folks w/mobility challenges
 - ▶ Green Nanaimo – why are all the consumption indicators individually based? What about indicators for businesses?
Healthy Nanaimo – what about access to health services? Ratios like care providers to population?
Connected Nanaimo – what about growth in cycling and pedestrian infrastructure? Measuring the kms of bike lanes or sidewalks created?
Enabled Nanaimo – Non-residential building permits seems like a poor indicator and privileges only certain kinds of economic growth.
 - ▶ Green Nanaimo doesn't have anything about recycling. It is impossible to get a family doctor in Nanaimo– how can we add access to basic medical services part of healthy Nanaimo?
Empowered Nanaimo mentions reconciliation but doesn't mention anything specific about indigenous communities.
 - ▶ Green Nanaimo: Metrics to also tracks businesses! They contribute just as much if not more than individuals.
- For housing, metrics looking at ownership by people vs companies, how many people own multiple homes, do they mostly rent or live in their own home. How affordable is it to own?
- Need some serious metrics regarding buses, our public transport could use some work it's not just about being able to work or bike to work! Can someone in a wheel chair even make it to a bus stop? A lot of times they actually can't.
- ▶ Growth in town centres and corridors needs rethinking. Neighbourhood plans appear to have been forsaken. Existing community plan is flawed in its urban nodes zoning. More consultation is required with community associations. High density planning needs to be reconsidered.
 - ▶ habitat fragmentation, traffic calming, greenshores, are some topics id like to see addressed

- Green Nanaimo.... Should monitoring air quality and industrial pollution be included?

Empowered Nanaimo... should include education?
Smarter citizens make better citizens

A livability, walk ability point. We live in an environment with a lot of rain. I am always shocked that commercial buildings are built without overhangs to shelter the rain. When we measure how many walking paths in the downtown core or elsewhere, perhaps we should measure kms of covered walkways. As well, we have recreational facilities such as pickle ball courts and tennis courts that are not protected from the rain.

Enabled Nanaimo...measure of corporate profits that stay in Nanaimo. Promote local business over big box stores etc. Measure success at attracting new businesses to Nanaimo (not franchises).

Enable Nanaimo: Measure the alignment of the education facilities in Nanaimo with Businesses in Nanaimo

Enable Nanaimo: Measure the efficiency of City Services: \$ Spent per population

- Green: this should include an indicator for renaturalized areas or places where we are fixing what we ruined. An indicator for how many new developments on untouched or natural land would tell us how fast we are taking out wildlife habitat. We should be measuring how much we reduce emissions as well as how much we emit.

Empowered: measure how many citizens are on welfare. How many times homeless camps are cleaned up. How many break ins. How many things reported stolen. How many 911 calls for overdoses. How many people end up on the street in a given period because they can't find a place to rent.

Enabled: how many franchises vs local businesses open. How much is reinvested into the community. How many are on disability or welfare

- Growth in corridors are a failure in equitable city-making. High and medium traffic corridors are loud (which is unhealthy and linked to alzheimer's), polluted (from exhaust fumes and tire and brake dust), and dangerous. It is keeping people out of liveable neighborhoods and directing them to inferior places to live. Success in achieving equitable access would be allowing housing to be built where people would like to live. I am not a developer, but I would think people generally would prefer to be in quiet, low-traffic neighborhoods and close to Nanaimo's best amenities - parks and the waterfront.

With the rapid rise in remote work the city should not put too much focus on non-residential building permits. I cannot see why it matters if someone is doing their job in an office, at a kitchen-table, or in an industrial facility. Additionally, I do not think that workforce population should be a concern for a city the size of Nanaimo and with strong population growth. A better measure of economic resiliency would be a measure of what percentage of major employment centers are accessible without the need of costly automobiles (ie, by transit or safe cycling infrastructure).

- Health and Wellbeing- access to culturally safe longitudinal health services (such as a community health centre, that includes Indigenous wellness)
Equitable Access and Mobility- incorporating components to support business (especially those in the downtown core in old buildings) to make their businesses accessible to people with mobility issues.
Economic- supporting small business growth, and explore Community Development organizations that could incubate small businesses.
- Healthy - access to health care, e.g. number of doctors accepting new patients - attract more family doctors
Connected - number of car sharing opportunities/companies/vehicles in the city; usage of e-vehicle charging stations
Empowered - indicators don't really touch on reconciliation

- ▶ Housing costs are skyrocketing, there are no rentals at reasonable prices, even the lowest is overpriced
- ▶ How about housing prices and making it possible for young and first time buyers to buy a house? And how about stop cramming houses side by side on narrow streets next to a major highway? How can people be happy with your quality life when they have no room to move and hear the constant noise of a highway? Stop letting developers build like this!
- ▶ How are you going to measure all these things? Some of them seem quite abstract.
- ▶ How are you measuring diversity and inclusion? This is critical, but the indicator listed seems non-specific – how and what is being measured?
- ▶ How can we be assured these indicators influence political choices? I think additional indicators are needed (trees, waste management, jobs that are nonexploitative, etc.)
- ▶ How the city is facilitating densification while keeping neighbourhood livable, engaging in the Truth and Reconciliation process for staff and all citizens, and working on new ways for individuals and communities to make their political voice heard.
- ▶ How to increase BC residential ownership converted to rental.
How to increase Community based education into the school curriculum that focuses on Diversity and Culture.
How to increase emergency preparedness education and business inspections to better prepare Nanaimo for emergencies.
- ▶ <https://www.amsterdam.nl/en/policy/sustainability/circular-economy/>
- ▶ I am concerned about all the box stores. I'd like to see tax breaks for small business, coffee shops etc. More small shops encouraged
- ▶ I didn't see any info about safe injection sites or recognized the severe need for housing and drug legalization
- ▶ I am concerned that many of the indicators will be influenced by factors which are beyond the City's mandate, jurisdiction or capacity to influence. I am also wary of the cost to the City to establish and monitor a complex performance measurement system. I believe that the indicators and indices used should be more citizen-focused.
KEEP IT SIMPLE. KEEP IT MEANINGFUL TO RESIDENTS.
- ▶ I am rather concerned on how Nanaimo is balancing the environment with it's current mobility projects. Metral Drive complete streets for example. Lots of concrete, asphalt and plastic paintlines do not align with environment goals, in the least. Concrete, the production of portland cement and placing the concrete, has a very large carbon footprint. More areas of concrete and asphalt create heatsinks raising temperatures. Thermoplastic paints lines erode and get into the aquatic environment. I do not see at all how these types of projects can fit into the being stewards of the environment or are fiscally responsible as these project require increasing maintenance costs . I understand getting people away for car use is beneficial, but I fail to see that the return on investment for the carbon released to build and maintain this infrastructure is going to be offset by less cars within a short period of time. Has anyone done a cost-benefit analysis on this? Perhaps is should be done. Sometimes improvement, are not really improvements in the long run.
- ▶ I do not think the homeless situation is improving at all, and in fact, it is getting out of hand. Living in Nanaimo must be safe for all, including the tax paying residents, which I do not think is the case at the moment. May the institutions should be reopened to give the homeless some help rather than have them camp in parking lots and use the parking lots for public toilets, so the customers the next day get to walk thru it all. We have done nothing for them for a long time, and I would think that politicians are worried about losing their jobs if they speak out, but, speak out we must.

- ▶ I do not think that this model adequately explores the importance both in terms of opportunities that exist for our community, from creating a city that is desirable to and building a new future through open, supported and robust immigration. Given the age demographics of the city, the low birth rates, and challenges that exist in our local labour market in terms of post-COVID employee retention/re-hire (and not to mention the statistically demonstrated, in jurisdiction after jurisdiction economic spinoffs of immigration), I am surprised by the lack of focus within this plan. Second, more and more data suggests that interprovincial migration to the Nanaimo and the Central Island is having a greater and greater impact on affordability and the labour market. Data shows that a larger percentage of these interprovincial migrants are close too or at retirement, wealthy, and if they are working, often they do so from home, or using remote access. Both immigration and migration are also having profound impacts on our community and in my view deserve a much larger focus.
- ▶ I feel like economic wellbeing needs to have a measure around income level or similar – example, how many jobs in Nanaimo are paying what is considered a living wage, etc.
- ▶ I feel like health is all about housing. What about access to medical care? I know countless people who can't find a family doctor in town. This is a huge issue for our health as a community. I also think about access to pro-active health measures like recreation, access to community health education programs and services, etc.
- ▶ I think we already do this, but it would be good to monitor the kinds of jobs that are being created. What percentage are minimum wage? Insecure gigs? Also, can those workers afford to live here? Can a young person, even one who is offered a union job, afford to move here and actually find a place to rent, let alone buy? Those are issues for an Enabled Nanaimo as well as a Healthy Nanaimo.
- ▶ I think education and awareness levels need to be measured. Also consider measuring satisfaction levels.

- ▶ I don't feel these indicators represent much more than 40% of the goals stated. To be fair, any extrapolation of a performance indicator will stray from the intended purpose. A measure of mental health by how many psychiatrist appointments are booked will miss all the people who do not book an appointment with a psychiatrist. Extrapolation is tricky business.

The biggest piece I see missing from these extrapolations is externalized cost. For example, monitoring how much greenhouse gas is produced by household may capture driving time, but it does not capture how much carbon is expended shipping our clothes here. Shopping for locally manufactured clothes may have a huge impact on global carbon emissions but would not register on this metric.

Are our water samples clean because we've been responsibly dealing with the contaminants that arise from our city's consumption? Or is our water clean because our energy comes from Alberta (or farther), our waste is sent overseas and the pesticide runoff from the food Nanaimo consumes isn't grown in within the RDN?

In the reconciliation section, I didn't see any items that addressed, well... reconciliation. If reconciliation were BLM, this has a very "all lives matter" feel to it. We have some more specific reckoning to do here.

Workforce population may lead to initiatives that create low-value jobs. For access to daily needs, "walkability" is pretty low on my needs list. What about affordability? What can we do to make it possible for people in this city to have a family doctor? To make mental health practitioners available? I know many of these problems are provincial, national or even global in scale, but there are still small changes we can make here at home.

I am interested in measuring the changes proposed. But I don't think they paint a picture that matches the goals outlined very well, and I'd hate to conflate the two.

- ▶ I feel like the indicators were a bit of a letdown after hearing about the goals. For example, in green Nanaimo there is no indicator about expanding parks or green spaces. For connected Nanaimo I think the number of kilometres of bike paths should be an indicator, and all of the healthy Nanaimo indicators were about housing. While housing and affordability is important, access to mental health supports, connection to community, services, and nature is also a huge factor.

Finally – through all of this I think Connection and access to nature needs to be more forefront as well as outdoor recreation and economic opportunities that play off that. Nanaimo has great access to biking trails, climbing, lakes, river, the ocean parks etc. As much as I love that many of these things are not known outside of Nanaimo, I'd rather have a culture and community that appreciates them and advocates for the protection of the natural spaces to keep them, and then have supporting businesses thrive as people come to enjoy them. Nanaimo needs to become less of a through-fair and shopping hub and more of a community that people want to live in and visit!

- ▶ I hope that these indicators will help us meet all the goals in a significant way. My top three are environment, transportation infrastructure (with far fewer cars) and homelessness. I feel the target of getting 8% of our population onto the bus is far too low. I'd like to see it get to that by 2023, and maybe double, or even triple, every decade after that. Climate change is here, we need to mitigate now.
- ▶ inclusion of ESG indicators and monitoring programs to support/expand the economic indicators
- ▶ Increase bike lanes. Use bikes as the main way to get around the city.
- ▶ Indicators are only as valuable as the resulting action that is taken.

- ▶ I think more aggressive plans to utilize downtown and make it the epicenter of town on the weekends are needed. beautify the old "tent city location" and bring back cruise ships in the summer. pedestrianize Commercial Street in the summer, allow the bars, cafes and restaurants to have tables in the street. reduce property rent for the downtown core and fill it up with small businesses. make it a destination for locals and out of towners. it has so much to offer and it is constantly ignored and left to its own devices. This could be a huge income generator and job creator for Nanaimo
- ▶ I think talking about having a healthy community without addressing the drug epidemic in our city is shortsighted at best. Without looking at ways to deal with the addicted population, largely in the downtown core area, any improvements we make in that area will be devalued.
- ▶ I think we're missing how people spend their free time and giving them things to do. The outdoors are great, but not everyone likes that. What about entertainment, games rooms, water slides, go carts, mini golf etc. I think we could learn a lot from bigger centres in this topic and especially our neighbours to the south. Also giving people more free time. A lot of people work 2 jobs to make ends meet taking them away from family and rnr. "All work and no play makes Homer go something something" lol. It is important to have shopping, but not everyone wants to work evenings and weekends for the same reasons as per above. A 0 tolerance attitude towards aggression in the workplace should be put into effect whether it's from co-workers OR the general public, people need to understand that Nanaimoans are kind, but we are not to be trifled with.
- ▶ I would be interested to know more about the focus that Reimagine Nanaimo has on Energy Production and Distribution as this is one of the major aspects that is affecting Climate Change.

Though not as important as looking at the transport in the local community, I would be interested to know more about what plans Reimagine Nanaimo would have for transport to other major population hubs on the Island.

- I'd really like to see urban forestry as an indicator of environmental health. Trees are disappearing at an alarming rate with all the new development.

For a healthy Nanaimo, including access to health care/services?

I'd like to see an empowered Nanaimo really focus on reconciliation.

I'd like to see economic health include a measure that looks at who is investing in businesses here. Are indigenous and people of colour represented? Are moms showing up in there? So we have disabled business leaders? I think that having representative leadership will mean more opportunities for meaningful employment for those historically underrepresented.

- I'm unsure about the indicators for an Enabled Nanaimo. As someone who works for the public sector, I have very little experience with this, except as a consumer at various goods and services vendors. Things have been rough for downtown businesses during Covid. Also I would like to acknowledge that not all businesses are equal. For example: a restaurant that uses local ingredients versus a chain outlet that serves industrial produced foods, or a company that manufactures renewable energy systems versus a pulp mill. (I support investment in the first examples, but do not support investment in the latter examples.)
- In enabled, could we track business permits, or total employment?
- In the Empowerment section we need to specifically include promoting reconciliation with first nations.
- It is insufficient to have square footage of Natural protected areas as the sole metric for success in this indicator; the quality of the protected areas is important as well. Much of our protected areas are threatened by invasive species that are slowly bleaching out their biodiversity.

- In the green section- would be cool to monitor how much goes to the recycling depot as well, and to monitor how much of the recycling is contaminated. Could also be useful to monitor business waste and industrial waste.

In the harbour, monitoring the waste and debris from log booms in Chase River estuary and at Mud Bay on Protection Island would no doubt give us valuable information about the effects of the logging industry on coastal health. Would also be useful to monitor the effects of logging in the Nanaimo Lakes area on riparian zones.

Perhaps in addition to monitoring greenhouse gas emissions as a result of personal vehicles, we could monitor the miles clocked by loggers, brushers and other silviculture workers in the Nanaimo Regional District.

I wonder if we could monitor how much rain enters sewers from parking lots rather than being absorbed into the earth that is sealed by concrete? Could be interesting.

Also if there was some way to monitor the positive effects of the elimination of plastic bags, do we have a baseline for that?

Can we monitor the overdose deaths avoided thru insight?

Also it would be valuable if we could monitor different people's experiences with police and RCMP- esp cos they are building that new RCMP station. The institution of the RCMP is racist and often this is reflected in the experiences of indigenous folks interacting with the police. Perhaps a partnership with Snuneymuxw nation where they could do an independent review of policing in Nanaimo and see if the indigenous population here is overrepresented in the RCMP system? Also it would be interesting to note this in the monitoring of folks who are unhoused, just to get a better idea if we are really pulling our weight on the whole reconciliation thing.

- ▶ In the Green section, emissions and waste produced by businesses and industry must also be measured.
In the Healthy section, we should measure overall affordability (not just housing and food affordability) and access to medical care (ie. a consistent primary care provider). The current indicators set a very low bar for wellbeing. Access to food and housing are the bare minimum required for survival; actual wellbeing requires much more. Some of the indicators in the Empowered section are also relevant to health and wellbeing, such as access to recreation and social opportunities.
In the Empowered section, measuring overall participation in recreation etc. is not enough. We should measure the equitability of access to recreation and social opportunities. Improving access to these opportunities for those who are financially, geographically or otherwise excluded at present should be the priority--- increasing access among families who already have easy access is not success.
In the Enabled section, measure wages and compare (adjusted for cost of living) with wages for similar jobs in cities with the quality of life that Nanaimo is striving for. Measure residents' satisfaction with the types of jobs in the city-- for example, if the city attracts a lot of white-collar professionals (looking for affordability compared to Vancouver, for example) but all the job creation is in industry, that's not good for the city.
- ▶ keeping tabs on residential retrofit building permits would give some insights to how well we're working with what is already constructed, minimizing construction waste and keeping within our established urban areas while trying to tackle affordability.
- ▶ look at the young people where are they going to work, not here
- ▶ Look to other successful water front cities world wide that have implemented public waterfront access. This planning will positively affect the community in many areas: health, transportation and economic.
- ▶ Indicators for a Green Nanaimo: Biodiversity seems to be missing – Tree inventory and new trees planted. There are advancement in cataloguing this that use AI and citizen science. More connections with groups and trails that connect neighbourhoods. For instance tracking the partnership opportunities with the Morrell Nature Sanctuary, school programs and University research. How we are connecting with nature and other living creatures – this can be with bird counts and how many deer are killed on the highway. Do we have bees pollinating? How much garbage is collected from natural spaces (illegal dumping). Metrics on invasive species removal and regenerative. Metrics on storm outfalls and improvements. Metrics on polluted stormwater treated. Add metrics of how our financial asset management is valuing our natural assets. Even more on how we are improving interconnection of natural trails with our neighbourhood spaces both for us and nature corridors.
Use the metrics and amplify the collaboration with the RDN on river, creek and watershed stewardship.
- ▶ Indicators to add: social life quality as the town feels lonely as it is all privatized, reducing chainstores and promoting local business all new buildings are too expensive for local businesses to rent so franchises take their spots. THERE ARE NO FLOWERS in this town or no maintenance it is disgusting and all the new development areas have no grass or plants isnt that part of ecology and environment?? These goals and indicators are too vague and too big and do not focus on specific things related to Nanaimo. No walkable areas. No ammenities in each neighbour all on a big strip highway.
- ▶ It appears that you have been living somewhere else and are approaching Nanaimo from outside. Too much planning to study the conditions and not enough here is what we have and here is our proposed solutions.
- ▶ More online surveys and ability to give feedback and voice concerns.

- ▶ It would have been helpful to have a comment box below each of the indicators...
 1. Green Nanaimo – the last indicator is important but at the same time too limited. How we do when it comes to protecting the environment has also a lot to do with how we integrate natural areas into developed lands. An indicator that would capture how well we do infusing green into developed lands is % of tree canopy cover and working toward an overall target.
 2. Healthy Nanaimo – It's not clear how you are going to measure 'local food security'. That indicator should be specific and measurable. I don't know what data is easy to get....here are some ideas: % of locally produced food in grocery stores; % of land under commercial and urban agricultural production, plus land in community gardens; income generated from Farmer's markets, finding an indicator for this one is definitely tricky!
 3. Connected Nanaimo – an additional indicator which might be fairly easy to collect the data for and which is meaningful: kilometres of multi-use trails and bike lanes.
 4. Empowered Nanaimo – I am curious how you are going to measure inclusion and diversity. Will ready up on that!
- ▶ It would to know what the baseline is for these and targets.
- ▶ My comments apply to An Enabled Nanaimo – it's not sufficient. One key indicator of economic progress is the number of local new businesses and cooperatives being started. Another is the number of Nanaimo businesses closing or failing. Another is the proportion of people's savings being invested in the Nanaimo regional economy. Another is the % of businesses with ESG (Environmental/Social/Governance) or circular economy commitments. It feels as if this section has been written by the Chamber of Commerce, without any feel for how to build an economy in keeping with the Doughnut framework.
- ▶ More promoting of local & small businesses. Redeveloping downtown to make it affordable to promote those businesses, allowing those businesses to thrive. Stop gouging the little guy.
- ▶ Many of the green indicators either place too much emphasis on individuals, while many are beyond individual control. Individual use of water, for example, is (and I can't state this strongly enough) completely and utterly irrelevant in the face of the water consumption of animal agriculture. Why should individuals attempt to take shorter showers, for example, when that is a literal drop in the bucket of where water is actually used?

Household waste, as a second example, also places too much emphasis on individual. While there are certainly things individuals can do to reduce their waste, again, the vast majority of waste happens before an individual even makes a purchase. Governments, local, provincial, and federal need to step up and stop the waste at the source, rather than relying on individuals to reduce the small amount of waste that happens to be visible at the end of the cycle. Incentives for refill stores, more convenient (and more effective) recycling are places to start. A bylaw would be useful to force grocery stores to offer "bring-your-own-container" refill programs, as Bulk Barn does.
- ▶ many of these indicators are not objectively measurable. It's too fancy and not objective enough.
- ▶ Measure the number of artists and cultural workers and ensure they have affordable live/work spaces

Measure number of people in schools and post secondary institutions... enabling the next generation to thrive
- ▶ Monitor areas of high traffic congestion
- ▶ More about access to social services under community well-being, maybe attendance and participation in arts, culture and heritage, not just investment. Maybe something about alternate work practices, i.e. work from home, etc. Maybe fostering community discussions about basic income, climate change, etc., and how the doughnut modelled can be supported, developed and improved.

- ▶ Mostly the draft indicators are good, however they will only be useful if we act on them when final draft done.
- ▶ Must do a parking analysis as Council keeps reducing parking required for developments and there is no on-street parking anywhere anymore.
- ▶ My concern is in relation to the Green Nanaimo. We have all the indicators, yet development and \$ always are always trump. People are attracted to Nanaimo because of the closeness to nature, this is not Victoria, and this is what makes Nanaimo so unique. we need to keep our forests close to the city and focus development on areas that are already being developed. Our forests are some of our greatest assets.
- ▶ My sense is that we hear from the same vocal people over and over. How can we solicit feedback from a greater segment of the population. Maybe direct mail, emails etc., questionnaires to targeted neighborhoods or cultural groups
- ▶ Need to consider community/neighbourhood empowerment.
- ▶ New models of business are the models from 100 years ago where business and homes were the same buildings. I think a vibrant economy might have zero non-residential building permits
- ▶ No indicators on home ownership/affordability. Two for rental?
- ▶ Not one of these indicators are measurements. You have to have a measurable goal such as the city will reduce water consumption by xx by year xx. Otherwise they are empty statements.
- ▶ please stop all this money wasting foolishness
- ▶ Please think less about the overall Provincial Government mandate and focus on issues in our City that a municipal government can affect.
- ▶ Rather than just a measure of amount of land protected, we should also measure connectedness with other protected areas and the rare habitat of protected areas to reflect ecosystem integrity and bio-diversity.
- ▶ On the Resiliency front, I would like to see something about forward looking businesses and infrastructures. Also, I would like to see something about resiliency in the face of climate change e.g. agriculture, floods, wildfires. On the Environment front, I would like to see something about our individual responsibilities vs. what "the government" can do. As an individual, I could be supported to drive a less-big vehicle; as an individual, I could be supported to consume (usually outside of my budget) locally produced agricultural products instead of manufactured foods; as an individual, I could be supported to choose to live in a smaller home (as opposed to a small home being chosen by people with lower incomes). Systemic changes come from individuals. But, I applaud the City (and the RDN) for showing some leadership in these areas.
- ▶ One of the main issues seems to be that individual communities often don't have their needs met locally (local businesses, shops, restaurants, grocery stores -- for example in North Nanaimo around Hammond Bay Rd) and so always need to drive for any errand. Focusing indicators on growth in Town Centres, etc will make it more difficult to achieve almost all the other goals.
- ▶ Other indicators would be listening to complaints made by the public, conducting more surveys, looking at the numbers of how much replanting of trees are being done when forests are cut for Nanaimo's development, seeing how congested certain roads are (traffic jams), seeing how much businesses and community buildings are composting/recycling and using products that are environmentally friendly and considering how much garbage is left on our roadsides/waters. Finally, how can we partner with local Indigenous community to help them be more green with Nanaimo? The downtown Indigenous community are next to an industry. How clean is their water and what do they think about looking at a mill from their reserve?
- ▶ People with disability represent 20% of the population--I think that merits some specific mention, don't you?

- ▶ Personally, I would like to see greater business attraction to downtown Nanaimo that would be a draw for tourists & locals and hopefully future Cruise Lines. Also, more emphasis on the problem with Mental Illness, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and resulting Homelessness. I don't know where that would fit in, or if it's already included in the Doughnut.
- ▶ Plant native trees following the complete removal of forested areas (ie. behind the Chinese cemetery). There is not enough rentals, period. Landlords can jack prices because supply/demand is unbalanced. Bike lane connectivity!!! Not sure what jobs attract people to Nanaimo...
- ▶ Please ensure that your goals have time limits and are regularly checked by qualified staff.
- ▶ Please find ways to resurrect the multiculturalism society and the good people gathering events that they and other community organizations have done in the past in Nanaimo. We need to be a big city with small town welcoming events of all kinds. The parks and waterfronts of Nanaimo are perfect venues for community events.
- ▶ Please include recycling in the Green Nanaimo section. How much do we recycle and what happens to that material i.e., does it go to a dump in some other location? Again, I believe the "Connected Nanaimo" has to include transition to zero emissions transportation.
- ▶ Please politicians and bureaucrats stop your personal agendas. Please Fix the flat tire and stop pouring our tax dollars down the drain.
- ▶ Re: Green Nanaimo-Availability of Lands Dedicated for Natural Area Protection---It should read Progress at INCREASING and providing permanent protection of habitat and natural areas.
- ▶ Really have a target for settling new Canadians and younger Canadians.
- ▶ So much of the draft indicators are theoretical. What is the process where citizens can actually voice their needs, wants and ideas? Certainly not by speaking at council. Or by surveys such as this one, which feel removed from the actual reality of what it is to live in this city.
- ▶ Reconciliation: Nothing in the reconciliation goal specific to First Nations people, but there should be. I think we need to be more targeted and show REAL action towards healing these relationships, rather than just adding reconciliation to a title and thinking that's enough.
Well-being: an urgent area that needs key indicator monitoring is the number of residents who don't have access to family doctors. We have to go to Duncan for ours, and numerous others who have just moved here can't get a doctor.
- ▶ Recreational programs for low income need to be helpful in allowing more access. The swimming lessons and art classes help the youth cope better in low income. Enable full payment for a set of swimming lessons for example for small children instead of just half off for physical activities. Invaluable skill that prevents drowning and creates skill development. More low income housing is needed for families for Nanaimo. This needs to be well designed and operated with pets being allowed. Better mental health.
- ▶ Reducing homelessness in Nanaimo is not under the control of The City and is not the sole responsibility of the City of Nanaimo. I think the City is setting itself up for failure with this goal. People living on the streets are Canada's Homeless. Building more homes and low-income housing will attract more people at-risk, which is not a problem but you can't build your way out of homelessness, when you build more homes, more will come from across BC/Canada.

Perhaps the goal could be to house X many people a year and at a higher level, work with cities in BC and Canada to advocate for a National Housing Strategy to house Canada's Homeless. Macro and Micro goals.

Perhaps a more tangible target could be setting goals for individuals who have grown up in Nanaimo and are moving off the street into stable housing. Or individuals who have lived in Nanaimo for more than X years, are accessing addiction services, and not returning to the street or addiction.

- ▶ Regarding the Green Nanaimo. Where are the community gardens? Where is the encouragement to end lawns and encourage gardening. Education on the the need for diversity within our city. Trees, flowering plants etc. to encourage bees and other insects to thrive. More Green areas within the city, in empty lots etc. possibilities are immense. We just need to look to some of the progressive Cities that creating a place where all life can thrive.
- ▶ Remove built in obsolescence and reduce waste – we cannot have infinite growth with finite resources. We need to make industry accountable, stop subsidizing and giving tax breaks to industry, care for the environment and it will improve QOL. If you look at the decimation of species (aquatic, land, plant...) it's easy to see there's a crisis... yet we keep going as is.... The way we BUILD needs to be better (sustainable materials, PERMEABLE surfaces instead of paving everything, manmade wetlands, edible gardens/ rooftop gardens, end sprawling, focus on native species (address invasive spp.), walkable/cycling hubs/downtowns, wildlife crossings/corridors on the hwy in here as there are ZERO on the island and animals get caught up along the barricades. Look at the issue of fish farms and hatcheries... Why are we not addressing the problem? Why isn't there "enough"? How are we not growing more foods locally and sustainably when we have the BEST weather for it? Why are we not sourcing more local products and encourages more local businesses yet giving tax breaks to corporations and letting them dictate and payoff and have the invisible hand?
- ▶ The measurements for the Enabled Nanaimo indicators are fairly passive (except maybe the Economic Structure Index). What about measures that focus on the rating the City's programs and initiatives relating to target business activity, or measure efficiency of the City to enable target developments.
- ▶ The programs that I've read about are only geared to the active and healthy. Should be more inclusive.
- ▶ Some of these ideas "Water consumption by residents", "Household waste sent to the landfill", "Local Food Security" are almost certainly going to drive up costs for poor families in Nanaimo without providing more then a "we should feel good" benefit. If we use less of the excess winter rainfall from our dam, aren't we going to just going to be letting more plants die? What would be wrong with using winter rain for summer plants? If we spend more money to decrease waste to the landfill how will that help the poorest families in Nanaimo? If local food is cheaper then it doesn't need City support and if it is more expensive why are we doing that to a our citizens? We shouldn't aim to make something like strawberries more expensive.
- ▶ Some of these indicators seem vague to measure, I'm curious how one would measure inclusion for example or people's sense of ease of walkability.
- ▶ Sports facilities per 1000 population compared against similarly sized cities. Organized by sport. Ranked by sport participation rate in prov/ country.
Financial efficiency measures.
Competitiveness of city versus similar cities (tax rate, debt rate etc)
City population growth rate
Deforestation rate (hectares cleared)
Crime rates (property crimes, violent crimes)
- ▶ Strengthening economic construction and improving the economy will make residents' lives better
- ▶ Suggest reviewing vacancy rate of Commercial lease space and not just the non-residential building permits. Continually building new while existing sit empty and deteriorating is not sustainable, and doesn't meet our goal of a green Nanaimo.
- ▶ The City could use more room for feedback :such as, the City increases property taxes and then wonders why rents have escalated.
- ▶ The examples in your booklet are far more interesting, informative and engaging.

- ▶ The homeless issue is always a problem. I don't feel that we should do as much as we are for the drug addicted and mentally ill. I feel that the government needs to address this issue.
- ▶ The indicators described are generally very good but I wonder what data will actually be used to inform the measurement of these indicators. Many of them are vague, although laudable, and need a finer point to them so that they actually mean something. Having worked on indicators in the past I can also attest to the challenge of finding relevant data that is reported out regularly. I would think a fairly substantial budget would be required to measure and report on many of these indicators.
- ▶ There is nothing in the Green Nanaimo Indicator that ensure habitat protection for wildlife or that acknowledges (and manages) the dramatic increase in invasive species. There is nothing in the Green Nanaimo Indicator that acknowledges the need people have to wild spaces for health. There is nothing in the Green Nanaimo indicator that speaks to the effects of development and logging on climate change at micro and macro scales (ie local and global temps). Community Wellbeing and Liveability is missing out on a measurement for "wellbeing"! Housing is great but nature connection and landscapes are critical.
- ▶ These are all potentially good but this depends entirely on how you measure these indicators and what targets you set for yourself. This is critical because setting targets such as ' we would like more of... [km of bike trails, affordable housing, etc]" is very different than saying that you want to "increase affordable housing by x number of units over the 2021 numbers" The key is measurable indicators with proper targets that actually challenge the status quo we have had in this city. This is the time to be bold in setting the targets and refining the indicators. There's a real risk here; and that is the possibility that all this re-imagine work will become impotent in its ability to lead to serious, substantive change (GHG emissions for example) if the targets are not appropriate and measurable.
- ▶ The reasons I put not well for many indicators is first why measure something unless you have a goal. Measuring how much garbage I have is just a statistic. You need qualifiable goals with measurement for success. The biggest problem we have all these statistics but no one understands what they are telling us. How do you measure efforts to attract people to the workforce. How do you know what to measure. How do you know what works? You need to start with policy goals with measurable results. And then design the statistics needed to measure the results. Measuring my water consumption is useless if I grow all my own vegetables. Every year we do a count on homeless people, so does that tell us if our programs are working? Just because it's easier for me to bike to the store does not mean I will bike. Measuring housing prices to measure is success on housing affordability is dumb. Really no correlation. That's another important point how are things correlated? Housing prices will drop when governments stop meddling in the free market. Does how much garbage I send to landfill really give you an indication of the problem? Think about it I have to wash my plastics and bottles and styrofoam and then drive to a Center and have it recycled. Is this effective? Why not pick everything up at curb side and then take it to a giant sorting facility. Think of the jobs, are the garbage trucks run on sustainable fuels? What about transportation, there is a group who wants to spend billions on bringing back the train to Vancouver Island. Has anyone thought of an alternative ? Like gondola transportation? Again if I want to get to the ferry I have to take the car, biking is not an option nor the bus. So again a gondola solves all the problems. Good luck happy to discuss
- ▶ There is nothing here about the Snuneymuxw people and their treaty rights / land sovereignty
- ▶ These are good longterm indicators that will be effective post-pandemic.
- ▶ These are great! Lots to track so may want to focus on few important ones in each category.... Also I did not see anything on tracking demographics and some type of engagement by age category??? Just my 2 cents.

- ▶ These are great, but I'd like to see a feedback loop included as a value. I believe a key indicator of growth, health, belonging and increased participation is that residents feel they have a city that listens, hears and acts holistically.
- ▶ These indicators are good, but there needs to be targeted incentives to effect improvements. For example, incentive programs for electric vehicles (including increasing charging infrastructure), heat pumps, and energy efficiency upgrades. Similarly, programs to enable poor people to access rental properties since "affordability" is a relative concept. With increasing population pressure prices are increasing rapidly, keeping most options out of reach, particularly for homeless people.
- ▶ This is all a pipe dream that will serve no purpose, other than to make it even less affordable for the the majority of taxpayers.
- ▶ Timelines for building permits are to long and need to be sped up
- ▶ To monitor people's feelings of being safe. To monitor people's feelings of being happy and/ or at least content with their living here. Monitor the rates of crime, homelessness, drug usage. Measure the improvements in people's health conditions and their material wellbeing.
- ▶ To See, To Measure, To Understand, To Observe, To Monitor ... ect. - When you want to have a tool to measure progress, you need to have it SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely) I think these are in the right direction but some of them are not SMART. Thus, will not provide you with Key Indicators which will provide you with useful tools. Go back and rewrite each of these as SMART. Then you will have a fantastic tool.
- ▶ Track park use throughout the city...numbers and effect on the resource...not just the waterfront area ..this can measure the need desire for more/ diverse green space throughout Nanaimo.
- ▶ Traffic patterns should be evaluated to reduce exhaust emissions. Especially the Departure Bay / Stewart Ave area during ferry line up times. Force BC Ferries to adopt a complete reservation system for the Departure Bay route to do away with vehicles using our streets as idling parking lots. Have the standby vehicles and their line ups moved to Duke Point terminal, there is 7km of highway and one of the only overpasses on the island highway built for their use and at the moment it is highly underused.
- ▶ Under "access and mobility", I would like to see sub-indicators on transit frequency and on cycling and pedestrian network connectivity. Under "empowerment" I would like to see an indicator for the transparency or responsiveness of civic government. Under "economic prosperity", an increase in jobs does not prove much if they tend to be part-time or entry-level; I think there would be wide agreement that we are seeking what the unions call "family-supporting" jobs.
- ▶ waste and recycling are critical components to achieve a vibrant city. Check out <https://www.cielows.com/> for an innovative Canadian solution to waste management.
- ▶ Waste of time and money. Just useless propaganda
- ▶ Waste to landfill? How about finding some measures of sustainable daily living? Why only household waste to landfill when most of what's in there is commercial waste. Bigger problem is over consumption. It's very possible to over consume and recycle so landfill measures indicate very little.
- ▶ We don't have sidewalks. Why are we putting in grass medians, when the plant is heating up? Vehicles are not going away in the next 30 + years. It take 2 lights to get through a intersection now. We left Kelowna, because traffic was so badly backed up and now with your planning, your making it worse. How is making Nanaimo more livable when, you're making traffic worse? I know save the planet, but lets not go to far.

- ▶ We must reflect that ATTITUDES of residents will contribute significantly to the achievement of the goals and milestones attempted each year. HOW will you/we change the ATTITUDES of those who do not WANT to live in housing and not tents. HOW will you/we change the ATTITUDES of those who do not WANT to have affordable housing in THEIR backyards. HOW will you/we change the ATTITUDES of those who are NOT prepared to be a welcoming, open minded, open arms household to people who are different from the mainstream. All very nice aspirational thoughts..... but the reality of resources (money, positive attitudes, co-operation from competing entities, etc.) will be the toughest challenge in Nanaimo -- or in any city for that matter. We do not have the collective thinking that we often find in Scandinavian countries -- and even in Japan. MUST reflect people's ATTITUDES in the indicators -- and the way they are measured.
 - ▶ We need a better plan to make Nanaimo more accessible by bike! Hamond Bay Rd is not pedestrian or cycle friendly!
 - ▶ -we need away for pedestrian trail users to bridge the hiatus in foot traffic facility access the marina stretch!
-we also need more launching spots in kayaks at short walking distance from parking space in vehicles
 - ▶ We need everybody working, in any way. Make work programs for homeless equivocal to handicap persons
 - ▶ We should be monitoring how much land is back in FN hands. How many homeless have supportive housing. How much supportive housing is available. How many disabled people are mobile throughout the city and how many are employed. How many businesses are owned by POC. How many services are there for marginalized groups. How many households are taking conservation tactics (solar panels, urban farms, wind energy, rain barrels) and how they can be supported. How many businesses support sustainable economy (ride shares, green energy, recycling). How many children of residents stay in town after graduation.
 - ▶ We need more protected areas, especially nature areas. Animal species are disappearing and were part of the charm of our city.
- Affordable housing is not even coming close. We need more housing agencies.
- We need rent freezes now and real estate prices should not be allowed to sky rocket anymore. Tragedy unfolds every day now for one of our basic needs -- housing. More people now face homelessness, people who used to own homes are now included and our seniors! This is unconscionable and should not be happening in Canada! First time buyers cannot even buy starter homes, they do not exist anymore. We need to immediately allow tiny homes, small homes, carriage homes, cabins, co-housing (truly affordable co-housing projects, not market value like Pacific Gardens) to be built without making it so difficult to near impossible for people to live in more affordable, eco-minded and sustainable ways. Perhaps give developers some incentives to build more affordable and sustainable housing as well. Thank you.
- ▶ We need to support local growth in all areas. Nearby wilderness must be preserved. Part of the beauty of this region is its raw beauty and this must be guarded! Perhaps the seawalk need not be extended to Departure Bay beach as the natural beach area between Departure Bay Beach and the BC Ferry terminal is an exquisite example of island beauty.
 - ▶ We want businesses that are seeking a donut environment so that we can be a leader in building a sustainable city.
 - ▶ We will need people to NOT drive their cars everywhere they need to go.
 - ▶ Well-being goal: more than housing -- consider measurements of other social determinants of health such as access to healthy food (why does Nanaimo not have a cheaper produce store chain like Kim's in Vancouver?). Connected Nanaimo indicator needs to include cycling to work and shops not just walking (addition of secure bike storage, ebike charging stations, ability to add more than 2 bikes on transit buses).

- ▶ What about water usage and waste from businesses/the City?
What about ensuring there is motivation from landlords to actually rent out their property (ie. more landlord incentives and protection from horrible tenants) instead of putting it on AirBNB? How do you measure inclusion? I'm not clear how access to the waterfront (when there are so many other areas of Nanaimo to develop or encourage access to) would "empower" anyone.
- ▶ What data is to be examined and how and when and by whom is it collected?
What tradeoffs are to be examined in relating these indicators?
What kind of a City are we proposing, i.e. what indicators are most important in assessing our progress?
- ▶ Why are we putting in grass medians. They take water and labour. I know public access is important, cars? If there is no place to park, no go or pay parking keeps the poorer people out of the loop. I know your trying to get less cars, that in 40 years latter. If there's no parking or pay parking; I'll (we'll) go some place else!
- ▶ With the recent Pandemic it has been a change to create business. I would encourage a night market in the downtown core during the summer and arts and crafts fares. Food festivals are also popular and bring the community together for summer good times. Also creating more benches in the downtown area for people to socialize and relax after walking the harbor front walk way would be nice for the elderly. Possibly in small clusters similar to what Barcelona has done in their downtown areas Areas the can be open for children to play would be encouraged but a challenge in downtown Nanaimo. Also the speed of the cars should be slowed down. Thus more relaxing activities can take place. This also needs to be applied to the downtown core to make it more walkable and inviting for people to enjoy and experience.
- ▶ Without our environment being healthy and strong, there is no economy. We do not need to keep building and building. When is there enough population?
- ▶ work with Provincial government to ensure that prevention strategies are in place to address health care needs (eg. education, access to food in all public schools, adequate and equitable mental health resources given to our community to address the current mental health/addiction issues. Inclusion is not only about reconciliation for indigenous peoples, it is about how all people are included and how that value is addressed in the community.
- ▶ Would like to see reference to ""housing innovation"" to account for new formats in housing.
Workforce Population – Why Measure – needs better/changed wording to improve comprehension.
- ▶ You already monitor these aspects of life. Why for example has Hammond Bay Rd not got pedestrian and cycle lanes? Will this process change council's willingness to fund it?
- ▶ You are only focused on carbon footprint and not overall environmental health. There are reasons why water consumption would rise ie new research shows green grass helps capture carbon. There are many areas in town with no access to amenities so they will need to drive. Nanaimo has an aging population and driving is a key component to their health and well being as many cannot walk distances, nor cycle, and need their independence which is one thing driving still gives them. No place do you mention our rising crime rate and not feeling safe. Many of my friends and I feel the safety of the city is plummeting yet this is not addressed.



APPENDIX C

SCENARIOS SURVEY WRITTEN COMMENTS

In this section are comments recorded from the Scenarios Survey. Comments are unedited and are shown as received. Comments containing inappropriate or offensive language have not been included.

COMMENTS ON PRIORITIES

FINANCIAL RESILIENCE COMMENTS

- ▶ Welcome to the concrete jungle. Taxes will be higher just the same that is how municipal and provincial governments operate now, Tax the !!!
- ▶ Build fewer roads in less density. Dirt roads are fine. Use mass transit to connect outlying communities.
- ▶ The housing prices are forcing lots of people to move away from Nanaimo. They need to be supported.
- ▶ Minimum wage needs to be higher like come on
- ▶ housing needs to be more affordable, to buy and to rent. How is a person who is single supposed to afford 1200 to 1500 or more in rent when cost of living goes up but wages do not.
- ▶ This paragraph doesn't explain the choice tome. Financial resilience to me, is about how much money we have & how it gets spent
- ▶ I am opposed to high density housing outside of the downtown core. Coming from Maple Ridge, I have seen first hand how runaway high density development destroys neighborhoods and a sense of community. I would rather pay higher taxes than be surrounded by high rise condos and tightly packed townhomes.
- ▶ Balancing the desire to condense for maximum tax revenue while ensuring we meet financial demands of a properly planned city.
- ▶ Do not spend money on Phallic art murals making down town look scummy. Have it be approved by a council first
- ▶ Support in fill, see what builders need to make easier.
My taxes went up 7 %. As a retired person income went up no where near and saving are plumiting.
- ▶ How do city taxpayers have a say in what gets maintained and when? Quennel Road was recently upgraded with a yellow centre line. Most local residents have been mourning the loss of the country feel of the road – was the line painting deemed necessary by someone?
- ▶ Should be fairly obvious. Major fluctuations in the market make it prime target for housing flippers and skud eleitists

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY COMMENTS

- ▶ High fees or taxes for any home buyers who are not from Nanaimo/Vancouver Island. Incentives to sell to locals. People are being priced out of their home towns. It is heartbreaking and removes hope for the future from our young people.
- ▶ See lack of industry
- ▶ Housing for a range of incomes is essential for a health city
- ▶ Build affordable housing complexes for poor and homeless people like the city happily does for seniors and retired folks with loads of money
- ▶ Houses that have many more rooms than residents take up resources but offer the community very little for the amount of infrastructure they require. Homes with 3 or more empty rooms than people who live there should pay more property tax.
- ▶ Affordable housing invites new young workers, and employers that can find employees. It also helps reduce the housing displaced and attract tourism. Giant homes with many more empty rooms than people, uses resources and contributes to a lack of housing
- ▶ For everyone
- ▶ As many are homeless or close to homeless access to affordable housing is a priority.
- ▶ The more our zoning and housing building requirements to make medium density profitable we will prosper. Not every building needs a certain lot size, parking lot. Let the market decide not government. Tone down the rules and regulation a bit, it has caused this crisis. No one else to blame.
- ▶ More actual low income homes for families who can't afford no higher than 1000/month max. That are also pet friendly. Rent is too expensive and there aren't enough pet friendly homes. 98% of landlords say no to medium to large size dogs which isn't right.
- ▶ Step 1 is more supply. Housing will never be affordable with vacancy rates in the 1-3% range. We have a housing emergency. Time to act like it.
- ▶ House prices raising crazy
- ▶ STOP raising property taxes
- ▶ Single family housing to allow independent living for as long as possible. Protect mobile home parks from developers rezoning. Ensure amenities like labs, medical clinics, dentists, pharmacies etc. are evenly distributed throughout Nanaimo. Currently we have only one large medical clinic in central Nanaimo and none in south end.
- ▶ Stop with the developments with Strata's it doesn't make it more affordable. Housing needs to be more affordable, to buy and to rent. How is a person who is single supposed to afford 1200 to 1500 or more in rent when cost of living goes up but wages do not.
- ▶ Foreign ownership is everyone's problem and it's about to be Nanaimo's biggest problem as well.
- ▶ Why doesn't the city build low cost housing that would include everyone.
- ▶ Way too expensive, need better transit
- ▶ It is devastating to see so many homeless people
- ▶ Lower taxes on properties. The roads are terrible and my taxes are over \$4,000
- ▶ The only framework I know that works for fair equitable housing is what Whistler's housing authority has. Unfortunately, it is not enough in today's housing market and needs to expand but at least there is a waiting list for working people in Whistler. Of course there is not enough of these homes and expansion of this model needs to grow so people who provide the service industry jobs may one day have that security.

- ▶ We need more NOT RENTAL APARTMENTS, we want to be able to own OUR OWN PROPERTY, instead of being SLAVES TO BUREAUCRACY THAT OWNS ALL THE PROPERTIES. Please I beg you, we need to affordable housing that low income people can BUY! Stop allowing rental properties to be built that is UNAFFORDABLE FOR MOST NANAIMO RESIDENTS! Can you think if Nanaimo residents have to pay \$1400 per month for one-bedroom and \$1600 per month for two-bedroom?
- ▶ Not going to happen to many greet landlords
- ▶ Look at administrative load we put on builders,don't let developers bs council on parking (look behind Kaltire at country club, road is packed) get senior governments to give tax break to REITS building low income housing, ask builders what they need.
- ▶ I think a key element here is that these housing options need to be affordable but still desirable and livable. I've lived in plenty of places that helped me get by but wouldn't be suitable for my current stage of life (as a single parent with two elementary school aged kids).
- ▶ How bout some pushback on ridiculous building code rules that make it impossible to build an affordable house.
- ▶ We are living in a crisis. Please work with the Province and Ottawa to address this urgently. The lack of housing options and resultant competition and prices are making Nanaimo unlivable.

HOUSING DIVERSITY COMMENTS

- ▶ Denser housing option and offering lower taxes to builders of high efficiency denser housing allows for an aging population where only one member of the couple may still be alive. It also recognizes people move, allows for younger new income earners and requires less infrastructure
- ▶ Diversity of housing allows for both single senior, single family and young professionals to all live comfortably. Housing diversity needs to be reflective of the population that is single, single parent, a couple or a family and reflect what we are trying to promote in the future for growth
- ▶ More medium density communal living, less single family homes, we should look like europe not houston. Shops in the bottom. Lower minimum lot size, less lawns more trees, make roads smaller.
- ▶ Missing middle. We should look like Europe not Houston.
- ▶ More affordable single family homes.
- ▶ Allow sheds for disability qualified accounts instead of metal prisons
- ▶ More affordable single family homes. Nanaimo has wanted to develop the downtown for along time, but have allowed the A&B sound building to stay empty since 2008. Why can't that building be torn down and condos, with storefront on the ground level be built there, same with the property across the street. NOT A BUS LOOP.
- ▶ Re develop downtown the right way, for example the A&B Sound building has been empty since 2008, build condos on the top floors, storefront on the bottom floor with parking underneath, same with across the street, NOT A BUS LOOP. What are Nanaimo's plan for tally ho building and the greyhound bus station and the office building that burned down years ago
- ▶ I favour keeping Nanaimo's single family housing at or above 50%. Having moved to Nanaimo from Maple Ridge, I've seen first hand how runaway high density development destroys neighborhoods and a sense of community. While I support affordable rental housing, I believe an emphasis on single family suburbs will maintain desirable Nanaimo's character
- ▶ Quality housing, green space, concrete lifestyles are horrible... We need healthier living to create and support healthy people!
- ▶ This fits in the range of keeping some areas affordable and avoiding over gentrification.
- ▶ Ask builders,
- ▶ I just looked at Nanaimo Remax and was horrified to find at least half of the listings were over 1 million. Anything less than a million was still over 1/2 a million for a basic single family home. Apartments are still unaffordable. I'm not sure how shifting to a balanced mix of housing will solve the market pricing problem.

HOUSING NEAR DAILY NEEDS COMMENTS

- ▶ go back 35 – 40 years and Nanaimo was like that not anymore
- ▶ As stated above building residential buildings onto our dilapidated malls would promote the things you say this topic looks to address.. Seems also like this is an issue that doesn't need its own category as acknowledging many of the other systemic issues in Nanaimo would help alleviate this one.
- ▶ By increasing taxes outside of already developed areas of Nanaimo, we can prevent urban sprawl, reduce infrastructure costs, and reduce transportation pollution and costs
- ▶ Housing near needs, promotes small local business and local spending, reduces transportation and infrastructure costs and traffic a small commercial district combined with housing diversity can reduce the costs of infrastructure on urban sprawl. Taxing more for housing farther from the core could help reduce costs and encourage core growth
- ▶ Lots of stores nearby, unexaggerate our stupid car centric zoning. No one wants to bike 10km for food. Have it nearby.
- ▶ We are built so car centric. Grocery stores are built far away and have massive parking lots. The one at Brooks Landing where I live should be shrunk by 30% to minimum size and encourage bikers. But a plan to encourage bikers is needed like a widened side walk and bike lane to departure bay.
- ▶ There needs to be more low income housing for families with pets near schools, grocery stores ..etc...
- ▶ More development, more supply of housing. Planning, building inspectors, engineering and council need to find ways to approve projects quicker.
- ▶ Very important
- ▶ Rocky Point / Frank J Ney area needs a coffee shop and maybe a small corner store
- ▶ Build housing and daily needs will come if you zone right. ie for every 1000 homes need zone for 1 corner store, 1 cafe. Ask builders.
- ▶ I think this could start in the North End and make use of some of the parking lot sprawl which is a massive waste of space and resources. The only reason those parking lots are there is because people drive to the mall to shop. The development of Nanaimo over time has been done with so little future planning. I'd love to see smaller communities as long as there wasn't a sprawl of concrete in between (this is where the green corridors and parks in between communities come into play).

INDUSTRIAL LAND COMMENTS

- ▶ No kidding, surprise surprise ! and there is also a shortage of industry in Nanaimo, while you focus on bike paths and supporting the homeless. If industry was encouraged to develop and people had better paying jobs (other than civil service) housing would be more affordable. Tourism, retail and fast food are not high paying industries.
- ▶ Industrial lands are a eye for nanaimo. Clear cutting to put up massive wear houses is an eye sore and the landscaping needs to be a critical point in development. Leave some big trees and plant small trees shrubs and wild flowers. A place for animals and birds should be at the for front of our development. The buildings should be apart of nature. Not take it over
- ▶ Make fresh water a proirity, find a way to make it or keep it
- ▶ I see a lot of Commercial Spaces that need to be cleaned up
- ▶ We need for tax base too, but encourage private developers. There is vacancies in box wood area, TILRAY and area. What's up Auld rd. Is that in city. Needs planning.
- ▶ I do not agree that there is a shortfall of industrial lands in Nanaimo. The duke point area has large plots of mostly unused industrial land – there are huge lots overgrown by blackberries and broom, lots with rows of panabode trailers, the entire end by the Jack Point trail has a few homes on it (that were moved and put on pallets), Tilray is shutting down. This area is grossly UNDERUSED. To say there is a lack of industrial land is blatantly false.

LIVING CLOSE TO PARKS COMMENTS

- ▶ And having a community garden
- ▶ High priority!
- ▶ Love the City with so many Parks nearby
Please keep it that way
- ▶ Why is there nothing about the crime rate in this city
- ▶ Living near parks is so important for mental health and well being. There is no easily accessible playground between Hammond Bay School and Frank JNey and the Frank J playground is not great for younger kids. A playground in this area is greatly needed and Westhaven Park is majorly due for an update. I wonder about putting. Playground at either end of Ney Drive. There seem to be some good options there.
- ▶ In these pandemic times parks are even more important to give those with limited land or even balconies a place to get fresh air and ground themselves.
- ▶ Rocky Point area in North Nanaimo has no playground! A playground in the neighborhood would be amazing. Harry Whipper Park could be a possible location or off Ney Drive. Especially a toddler friendly playground. Neck Point could also use a playground and maybe a spray pad or sand box with water feature.
- ▶ Good, trails in it, parking at it. Maybe a drive threw Lindly Valley with lots of Speed bumps. I dislike telling visitors "we have a great huge park for the young and able, but I can't show you more than the homes around it".
- ▶ Most of the parks and greenspace in Nanaimo are lawns with playgrounds. These "parks" do not support much if any natural ecosystems and if they do they are overrun with invasive species that the City (and the RDN) seem to have little interest in controlling. I'd like to see parks that actually allow for native species to flourish and are developed in a tiered way – trails for able bodies people and trails for disabled bodies (such as in Morrel Sanctuary).

PROTECTING OPEN SPACE COMMENTS

- ▶ Protected park space is very important.
- ▶ Protecting woodland and parks. I moved here 8 years ago from the UK and have seen nothing but destruction of your natural environment, yet abandoned commercial buildings are a plenty
- ▶ Forests and ecosystems are of the utmost importance. The city's main focus should be preserving what we have now and adding more native plants consistently, halting the common practices of landscaping with grass (useless and invasive).
- ▶ And the urban space becomes an overcrowded desert or worse a ghetto
- ▶ One of the reasons I moved here
- ▶ Stop allowing developers to take down the urban forests. These forests are what makes Nanaimo beautiful. Otherwise we are just another city.
- ▶ Again I'm going to say use the space for community garden
- ▶ High priority.
- ▶ Nanaimo had been clear cutting like crazy to make way for new development. We need green affordable development. Stop cutting all the green space. Grass is not sustainable. Neither is the awful fake grass that Langford has put in. Local shrubs flowers and trees. Green buildings
- ▶ Protecting open spaces that locals use is important as the homeless have been taking over and destroying everything and are violent.
- ▶ With so little left please protect what we have and please no more high rise on main streets
- ▶ Protect our mountains and open Valley spaces
- ▶ Densify and leave as much wooded land as possible.
- ▶ We need to have a better fresh water supply to account for all the extra people coming. We need to invest in this
- ▶ Nanaimo's top priority should be protecting the standing forests and green spaces that make it beautiful and special from any other place. That's where the allure and future profits are. It would be prudent to be thoughtful and not rush to make decisions that only benefit a small few. Companies like Mosaic, for example, have positioned themselves strategically and hold property that citizens actually care about in a stranglehold. The city needs to reclaim and protect those well known and used spaces.
- ▶ Areas to gather, picnic, relax, hold artistic/farm market venues keep a city vibrant.
- ▶ This sounds right to me, but ensure people can get to it. Are we stuck with giving up parking at departure bay to the apartment building, why not put in some curbing and parking spaces now. See if it works. But yes more up less sprawl, keep site lines.
- ▶ It's disappointing to see critical issues like watershed integrity and connectivity between undeveloped "green" spaces missed in these discussions. Protecting Open Space is a very broad generalization that misses some of the most important issues we are facing with regard to the health of natural ecosystems (and all of their component parts).
- ▶ No further expansion of city and rural limits. The only way to maintain our forests while still allowing growth is by condensing the population

REDUCED GHG EMISSIONS COMMENTS

- ▶ Climate change is an emergency. All housing development permits should be halted and all efforts directed to lowering GHG emissions. No more removal of vegetation/forests. Focus on solar and wind energy immediately.
- ▶ We should be doing MORE than our share to reduce GHG.
- ▶ Along with this, why not make developments go green, ie solar panels, urban food gardens, use of grey water.
- ▶ Build an LRT system that follows the highway from Ladysmith to Parksville using the highway as a map. Seriously it would reduce the commuter traffic between the outside cities into Nanaimo and would actually show a significant change in a system that has been treading water for 20 years.
- ▶ The definition of this doesn't seem to take into account the GHG emissions produced during construction of buildings, which it should.
- ▶ Lower is better, no clearcuts.
- ▶ Anything is better, no clear cuts.
- ▶ A rapid transit line right where that train track is would be amazing.
- ▶ Please make it easier not to drive my car, better bike lanes, the E and N commuter train project, better transit.
- ▶ Please do not turn Nanaimo into a sprawling overgrown mess. Increase taxes if you have to.
- ▶ This is so very important for the safety of our children and our future and should be given the greatest priority by far. I also have serious concerns about mill pollution and feel that more monitoring and environmental improvements should be mandated in that facility.
- ▶ Doing our part is important, reflects priorities across scales.
- ▶ Please look at going even further with the phasing out of wood stoves. Also, something needs to be done about the mill. The rotten egg smell is unacceptable, not to mention the emissions. Please look into Nanaimo's high rates of lymphoma and leukaemia. I would venture to guess the mill had something to do with it.
- ▶ Emotionally I like bikes, practically I like cars, they are getting better. Busses are another real answer, bike lane \$ into more busses.
- ▶ Big trucks are the downfall of Nanaimo. Not only that, they are almost always the people who drive dangerously. There is also a huge amount of transport truck traffic on the island hwy (food trucks, shipping trucks, a depressing number of loaded logging trucks). Improving transit and putting in bike lanes isn't going to solve such a deeply ingrained issue (the status of having a shiny vehicle) and the need to ship everything everywhere.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMENTS

- ▶ Let's have the best social infrastructure in all of Canada. The opioid crisis isn't being addressed in a meaningful way. We can set the example for treatment, support, and compassion. Same with lowering indigenous suicide rates. Not just financial support but community and mental health support.
- ▶ Let's stop dictating affordable housing based on NIMBYism and start looking at building housing units on top of malls like Woodgrove or Country Club and turn our outdated centres for consumerism in community centres that support livelihood. By having a residential building attached to a centre with many shops/jobs, clinics, and transit access the old model of building suburbs around shopping centres is outdated and not conducive to building a productive city.
- ▶ Having the housing displaced leads to desperation and does not help our tourism industry, invite employers or new residents and increases healthcare costs.
- ▶ Nanaimo has a homelessness problem. Reducing the number of homeless will reduce crime, healthcare costs, and promote pride and tourism. Housing needs to be partnered with ways people make money and get out of being in a cycle of displacement.
- ▶ Lobby the federal and provincial governments to provide funds to create long-term treatment and support for people who want to get off drugs.
- ▶ Social services not close to the downtown shops – these areas are being avoided by those who would otherwise shop because of some risky-looking people.
- ▶ There needs to be more services period especially for those who are either homeless or experiencing domestic issues at home. Too many parents who shouldn't be near kids are around near kids. When will children's safety be more important than reuniting families together.
- ▶ Would like to see more options for those who struggle with addiction mental health. Immediate access to detox and treatment.
- ▶ Continue supporting families with children with child care and mental support e.g. counselling to support healthy families. End constant support for drug-addicted members of society. Support and encourage our healthy families with family-based activities.
- ▶ Therapy should be government-funded.
- ▶ This would be true if Nanaimo would have a decent transit system. Buses that run earlier and later at night, and on all stats.
- ▶ The City (or Province) needs to have a better System than the one we have now.
- ▶ Nanaimo must attract more family doctors. Work to change to a tertiary care hospital with residents. Offer drug counseling.
- ▶ Every low-income subsidized home building needs at least something on-site 24/7 and full service available. Very soon. Province and Feds to pay. We need to pick up slack now and chase them for money. Dedicated space for night camping. Take down and storage during day. Do this and chase province for \$. Threaten to sue. Get UBCM on this. Good for province, less crime, less suffering us and homeless.
- ▶ Although my top priorities are related to the environment, I am a low-income single parent. I currently rely on programs in Duncan because I can't even make it on the list for any of the low-income type programs in Nanaimo. I have to go to Duncan to get on the Farmer's Market coupon program and their food recovery programs. Nanaimo has a shortage of services for people who are low-income but better off than those who are homeless. If I didn't have help from family, I wouldn't have a home.
- ▶ My #1 priority is Supportive Social Services. There are highly-visible Nanaimoites suffering with mental illness, addictions, poverty and homelessness. I was embarrassed to hear CBC Radio making fun of Nanaimo's aggressive panhandlers. We've become the laughing stock of the country and our social problems must be addressed. Perhaps the City could partner with BC Health to provide treatment facilities in the Hospital Town Centre.

WALK, BIKE, AND TRANSIT NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMENTS

- ▶ How about sidewalks in neighbourhoods built in 80's
- ▶ Help get safe areas for bikes to ride (low grade, for us seniors)
- ▶ These selcetions offer people vague generic cookie cutter ideas that are common suggestions to common societal issues, and my opinion is word-capped. In nanaimo the objective shouldnt be about reducing auto traffic. It should be about making our city easier and safer to access for those walking, biking or commuting using transit.. Complete sidewalks on both sides of the road, build a boardwalk to connect dep bay to downtown seawalk, get buses daily to duke point and all surrounding communities
- ▶ More buses. Better bike paths. Because our city is so hilly, maybe work with gov't to get e-bike rebate.
- ▶ More access to trail systems built in a sustainable manner. Why clear cut to plant smaller trees. Keep the big trees make it look natural to appease nature and humans. We need to be able to use it year round. Keeping big trees shades in the summers and protects us and animals from the rain in the winter making people more likely to use the trails. Bat and bug safe lights to ensure diversity
- ▶ More routes need to be added, security also needs to be increased.
- ▶ We seniors want to stay healthy and fit so need to be able to walk or cycle for groceries etc.
- ▶ Getting people out of cars is of utmost importance. Make it more inconvenient to drive than it is to walk or cycle. Zoning to encourage density and access to services is key.
- ▶ Within the two main city centres, yes, but it has to be SAFE first. No feels comfortable walking around all the addicts and homeless people who weren't even here five years ago but need help and that must be addressed.
- ▶ Support the revitalization of the E N rail route for a commuter train to Victoria.
- ▶ Support E/N commuter service train project
- ▶ I am opposed to high density developments outside of the downtown core. I would rather pay higher taxes than be surrounded by high rise condos or tightly packed townhomes.
- ▶ We need way better transportation, it is easier for me to walk to places then taking Transit , the only Bus Stop we have that is close to us is (7 or 8) taken you to Cinnabar Valley or Cedar
- ▶ North Nanaimo needs major walkability and bike improvements. Many of the neighborhoods toward the water past Hammond Rd don't have sidewalks, which poses safety issues for walking as roads get busier. Also there isn't great connectivity between streets, with Hammond Bay being the only real street through, which is way to busy to be enjoyable for walking and biking. The Whaley Creek Trail is great and should be extended to Neck Point and Filinger Crescent to improve access to Westhaven Park.
- ▶ Fix the roads, not patching they are incredibly slippery and dangerous all the patches
- ▶ More bike traffic = less road traffic and emissions. But also less microplastics from tire wear. These particles are a threat that deserve more attention.
- ▶ North Nanaimo needs sidewalks in a bad way!! Also bike paths that actually lead to something, like Neck Point!
- ▶ You have and are doing, plan wide roads in future, but remember cars are #1 necessary for 20 years. We have retirees, the rest of baby boom to go through.
- ▶ This is another area that has been ignored for years. In Cedar, we have continual complaints from parents, especially, regarding dangerous driving and lack of safe crosswalks. There have been petitions submitted but no support from anyone in a position of authority. A non-profit group is currently getting the first multi-use trail developed around Cedar because there was no interest from anyone else (local politicians etc...)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- ▶ Although it is challenging to encourage the community to switch from a car to a bike and bus. Somehow this needs to be brought forward for the benefits of health, and the use of the actual density ie parking in the downtown core. The bus transit is finally really improving that you want to use it on a regular basis. I have heard it will expand. That is going in the right direction. Hope it goes to Duncan.
- ▶ Crime is my number one issue, I should be able to feel safe in my City and I do not. I think we should have been able to write our top 5 as many of my thoughts are not on your list.
- ▶ Well gee, this isn't much variety. It's all meant to be pretty much the same thing. Infill, infill, infill with higher density housing. Sure, I agree with it but it would be hard to choose 5 that don't support it since they are all aimed at that. Way to lead the public to choosing exactly what you want them to. Plus this is the worst, messiest website interface I've seen in years. Congrats.
- ▶ Comment about this entire process – It's a difficult online process to navigate. You will not get the views of many people who have limited education and literacy. I hope you are getting their feedback through another avenue; otherwise, this process caters only to the more educated and affluent and leaves behind the marginalized and vulnerable.
- ▶ We require more dog off leash forest, water way, parks. There is only 2 walls for hitting tennis balls in Nanaimo
- ▶ These are a very narrow set of value laden priorities. What goals are they based on. Where are priorities relating to employment. There is no option to add your own priorities. What if I only want 3 of these priorities and not five?
- ▶ The population of Nanaimo is increasing and there is more and more demand on natural and outdoor spaces. If the CoN densifies there needs to be more opportunities to connect with nature.
- ▶ More affordable housing for people who are single 1200 to 1500 is not affordable when cost of living goes higher and higher. Stop spending money on bike lanes until you decide on a way to enforce the law of bicyclist obeying the rules of the road running stop sign, red lights. Develop a system for them to have insurance with licence plates on the back of the bike to help pay for bike lanes.
- ▶ There isn't a priority for vibrant and inclusive cultural spaces. Nanaimo has a lot of parks, but could really use more culture of all shapes and sizes.
- ▶ Our city's priority has to be making appropriate housing and support available for all who live here, especially those who live here unsheltered.
- ▶ I would rather pay higher taxes than see Nanaimo succumb to developers high-density, high-profit developments. I moved to Nanaimo from Maple Ridge, so I've seen first hand how runaway development destroys neighborhoods and a sense of community. I do support limited high density rental housing for students and low income families.
- ▶ Seems to me by the choices offered that the decisions have been already made... that this is more of a disguised marketing campaign.
- ▶ Snuneymuxw First Nation is barely mentioned in workbook & should be listed on Page 6. It's essential the City addresses their needs & collaborates for economic opportunities. Involve them in development of Chase River & Sandstone. Utilize their knowledge for the Ecological Ceiling & Social Foundations. Would they like to be a town centre?
- ▶ Parks are an important part of our quality of life and an asset once developed but maintaining the parks is equally important. The washrooms in general are either inexistent, poorly marked, not open or filthy. Take your pick! I am familiar with toilets at Beban park by the kids' playground, at Divers Lk, Westwood Lk, Neck Pt, Piper's Lagoon to name a few. Maintenance should include opening the bathrooms when the park opens (at 6 am) and not at 9 am or later).

COMMENTS ON PRELIMINARY SCENARIOS

COMMENTS ON SCENARIO 1: CURRENT PATH

- ▶ I believe downtown and departure bay should be priorities for development and investment, as they are the premiere locations in the city
- ▶ Where is Oceanview and who is Sandstone? Why has Newcastle Island had a name change?
- ▶ I'd rather not see the city spread out to undeveloped areas. I also feel that it would be inappropriate to add multi family (ie fourplex) to lower density neighbourhoods, e.g. Hammond Bay Road, Jingle Pot etc. as even modest density increases could put an unsustainable burden on utilities and roads as these areas are not close enough to services for active transportation or transit to be viable options
- ▶ Lets stop sprawling out further.
- ▶ The resort is not a good idea. Especially not if it reduces public area and reduces natural areas around existing parks.
- ▶ Not a big fan of this scenario as it doesn't help connect the north and south and likely leaves downtown to decline.
- ▶ This seems to be moving Nanaimo south – instead of more towards the middle. Not sure I support that. Why is this scenario proposed? Unclear?
- ▶ Really bad
- ▶ The south end could use some help but not at the cost of pushing low income folks out of their homes. They need to be included in the plan. Also keep waterfront developments open for all public to use by including waterfront parks.
- ▶ It's great that there would be more development in South Nanaimo. The South should be looked into more so it's great that it's included. However, I'm not sure about how affordable this would be – especially in terms of housing.
- ▶ Why did we make Bowen (near country club) smaller if it's going to be a main corridor. This idea is okay but not great
- ▶ I am against continued growth outward! Buildup our current town centres and focus everything on making these spaces walkable, bikeable, easy transit, rich with parks and business and culture.
- ▶ This plan promotes long corridors and development away from core infrastructure, costing more to maintain and develop. It also lead to more people commuting from suburbs up and down increasing traffic and spreading out resources. This plan will likely increase costs to the city in the long term do to urban spawl and lead to large megaplex shopping centers away from the core.
- ▶ Ensure ability to safely travel by car
- ▶ Please turn the Oceanview Resort land into a larger park to add to Joan Point and enhance the Cable Bay Trail. It's never going to be a Resort and using it for industrial land is a crime against the environment.
- ▶ I support the four in-town centres, but am very against the Oceanview resort community proposed in Cedar (in/adjacent to Cable Bay trail). Growth should be better contained.
- ▶ Nanaimo city council needs to focus on the basics. This city is over run with criminals and homeless people. Once crime and safety is addressed–meaning our daughters and grandkids can safely go downtown, then focus on these plans. It appears you are abandoning downtown and Harewood.
- ▶ Nanaimo's past planning strategy has been an outrageous failure. To continue sprawling and ignoring livable city metrics should be criminal.
- ▶ While this scenario does well to keep up with climate goals, it lacks greatly in the area of housing affordability. The infrastructure of creating a sustainable place to live, won't bring people to Nanaimo if housing prices aren't in reach.
- ▶ How does this impact my daily experience of the the city? What does it mean for my family? What are the outcomes?

- ▶ Too much sprawl. Traffic will be bad. Too far apart to walk or bike. Why are we expanding south of town? Man lees could shrink by 80%, robbins parking could go, and that abandoned building can be demolished, after that, could mean probably 50-100 people. Our city is too spread out for its population, we are a ponzi scheme. The more we spread the more bills we incur. Tell developers you'll give quick okay's for mid density nd encourage bad looking homes to be demolished and build mid density buildings quick in their place downtown.
- ▶ Sounds like a good plan. Just be careful to not impact park lands. Do Not put in a stupid bike lane system like Victoria has. That's a disaster!
- ▶ As the city population grows pushes the need for more affordable housing, density, and public transit, which can be functional with this scenario. I do have concerns about the possible expansion of industrial and residential into areas of undeveloped area such as the Chase River and Oceanview areas. For further development to happen in both areas, a potential park land, green space or buffer zones should be seriously considered (as Cable Bay Trail and Joan Point Park area) and Hydro Line Trail.
- ▶ Resort? There needs to be housing so more people can work in the hospital and other high priority jobs.
- ▶ Sandstone and Cable bay should not be marketed together! Cable Bay AREA is an environmentally sensitive ecosystem. the entire east side of the trail needs protecting and the west side needs protecting as far as the eye can see. No development there unless it is out of sight, this area has an old growth forest and thriving ecosystem. Garry oak meadows etc. Consult with a biologist or ecologist that understands the importance of this! Sandstone may be ok but not Cable Bay Area!
- ▶ You just explained Financial resilience and our ponzi scheme of city planning why build a car dependent Sandstone. That makes no sense. We needless parking lots and more central buildings.
- ▶ Density instead of expansion. Focus on densifying the existing areas with multi-family housing located close to (adjacent, or above) services. Now is the opportunity to dial back this unfettered urban sprawl. Vancouver Island ain't getting any bigger, so stop using land we don't need to use yet.
- ▶ No. Unless housing is going to be reasonable(less than \$700 for a bachelor suite), I think this is a terrible idea. Also, developing forested areas is not protecting green spaces.
- ▶ I think this plan could be financially irresponsible. In the long term all the free infrastructure (put in by the developers) will be costly for the city to maintain 20+ years in the future.
- ▶ What is going to take place on the lands turned over to the Snuneymuxw band across from VIU? Will the province or the city of Nanaimo has any say?
- ▶ I'm guessing the main "pro" of this path is a lesser cost due to outside investment?
- ▶ I do not see any expansion of park. If population is going to grow we need a lot more natural spaces – increase Linely, Westwook and Dumont. Asa minimum.
- ▶ Opposed to more high rises: residential and hotel downtown near the waterfront. They are not pedestrian friendly and impinge on views. Otherwise the corridor connected town centres with possibility of some amendment for commercial/light industrial seem to work
- ▶ I really don't see the appetite for an additional town centre south of chase river.
- ▶ Nanaimo has been built on the desire for a good view rather than on community. This has lead to gross sprawl and has destroyed so much of what could have been, please not this scenario. Choosing this model does not fit well with the doughnut model
- ▶ North end Wood Grove centre is well developed compared to that of south end. A thriving south end of Nanaimo would help close the gap between the economic inequality. (One side is rich, one side is poor)

- ▶ I would separate resorts from being close to industries. Guests don't want to hear noise from the industries nor see pollution. Guests want to get away and relax from the city and pollution. I think in Cedar and the South Nanaimo that they need more recreation and community buildings.
 - ▶ Honestly, this is a ridiculous scenario because it actually includes resort development around the Cable Bay trail lands which has been an ongoing failure for years. The area cannot be served for such a large-scale development – the roads are inadequate, there is no water, there is no need. Status quo, I guess, but this should never have even made it this far. Also, what about Area A? The white space. How are adjacent communities consulted?
 - ▶ NO to the resort development in Oceanview.
 - ▶ This scenario increases sprawl that already dominates and reduces sustainability of the city
 - ▶ The Cinnabar Valley requires investment from the City in addition to the private sector for recreation services and improved transportation for citizens.
 - ▶ Please make Cable Bay a park, and don't put industrial zoning in environmentally sensitive areas.
 - ▶ Decent plan for development but falls short of generating positive changes elsewhere in the City where it is needed (like reducing reliance on vehicles to get groceries, go to restaurants, etc)
 - ▶ I like the idea of adding on to already existing developed areas rather than creating new ones. With that said I do not like the idea of a town centre in the Cedar area or a resort centre in Cable Bay. The appeal of the Cedar area and Cable Bay is that there is little to no development compared to Nanaimo. I think the negatives of developing these areas would outweigh any benefit that they provide.
 - ▶ Parksville doesn't need more resorts, especially on the south end. The south end of Nanaimo isn't really conducive to living spaces. The mall down by where the bus station used to be was deserted most of the time.
 - ▶ Opposed to development of Oceanview property as a resort
 - ▶ Allowing master planned communities in the south is a great opportunity for Nanaimo
 - ▶ Mall formats in Nanaimo need redesigning to encourage business success, community services and affordable housing. The north end is congested with traffic, overloaded high schools, etc. Country Club, Brooks Landing, Terminal Park, and downtown have all suffered from business closures. It is well known that downtown has taken one hit after another with homeless issues, the fire burning a central building, empty buildings, small business failures, parking, lack of affordable rental apartments.
 - ▶ Pros: none
- Cons: I don't like this option! I involves clearing natural forested areas to build low density suburbs and will increase how "spread out" Nanaimo is – it's already bad enough. This type of urban plan has failed anywhere it has been tried around the world because people like a sense of community and neighbourhood and we tend to gravitate to a vibrant city core
- ▶ Sandstone and Cable Bay developments provide much needed housing. The city should shape these developments into complete neighborhoods well-connected to the city by transit and mobility (bike, etc) infrastructure, and work to protect sensitive eco-systems near these developments.

COMMENTS ON SCENARIO 2: MOBILITY HUBS

- ▶ This plan would benefit more residents than plan 1, which focuses primarily on only one area of town.
- ▶ The city determines what is to be built on privately owned property.
- ▶ I love the infill aspect of this scenario. Worry that City resources will still be spread very thin with so many focal areas
- ▶ Mixing single family homes and apartment building is a strategy for disaster. I have seen it done in the UK and it absolutely ruined suburban community's.
- ▶ I like this more than the first option but it still promotes urban sprawl that is not great for the health of the planet or our community
- ▶ I like this plan because I live near country club and would like to see more ways of getting around than just by car... hubs allow for higher density housing without forcing people downtown
- ▶ I like this one best as it creates a whole bunch of choices (rather than one choice which seems to be more like the other two scenarios)
- ▶ But not at the cost of urban forests and 'wild' areas around the city. Also new developments have a huge impact on people already living in the area and may not want even more people, more traffic, more retail etc. In their neighborhood.
- ▶ I do like the idea of hubs, it would be nice to have everything you need right in your area. Although it could cause development to stick at the hub, it's still a nice idea.
- ▶ I like this option, but I think it will be worse for the environment since a lot of undeveloped land will continue to be bulldozed. It's the little pockets of nature that aren't usually quantified that do more for the environment than we notice. I think combining this with scenario 3 would be best. Like this plan but with the triangle of density as well and less sprawl
- ▶ I do think this is a good plan but am against the slowing of growth downtown and in the university district. I think this is a good longer term plan.
- ▶ This plan is focused on transportation heavy costs up and down the length of the city and infrastructure. It is more distributed, but may encourage a more evenly distributed resources.
- ▶ Must be car friendly
- ▶ Turning the Oceanview Lands into industrial will not support the environment. You will be encouraging more and more people to drive out to this area for work, adding to GHG emissions and continuing the spread of Nanaimo. I'm guessing if Harmac wanted to build today, they would face a lot more hurdles. They are there now because they were given a lot of money by governments to clean up some of their emissions. Also, none of these scenarios look at a no or little growth model which might be great.
- ▶ I would love it if somehow the sprawl of Nanaimo could be reversed and turned into neighbourhoods that feel like neighbourhoods and not just mall hubs. Markets, coffee shops, restaurants... all needs met and big malls done away with!
- ▶ A mix between Scenario's 2 & 3 would be good. We already have commercial nodes, these should be built out to provide communities to the individual areas as well as a variety of neighbourhoods for people to enjoy. This is also needed so each area is livable and they don't need to drive to do things, while at the same time a strong effort on focusing development into dense areas.
- ▶ Worried about traffic
- ▶ Good. They should be super centralized downtown.
- ▶ Mobility Hubs would provide a more concentrated way to develop the city in a plethora of ways. When making services a priority, it would be most beneficial to divide the support being given equally amongst each mobility hub.

- ▶ Better than the first scenario, although concerns over further expansion into undeveloped area would have to be done wisely and with public input to a more degree than this platform allows. Native and outer lying residents would have to be consulted.
- ▶ This would encourage people to move here because housing would be better affordable. There are staffing shortages all over.
- ▶ Sandstone can be incorporated with this Cable Bay cannot!
- ▶ this plan involves taking our hundreds of acres of forest and replacing it with industrial lands beside farms and neighbourhoods in the RDN. completely unacceptable.
- ▶ How does this impact my daily experience of the the city? What does it mean for my family? What are the outcomes? How does it address priorities like climate change, etc?
- ▶ better
- ▶ I think this is a great idea as long as parks and green spaces are protected within the city.
- ▶ Although this scenario addresses walkable neighbourhoods, open space and reduced GHG emissions, it does little to address overall non-vehicular transportation improvements and barely addresses daily needs/services/work spaces near dwellings. The ranking for Housing affordability does not make any sense either.
- ▶ This is a generally good scenario but the other hubs shouldn't take effort away from creating a larger and more vibrant downtown.

Also, Woodgrove, North Town Centre and Country Club are all malls on a highway and surrounded by large parking lots, they are not pedestrian friendly hubs so consideration will need to be given to how to create actual pedestrian neighbourhoods (and streetscapes) as opposed to just malls.

- ▶ This is better than 1. It limits new growth, focuses on adding value to what we have, and emphasizes connecting the city. Personally, I think bike infrastructure should be the focus.

- ▶ Hospital redevelopment needs to be top priority and not South Nanaimo. Our current hospital is outdated and a new build needs to be the focus of the community plan for the next 15 years at least.
- ▶ Urban areas where many services are within easy reach of housing—like Montreal seems to relate to positive and more interactive quality of life.
- ▶ I do not see any expansion of park. If population is going to grow we need a lot more natural spaces – increase Linely, Westwood and Dumont. As a minimum. Does this plan see the completion of the waterfront walkway? Is there opportunity to provide park access to the Nanaimo estuary?
- ▶ The infill opportunity in this scenario is a plus for me despite the increased servicing cost as it allows diversity of housing and greater efficiency of transportation. I don't know how the VIU mobility hub can accommodate more growth without stressing the Fairview neighbourhood more adversely than it is already suffering. Careful planning of the downtown hub would be needed to keep the area open to waterfront views/pedestrian access/comfort if more high rise buildings are approved.
- ▶ I like neighbourhood quarters as long as there are convenience stores, and easy accesses to small businesses and cafes. Shopping locally and supporting local business people is the best.
- ▶ I think this model is more suitable for megacities such as Vancouver etc. Nanaimo's size and population doesn't seem to suit this scenario. This idea is good though.
- ▶ The only good things about this scenario are that the existing development in Chase River is build upon, rather than focusing on a new (Sandstone) development, and that car dealerships are converted into light industrial. It is not appropriate to expand industrial lands into the entire "Oceanview" area, comprising existing open space and neglecting underused industrial lands around the Duke Point Ferry.

- ▶ This looks like the best scenario, as long as environmentally sensitive areas are protected – no infill or golf courses and certainly no industrial use. Perhaps the City would also do an inventory of sidewalks that end abruptly, leaving pedestrians no place to walk.
 - ▶ My main criticism of this scenario is the increase in industrial land. More industrial land is the last thing Nanaimo needs in my opinion. The area south of Duke Point for example has one of the nicest hikes in the area. To turn that into industrial land would be a mistake.
 - ▶ I like this scenario the best. Each hub becomes like a small city on its own, with its own services. If you live in Langley, your doctor is there, your grocery store is there and your gas station is there
 - ▶ Good to build up resources already in place, especially along Bowen corridor, Country Club, VIU and downtown. Cons are spreading resources thinly. Nanaimo is known as a strip mall town. Would like to see neighborhoods develop unique feel. The city needs to attract businesses to retain VIU and trades grads, and talent from elsewhere. Creating office buildings and industrial areas with ample parking or transportation is essential. Great idea to develop the central Gateway area.
 - ▶ Pros: this sounds like an interesting idea. I would like to be closer to amenities, preferably within walking distance. I also like the neighbourhood feel of this option.
- Cons: as mentioned in the video this could be tricky to implement with existing infrastructure, and prioritizing what gets done first. The video did not describe how it plans to convert building and areas into other uses, i.e. the car dealership area – are they all going to disperse and turn into housing or shops?
- ▶ Nanaimo's corridors are going to be ugly places to live well into the foreseeable future – please do not direct housing there. Allowing for more housing diversity is great. We should be allowing that in all of our neighborhoods, letting people live close to Nanaimo's great amenities.

COMMENTS ON SCENARIO 3: CENTRAL FOCUS

- ▶ This plan has the best vision in my opinion for what our city should look like in 25 years. With a vibrant, liveable downtown core and waterfront seawall amenities, Nanaimo can reshape its reputation to a city of beauty and life, not simply endless suburbs and a neglected core. I strongly support this plan.
- ▶ This is what the future cities need to look like. I believe this would offer the best quality of life for residence while making services cheaper.
- ▶ Park space. Will the city have any input on the DND property next to VIU?
- ▶ I like this concept the best, as it is the most aggressive about concentrating growth and not supporting additional sprawl and inappropriate densities in far flung neighbourhoods. I am concerned about the idea of developing industrial lands over the beautiful forest at Cable Bay and don't support that part of this scenario. I also think it would be good to still provide recreational facilities in other areas of the city that have the population to support it.
- ▶ Build up and keep things central. Protect the woodlands and environment you have left. It is one of the only reasons people choose to live here
- ▶ It seems like creating a central core that is more conducive to active transportation has the most benefits.
- ▶ I like a central scenario because it leads to a more vibrant community and will encourage higher density living and less car use. With the current state of nanaimo's downtown it can be hard to imagine it being busy and vibrant but there are so many great natural attributes downtown and there is so much potential!! Unfortunately when I used to work downtown I was often deterred from walking around due to mental health/ drug issues
- ▶ Not everyone wants to live in this tight area. What does this scenario mean for the rest of Nanaimo? Unclear
- ▶ Agreed, this is where the density and developments should be.
- ▶ I would like to change my previous votes to be lesser important for this one with focus on specific areas instead of sprawl. It has been shown that people and commerce can live well together if planned properly. Also traffic could be eliminated in that core with only Bike hike and public transportation bring people to the core.
- ▶ I'm not sure about this scenario as it keeps everything in Central Nanaimo. There could be some development outside of the central but it's mostly gonna all be right in the centre. Not much development to the rest of Nanaimo.
- ▶ Yes, but combine this with some of the development of scenario 2
- ▶ YES! This of course—preserve the undeveloped land that makes this city so special! Develop the downtown and other nearby centres into a more metropolitan city to support walkable, bike-able, transit easy areas to experience culture, more diversity or space and housing, and compete with the things people love about bigger cities! And you're still preserving more residential neighborhoods for people who want that to stay. No more roads and utilities! This is the one. Even the cons are pros!
- ▶ This plan on every level is made for the AVERAGE Nanaimo resident, not just suburbs. It would cost less in terms of infrastructure and preserve more of the nature outside of the just the city. Preserving the nature would also be more attractive to tourism and reduce commuting and preserve more options for small business
- ▶ None of these scenarios address the need for the below priorities to be implemented across the city, not just in one area of the City.
- ▶ Will not support reducing vehicle Access

- ▶ From an environmental perspective, this industrial development out on the Oceanview lands will not help. The new container shipping area at Duke Point won't help either. One thing that will be costly in this centralized scenario, but which is vital, is actually putting in the pedestrian infrastructure to allow people to be safe and enjoy walking. Again why is growth a benefit?
- ▶ Our downtown core is dying. We need council to focus on revitalizing it and encouraging new businesses to come in. We have pay parking downtown which discourages what little traffic the area receives.
We need to rebuild our downtown core instead of being known as the "textbook example of how NOT to grow a City."
- ▶ Love the idea of a core for so many reasons! Especially for the feeling of a "heart" of a city where one can run into people and feel like there is a proper hub.
- ▶ Now more than ever people are travelling between suburbs for their everyday commute. To accommodate this, a version of this plan that also has improved transit options between suburbs and VIU would improve the efficiency of Nanaimo.
- ▶ I support smart, human scale, growth in the "core" of Nanaimo. However, to achieve a livable city with walkable neighbourhoods we also need to have community "towns" in different areas. Additionally when looking at some of the best cities in the world they all consist of many unique neighbourhoods, not just one. Nanaimo should have a primary "core" as well as a secondary "core" at Woodgrove, plus a few neighbourhood "towns" (eg Chase River, Bowen Centre, Country-Club/North-Nanaimo).
- ▶ Yep. Good stuff. This area is all horrible. People can't find housing, yet there is a bunch of ugly one story homes with yard sizes the size of a basketball court. We don't need lawns, we need trees, and we need mid density homes, that look like homes but extend out to make efficient use of land. It's very doable.
- ▶ We have miles of waterfront with barely any of it being used commercially. That's insane. Also we have downtown pits and empty buildings, also insane.
- ▶ Considering my priorities this seems to be the best option. Do NOT deregulate secondary suites and rentals. Again, that happened in Victoria and that city is a disaster. Crime has increased 4x in one year because of bad governance in Victoria. I want to live in a clean AND safe city. I don't mind driving. I prefer lower density and I want natural parklands protected.
- ▶ While it is important to protect our open spaces, it isn't impossible to do so within any other scenario, like the mobility hubs.
- ▶ Closer network of housing, jobs, commercial business, better transportation and less road congestion. Keeping density smaller allows for potential protection of more open space for recreational, environmental importance.
- ▶ There needs to be more transit options. This focus will take options away from the outlying areas. Teenagers need jobs, and buses to get them there. Plus, I would drive less if there was a rail system. Is there no plan for a rail system like Calgary has? The C-Train.
- ▶ Please protect the Cable Bay Trail Area. The entire East side and at minimum as far as the eye can see on the West side.
- ▶ This plan involves taking our hundreds of acres of forest and replacing it with industrial lands beside farms and neighbourhoods in the RDN. completely unacceptable.
- ▶ This meets basically all the needs I personally have and I think it would really preserve the vibe and culture of the city while potentially bringing a new, more urban element
- ▶ How does this impact my daily experience of the city? What does it mean for my family? What are the outcomes? Nothing changes in other parts of the City? What does this mean for climate, etc?

- ▶ Good job. Screw south of town, screw woodgrove, private car loving citizens can have fun up there. Test your city planning abilities for the central core.
 - ▶ Central focus seems better for the environment as it focuses on densification of already populated areas. I see a lot of empty lots downtown that could be developed into mix use properties. This scenario would create a more vibrant and thriving downtown, and enrich city culture.
 - ▶ Stop the sprawl and let's create density. With that will come the rest!
 - ▶ I think this is the best idea so far. Please consider implementing traffic lights where appropriate (like Bruce and 5th street. It really needs a traffic light) and replacing the traffic calming circles with actual roundabouts. As a pedestrian, it is terrifying watching cars and trucks swerve around the tires in the middle of the road. I fear for my safety.
 - ▶ Love the idea of densifying housing with laneway homes, suites, etc.... But no more high-rises on the properties along our waterfront!!!
 - ▶ This is better than 1. It limits new growth, focuses on adding value to what we have, and provides diversity in lifestyle.
 - ▶ I live near DT and I like this scenario but I worry there is some risk of it failing to deliver the expected outcome.
 - ▶ Best option that densifies strategic (and in need of improvement areas) regions
 - ▶ Focus on hospital and building the amenities that attract medical professionals.
 - ▶ It looks like there would be some increase in size of the park in Cedar. What about increasing Westwood, Linely and Dumont
 - ▶ Con: If High Rise construction continues/ increases in the downtown area Nanaimo will lose it's unique people scale waterfront beauty. Pro: linking the 3 town centre areas could be a vibrant way to link people, health, employment, education/cultural opportunity, historical and green values if sensitively planned.
 - ▶ This is the way to go
 - ▶ #3 is definitely the best option for this city. Not enough information on how public waterfront walkways and parks will be incorporated into the downtown area. Will the industrial area adjacent to the Gabriola ferry be repurposed for residential with a walkway from Maeffeo Sutton Park. Plans (even preliminary) should include access ie walkways/parks at waterfront from north to south.
 - ▶ Greater commercial density will also mean greater financial rewards for the cities (more businesses/km)
 - ▶ Strengthening the heart of Nanaimo would definitely improve and grow the already struggling community which would help and simplify any future out development
- (Downtown is a bad introduction to any who visit or pass through Nanamio)
- ▶ Like it as long as it focuses on apartments above small businesses rather than apartment towers. However, too much business and not enough daytime/nighttime street life neighbourhood doesn't make for safe nighttime life. Apartment towers area blight on the skyline too.
 - ▶ I think the army reserve next to VIU should move to another area on Vancouver Island to give more room for the university to grow. If the university grows, so will our city. Also, I think Nanaimo doesn't need more heavy industries, but we need to create more business and light industry opportunities. We need more recycling centres!
 - ▶ I like the central focus. I don't understand the employment lands in the area designated as Sandstone. Why not continue to focus on the Chase River area? Putting in employment lands near the dump is a new development – this is not fully explained. The industrial lands expansion up to the Cable Bay trail is inappropriate when the Duke Point lands are so underused. There needs to be a LARGE buffer (at least 200 m) on the west side of the trail and the east side needs complete protection.

- ▶ I am concerned about too many high rise apartments in south end, and prefer more mixed human scale development around the city
- ▶ One advantage here would be an opportunity to create a more focussed Nanaimo identity, with a new vision for Terminal Avenue and Nicol Street. The downsides could be increased parking issues downtown and less incentive to reduce sprawl in other areas. A central focus might also allow the continuance of inadequate transit service in Harewood and the ridiculous fact that the #7 bus has a different route inbound than it does outbound. Shaw Lane is too small for the proposed transit exchange.
- ▶ Central core is not really suitable to Nanaimo, which is such a long City. Nanaimo's layout as a long waterfront town requires it to have more distributed development
- ▶ People need access to nature and the natural world for their health and well being. This has been more than demonstrated with the pandemic. The more people and density in the city the more need for parks and open spaces. Protecting natural environment can also help to mitigate the terrible impacts of changing climate. Waterways, forests, marshes, estuaries all need to flourish and we need to learn to live around and with nature
- ▶ This is the best of the 3 scenarios in my opinion. The only aspect I don't like is the increase in industrial land south of duke point. This area has a very popular park with one of the best hikes in the area. Turning this into industrial land would be a serious mistake.
- ▶ This will make downtown nightmare. No parking, too much traffic, sidewalks crowded and buildings full of services. The outer areas would then be a wasteland while everything is jammed into the downtown area.
- ▶ After decades of trying, our downtown core is still struggling. Not sure that a central focus is realistic.
- ▶ This allows areas such as Hammond Bay, Jingle Pot, and Nanaimo fringes to remain quieter and single home/ townhouse focused. Condensing a core with high rise multi-use buildings, apartments, offices, bike lanes and frequent buses would work well. The eventual walk aboard ferry from downtown to downtown Vancouver would lead to high demand for downtown housing. Expanding the industrial area in S Ntown makes sense. We should also continue with the plan of waterfront attractions, activities, etc
- ▶ Pros: my preference. The downtown core is already established but derelict in places which makes it unappealing to visit. Why build something new when the old A&B Sound building is sitting empty? In other cities around the world the main shopping streets are closed to cars and there is so much foot traffic, it's awesome. It would be great if the stretch of Terminal from Commercial to Comox could be altered so it's not a race track. I also like that this plan would preserve existing natural areas
- ▶ I live in the area considered the core and I think it would be great if it would be more walkable. However, we should be more open to where growth is allowed. We should make space for people to live in all of Nanaimo's neighborhoods, and not pull up the gates to newcomers. Alternative, and more direct, transportation demand policies should be used to manage traffic. This would include changing how our street space is used (less car storage), eliminating parking minimums, and more pay parking.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON SCENARIOS

- ▶ While Scenario 3 is currently best for my 5 priorities, in the long-term, mobility hubs (scenario 2) will probably offer stronger results since a growing population can infill all areas of the city, rather than just one.
- ▶ more shopping in down town core
- ▶ Downtown neighbourhoods are already dense. Making them higher density would destroy the neighbourhood character which is surprisingly not one of the priorities in this scenario analysis. Dense downtown forces social services to also be downtown ... which means suburban neighbourhoods get to be low density and with no "messy" social services to deal with. How does this regional employment centre put employment near where people live. There is no real rationale to any of these scenarios.
- ▶ High rises can be kept in the University and downtown areas. Police presence and social services should be available.
- ▶ I like the idea of more developed area in South Nanaimo. There needs to be more amenities in the South Chase River Area. Mid Nanaimo and North Nanaimo already has huge development but the South End has been left behind more multi use housing needs to be closer to shopping, entertainment, recreation areas, and better transportation options.
- ▶ Every hub should have (1) something that's "special" (pool, park, etc), (2) supportive housing, (3) multi-storey buildings (4) diverse populations (rich/poor, kids/adults), (5) a bus exchange and (6) a mix of residential & commercial.
- ▶ Third scenario is not much different than current Nanaimo. We need to change and quit pouring money into downtown Nanaimo. Put money and energy into hubs.

COMMENTS ON SCENARIO BUILDING MAPPING ACTIVITY



TRANSPORTATION: CYCLING NETWORK CONNECTION

- ▶ A cycling and walking connection between Departure Bay and the Ferry Terminal. Eliminates bikes having to climb Dep. Bay. Avoids bikes and car traffic.
- ▶ Uplands needs to become a complete street, traffic needs to be slowed down
- ▶ Safe cycling route as alternative to Bowen Road
- ▶ Safe separate cycling route from southgate to Harewood
- ▶ Safe cycling and ped routes from extension to other areas of the city
- ▶ Cycling and walking to promote greener travel
- ▶ bike lanes on bowen!
- ▶ there is s need for more defined shared pathways for cyclist and pedestrians in the north side, north of the old island hwy. including traffic speed reduction and enforcement especially Hamond Bay and Uplands Roads
- ▶ All
- ▶ Either get passenger service reinstated on the rail line or convert it to a trail. It is a wasted resource
- ▶ Would love to see uplands turned into a complete street. Cyclists and transit users are in a dangerous situation here but they use it because they have no choice. I walk down here with. My daughter and don't feel safe – no sidewalks on one side and too close to traffic
- ▶ Some kind of protected bike path from VIU all the way to downtown (eg. extend the E&N trail)
- ▶ An extension of the waterfront to connect the ferry with the seawall.
- ▶ Continue expanding the E&N trail to reach Lantzville.
- ▶ Some kind of protected bike infrastructure that connects the E&N trail with Hammond Bay.
- ▶ Bike lane along Hammond bay
- ▶ Bike lanes along Bowen!
- ▶ Safe biking on Hammond bay road
- ▶ More more more cycling connections! Everywhere really. And connect the university district to the downtown in a more direct way.
- ▶ It's a major route and would be great if there were continuous bike paths connecting residents all the way to Beban park.
- ▶ More cycle paths continuing upwards connecting to various parks.
- ▶ the bike lanes all over town are lacking. far too much focus/promotion of vehicle traffic, and far too little focus/accommodation for cycling.
- ▶ more integrated cycling routes would be a major plus for health/wellness, traffic, and emissions
- ▶ As ebikes become more and more popular we need to consider how to integrate them into the network safely while providing storage at shopping facilities that are secure
- ▶ I love that more funding is going towards cycling and active infrastructure upgrades! I would love to more complete streets upgrades and/or protected bike lanes parallel to Bowen, between the university, Boxwood, and the north Bowen upgrades. I am a woman and do not feel secure biking along the parkway trail at night, and Bowen is very unsafe and busy.
- ▶ Need to connect new bike lane on Bowen over to Parkway Trail, Boxwood and E&N
- ▶ The bike path needs to be extended to connect downtown to the waterfront path and needs to be marked.
- ▶ Where the Parkway trail ends at the Hwy & Cedar there needs to be some other connection to get people walking/cycling safely along Cedar road / Yellowpoint.
- ▶ The E&N trail needs to expand to the north end. The Mostar bike lanes are nice, but they still end and cyclists get pinched as they get closer to Woodgrove. We need a safer alternative.
- ▶ Need a cycling land on Hammond Bay Road

- ▶ Completion of sea wall to departure bay
- ▶ This way you can
- ▶ Safe biking lanes along Bowen/Comox rd
- ▶ Need safer bike paths along Hammond bay!
- ▶ Desperately need safe biking areas along brickyard
- ▶ Need a biking route along Hammond bay to woodgrove! I nearly have gotten run off the road several times by cars who won't give room.
- ▶ YOUR SIGNAGE FOR PARKWAY is nonexistent! I have never found the entrance to the trail! (Even following your own city of Nanaimo map!
- ▶ Cycling from downtown to Southgate
- ▶ Bike path on bowen road. It's terrifying biking down bowen with car right beside you and you go too fast for sidewalks
- ▶ Bike lanes down extension road
- ▶ I would like to see a cycling route all along bowen road. it would connect with the new route along front street and the new route up where bowen meets the highway.
- ▶ More safe cycling options. I would use an e-bike much of the year if it felt safe for myself and small child.
- ▶ I'd love to see networks connecting north and south even more
- ▶ cycling paths avoiding the highway, maybe along the water to downtown
- ▶ Safe bike routes connecting the north end and the south end.. ie-Bowen road
- ▶ Investigate a potential connected trail all the way from departure Bay to Jack point
- ▶ Make the routes to ndss and viu safe and accessible by bike.
- ▶ Better cycling and transit along Terminal Ave
- ▶ Please redevelop the "strode" terminal ave, with a focus on walk ability and connecting the old town neighbourhood to the city centre. Effectively densifying the city core at minimal cost.
- ▶ Bike lane alone jingle pot rd
- ▶ Cyclists have long used jinglepot as a cycling route but with traffic increases its now extremely dangerous. please work with the RDN to have a walk/bike trail off to the side of jingle pot. if you could connect the wellington fire hall to the tourist center on the hwy with the trans canada trail that would be amazing
- ▶ extend bike paths to make commuting by bicycle easier / viable
- ▶ This is a key secondary artery and the bike lanes do NOT connect well right no, nor are they consistent from one end of Townsite to the other. This could be a key place to invest in a detached bike lane system like downtown.
- ▶ Bowen is a major artery, but trying to bike along it is currently like taking your life in your hands. Great improvements have started near the old island highway, please connect the rest of bowen. Especially since Beban Park is a major rec centre.
- ▶ The E&N Trail seems to just end here. Improve connectivity so that it extends out to the mall, or improve signage if that connectivity already exists.
- ▶ E&N extension to 7th St.
- ▶ bike lanes widened road and raised bike lane.
- ▶ and walking paths..Jingle Pot now too busy to safely walk or ride and there are no shoulders
- ▶ Arterial route alternative transit options
- ▶ More bike lanes, everywhere. Reduce motor traffic, create car-free streets.
- ▶ Finish bike lanes the entire length of the road. One or two sections doesn't ma
- ▶ Ways are needed to avoid Bowen Rd, or add bike lane to connect between the north end of Bowen park to the start of the new bike lane on Bowen near the highway (country club). There is now safe and efficient route. I sometimes take back roads, but it takes much longer. Bowen road is busy, and there is not much room for cyclists.
- ▶ Bike lane along hammond bay rd
- ▶ More direct Bike route to the ferry and connecting departure bay to the ferry and to downtown

- ▶ improve the entire length E & N bike path so that connects all the way downtown and so that it is safer to cross roads with Bike-controlled lights, better delineation of path, better grading.
- ▶ this route needs painted / spaced bike lanes to make it safe.
- ▶ create bike lanes along hammond bay road or nearby alternatives that are off the street to give bike users access to north end city parks and shores.
- ▶ create designated bike streets in the denser areas of downtown. consider shaded routes with good tree cover, and making some streets one way to offer more space for new cyclists
- ▶ ensure this central city park has a strong cycling network, and ample bicycle parking throughout.
- ▶ create bike-preferred / bike privileged streets with tree covering.
- ▶ This park would be an excellent bicycle path destination, but lacks any coherent path or route to get here safely.
- ▶ And bike racks around Departure Bay Beach.
- ▶ Parking on Westwood road near the new home builds have left dangerous bike lane interruptions on busy and potentially life risking corners. Cycling is very popular here and the risk of danger is high.
- ▶ Continue to create bike lanes. The design currently being built on Metral Drive looks great!
- ▶ Wider paths for bikes along bowen
- ▶ Seaside walkway – Departure Bay
- ▶ Bike lanes along Departure Bay & Hammond Bay are needed.
- ▶ cycle paths/walking ie seawall
- ▶ The trail to and from intersection of north and south road and ferry terminal needs major investment to make safe for pedestrians and cyclists.
- ▶ Connect a paved bike lane from north to south Nanaimo
- ▶ Cycling along waterfront Or Stewart
- ▶
- ▶ Hammond Bay is terrifying to bike on. We need a separated bike lane with a barrier.
- ▶ On the out skirts of town so we can once again drive a car down the road in a straight line without zigging in and out for bike lanes
- ▶ Hammond bay area has very poor cycling networks, especially connecting through hammond bay road into departure bay due to narrow roads and steep grades. As road infrastructure for cars is poor, there's an opportunity to prioritize active transportation
- ▶ In the past year the city has done a great job starting to build a cycling infrastructure with the construction of Metral, Front street, Bowen road, etc. Now we must expand on those areas and others to actually connect those areas in order to obtain higher usage. We absolutely need safe protected bike lanes and sidewalks across the city, not just a painted line which many motorists totally ignore.
- ▶ Cycling along Bowen into downtown would be fantastic. Use of Bowen park?
- ▶ Townsite needs a cycling and walking connection between the waterfront, E&N Trail and Parkway Trail. Like Metral Drive
- ▶ The entire length of Bowen Road should be a cycling, walking and transit connected area.
- ▶ Cycling and walking need to be connected from the subdivisions to the Parkway Trail, Mostar. These developments are very car centric.
- ▶ Bowen road needs a bike path to allow for commuter bike traffic
- ▶ We desperately need a seawall that is good for cycling/walking etc from south to North
- ▶ more protected connections (AAA) to the E&N from residential areas east and west of the corridor
- ▶ Bike lanes on Bowen fully connected between Island Hwy and downtown
- ▶ Would love to see an alternate route to Hammond Bay road for cyclists (if not a separated bike laneway)

- ▶ E&N rail line transformed into cycling route..... even it is beside the little used rail line. Most other communities do/have done this, in BC and Washington. It would also be good for tourism.
- ▶ Dedicated bicycle road, that is designed to access downtown, reduce car traffic and support neighbourhood engagement.
- ▶ This should be a cycling hub with bike parking options
- ▶ There is no safe way to bike around this area. Bike trails connecting to amenities like the parks, shopping and library would be great. A tree separation from busy Hammond Bay Rd would make it safer and more appealing
- ▶ Connecting existing routes clearly: Parkway Trail / E&N trail / Trans-Canada Trail. Connect to other active destinations: Morrell Sanctuary, Westwood Lake, VIU
- ▶ Connect Parkway Trail to other bike paths (Waterd. trail)
- ▶ Areas of Hammond Bay are hard to navigate on the bicycle and for walking.
- ▶ I really believe this area needs more connectivity that comes with walkability and designated cycle paths that take you somewhere such as a coffee shop or drugstore or eatery. These are motivators for using the trails and have the added benefit of keeping people's bodies moving and healthy. Please stop developing dead end roads.
- ▶ More access by transit and cycling to reduce parking congestion at the beach
- ▶ Cedar road is not very user friendly for bikes
- ▶ Cycling on Hammond Bay Road is dangerous with no bike lane in narrow parts of the road.
- ▶ Cycling and walking paths to connect residential areas to shops and services, and to the downtown seawall.
- ▶ Cycling routes that are separated from vehicle traffic
- ▶ bike /walking path along the water
- ▶ Protected cycling lane the length of Departure Bay Road
- ▶ A separated bike lane the whole way along Hammond Bay. It is not safe to navigate most of it and topography means that you can't opt for side roads in many areas.
- ▶ Cycling and Walking opportunities are non-existent in the entire Cedar/Yellow Point area.
- ▶ Safer bike options near schools and along central transportation corridor of Bowen Rd
- ▶ Make Haliburton a key separated bike corridor from Chase River to Downtown
- ▶ Cycling network from downtown all the way to Departure Bay. With links to current cycle way.
- ▶ Hammond Bay Rd is presently extremely dangerous to bike on
- ▶ The planned connection from Departure Bay along the shore is a great idea – timeline should be accelerated
- ▶ there should be cycling paths on both sides of Bowen Road
- ▶ Connect ferries to downtown
- ▶ Cycling on Hammond Bay, Departure Bay, Uplands
- ▶ Cycling/foot path between downtown and Departure Bay
- ▶ A bike lane connecting the E&N trail to the Queen Elizabeth/Waterfront promenade, possibly along Mill St/Barsby Ave/Caledonia Ave would vastly improve cycling connectivity.
- ▶ Make cycling safer along Hammond Bay road for commuting and to allow access to Neck Point and Pipers Lagoon.
- ▶ Cycling around this corner of Hammond Bay road is very dangerous
- ▶ Work to create a cycling route off of Uplands, or a better system on uplands
- ▶ Minimum grid for the VIU, Hospital, South Nanaimo, Downtown area
- ▶ This is a prime connector from the Parkway Trail to the 3&N trail
- ▶ Safe cycling paths
- ▶ Safe cycling paths

TRANSPORTATION: TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT

- ▶ buses to westwood, along Jingle pot to Woodgrove need and upgrade
- ▶ more frequent buses
- ▶ Improved transit connections from Southgate to the rest of the city
- ▶ expand transit into the suburbs
- ▶ Improved transit
- ▶ limited bus service in some areas. Cycling isn't an option for seniors to get groceries, etc.
- ▶ Use the train tracks for a local commuter train from Nanaimo to Parksville.
- ▶ More express transit from Dover/Woodgrove (and rename VIU "Express" by dropping the express because it takes forever).
- ▶ We are missing huge amounts of transit options. There would be less need for personal vehicles on the roads if there was a viable, reliable public transit option
- ▶ Community Shuttles off Uplands into area south of Cottle Hill
- ▶ Work out a solution with the bus system to let people who don't have the fare ride anyway. This is done in Vancouver and makes getting a job, accessing medical care and receiving support services much more achievable for at risk community members.
- ▶ City bus terminal location near Port Place ideal.
- ▶ Bus system is very poor. Need ubere services allowed in Nanaimo
- ▶ Transit hub kept beside Port Place Mall so that it will connect with future ferry terminal, cruise ship port, bus (regional and local) service, possible rail connection too, and anticipated increased density housing nearby. Keep improving walking paths and biking lanes.
- ▶ bus connections between areas, as well as a cycling route
- ▶ increase buses & cycling routes in between hubs
- ▶ Quick and convenient
- ▶ Busses need to run earlier and later between core areas to support the young workforce. For example, busses to Country Club should arrive 30-60 minutes before the centre opens and depart 30-60 minutes after it closes. Many workers struggle to get to and from work because routes end too close to store opening and closing times.
- ▶ More busses, running before and after major centres are open to support our young and low income workforces.
- ▶ buses to the ferry
- ▶ Impossible to bus out here for work, I had to taxi everyday when I lived here (working as a server, odd hours)
- ▶ Would love to live up here but I can't because of the poor transit system
- ▶ Transit should connect easier, be less focused on university students and more generalized to the population especially south Nanaimo which is currently cut off
- ▶ Growth near Lost Lake Rd would be better served if there was bus service brought back to Lost Lake Road.
- ▶ Foot ferry to downtown Vancouver.
- ▶ Leave the transit hub where it is on Port Avenue.
- ▶ A major transit hub for the accessibility and tourism may encourage tourism
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- ▶ A major transit hub for the accessibility and tourism may encourage tourism. This is also the primary source of income for many who collect bottles and cans
- ▶ More frequent and reliable busses, and more routes too! It takes forever to get anywhere on a bus and they don't come often so if you miss one you're waiting sometimes hours
- ▶ commuter train
- ▶ Barely any bus service connecting Lantzville to downtown.

- ▶ The whole RDN transit system could do with some work really
- ▶ Cycling, pedestrian and vehicle road upgrades for safety
- ▶ More frequent buses.
- ▶ Better bus connection times and later/earlier service.
- ▶ Anything east of the highway is not very well serviced
- ▶ Having no school bus from the old woodlands catchment to NDSS is a gross oversight. At least provide free transit for these kids or ensure a school bus is implanted for this route.
- ▶ Transit links need improvement throughout the city.
- ▶ Lots of good jobs in the industrial area. Can't get there and back conveniently by bus.
- ▶ Teenagers would work more if they could get to jobs easily. There needs to be a better transit system.
- ▶ there is no bus service to Rock City Rd
- ▶ More transit reaching trails and major parks
- ▶ We need a ferry that takes cars back and forth
- ▶ Ramp systems rather than lighted intersections onto connector roads may be worth consideration in high collision areas
- ▶ Please...do not put the transit exchange at the intersection where the commercial building burned down. Seems like a good idea but the result may be awful. I almost ran someone over crossing the intersection on a green light just the other day.
- ▶ Hello! It takes me 30 minutes to walk from my home to VIU and 40 minutes to take a bus from my home to VIU. Harewood needs more than one bus route to connect everything.
- ▶ Better bus service
- ▶ Buses to this area are needed
- ▶ this is not a city for cycling or walking, but public transit should be as good as taking a single vehicle
- ▶ It's not easy to bus up north from VIU, or especially downtown
- ▶ Seems like the current location is a pretty good one for the bus terminal.
- ▶ As a high school student living along Vanderneuk/ Lost Lake Road, I find it very difficult to use public transport. The two nearest bus stops are both at the bottom of Rutherford hill which makes for a long commute. Considering the area is pretty densely populated, I believe having a bus stop at the top the hill would decrease the amount of people depending on cars as their sole mode of transport, thus lowering GHS emissions and giving more independence to people who don't have access to a car.
- ▶ I think Nanaimo is direly in need of more accessible and efficient public transport. Our bus system skips over many populated areas. I have found it difficult to figure out bus routes as well. More bus stops would be appreciated and could help connect our community while reducing GHS emissions. Having clearer bus routes and schedules easily available online would be helpful. Access to public transport should be worked into plans for new residential developments, too.
- ▶ increase frequency and directness of transit to other hubs enabling more effecient public transit throughout nanaimo
- ▶ A system of publicly operated, publicly owned, hourly or half-hourly scheduled during peak hours, water-taxi service connecting the downtown, ferry terminals, Protection island and the waterfront, integrated with the bus network – this would service the downtown core, facilitate ease of movement and de-congestion of roadways, and I think be a tourist draw, bringing people to the downtown.
- ▶ Bus change over sight
- ▶ The old AB sound building would make a perfect bus interchange
- ▶ More frequent bus service along Terminal that connects north Nanaimo with downtown
- ▶ move toward on-grade rail along old island highway with buses branching off east and west. stops like the hub proposed for Jean Burns site at major nodes
- ▶ Offering more bus stops and frequent 15 min or 20 min intervals are helpful for a growing city, espeically if we want to upgrade our transit system
- ▶ Interurban rail
- ▶ Light rail, interurban

- ▶ A bus that runs consistently up and down the highway for shopping, commuting for new residents and hospital staff
- ▶ Park & ride, transit options
- ▶ Get rid of the cars around NRGH and hike parking fees to discourage staff driving to work.
- ▶ put major bus depot beside the Gabriola ferry
- ▶ More busses more frequently
- ▶ Transit to Duke Point Ferries
- ▶ transit upgrade throughout nanaimo
- ▶ As you move further south, increased and regular service to get people out of their cars
- ▶ Let's ensure there is adequate transit from airport, Tswassen, Gabriola and horseshoe Bay to all parts of Nanaimo in order to get cars off road and reduce costs of travel to and from our community
- ▶ transit
- ▶ Bus Pass for HandyDart
- ▶ Regular Buses to downtown Nanaimo in coordination with ferry schedule
- ▶ If it's a viable service – I think we will need to extend bus routes further out so that less people will have to individually commute into town. If not within the next 5 years, then soon. The number one way to reduce GHG emissions from transport is to provide robust green transportation (ideally electrically run). People may not be interested in it now, culturally, but that's where our future has to go.
- ▶ bike lanes and shoulders for pedestrians
- ▶ Important mid-way point for the city, but not bussing-friendly
- ▶ Earlier times from Viu to get here so workers can get here before 7am.
- ▶ Earlier time to get here from downtown so workers can be available to work earlier
- ▶ Start timed service to Duke Point. The focus of Mainland commerce is much more on Surrey, Richmond and the border than way-West Vancouver these days.
- ▶ The railbed is almost perfect for transit as well as intercity connections, either as rail or adapted to a busway. I would rather fed/prov dollars be spent on this than on low-volume streets.
- ▶ A bus stop at Westwood Lake Entrance.
- ▶ An ideal spot for a transportation "hub" (foot ferry, buses, taxis, scooter rentals, etc). Bus depot should NOT be on Commercial.
- ▶ Every hub should have a bus exchange, including Chase River.
- ▶ Future bus route to Sandstone Hub, with bus exchange.
- ▶ #7 bus has different routes outbound and inbound, and there's a long stretch where pedestrians can't cross the highway.
- ▶ Service connecting with Cowichan Valley transit would be really helpful.
- ▶ More frequent and extensive service would be helpful.
- ▶ Please check out Bellingham's downtown transit exchange (indoor waiting room, ticket sales, covered platform – if that's how it still is). Also, Shaw Lane seems too small for a new exchange here.
- ▶ Bus service
- ▶ Make this an overpass and get rid of the light.
- ▶ Bus routes that travel up and down major streets like Bowen Rd (as in Vancouver).
- ▶ Specifically, a bus route from 6am to preferably 11:30 pm that runs directly from Harewood area to NRGH via Bowen. I work in healthcare, and there is a very large number of employees who live in the Harewood area. Most day shifts start at 7am. Eve shifts end at 11pm. Currently, this route requires 2 buses, or walking to Fifth St. near Bruce. There is a real problem with parking in NRGH area. Also, Wexford Creek and Malaspina at this location have similar shifts.
- ▶ The trans Canada highway running from comox road to victoria cres. is badly in need of an upgrade. The sidewalks are small and hard to use, there are dark and unsafe areas for pedestrians (bridge, parkades), and many abandoned businesses add to a sense of urban blight downtown. A mixed bike/pedestrian sidewalk, along with more mixed use mid rise buildings (bottom floor businesses and upper floor residences) would help to revitalize this area.
- ▶ Bus service with stops along Jingle Pot Road

TRANSPORTATION: WALKING NETWORK CONNECTION

- ▶ sidewalks
- ▶ Complete the sea wall
- ▶ Finish the walkway.
- ▶ I would like walking and cycling connections and transit upgrade. What happened to all of the above?
- ▶ Safe streets with slow calmed less traffic.
- ▶ This is a very dangerous corner for pedestrians. Needs a stop sign or a round about for people to feel safer crossing the street. Sixth St. Needs sidewalks as there are many VIU students living in this area.
- ▶ More sidewalks needed on both sides on Fifth street.
- ▶ Safe Cycling/walking paths that connect to downtown and to Departure Bay ferry
- ▶ How is there not a sidewalk on this portion of Howard Ave? But really there should be sidewalks on every street! People should not have to fear walking inland feel the need to use cars to be safe.
- ▶ very general placement: walking almost anywhere in town you run out of sidewalk. again, vehicles are prioritized in a town that can easily be walked end-to-end. let's make this more available to everyone.
- ▶ Sidewalks and safe crosswalks are needed everywhere in this City. Continuous ones which don't start and stop.
- ▶ Finish the path to the Ferry.
- ▶ Would love to see the whole waterfront walkway connected.
- ▶ i live on dogwood road and the nearest bus is in the university, but in order to get there i have to walk down a dirt path that is falling to pieces and then along the highway. I'd love an actual path, especially when coming home late at night
- ▶ Protected from traffic
- ▶ have the walk way from ferry all along the waterfront to downtown
- ▶ It's very difficult to walk to country club mall, particularly in summer as there is no shade
- ▶ Continuous walking link between downtown and the ferry
- ▶ continuous path around Diver Lake, connected to walk/bike lanes along transportation corridors to other neighbourhoods
- ▶ Sidewalk from cranberry to country grocer
- ▶ Proper parkway connector from parkway trail to Southgate over rail tracks
- ▶ a way to connect extension and cedar to downtown without having to go on the highway
- ▶ Wakjng and cycling network can be done easily by using the island corridor tracks as a walking and cycling connector.
Its safe and awzy from traffic.
The foundation is already there (rails and ties) just need to determine what material is best for forming the foundation ~ paving, concrete etc...
- ▶ Redeveloped shore front with public access and trails.
- ▶ Create a downtown conducive to walking and cycling with walking and cycling arteries from adjacent communities
- ▶ Sidewalks all the way down East Wellington... or safer option to walk/ride for children and community
- ▶ Improve connections from surrounding neighbourhoods to shopping center. Make this area more centered around people and less on high speed traffic flow.
- ▶ Would like to see a sea wall/walkway connecting Departure Bay ferry to Departure Bay that is bicycle friendly
- ▶ Install Sidewalk/bike trail between Piper's Lagoon Park and Neck Point Park to create connection between the two parks that is safer for pedestrians, cyclists and school children

- ▶ As you know a trail to departure bay
- ▶ Improve lighting and trail
- ▶ It's difficult to walk from one side of terminal avenue to the other in the downtown area. I would drive less if this wasn't the case
- ▶ Foot bridge to connect neighbourhood to shopping mall.
- ▶ The streets are narrow and without sidewalks. It would be easier for nearby residents to access Linley Valley with sidewalks or even demarcated shoulders.
- ▶ Would be nice
- ▶ Shutting down commercial street to cyclists and vehicles.
- ▶ Traffic calming for students getting to and from schools along Hammond Bay
- ▶ Improve cycling and pedestrian facilities to and around the ferry.
- ▶ Improve walking connections between Bowen Park and waterfront. Also, add bike racks at key locations in the park.
- ▶ Seaside walkway – connect existing seawall to Departure Bay
- ▶ Please redevelop the “stroke” terminal ave, with a focus on walk ability and connecting the old town neighbourhood to the city centre. Effectively densifying the city core at minimal cost.
- ▶ Interurban rail cycling and walking network upgrade Transit upgrade
- ▶ Harewood and west of downtown have terrible sidewalk continuity, so most trips will involve at least a portion without proper sidewalk. A focus on sidewalk construction through new development leads to discontinuous islands of walking infrastructure which makes them limited in utility.
- ▶ sidewalks on island highway from northtown mall to enterprise way and nature walking trail from turner and metral
- ▶ Many of the streets in my neighbourhood don't have sidewalks which makes it difficult to walk. it is very car oriented.
- ▶ Maki Road is very busy with vehicles. During the summer especially. There is no sidewalk on Maki road and one is REALLY needed.
- ▶ Real sidewalks that accommodates bikers and walkers. More frequent busses.
- ▶ Create better walkability access from Rocky Point to Neck Point.
- ▶ Create better walkability from Frank J Ney to Westhaven and Westdale. Extend trail system. This will also make walking to Frank J Ney safer for the local kids so they don't have to walk on Hammond Bay.
- ▶ Sidewalks are needed all along the waterfront to make walking in this area more safe and enjoyable. It's a beautiful waterfront street that the locals should have better access to.
- ▶ seawall connecting departure bay – bc ferries terminal – downtown.
- ▶ Addition to Whaley Creek Trail
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- ▶ Can we build a better/safer walking/cycling path through to downtown along the railway corridor? It's really sketchy now.
- ▶ Really looking forward to the expanded version of the walkway to Departure Bay!
- ▶ 93% of the length of HBRd between Pipers Lagoon Park and PBS has no sidewalk or protective roll curb. The ONLY one or Nanaimo's 41 major arterials that has effectively no elementary pedestrian infrastructure. This portion of HBRd is the ONLY road connecting the wider neighbourhood to the only playground...75% of households have NO pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalk OR protected road pavement) wide enough for a childrens stroller to access their only playground.
- ▶ The university area has no sidewalks! This should be higher density walkable neighbourhood.
- ▶ Access to Neck Point via walking and cycling is needed
- ▶ Extend Whalley Creek Trail to Westhaven Park
- ▶ Extend walkway from Neck Point to Waterfront

- ▶ Connect Whalley Creek Trail to the Westhaven neighbourhood for safer school and recreational travel
- ▶ And for biking too. I think a trail is a good idea from the Waterfront park to BC ferries.
- ▶ Walkway from the ferry terminal to departure bay
- ▶ There needs to be better walking access and bike paths on Townsite and E Wellington. There should be safe connection between the waterfront, E&N and Parkway trail
- ▶ There needs to be walking and biking connections. Really dreadful intersection
- ▶ Sidewalks and protected bike lanes along Hammond Bay
- ▶ The port way sidewalk, which allows pedestrians to walk from cameron island to helijet, is really great. It is nice to walk and see the "working harbour". More walkways like this, and access points for pedestrians to enjoy the harbour view, make this city much more enjoyable.
- ▶ Having something with a reduced gradient change would be great! I would like to walk/ cycle downtown but Nanaimo's hills make that challenging from Linley Valley.
- ▶ Complete sea wall walk to departure bay ferry

TRANSPORTATION: OTHER COMMENTS

- ▶ In 2016 when the Terminal-Nichol Street Re-imagined project started that was a great way to get people to visit and walk the shops in the area. It would be awesome to make this permanent
 - ▶ Although I agree with cycling paths.....I am not a fan of what Nanaimo is doing to main roads and the bike lanes.
 - ▶ Use the Cruise ship facility as the transportation hub like what Vancouver has - all small planes, helicopters foot ferry, the walkway that connects Departure Bay and Nanaimo estuary an rail and bus transportation. This will be great for visitors from plane, helicopter, ferry, rail and cruise ships to have easy access to transportation.
 - ▶ island wide bus and north-south train
 - ▶ Waterfront walkway to connect from Departure Bay to downtown and the south end
 - ▶ Finish a walkway on the waterfront to departure bay. Include more condos and smaller hotels right on the water as has already been done. A lot of strong potential here
 - ▶ Population may double in 25 years. Cost of living increases bicycles and buses may be the norm. add more charging stations. Has to be geared to people who routinely use public transit students poor people and seniors. expand the routes lower the transit fees and might have to run 24/7 for shift workers
 - ▶ Better boat launch and parking.
 - ▶ None of the options presented are really going to be useful going forward.
- AI and tech are going to change the way we get around, but people still need convenience over cost. That is, an inexpensive way to get around that is not convenient is pretty useless.
- This will affect ALL areas in and around Nanaimo, not just the area I dropped this icon.
- ▶ Absolutely a cycling and walking transportation. Hammond Bay is so busy, and bikers are forced into terrifying situations. Please consider widening the road to accommodate walking/ biking and proper bus transportation
 - ▶ More parking better and beach area
 - ▶ better parking
 - ▶ on and off ramps
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 - ▶ on and off ramps
 - ▶ on and off ramps...the writing is on the wall this is much needed now and is only getting worse.
 - ▶ fix this intersection and double the lanes from parkway
 - ▶ Multi-modal transportation (buses, trains, ferries, float planes)
 - ▶ Active transportation route; no through traffic on Harewood Rd.
 - ▶ We need more parking for boats. People are on a 5 year waiting list
 - ▶ Proper sidewalks along all main roads like Hammond Bay. Consider school routes for walking and make sure there are sidewalks for kids!
 - ▶ Use of railway tracks as a viable way to travel up and down the inland hwy. Most services and work places are found close by to the tracks. Also could be used as a tourist attraction as well.
 - ▶ Foot passenger ferry nanaimo to vancouver downtown and bus loop / access to transit
 - ▶ Need to improve signage in Linley Valley, Colliery Dam park and other parks. Newcastle Island Prov. Park sets a good standard
 - ▶ Parkway Trail appears to die on the section through the University and the army property - can it be connected?
 - ▶ all, cycling, walking and transit and interurban rail

- ▶ A network of walkable and cycle trails extending from north to south primarily along the water
- ▶ Larger parking to offer Park & ride options. Encourage carpooling
- ▶ Park & ride options for parking. Transit hub already there
- ▶ All the above we need to get people out of there cars and Walking Bike riding and a good transit upgrade
- ▶ Requires improved transit, walking/cycling AND vehicle and emergency connections between northeast quadrant of city and hospital hub
- ▶ improved transit, walking/cycle AND vehicle and emergency connections between Terminal mall and hospital hub would increase the catchment area for an improved Terminal mall retail
- ▶ all of the above. a level connection between BC Ferry Terminal and Departure Bay beach would not just be a wonderful amenity...it would profoundly change the connectivity of the northeast quadrant of the rest of the city
- ▶ Remove trees in front of "Parking" sign so it can be seen. Also, have LOTS of parkade signage so tourists know where to park downtown.
- ▶ all of the above
- ▶ Close commercial street to cars or just allow taxi and handicap. open the street up and make it a place for people, biking, walking a continuation of the waterfront walkway.
- ▶ Work with Snuneymuxw to provide better access to Satsutshun.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES: CULTURAL FACILITY OR AMENITY

- ▶ Public attraction of some kind
- ▶ I would like to see natural parks and cultural facilities for amenities.
- ▶ Community hubs where cultural connections might be made, teaching and learning about Indigenous cultures and history, videos, books, discussion groups can be held. Places where recommendations for Truth and Reconciliation can become part of our ongoing learning as adults.
- ▶ Community hubs where cultural connections might be made, teaching and learning about the land, water, biodiversity in this area and other areas in Nanaimo and restoring a right relationship to the land where we take responsibility for caring for it..
- ▶ A place to connect elderly residents and care staff with community and school programs to create bonds between elderly and young people
- ▶ Concerts safe gatherings
- ▶ Put our Indigenous roots at the forefront of our community. Folks travel the world for our VI Art – showcase it. This also goes under retail
- ▶ toilets are open for public use
no place near the waterfront to use a bathroom
- ▶ Concert venue for indoor and outdoor performances and cultural events
- ▶ Major venue needed to keep up with tourist and population influx re: other plans. This could put Nanaimo on the map for concert tours, lecture series, etc other events; also, the inspiration that major performances offer youth are proven to foster local artistic development and talent (and, hence generate publicity for Nanaimo and the Central Island)
- ▶ Along Highway to improve neighborhood
- ▶ Support for indigenous homeless
- ▶ Start to upgrade the old from the highway in towards the neighbourhoods
- ▶ Want to see a large aboriginal themed playground/water park and community centre built in north Nanaimo. Ocean view near the beach and offering cultural courses as well as community programs like what Oliver woods offers. Cooking classes etc. A place for island visitors to come see that shows off our community and cultures. A place for people to come to Nanaimo and stay not just pass thru while going somewhere else.
- ▶ improve parking, washrooms and add some facilities for food and rentals
- ▶ Community centre
Trails
- ▶ Density, with everything in walking distance for everyone.
- ▶ Community Centre somewhere in Harewood.
- ▶ The waterfront is great – adding additional facilities like an aquarium, expanded museum or other cultural attractions made affordable for locals could support both tourism and local families.
- ▶ Harewood needs a community centre
- ▶ Arts facilities: nanaimo art gallery
- ▶ ideal area for city project in disrepair for no good reason. close to university a plus for student projects. hybrid park potential
- ▶ Arts & Culture amenities for the North end are lacking
- ▶ Continue to develop Oliver woods area to include more cultural and wellness activities
- ▶ Multicultural center. Community activities center
- ▶ Portable washrooms at top of Seabold and Blueback access stairs.
- ▶ Small theatre or event/cultural programming space.
- ▶ Performance/rehearsal space
- ▶ Affordable performance and rehearsal space please

- ▶ museum of first people and or aquarium
- ▶ Music and outdoor performing area. Community centre. BANK??? (BMO pulled out and no bank in Harewood now)?
- ▶ This little complex in townsite could use a facelift and some community gathering space... community coffee-shop perhaps? Something warm and communal.
- ▶ Departure Bay as a cultural and community hub in partnership with First Nations
- ▶ Will be good to see development move forward on the cultural buildings in this area
- ▶ Some kind of rentable group space at Neck Point... There's enough room and it's a beautiful place for groups to gather already
- ▶ We need an active arts and music centre in North Nanaimo. Art classes, museum, music lessons, studios, etc.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES: INDOOR WELLNESS COMPLEX

- ▶ Recreation/ community centre
- ▶ Community Centre
- ▶ New updated building with emphasis on it being a wellness complex for fitness, dance, martial arts and other day & eve. programs. It could be on the site of Departure Bay Activity Centre which is not well insulated or ventilated, it's cold in the Winter hot in the Summer.
- ▶ Senior recreation activities similar to those at Bowen Park
- ▶ More recreation opportunities for the Cedar and Chase River families
- ▶ We desperately need more ice!
- ▶ More ice surface w/ capacity to hold concerts, etc ... indoor walking track!
- ▶ Playground
Classes for kids and adults
- ▶ Lap pool
- ▶ Oliver woods is located in the North end, but the local pool is in the south end (realizing they are expensive) but the distance to travel to the pool is far, increasing the emissions.
- ▶ Swimming pool downtown – with salt water, if possible.
- ▶ And rec
- ▶ Every other convenience is already spoken for. Plenty of parks , soccer fields , public pools and fitness centres. place that speaclizes in work related injuries including rehab.
- ▶ Swimming pool
- ▶ We desperately need a community centre in North Nanaimo.
- ▶ We need a pool in North Nanaimo!
- ▶ Another rec center on South end would be nice
- ▶ A community centre and recreation centre
- ▶ Community centre
- ▶ Indoor tennis or squash, possibly raquetteball.
- ▶ Need more indoor places for kids and adults! Swimming and climbing would be excellent
- ▶ Pool in the north end
- ▶ again more things that connect extension to downtown for active transport like park trails – maybe more recreation services like fitness centres in the south end too
- ▶ Density, with everything in walking distance for everyone.
- ▶ There are no amenities in south Wellington area. No sports complexes, sports fields, community complex for social, cultural gatherings, indoor sport activities – pickleball
- ▶ There isn't really anything in the north end of the city like this and I think it would improve the area a lot
- ▶ North Nanaimo or Lantzville
- ▶ Recreation facility (multi-use)
- ▶ I would like a community centre in the south end so I don't have to drive all the way to Oliver Woods.
- ▶ community centre please
- ▶ Pool
- ▶ Harewood does not have a central place for young people to go and hangout. It would be fantastic to have a gym (like Oliver Woods) as a place to go.
- ▶ Pool and ice surface
- ▶ Library
- ▶ Washrooms, outdoor showers dog wash station at top of Invermere Beach. Portable washrooms at Seabold and Blueback beach access. Signage to stairs from beach for tourists.
- ▶ Washrooms, outdoor showers and dog wash station at top of Invermere Beach access. Lot for sale now.
- ▶ A pool to take pressure of NAC

- ▶ Pool, arena, indoor walking track for the north end.
- ▶ Sleeping accommodations for the homeless
- ▶ we need a laundromat and swimming pool or at least showers/bath for campers and homeless
- ▶ Indoor rec facility- pool, weight room, etc.
- ▶ The north end of nanaimo lacks recreational facilities such as pools, skating, soccer etc.
- ▶ All amenities needed in Cinnabar area
- ▶ This area could use another complex built that is similar in scope to Oliver Woods.
- ▶ Lived there
- ▶ Nanaimo needs recreation opportunities. How can a city this size have 1 rec centre, located in the North end, its embarrassing. Recreation complexes are needed in the south end of Nanaimo. Give at risk youth something to do!
- ▶ Pool/Fitness
- ▶ and improved outdoor facilities
 - a Oliver Woods like facility for northeast quadrant
 - but also able to take advantage of proximity to ocean amenity
- ▶ alternative to a Departure Bay beach area for a Oliver Woods like facility to service the northeast quadrant of the city...with unique proximity to ocean amenity.
- ▶ The north end needs an ice facility and pool. Far too much pollution and wasted time is caused by families commuting to distant facilities. Perhaps Lantzville could cost share.
- ▶ I think Cedar and Yellowpoint area need more recreation buildings that suit the needs of the local population there.
- ▶ The Woodbank School building is leased by the Snuneymuwx but it likely has other possible community uses as well (either wellness/ recreation/or other).
- ▶ The growth in the Cinnabar Valley requires additional recreational services.
- ▶ Nanaimo needs another ice surface and another pool

COMMUNITY AMENITIES: NATURE PARK AREA

- ▶ Expand linley valley park to protect the east area that currently has no protection. The habitat offered in this space is such a treasure for a city to have, and should be valued as such. It could be our Stanley park for future generations.
- ▶ wherever possible to allow access to green spaces and ocean
- ▶ Adding the Harewood Plains to the city.
- ▶ hole in the ground. parks and rec?
- ▶ Linley valley is an amazing asset for the community and I'd like to keep it as a park and provide more amenities
- ▶ current green spaces are insultingly minimal and located on undevelopable lands
- ▶ More parks and playgrounds
- ▶ protect Newcastle Island as a park for everyone to enjoy, but more emphasis on preserving and restoring its ecological integrity. Nob Hill Park should be restored too to its original dimensions. The small rocky outcrop on the west side of Cameron Island condos should be renamed 'Little Dog' and also use the First Nations proper name to commemorate the village that for a long time occupied that site. Use First Nations names for as many park sites and other sites as possible.
- ▶ More Natural Park Areas throughout the City. There is so much pressure on existing parks and so limited parking. We need to create more parks.
- ▶ We need more official hiking trails designed. Safe artery through mountain bike areas
- ▶ A third venue catering to performance and exhibition would make Nanaimo capable of hosting a major summer festival(s). This would be huge for the economy, and would become another of the many much-sought out annual summer events in the Pacific Northwest that draw revenues and tourism
- ▶ This area needs to be preserved (Red Gate area, I may have tagged the wrong river bend). It is one of the absolute best river hiking and swimming areas on Vancouver Island, and the planned logging looks sure to make it a washout in the near future, and destroy the natural beauty and recreation opportunities within.
- ▶ This area too, appears to be a Mosaic tree farm? It is very ambiguous and confusing to me as a resident... Looks like a tree farm, but there are pop-up private camps that are run by Mosaic? Just reserve this land as a park for recreation and green tourism revenue
- ▶ preserve greenery along highway and keep natural surroundings intact
- ▶ Trail system by chase river
- ▶ No more development into Linley Valley. Needs long term protection at current size.
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- ▶ This area needs a place to sit and eat or rest that doesn't cost anything, a few tables, a shelter, etc.
- ▶ Provide upgrades to the facilities. Picnic tables, washrooms, benches, info signs.
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- ▶ Suitable for the old man
- ▶ Parks should boarder the water so it can be used by everyone.
- ▶ Nanaimo means 'parks' and healthy access to outdoors. Add easy to use park area with views and rewards, like Piper's Lagoon.
- ▶ Playground
- ▶ Accessible beach viewing or access near Invermere beach
- ▶ Watershed replenishment, wildlife corridor and park

- ▶ Create walkway from departure bay to dt. Places to stop and eat, shop etc bike friendly
- ▶ I love the Beban and Bowen park trails, can we add more like this to the north end?
- ▶ Seawall and shirtfront park development.
- ▶ The Cable Bay area should become part of a larger natural area park, including all the lands to the east of the current trail as well a significant buffer, taking topography into account to not only mitigate the effects of development of the lands to the west of the trail but to also protect the complex ecological connections that exist in the older second growth forest,
- ▶ Lantzville has so much potential as a quaint village. It is really under developed.
- ▶ Great beaches in the area, but inaccessible to people with mobility issues. Viewpoints are developed into private homes and lost to the community
- ▶ More preserved park land to maintain Nanaimo's natural beauty, prevent climate breakdown, preserve forests for future generations
- ▶ this area is in poor disrepair despite being a wonderful marvel with high tourism potential if cleaned
- ▶ Move the prison from pristine grounds...to a place that no one wants to live
- ▶ keep Nanaimo natural
- ▶ Wheelchair Accessible waterfront viewpoint and trail at Rafter Road park – so underutilized.
- ▶ Expand beach and park area
- ▶ Yoga in the park or summer concert series are wonderful cultural elements.
Saanich has yoga instructors lead sessions with a \$5 suggested donation.
The instructor gets paid and access funds go to the community kitchen. Similarly, vendors in Saanich go to support concerts in the park so music can be enjoyed and vendors can promote their products.
Having some free samples and profit options will support a variety of citizens. Nanaimo can easily follow this model as well.
- ▶ public park for people and dog off leash area.
- ▶ A park featuring local artist work as well as a working space for first nation art/carving for public to view and inquire.
- ▶ Park areas for hospital staff and public
- ▶ I think I prefer a green space to a transit hub here...
- ▶ take over Green thumb nursery –a perfect place for a park
- ▶ All the trees are being chopped down and there is very little park space
- ▶ Keep Linley Valley and area, including Greenthumb green
- ▶ More park and green space for recreation in North Nanaimo for ever growing population density
- ▶ More green spaces please
- ▶ Stop developing in Linley Valley and leave wildlife area for cougars bears deer etc
- ▶ How many picnic tables are there in town? Yes this pandemic may be short lived, we hope; however, people are using take-out or mobile food trucks more and more yet there is little place to actually stop and eat.
- ▶ Need to expand the Cable Bay park. A lot of local residents were upset about the logging next to this park. The forest that was there blocked a lot of noise from the heavy industries there.
- ▶ As indicated in my other comment – this entire area should be a park, not industrial. It has mapped ESAs (old growth and herbaceous meadows) that contradict proposed resort or industrial development.
- ▶ There is limited community access to the river which results in many user made trails and camper sites – the waste left along the river is atrocious and all because there is no suitable access.
- ▶ Maintain the park area of linley valley / hammond bay and keep it protected, stopping the ongoing encroachment up the hills into it and loss of natural space.

- ▶ Retain park areas that are existing and create corridors to connect. Currently development in the south end is removing vegetative park spaces for development with no plan to incorporate green space/corridors into the site works/design.
 - ▶ restore the millstone from harbour to Buttertubs or beyond. Trees, pathways, salmon, birds and otters.
 - ▶ Leave this as one of the few remaining natural edges along the ocean in Nanaimo.
- ▶ I don't know how steep this is. Perhaps it could be infill neighborhood, while also having chip trails.
 - ▶ Maintain this phenomenal network of trails (including currently unprotected areas) as an official park. Many communities have access to and benefit from this area.
 - ▶ running path

COMMUNITY AMENITIES: OUTDOOR REC FACILITY (FIELDS, COURTS, ETC)

- ▶ Serve all ages
- ▶ Outdoor tennis courts
- ▶ Outdoor pool for kids in the north end or another water park
- ▶ A community centre with a sports field would greatly benefit the area and reduce the traffic for those who travel to fields and complex's out of our community.
- ▶ Another arena or pool for people in cedar area.
- ▶ More turf fields
- ▶ future needs: sports field, rec centre etc
- ▶ Safe outdoor space. Current space feels very unsafe.
- ▶ ALL of the choices actually. Promote health and wellness
- ▶ Outdoor exercise equipment like they have at Oliver Woods – should be in many places throughout the city
- ▶ Chase river desperately needs an indoor recreation centre. Gymnasium with classes and programs for kids and adults
- ▶ Motion is changed
- ▶ Convenient movement
- ▶ Another one to accommodate the growth indicated for the south area
- ▶ Wellington Secondary school is looking at installing a multi-sport play surface for school and community use that City of Nanaimo could collaborate with SD68 in the design and planning of this project
- ▶ Including off leash dog sports
- ▶ there are no local tennis/basketball courts in the noth jingle pot/benson meadows area. maybe the RDN and City can have a shared site by the wellington firehall?
- ▶ fix the tennis courts, they do not drain properly. They fill up with water all the time
- ▶ Playground and sports ground
- ▶ growing city with things to do
- ▶ Pickleball Courts at Pioneer Park. It's a sports complex outside a residential area. Convert 1 tennis court to 2 or 3 pickleball courts.
- ▶ I think a playground at Neck point would be a great addition. Maybe a natural focused wooden playground.
- ▶ This playground needs upgrades and maybe moving it away from the road with more tree barriers between the road and the park.
- ▶ Playground, spray park
- ▶ Playground at Departure Bay needs an upgrade and shelter from noisy road.
- ▶ Improve facility, increase size, accessibility
- ▶ Janes park should have a multi use hockey, basketball court. Many family's close by
- ▶ This is such an in hospital place. Could it be made into a wellness courtyard using art pieces that invite movement and exercise.
- ▶ All sorts of community gathering places and support of activities/rec centre (Shipyards North Vancouver)

COMMUNITY AMENITIES: OTHER COMMENTS

- ▶ Public showers for commuting cyclists, runners, kayakers
- ▶ More ice sheets
- ▶ Water park
- ▶ indoor olympic sized swimming pool
- ▶ Redistribution of current social issues from downtown
- ▶ Swimming Pool
- ▶ Beach restoration and bike/walk paths
- ▶ Community playground near the school.
- ▶ Spray park and playground
- ▶ Events center
- ▶ Off lead park
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- ▶ Westwood lake is amazing and very popular. However, the pathway is used as toilets. The 6km walk has no toilets. We need to encourage hygiene. Place garbage and toilets around the lake
- ▶ More boat ramps and parking kinda a joke so little space
- ▶ Public washrooms! More everywhere.
- ▶ Large waterfront park & plaza
- ▶ park/plaza
- ▶ community garden
- ▶ dog park
- ▶ Washrooms at beach access Seabold, Blueback, Invermere
- ▶ I hope this site can be repurposed with some serious attention to reconciliation and acknowledgement of the horrors that occurred here.
- ▶ Mental health for everyone
- ▶ All of the options presented are good, and as the south area of the city is going to see the most development in the next 20 yrs the focus needs to be on this area.
- ▶ Pool in the north end
- ▶ Playground and spray park
- ▶ Hockey rink in the north end
- ▶ playground near the rink/NAC
- ▶ Walk in Clinics, doctor offices. We cannot get a family doctor and it is difficult to get in a walk in Clinic.
- ▶ Walkway to be extended from Cypress St to Departure Bay Ferry Terminal
- ▶ outdoor gathering space with a bandshell or something
- ▶ A beach waterfront viewpoint that's accessible for walking challenged. Rafter Road park.
- ▶ Indoor tennis facility
- ▶ Grocery store
- ▶ A modern indoor pool. A new 5-7,000 seat arena preferably downtown to create an event day buzz – good for businesses too
- ▶ I think another community like
- ▶ Event center!
- ▶ Tertiary level hospital, more physicians.
- ▶ Anything that isn't the old run down empty building that is still there
- ▶ doctor, bank in harewood
- ▶ Please upgrade picnic areas, tables and washroom facilities at heavily used Pipers and Neck Point Parks
- ▶ enhancement of Bowen Park is much needed. Park is currently under utilized
- ▶ Charge stations for electric vehicles
- ▶ More electric vehicle charge stations

- ▶ Local food production facility. The former MacMillan Bloedel greenhouse property could be leased to local food growers who then retail to the community.
- ▶ The army reserve should be moved out of Nanaimo and somewhere else on Vancouver Island, so that the university can grow.
- ▶ Improve appearance & safety of existing path connecting Maffeo Sutton & Bowen Parks. The 7 Pools area a gem, but feels scary.
- ▶ Covered all year round farmers market, small item sales, food tourism attraction.
- ▶ Better parking
- ▶ Beban Park for the north end on the Green Thumbsite.
- ▶ The public fishing dock is wonderful. I use it regularly. It is however getting old, it is small if you consider COVID and 2 m apart, safety is a concern (you can slip in the water, there is no railing like the one at Divers Lk). Ideally its replacement would also have rod holders.
- ▶ We need community gardens in North Nanaimo – that encourage food production and provide education about food and climate change.
- ▶ Apartments buildings for seniors that are affordable and that provide in building services such as on site nurse, community room, a small store with foods and drugs – to enable seniors to live independently without moving into assisted living, and yet are supported into age in place. Take some lessons from north Montreal.
- ▶ Build a decent toilet at Neck Point Park – clean, usable. Why not create a composting toilet and have an educational component to it. This way there would not be so many people peeing in the bushes. And replace the tiny pit toilet that currently exists. It is an embarrassment!

INFILL NEIGHBOURHOODS: SECONDARY SUITES / CARRIAGE HOMES

- ▶ I'd love to see incentives, rebates, grants, and even regulations that would support conversion of heritage homes to multi family or duplex
- ▶ Combined family units
- ▶ Subdivide large lots
- ▶ For students
- ▶ More housing options.. I would select all but it wasn't an option

INFILL NEIGHBOURHOODS: DUPLEXES

- ▶ Suitable for young people

INFILL NEIGHBOURHOODS: TOWNHOMES

- ▶ Combo of different housing and commercial plus greenspace
- ▶ Build more housing
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- ▶ Redevelop the south end Irwin, Halibutton, Esplanade into a nicer looking community- prime real estate with ocean views
- ▶ Not a lot of grown south of town, need to share the wealth as traffic in town and farther north is getting bad
- ▶ Creating compact but spacious housing for families, close to Ladysmith and the ferries, and development to areas like Oyster Bay.
- ▶ Downtown should be full of townhomes.
- ▶ "This area has owners wanting to subdivide but provisions at the city level do not permit development of existing plots Of land 3 acres or less"
- ▶ Again, an empty school in prime area for more smaller homes, walking distance to amenities.
- ▶ much needed for small families that will not be able to buy single detached homes
- ▶ row houses are needed everywhere here
- ▶ More housing closer to Bensen
- ▶ More housing just south of town
- ▶ I am generally in favour of densifying Nanaimo
- ▶ Small developments with energy-efficient townhomes and bungalow-style (no stairs) developments for aging-in-place. These should be designed as supportive communities; shared gardens, community activity building (i.e. workshop, fitness, meetings), and forest park. I believe that Green Plan had a concept along this line, but the location was undesirable, in my opinion.
- ▶ Would love to see family housing with central greenspace, ideally for Snuneymuxw folks on the old Princess Patricia lot
- ▶ WE need housing coops wherein young families can raise their families without all the pressures of house maintenance. Get federal funding and make coop housing a reality!!!

INFILL NEIGHBOURHOODS: TRIPLEXES OR FOURPLEXES

- ▶ Build more housing
- ▶ I live on Barclay and there's been a lot of townhomes/fourplexes etc built in the last 10 years. Might as well continue the trend, my father in law plans to sell soon since the neighbours burnt down and Wes is developing across the street into townhomes and probably the neighbours too
- ▶ Euro style. Shrink the parking lot.
- ▶ Densify housing on properties that support it. I live at Pacific Gardens Cohousing. We live on a property which would support this.
- ▶ Rezone to allow for multiplexes and some apartments
- ▶ Densify including some low rise apartments. Done strategically it could maintain the views
- ▶ multi family housing
- ▶ Some very small old homes on large lots – could be densified
- ▶ More lower middle income housing
- ▶ lower barriers to meeting infill objectives in OCP throughout old city and harewood, i.e. dcc's, parking requirements, substantial compliance reports especially when utilizing existing housing stock.
- ▶ affordability

INFILL NEIGHBOURHOODS: LOW-RISE APARTMENTS (4 STOREYS OR LESS)

- ▶ Continue to support the development of this area
- ▶ Build more housing
- ▶ This golf course is a waste of prime real estate.
- ▶ Retail on lower floor and residential above
- ▶ The north town parking lot is a horrible expanse of nothing and would be a great place for housing
- ▶ We need more
- ▶ Close to dt and transit, affordable
- ▶ Carriage homes too
- ▶ convenient
- ▶ Migrants live
- ▶ There are beautiful condos along the waterfront towards down town, these should go all the way to the ferry
- ▶ create mixed residential, commercial and social services neighbourhoods to increase density and make the area a view-accessible neighbourhood in sync with Nanaimo values for people
- ▶ Reclaim waterfront for people, with mixed residential and commercial development that includes amenities, park areas and easy access to the harbour we claim as the center piece of Nanaimo. Put industrial needs in Duke Point area, and let business pay its fair costs for access. Letting industry dominate downtown area is no longer acceptable or with the city's value system.
- ▶ Pattern this area after phase one of Vancouver's False Creek development, with the city retaining ownership and providing access via land and air space agreements.
- ▶ Again a city owned development of mixed housing and commercial needs, on lease, with amenities and park values.
- ▶ A complex land and air space lease area owned by city to ensure high standards of social and residential needs within a highly desirable 'view' area of the city.
- ▶ careful increase of densities and retail, social services to area. Reduce traffic, increase life amenities for area.

- ▶ city owned land and air space development of highest quality, to enhance views, access and increase downtown population.
- ▶ mixed use buildings that attract residents to downtown, provide services and ensure easy non-car accessibility.
- ▶ More density on Rosstown
- ▶ Can we not build above existing commercial spaces? Apartments above commercial units?
- ▶ Higher density condo living is coming to the old waterfront area.
- ▶ It's insane that there's so little residential development along large swaths of Stewart avenue. Build that area up in conjunction with the new public access seawall to departure bay and we'll become exponentially more attractive for livability and tourism.
- ▶ Find areas with no trees and minimal nature disruption to build lower income housing in the south end/downtown.
- ▶ The valley area between Port Place and Comox needs a vibrant mix of denser housing and commercial spaces.
- ▶ More emphasis around apartments and condos/ townhomes near the services here.
- ▶ Switch playing field with low-cost housing next door (making both new).
- ▶ mid density
- ▶ build on parking lots
- ▶ Densify, densify, densify. Add affordable (actually affordable, not middle class affordable) housing and encourage services adjacent.
- ▶ space is at a prime, time to move out of detached and distant housing structures
- ▶ As various commercial districts (thinking of the woodgrove area) reach their lifespan, re-development needs to take place that create more mixed use areas, that including commercial and shopping opportunities, but also affordable rental homes so that people can live close to where they work, and areas can grow to be more diverse
- ▶ Townhomes, combined with shops and services
- ▶ Prioritize medium-density residential development along Wallace Street to support downtown
- ▶ with retail or kayak rental or scuba rental etc spaces
- ▶ Housing for hospital staff all along Nicol St
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- ▶ Create an inviting entrance to Nanaimo from the south
- ▶ Housing and renew area along Victoria and Nicol
- ▶ Huge empty lot near VIU – ideal for dense rental housing
- ▶ More options for rental housing near VIU
- ▶ dense housing
- ▶ This area is ripe for redevelopment. A mix of medium density homes would be best, combined with significant commercial/mixed use and green spaces that are usable.
- ▶ Let's create rentals along Jinglepot with feeder transport to VIU
- ▶ Areas around the university in Harewood have been woefully neglected by the city since amalgamation in 1975. This neighbourhood is in desperate need of traffic calming, sidewalks, and other active transport infrastructure; deprioritising cars and emphasising a quiet, safe, walkable community atmosphere for students and families.
- ▶ Affordable housing replacing the old miner cottages and run down houses up Wakesiah.
- ▶ Bowen is an excellent road to support low to mid-rise apartments or offices with reasonable parking, bus stops nearby etc. The bike lanes are an excellent addition.

INFILL NEIGHBOURHOODS: ALL OF THE ABOVE

- ▶ This place is such an eyesore sitting vacant and vandalized.
- ▶ again such a waste of good space and a community eyesore
- ▶ again a derelict building that sits and decays while there is a HUGE need for more affordable housing. This can be shops below and apartments above.
- ▶ Infill housing needs to be affordable!
- ▶ We need more density downtown for existing businesses to survive and to attract more businesses. The less empty spaces, the fewer the options for the homeless to set up camps, fill doorways, give the impression that downtown is not safe or desirable.
- ▶ This area is under utilized because the wealthy currently occupy the area.
- ▶ Is there a plan to build a convention centre here? that's a terrible idea. mixed use residential with street level services would be better.
- ▶ generally, the density is very low here, though it's a supposed hub.
- ▶ Clean up this area as it is prime location near the water. Connect to downtown core for larger, more modernized centre
- ▶ Help with homeless and low income
- ▶ Density in residential neighbourhoods should come from the above and not from buildings over 2 stories which belong downtown or along arteries.
- ▶ Low rise apartments only along arteries. Rest - townhouses, lane houses, duplexes, etc - in all residential neighbourhoods.
- ▶ Let more people enjoy the view
- ▶ more housing near hospital and more services to area
- ▶ More truly affordable housing (not market rate, but affordable)
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- ▶ I would love for the area around Terminal Mall to become a more mobile/walkable neighbourhood. With the existing bakery, meat market, and seafood market, a really good use of the old save-on site would be a farmer's market or similar.
- ▶ Completely owned and leased by Snuneymuxw First Nation for commercial development and perpetual income generation; an urban 'Spirit Cove' concept.
- ▶ greatly increase density, mixed use residential, increase area appeals, easy access. perhaps social housing as well.
- ▶ High density, sensitive design of mixed housing and social services as needed.
- ▶ As possible, rigidly controlled for quality of life, views, compatible to area values.
- ▶ The Brechin area is very popular due to beautiful homes and views, but filling in of the empty lots with high density options make this neighborhood more affordable
- ▶ Development of land at Brendan Lake and toward Mt. Benson, offering a mix of home types and larger sized properties for families.
- ▶ Densification near Chase River, homes for families and more life at Southgate. Childrens parks and school access.
- ▶ Please put housing here!
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- ▶ Extreme need of more housing and most importantly affordable housing, locals can't afford to buy when the housing keeps increasing out of affordability comparable to wages!!!!
- ▶ This area has room to grow and seems like one of the few places where infill housing could expand

- ▶ Much better mix – too many single residences
- ▶ As well as single family homes that are more spaced out. The city is getting too dense for those seeking privacy.
- ▶ Better use of waterfront property and deal with homelessness and addiction issues that are plaguing the downtown core. Although drug, violence and property damage is happening all over the city due to lack of enforcement and a plan that effectively deals with these issues we aren't going to see our city prosper.
- ▶ Living and recreational gardens space
- ▶ Since north end is the most retail developed concentrate mixed housing here
- ▶ Laneway housing should be encouraged, as should "tiny home" options
- ▶ Laneway and tiny homes, too
- ▶ Low rise density supporting walking trails bike trails for neighborhood to Departure Bay beach!
- ▶ Near mobility hub, currently mostly single family homes.
- ▶ Allow easier densification with views of the harbour and channel
- ▶ More density close to major roads and great views
- ▶ Massive redevelopment and densification around hospital is important. Seniors housing and health care workers need housing and services close to the hospital
- ▶ The old city quarter has great infrastructure to bring more people downtown.
- ▶ We have to fill in the neighborhood. The development must be compatible with existing uses. For example existing high end houses must be matched with high end townhouses.
- ▶ Departure Bay Beach as a community hub / destination. 4 storeys back several blocks with shorter buildings closer to the beach.
- ▶ Infill makes sense in Hospital area as the homes are small single family and infill will up the density incrementally.
- ▶ Rather than the density currently proposed to better transition from the existing surrounding residential
- ▶ Some areas of higher density housing while protecting green space. This would add more range of housing prices to area.
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- ▶ All the above except secondary suites. Focus on affordable housing, not unaffordable housing with basement suites.
- ▶ The Boxwood connector has been successful so far. I'd like to see continued light industrial, shops, offices and housing as appropriate for the neighborhood vision
- ▶ Downtown is the most walkable part of the city—we need to be offering diverse housing so folks can afford to get into reliable housing in an area that offers cheaper options of transportation, ie. Transit, walking etc.

SHOPS AND SERVICES: ESSENTIAL SERVICES (E.G., GROCERY)

- ▶ grocery store in the old save on building in terminal
- ▶ Encourage walking access to grocery
- ▶ Hammond Bay/Departure Bay is far from everything leading to increased traffic along the roadways
- ▶ Have a centralized area to go. At present, Nanaimo is all strip mall spread out. Have a focal point to bring in tourists.
- ▶ There could be a better set of services around the university, somewhere not depressing for students to shop and get services.
- ▶ There are no grocery or fruit and vegetable stores within walking distance for this area.
- ▶ currently, we need to drive for groceries, etc. Nothing even close to walking distance.
- ▶ Whole foods in Nanaimo
- ▶ essential services as medical, groceries need to be downtown, as well as what used to be there such as a hardware store and a post office outlet in the Port Place Mall instead of on Terminal Ave. A wide variety of services are needed as if this one area was a separate 'village', but also to serve as a transportation hub for ferries, rail, bus (local and regional service) , road -cars & bikes, air traffic too.
- ▶ At least 2 km from nearest grocery store. Even as mall market/corner store for milk etc
- ▶ This area has so much potential – possibly could be public market, amphitheatre, park, residential/ apartment buildings
- ▶ Mom and pop store/cafe. No big chains and out of town owners
- ▶ Coffee shop bakery food
- ▶ Grocery store beside Piper's would be perfect
- ▶ Spread groceries and local businesses, restaurants throughout the downtown and other town centres so people can walk to pick things up.
- ▶ Need some other stores and services this end of town
- ▶ Develop sealand to serve tourists and local neighbourhood
- ▶ There are so many people living in this neighbourhood who drive all the time to access grocery stores, banks, gas stations etc
- ▶ Largest undeveloped land nanaimo has. Offering people who live there . Places to eat medical centres eye exams, fitness centres, home improvement stores and grocery stores. its a hassle driving that distance every other day.
- ▶ Downtown needs more businesses that attract daily traffic
- ▶ convenient
- ▶ No corner stores or convenience stores!
- ▶ walkable neighborhoods that incorporate retail,local businesses, restaurants, coffee shops, gathering places.
- ▶ Grocery Store & Canada Post
- ▶ Corner store
- ▶ Deli
- ▶ Local, small, corner shops and cafes would be amazing here
- ▶ Density, with everything in walking distance for everyone.
- ▶ It would be good if we could fill in more small scale grocery stores to save on transit commuting around the city. Perhaps with emphasis on home grown produce and products?
- ▶ If Sandstone ever gets off the ground, this area is going to be completely transformed. I've heard about several retail tenants looking at this area.
- ▶ Bar Burrito takeout franchise somewhere in the north end.
- ▶ There is nothing through this corridor and transportation links are weak.
- ▶ Superstore, Walmart or other low cost grocery store in south end
- ▶ west Nanaimo off north Jingle pot needs some small services like a grocery store and restaurants.
- ▶ Including personal services to accommodate the new housing

- ▶ Grocery, gas, liquor store
- ▶ Areas with extensive residential and no services are car dependant. Services in residential areas would reduce car trips, increase foot traffic and cater better to the emerging work from home future.
- ▶ Coffee shop, neighborhood meeting place, local foods items,
- ▶ Lack of services to this corridor that are walkable leads to higher GHG as people leave the smaller communities driving elsewhere for even small food purchases.
- ▶ Grocery store near beach
- ▶ Fruit and vegetable stores
- ▶ Nothing on this side of the highway
- ▶ Hammond bay is a dearth of amenities, forcing people to drive on limited narrow streets to shop even for essentials
- ▶ There needs to be some local retail for all of the houses that have been developed.
- ▶ Departure Bay Beach community could use a grocer or seasonal farmer's market
- ▶ Commuting from Cedar to north end big box stores is foolish for environment and cost savings.
- ▶ A small corner grocer would also be great
- ▶ We recently purchased a house in Nanaimo, Neck Point/Pipers area is nice, but was not an option for us due to amenities. Driving 15-20 minutes for groceries is not feasible with a busy household.
- ▶ and medical services and improved retail and entertainment
- ▶ Restaurants, medical, dental.
- ▶ Other than there Superette there are few corner shops or small grocery stores for a larger residential area. Yes there is Thrifties and Country Grocer but very little in between. Small shops save car trips and build neighbourhood.
- ▶ Seriously Hammond bay needs something other than residential.
- ▶ Small local grocery, corner store. Any investments and upgrades to make it attractive
- ▶ Convenience stores ... 24 hr type for things like 'milk,' water, bread, last minute items. Late night cafes (not necessarily with a liquor license, but where people in small apartments over offices can gather and chat.
- ▶ Neighbourhood stores that can be accessed without using vehicles
- ▶ It would make the area more walkable if you could buy some milk or have co-working space where there is already now the pub, liquor store, and new daycare.
- ▶ The entire region of Hammond Bay requires driving in a car for every errand since there is nothing nearby, and the walking / cycling is incredibly unsafe. Hammond Bay Road does not have the capacity for continued car-reliant living given all the new housing development. There needs to be a hub with groceries, restaurants, etc. Alternatives are required to meet environmental and mobility goals. Hammond Bay Rd is becoming extremely unsafe.
- ▶ For example see Victoria's dispersed 'village centre' models – helps reduce reliance on cars and builds sense of community. Currently food dead zone in north nanaimo
- ▶ This mall needs a large grocery or market
- ▶ Community grocery store, of a size like Donald's grocer in Van
- ▶ The plaza is oddly set up, with businesses spread out, although there are great shops, like Nesvogs and Bulk Barn. The huge old Save On building sits empty. Could use a basic grocery store for produce, dental office, walk in clinic, post office. Mid-rise buildings could support housing and businesses.
- ▶ More supermarkets are urgently needed downtown: currently, only Thrifty foods is accessible by foot in the downtown core.
- ▶ Small community grocery store
- ▶ Anything aside from the empty grocery store building that currently exists.
- ▶ Departure Bay beach has so much potential to be a real neighbourhood hub all it needs is some more essentials
- ▶ Restaurants

SHOPS AND SERVICES: LOCAL RETAIL

- ▶ Small boutiques
- ▶ This should look like mini white rock. Restaurants and pubs with a sea wall.
- ▶ shopping close to the university
- ▶ There are plenty of shops here, but more would be better and maybe something a bit larger scale variety, nit just specialty shops but a market type place for food and goods and also a place where you could get anything from underwear to pajamas to small furnishings like lamps or placemats that are just basic standard items that one needs.
- ▶ Corner store
- ▶ This end of Hammond Bay Rd needs some retail to reduce distance and road trael for shopping needs
- ▶ Bakeries, butcher, farmers markets, restaurants,coffee shops.
- ▶ Get rid of departure bay ferries and develop the walkway and shoreline with small local shops and touristy attractions
- ▶ the downtown area seems a bit depressed in vibrancy. storefronts on commercial struggle and there is a lack of practical retail in the area.
- ▶ More specialized shops – bike, gourmet food shops, chocolate
- ▶ Seaside restaurants
- ▶ Variety
- ▶ A restaurant with an amazing patio
- ▶ Should contain local retail, offices, mixed accommodation, essential and personal services, schools
- ▶ Country market like Coombs
- ▶ The Stewart Ave corridor is a beautiful waterfront area that needs a solid development plan. It should be a jewel in our city
- ▶ Quality artisans and shops
- ▶ Would like all kinds of shops and services in regional retail centres like downtown, Woodgrove and Sandstone. Would like to see local retail in nodes in residential areas. Should have residential areas above retail stores.
- ▶ If downtown was spruced up it would more vibrant, a reason to go downtown.
- ▶ Essential services
Personal services
- ▶ Small local grocery, arts, produce, cafe's, handicraft, bookstores with open public streetfronts to sit or work.
- ▶ Local coffee, corner store
- ▶ restaurant, kayak rental, bike rental (once Dep Bay walkway built), health food grocery, fresh fruit & veggies
- ▶ More quaint local shops and restaurants instead of fast food and chains
- ▶ Support more local businesses, especially those that offer diversity for foot traffic. We have several restaurants and clothing boutiques, but not much else.
- ▶ It would be nice if there were a decent hardware store in Harewood or downtown.
- ▶ Restaurant
- ▶ Adding in some mixed commercial/residential low riders near Piper's would be perfect. Like small businesses below apartments
- ▶ We need more small businesses downtown. We often visit other towns on the island and amazed by the options – Duncan, Courtenay... and wonder why Nanaimo can't offer as much or more?
- ▶ Can we get rid of their derelict A&B Sound building and fill in this monstrosity of a crater that lies on the main artery entry point for visitors to Nanaimo? It leaves the impression Nanaimo is a 'hole'... well there's a huge one as they drive in... shocking.
- ▶ Needs a little hub for local retail

- ▶ Move the industry out of dt. Get a big farmers market going that is inclusive and easy for farmers to get the produce to the consumers.
- ▶ more small local business—restaurants, coffee shops, specialty goods/shops etc. less strip malls and plazas...
- ▶ small local business or restaurants. lots of potential in the halliburton area
- ▶ Love to see more local small shops on the waterfront.
- ▶ Art and local services for tourism
- ▶ A food market downtown similar to Granville Island would be awesome.
- ▶ Boutique restaurants
- ▶ Need some smaller local neighborhood retailers similar to the victoria waterfront neat parliament buildings
- ▶ First rate shopping services are currently heavily located in the North. We need a balance of access at both ends of Nanaimo. This will reduce the travel and traffic flows.
- ▶ Encourage first rate shopping and restaurants at our waters edge. Our waterfront is begging to be enjoyed. Drawing people to stroll, shop and entertain while taking in our spectacular views. Our waterfront is the envy of the world and we massively are under utilizing it. Make this the gem of our city.
- ▶ Produce shop
- ▶ Enhance the waterfront! Prime land!
- ▶ It is more convenient
- ▶ I think every neighborhood should have somewhere you can walk to that has a small grocery store, a cafe/bakery, and a restaurant. Not a huge parking lot plaza, but something on a quieter street – ideally with apartments above
- ▶ Supporting small businesses downtown and in central Nanaimo. Keeping the current feel without apartments built all over downtown and in central Nanaimo
- ▶ Restaurants
- ▶ cafe, retail, grocery for residential and marina area. Heavy traffic of walkers, people biking, drive bys, it would be nice to have a cafe or retail for the community other than the 2 pubs on the water. Lots of business in the area as well where people need other options for food and retail other than driving to the stores on the highway supporting big store when they can support local shops.
- ▶ transform this space to retail, open space for sitting,, market area. shipping container shops, food trucks, a flex space throughout the year,, public art space
- ▶ Waterfront restaurants and shops
- ▶ waterfront cafe's and small retail showcasing local art and culture
- ▶ A pub
- ▶ Greater availability of basic needs to reduce ferry and small boat traffic, ensuring services are in line with island needs.
- ▶ It would be great if something local was able to go into the old Save On Foods building and into this complex in general. Make it more of a hub like there is in University Village.
- ▶ Create a diverse waterfront at Departure Bay with local vendors and the flavours of coastal Nanaimo. This is a valuable opportunity to give Nanaimo a Granville-style cultural hub of commerce that stays here in the community and enhances tourism.
- ▶ Food truck license locations to service Hammond Bay waterfront beaches
- ▶ Restaurants, pubs
- ▶ Something. I want a square plaza with shops on the outside and tables and garden in the middle.
- ▶ Restaurants or a pub with a patio so people can look at the incredible view. How do we have almost no waterfront patios?
- ▶ more unique small businesses, walkable to people up extension
- ▶ Density, with everything in walking distance for everyone.

- ▶ Small size grocery, NOT junk food but real food in Hammond Bay
- ▶ Make downtown a place to shop again. Various places to shop and eat. Rid downtown of the derelict sites.
- ▶ More local retail to build up the Harewood Plaza and promote walking to services. Same for the University Village area.
- ▶ How are there not restaurants in departure bay? Take any other coastal city and there would be patios galor... yet in nanaimo you get to sit along side a highway to enjoy a cocktail?!
- ▶ The selection of retail is very limited
- ▶ Walking streets, outdoor dining, markets, festivals, culture, events
- ▶ Departure bay Rec area is an untapped gem. Some dining and local boutiques would really enrich it as a destination.
- ▶ This community could benefit from a few cafes, boutiques, and creation of a pedestrian friendly town centre.
- ▶ Downtown Nanaimo needs to be revitalized and offer more boutique shops and interest for tourists. Tourists will come to Maffeo and the waterfront, but the downtown really needs a facelift. We do NOT want a transit hub in the middle of valuable land. Use yp that land to make the downtown area a destination for tourists.
- ▶ Granville market like space at the old sealand market area
- ▶ where ever there will be a new development include small grocery stores and restaurants
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- ▶ The duke point area could include more local amenities, if not just for the people visiting the island and choosing this port as their entrance point, but for the many people who already work in industry who might appreciate lunch spots, shopping and other amenities. We could create jobs, while supporting existing workers as well.
- ▶ Grocery store
- ▶ Could be local or regional retail space but more diversity of shops is needed. A bit of an over-saturation of small womens ware boutiques
- ▶ They need to move those bug ships somewhere else
- ▶ Downtown area – more attention to filling vacancies– it is so pretty! Local businesses may need help with this
- ▶ A variety of services and easy mobility and parking ;)
- ▶ Departure bay beach area/ drive should look like the white rock strip! Run down empty lots and wasted space. This road should be lined with restaurants and shops.
- ▶ Cafes, breweries, restaurants
- ▶ Big potential for mixed-use development here with proximity to ferry and seaplanes, connectivity to new stretch of Waterfront Walk, beautiful views of Newcastle Island
- ▶ Retail shops, pubs and restaurants along Stewart Ave
- ▶ Would love to see a granville island type market here with cafes and such.
- ▶ coffee shop in this area would be great
- ▶ Corner store, pub, flower shop, boutique clothing store, much like Cook St Village in Victoria
- ▶ Food , grocery , restaurant , furniture .Not for profit organizations
- ▶ more ice cream
- ▶ coffee shops, restaurants, costco
- ▶ Lower rents for local non big box companies
- ▶ Small independent shops, no franchises,
- ▶ unique shops, keep big box stores in the north.
- ▶ Support creation of Departure Bay as a beachside hub with small shops, a grocer, and cafes.
- ▶ Downtown market.

- ▶ Downtown offers lots of opportunities for live-work space with a blend of local retail, medical/dental, personal services, arts and culture, and social services
- ▶ Draw people to Country Club with unique local businesses and services
- ▶ Complimenting shops for rooftops and bottom floor
- ▶ Shops drinks and food courtyard
- ▶ Our downtown needs more shops and restaurants
- ▶ Departure bay appears to have potential for small businesses. It's disappointing that there's currently such limited options for food. I'm imagining a lite version of Denman street near English Bay in Vancouver.
- ▶ coffee shop, cafe, or food trucks
- ▶ Restaurants and unique local businesses. Nanaimo's entire waterfront is a missed opportunity.
- ▶ More things happening downtown
- ▶ More cafes or coffee shops to walk to in the suburbs
- ▶ This would bring people into the downtown to shop.
- ▶ "Brew pub with ocean view
Small shops"
- ▶ Grocery
- ▶ Not big box, but small/medium
- ▶ To reduce distance of travelling to shops
- ▶ open produce market, local
- ▶ Combination cafe, breweries, bakeries, etc for hospital area residents
- ▶ Improve Brechin and Stewart waterfront. Patio brewery, seafood restaurant etc
- ▶ More local retailers in downtown
- ▶ Local retail along waterfront and Stewart
- ▶ It would be nice to see the retail space where the Townsite Grocer improved and created into a local community hub or village centre. Pretty unhuman friendly.
- ▶ shopping area for dense housing
- ▶ Stewart ave is ripe for a major redevelopment that can go hand in hand with a sea wall. Now it looks quite derelict, especially for prime waterfront
- ▶ "More independent restaurants and shops, ban on chains.
More of a village feel.
Better parking downtown ie. angled vs parallel."
- ▶ Redevelop the former Sealand market by Departure Bay ferry terminal. The Shipyard in North Vancouver is an excellent example of what it could be.
- ▶ allow/encourage ground level retail in conjunction with development to reduce car dependency in residential neighbourhoods
- ▶ Local stores add to the appeal of the city. It will keep people shopping here. I love local shopping.
- ▶ large building should be used for small business' or even small kiosks for local crafts people
- ▶ Would love to see more opportunities for small businesses in the north end. I moved here from Vancouver 3 years ago and there is *nowhere* I can walk to in my neighbourhood for a coffee, groceries or any other reason.
- ▶ Seaplanes and ferry terminals are areas of approach for tourists. This is a great place for them to engage with Nanaimo.
- ▶ A local coffee shop for the community that could be walked to and enjoyed would be great here.
- ▶ Some little boutique shops in the area would really liven it up and make it more quaint.
- ▶ coffee shops, small grocers, eateries
- ▶ create shopping destinations
- ▶ I let's build community closer to airport
- ▶ for tourists.
- ▶ More shops equals more development

- ▶ Walking more. Devolve the malls, get rid of 90% of the big box stores, bring the shops to where people live so they do not have to drive 10 kms to buy milk.
- ▶ Not big box chain store.....
Medical services
- ▶ Departure Bay could be fixed up to have more walkable small shops
- ▶ Encourage outdoor recreation businesses downtown(kayaking, whale watching, tours, etc.)
- ▶ More shops and restaurants in south end nanaimoas growing population, mixed use development with retail/shops before and higher density house info above, max 6 stories
- ▶ Encouraging locally owned businesses keeps money in the community as opposed to big box businesses that pay entry level wages and take profits to corporations
- ▶ This would be an amazing spot for a Quay/Market. We need to drive more people downtown to revitalize it. Downtown is becoming a dead town.
- ▶ Harewood needs more stores and restaurants
- ▶ This area could do a better job serving the neighbourhood. It is very dated and outmoded businesses
- ▶ make the downtown a destination once again
- ▶ Unique local retail which mat attract passerby's and locals to enjoy the shops available
- ▶ Restaurants
- ▶ Restaurants, perhaps under low-rise housing. E.g., recent new development with Drip coffee shop.
- ▶ Restaurants
- ▶ Shops, restaurants; anything besides car body shops lining the main area of Nanaimo viewed as people drive through
- ▶ not in form of mini-mall but independent shops and restaurants, perhaps with apartments above
- ▶ Local retail and grocery stores needed all along Hammond Bay road
- ▶ Need some restaurants and coffee shops near neckpoint and Piper's Lagoon
- ▶ Support existing local retail downtown and ensure more of it is possible.
- ▶ Central access to needed merchandise for the downtown population, owned and run by the downtown population

SHOPS AND SERVICES: OFFICES

- ▶ Density, with everything in walking distance for everyone.
- ▶ More business makes more divers choices and workers

SHOPS AND SERVICES: PERSONAL SERVICES (E.G., MEDICAL)

- ▶ Dance school
Soccer
Cafes
Day care
- ▶ More doctors!!!
- ▶ Grocery clothing general
- ▶ Reduce needs for daily ferry visits to downtown, etc. Increase retail and medical services. Provide more Island service to support higher density that is already happening.
- ▶ Density, with everything in walking distance for everyone.
- ▶ This area doesn't have a lot of services and if it is to expand it needs a lot of access to services
- ▶ Would be nice to have more medical imaging centres/clinics/and other medical services in the North End.
- ▶ Departure bay terminal should resemble Lonsdale Quay. Walk on ferry traffic is met by dilapidated industrial space. Stewart Ave is a logical revitalization target, and should extend a commercial district all the way to Maffeo Sutton park.
- ▶ create small mixed village
- ▶ A medical clinic would be very valuable
- ▶ Medical offices (walk-in doctor's clinic) needed.
- ▶ the airport needs a hospital
- ▶ Choosing one was very difficult but the south end needs more options from essential services to retail outlets, housing of all types especially affordable, active transit, and community amenities
- ▶ Also need to build upgraded transportation network to this area, hotels and restaurants to cater to new mid Island Health facilities.
- ▶ More medical services for all of Nanaimo. Do NOT allow more growth before MORE DOCTORS are available!!!!!!
- ▶ There needs to be medical Offices build in south end as all have moved to the North end Malls
- ▶ Doctors offices, emergency/drop in clinics, banks (BMO and RBC and TD)
- ▶ All of the above
- ▶ doctors offices, sports Plex, businesses
- ▶ Nanaimo needs more doctors!!! Please make this a priority. Specialists too! Apparently there are no oncologists in Nanaimo, which is ludicrous.
- ▶ More medical and dental offices are needed now. This will only increase with growth.

SHOPS AND SERVICES: REGIONAL RETAIL (LARGE-FORMAT)

- ▶ Grocery, restaurant
- ▶ Less industrial, more walkable services for residents
- ▶ Need some large retail in edge of downtown
- ▶ A mix – local and regional – we need to fill this space... maybe encourage this mall to become themed. 'The antique mall' antiques is huge. One stop – it could be cool
- ▶ Need more shopping in the downtown core for it to thrive. Local stores are great but need some well known brands too
- ▶ Grocery store
- ▶ Let's get south nanaimo/ chase river an area with amenities. Shopping spaces and great restaurants!
- ▶ Expand the surrounding
- ▶ Costco
- ▶ costco!
- ▶ Need Walmart on the south end!
- ▶ There is literally zero reason for a successful family of 4 to ever go downtown. Encourage corporate businesses to open shops and services downtown. Less local crap.
- ▶ Shopping mall. Expansion of South Gate seems impossible which all of the housing and assisted living residences being built. Moving large stores like Princess Auto or Harbour Freight, Doctors/Dental offices and a Costco would be beneficial for population growth in the south end
- ▶ Not a lot of available services so some essentials would be needed as this area is likely to grow
- ▶ Whole foods and more natural shops North Town Centre
- ▶ Diversity, larger "mall" stores mixed with smaller local. More eateries concentrated here. More appealing to visitors and locals alike.
- ▶ More environmentally friendly to keep people shopping in their neighbourhoods instead of driving all over the city. Huge lack of EVERY type of service for people in this area.
- ▶ Costco
IKEA
- ▶ We need a big mall and or new space for a larger Costco
- ▶ We need more clothing outlets downtown. If I need clothes, I have to go to Woodgrove.
- ▶ Big box shopping
- ▶ Time for the south end to get all the services that north end gets
- ▶ A big box store like walmart is needed at the south end of Nanaimo.
- ▶ Bigger companies creates more work
- ▶ I like the Sandstone proposal for mixed residential and retail, including a few big-box retail. However, boutique retail & restaurants should be encouraged. Also, a weekend artisan/ farmers market.
- ▶ All types of retail, restaurants and light industries

SHOPS AND SERVICES: OTHER

- ▶ Restaurants, small commercial
 - ▶ So far I think we have adequate services in our communities.
 - ▶ Patios, restaurants, White rock beach front esque.
 - ▶ Focus more of the entertainment in the downtown
 - ▶ tourist retail downtown and small business specialty shops
 - ▶ More water front dining
 - ▶ Restaurants and bars
 - ▶ small hardware store
 - ▶ Commercial and residential mix
 - ▶ this area needs local stores, grocery stores & medical/dental offices. Especially if this area will be developed with multi level homes (apt., townhouses etc)
 - ▶ We need more entertainment options downtown. Bring back the markets and find other activities and events that can bring people together.
 - ▶ I'd like to see more restaurants and shops along the water.
 - ▶ Encourage first rate shopping and restaurants a tour waters edge. Our waterfront is begging to be enjoyed. Drawing people to stroll, shop and entertain while taking in our spectacular views. Our waterfront is the envy of the world and we massively are under utilizing it. Make this the jem of our city.
 - ▶ Needs to be rebuilt! Such an eyesore downtown
 - ▶ Restaurants, cafes, hotels
 - ▶ Recycle center
 - ▶ Anything that isn't an ugly pit.
- A store, another restaurant.
- Even a temporary community gardens or just clean the pit up. It's embarrassing.
- ▶ Car share/bike share
 - ▶ More coffee shops / bistro/ restaurant style
 - ▶ The planned Commercial Street area upgrades in downtown Nanaimo is a good way to incorporate various business models into vacant buildings. Am interested in how that will work out.
 - ▶ Food truck parking and market type space
 - ▶ create "village" feel with smaller commercial centers.
 - ▶ more restaurants/patios on waterfront
 - ▶ Bars and local shops/restaurants that are open past 9pm
 - ▶ Reopen the grocery store
 - ▶ mix retail and 3 story housing to create village
 - ▶ mix use shops and services – such a huge waste of SPACE!!!
 - ▶ A healthy mix BUT no big box stores – keep it quaint and walking friendly
 - ▶ Create a destination hub at departure bay to capitalize on some of the cities best features.
 - ▶ An upgrade to the lighthouse bistro and HarbourAir building. Making it into a more west coast, island vibe type of building like the "d Flying beaver" on the yvr side.
 - ▶ More restaurants to go for dinner (similar to the Acme)
 - ▶ Neighbourhood pub or eatery with mixed used living and rooftop terraces for people to eat and drink at
 - ▶ Revamp this old space to be community oriented like that of granville island. Local goods, foods, gathering space
 - ▶ Bottom floor commercial and rooftop terraces with living and eating/drinking community space or mall
 - ▶ Restaurants
 - ▶ Restaurants

- ▶ Restaurants
 - ▶ coffee shop
 - ▶ mix
 - ▶ mix
 - ▶ A good mix like the north end
 - ▶ North Nanaimo lacks high quality restaurants. Please encourage locally owned, operated and food sourced to create community food and drink establishments that we can walk to in our community.
 - ▶ Markets ie Granville island.
 - ▶ This large empty former Save-On would such a great community gathering space! A library perhaps? A covered indoor market-place? Indoor playground/ senior centre? It's large emptiness feels depressing.
 - ▶ Can the city encourage less franchise establishments and make it more desirable and incentivise for independent enterprise! This is is a great way to diversify!
- ▶ Restaurant,
 - ▶ Innovative eco-industrial development
 - ▶ Restaurants
 - ▶ All the above. More restaurants!
 - ▶ Restaurants, coffee roaster/shop
 - ▶ Daycare, before and after school care walkable distance from every public school.
 - ▶ Any services, but the buildings could be upgraded to 4 stories to accomodate shops and office space
 - ▶ Any. This whole section is well known to need an upgrade. Mid-rise buildings could be used in many areas along the Terminal/Nicol corridor. Similar to Georgia Ave in Vancouver, on a much smaller scale. Offices, housing, ground level shops and restaurants serving the neighborhood and tourists.

SUPPORT SERVICES: SOCIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- ▶ Return free public showers
- ▶ Allow free food distribution to homeless
- ▶ With the highest concentration of people in need the bulk of services offered by the city should be in the core. Making the core more liveable would attract more business/residence to densify downtown.
- ▶ Geered to teens.... peer support.
- ▶ Please distribute social services and housing to all areas of the city to reduce the burden on the south end
- ▶ Most marginalized people are concentrated in this area
- ▶ close to other medical and hospital areas
- ▶ More social workers equipped with full resources to actually help people, currently, their hands are tied in a broken system, people and their families are suffering. More group homes and programs to help those with mental health issues, get more help, job prep. for those who can, and housing (not a 2-5 yr. wait list)
- ▶ To help address the root of the issues causing the problems in this area, as well as keep residents safe and secure.
- ▶ supportive housing
- ▶ Quit focusing support services downtown- it creates a heavy concentration of undesirable characters in one small area.
- ▶ house and support the homeless already
- ▶ More social services can help houseless Nanaimo residents to receive better medical care and social support, leading to a more humane city and reduced crime.
- ▶ A comprehensive Community Health Centre located near affordable housing to reduce the burden on the Medical Arts and Brooks Landing.
- ▶ Help out the homeless folks and get them off the street. Support programs to get to youth at risk before they end up in a bad place.
- ▶ Pharmacies, clinics, are all needed to be kept in the downtown area.
- ▶ More supportive programs for drug users (eg. safe spaces to use) and housing-first programs to help transition people off the streets.
- ▶ Full service, holistic support needs to exist to get homeless people permanently off the streets.
- ▶ Mental Health, Drug and Addiction centers BADLY NEEDED our downtown core and streets are DISGUSTING!!
- ▶ Supportive house, harm reduction, drug testing, safe use sites, humane treatment of addicts and homeless
- ▶ Homeless/drug/mental health needs serious help
- ▶ Many of the homeless make extra income by collecting recyclable, building housing for them near an income source may help them access income and services
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- ▶ We have many homeless in the area & require services for them.
- ▶ The homeless need to have some more support to get them off the street somehow and find jobs/housing.
- ▶ Move away from the waterfront and work on the homeless and drug issues
- ▶ Population expanding is exceeding the workload for social workers . People migrate here and there lost and direction less. more resources and programs that are available
- ▶ Some sort of drug rehab/ mental health facilities. I don't know the answer here. But it should be located in one single area of nanaimo

- ▶ Social rehabilitation addiction centers training programs educational services
- ▶ Drug and alcohol, mental health support , housing for homeless
- ▶ Can help
- ▶ Service to the old man
- ▶ Significant mental health resources and community policing needed for high crime areas.
- ▶ Access to mental health supports
- ▶ Downtown needs more attention
- ▶ Gabriola has a diverse population, with special needs that are not served by existing services.

Find ways for Snuneymuxw First Nation to develop its interests and needs on the island that is so important to them.

- ▶ Again locate services to where people live and where it will reduce demand on other areas, while reducing boat and ferry traffic.
- ▶ Programs for homeless to get back on their feet. This creates jobs.
- ▶ South end has almost all the social problems and nowhere near enough supports. And the solution is not policing.
- ▶ housing and social services for people experiencing homelessness and addiction issues
- ▶ I think social services and housing should be spread around town to not have it all clump in downtown and also decrease stigma – integrate people into communities!
- ▶ Supportive housing for 'hard to house' mentally ill and/or substance abuse persons. As a retired welfare worker I know you can't put some mentally ill into housing as they will destroy it.
- ▶ Please deal with the homelessness problem downtown. At present, I never want to go down town. It's simply not fun.
- ▶ Social service's programs eg: boating courses, traffic control courses, First Aid courses.....

- ▶ As most folks with supportive services needs tend to gravitate at downtown areas, ensuring the social services they need are easily accessible is incredibly important
- ▶ I think there should also be social services at this other transit hub to help connect folks at the top end of the city
- ▶ There aren't really any social services in this area and with it being a transit hub it seems the perfect place to put some in.
- ▶ Would be nice to have more mental health faculties in the North End.
- ▶ Programs and assistance that discourage drug use and enable addicts to stop using. Mental health resources to keep people with significant challenges from becoming human refuse.
- ▶ Something needs to be done about Nikao. The importance of housing must be balanced with community safety. It's a gong show.
- ▶ Something needs to be done to help the drug/homeless population – have resources for them somewhere around this area. They have taken over our beautiful shaded participation trail beside Beban and it is no longer safe to walk.
- ▶ Having the hard sided housing is important – what is missing it seems are the supports for folks for MH and addictions.
- ▶ Mobile Drug testing service to mitigate overdose fatalities. Mobile counselling /trauma support
- ▶ The north end has almost zero proximity access to mental health and substance government support services. Most children, youth and family have no idea how to access services or what the services are in Nanaimo.
- ▶ Social services and housing go hand – in – hand. They also should be close to transit or walking distances to each other.
- ▶ Places for seniors to gather for recreational activities and social interaction. Also dog friendly areas to be able to walk our dogs and socialize. Agility, flyball, and other dog sports. Keeping seniors and their pets healthy and happy

- ▶ For the south end to experience a revival, more supportive services would go a long way towards helping the area improve
- ▶ Community Health Centre
- ▶ Every business in the vicinity of the homeless shelter is closing down
- ▶ huge problem with transient homelessness in Nanaimo that needs to be addressed. Would start with housing units and a program
- ▶ Addiction and child care programs. 0 – 18 year old
- ▶ Housing. Counselling. Rehab. Something, anything?
- ▶ Mental health, trauma support and addiction services need to be a priority to help with unhoused population
- ▶ Get rid of Salvation Army in prime downtown location – it needs to go more Central
- ▶ diverse social needs including supportive and affordable housing.
- ▶ We could really use a mental health clinic around here. Just one in the south-end isn't enough for the entire city.
- ▶ I believe North Nanaimo is in need of a sexual health centre. I know of a sexual health clinic downtown, but that can be an hour or more commute using public transport. Having a safe, discrete, close place where people can go to when in need of STI testing, contraceptives, abortion, sex education, etc, would be beneficial.
- ▶ Programs to help transition from the streets
- ▶ Support sp
- ▶ Use the space. They need to go somewhere.
- ▶ More services for homeless people and people with addiction issues are needed
- ▶ Address the obvious drug use
- ▶ Places for people in need to go
- ▶ Social service hub to improve neighborhood relations
- ▶ Moving social services from downtown
- ▶ Creating a neighborhood of support for the homeless
- ▶ Community supportive services already exist at our "Commons", bought and paid for by Gabriolans
- ▶ Have close to hospital
- ▶ Having additional supportive services here would benefit the local residents, including those in supportive housing nearby. Appropriate services could include counselors, psychiatrists, housing advocates, or even a safe needle site would do.
- ▶ Develop a Campus of Care on NRGH site.
- ▶ locate these so they are readily available to those who do not have transportation
- ▶ Support services should be spread throughout the city and not entirely centralized to one location, as centralized services can increase concentration of trouble in that area
- ▶ There is a massive need for mental health services. Nanaimo does not feel safe when manic people are walking down the street.
- ▶ daytime drop-in centre
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Street people need help to stop the drug and crime rates.
- ▶ Let's help the addicted population by having supports accessible downtown.
- ▶ This is hot spot for people lacking services. How can we meet them where they are and redirect people to safer spaces?
- ▶ Low rise subsidized housing throughout the City, Subsidies in full market rent buildings that are wheelchair accessible,
- ▶ Rehab
- ▶ Rehab
- ▶ Traditional 1st Nations-based support
- ▶ Homeless or those in the new supportive house still need assistance to climb out of their troubles or recover from trauma.

- ▶ Safe place for people experiencing homelessness or precarious housing to go during the day, ideally a safe injection site.
- ▶ More daycares are needed in North Nanaimo and throughout the city
- ▶ All of the supports are downtown, but the city forces poor people out of there as best it can
- ▶ We need more programs to help get the homeless off the streets. This would help community members feel more comfortable going downtown.
- ▶ Why all this concrete and unused space. What about a community health centre? Job support, retraining, outreach and counselling, breakfast lunch dinner program?
- ▶ Support still close to downtown but not scattered throughout the downtown core. Try to create a service hub with services and programs, shelters, low income housing all in the one area.
- ▶ Abolish the police, make mental health and wellness center
- ▶ I think south downtown needs more programs
- ▶ Services that focuses on reducing the flood of homelessness spread out on the streets and gives them productive places to go gather day/night
- ▶ Services like the salvation army should be moved out of the downtown core. These services should be placed on an outside hub of Nanaimo where those in need of supportive services can have access to them but also so that residents of the downtown core do not have to deal with the negative aspects of the large homeless population that affects the safety and environment of the downtown parks and neighborhoods.
- ▶ If you have a good transit system, social service delivery should be clustered. It doesn't have to be downtown but having it there means more people working in the downtown core, making it more lively and vibrant.

SUPPORT SERVICES: SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

- ▶ Making rentals affordable, realistic pricing. What's missing is job creation.
 - ▶ Alternative housing vs portables on Terminal Ave & Labieux.
 - ▶ Move the support services to an industrial area rather than having drug addicts wondering around, what is supposed to be, a downtown
 - ▶ social services
 - ▶ Too much homeless
 - ▶ More housing for those in need of mental health supports.
 - ▶ We need more supportive housing for all incomes and needs. We also need supportive services for the elderly and those with mental health and physical disabilities.
 - ▶ The West coast has a lot of houseless people move here because of the livable climate. The City needs to account for this in housing plans and aggressively pursue plans for more supportive housing.
- This will ensure a safer, more attractive, humane downtown city centre. As such, more pedestrian activity and local shopping will occur in the downtown core, enhancing Nanaimo's attractiveness for new comers and entrepreneurship.
- ▶ Housing crisis in Nanaimo is a mess
 - ▶ small footage housing affordable
 - ▶ Homing for the homeless
 - ▶ I'm not telling you where to put this but we need more of this. We really need to overfund our education system for 15 years. This will begin to reduce the need for supportive programs
 - ▶ Many of the homeless make extra income by collecting recyclable, building housing for them near an income source may help them access income and services
 - ▶ We need supportive housing, but not sure of best location. Not downtown though!
 - ▶ currently there hasn't been any efforts in building self contained units for adults on fixed incomes. There's been so much focus on housing for seniors, youth at risk and women fleeing domestic violence. However the stats neglected people under the age of 60 and over the age of 20. Can't be a retrofitted apartment or decommissioned office space
 - ▶ Supportive housing needs to be downtown where it's needed, along with a safe consumption site, addiction counselling and mental health support services. Also safe bathrooms and showers that are closer to downtown than Caledonia Park.
 - ▶ Compare the lack of
 - ▶ Nanaimo needs more transitional and supportive housing in general.
 - ▶ Concentration of social services for homelessness and addiction and mental illness
 - ▶ I'm not opposed to having more social services + affordable housing in my neighbourhood
 - ▶ More supportive housing is needed for seniors on a budget near amenities.
 - ▶ There are way too many homeless people. There are many empty buildings and lots. There is federal and other funds for housing the homeless, and that would take a strain off of the jails and hospitals.
 - ▶ Seniors and university housing
 - ▶ Social Support
 - ▶ For recovering addicts transitioning back into the community
 - ▶ It can't all just be downtown!
 - ▶ Supportive housing and social services. This city has a terrible habit for assuming the needs of the vulnerable communities. Many of them don't have access to phones or computers. Let's prioritize helping those with substance abuse and mental health. They are worthy of care now not just the future residents of this city.
 - ▶ Housing throughout the city

- ▶ Could have supportive housing here?
- ▶ A mix of market and non-market housing with supporting services should be in the downtown core for ease of accessibility.
- ▶ Mental Health and Substance use supportive housing near pharmacy, bank, grocery store, medical care
- ▶ Cheaper housing equals more people who can work
- ▶ Affordable housing means more workers
- ▶ Subsidies in full market rent new buildings that are wheel chair accessible
- ▶ Subsidies in full market rent buildings that are new and wheel chair accessible throughout the City
- ▶ As per Snuneymuxw Council approval: More Transitional housing for at-risk youth/ mothers, domestic violence support
- ▶ Affordable housing and senior living options for those who don't want to move out of the neighbourhood.
- ▶ Housing for low income residents, including newcomers
- ▶ I think there needs to be more supportive housing closer to school areas for families THROUGH OUT Nanaimo
- ▶ to help integrate the population into mixed income housing and neighborhoods

SUPPORT SERVICES: OTHER

- ▶ Nanaimo needs to (with Provincial/Federal governments) invest in both supportive housing and social services.
- ▶ Fire station
- ▶ Professional medical offices. We desperately need to entice doctors to live here
- ▶ Fire Department
- ▶ Medical
- ▶ Medical for people who don't drive. Drop in etc.
- ▶ Both social services and supportive housing would be great to see spread through nanaimo more
- ▶ More lifeguarded beaches
- ▶ More Doctors, wellness centres, youth centres
- ▶ We need to attract much more doctors (GP's) to the island. I know this is a VIHA thing as well but how can Nanaimo become more attractive for exceptional health care workers so they stay.
- ▶ Low income housing focused on young and growing families
- ▶ Community centre
- ▶ Mental health facilities for addictions and homeless.
- ▶ mental institution
- ▶ Medical, health
- ▶ I think we should put a prison at the landfill that gets the repeat offenders off the streets and encourage them to sort garbage and pick out recyclables.
- ▶ Childcare
- ▶ Bigger Jail and a higher Justice System
- ▶ More mental health clinics, rehab clinics, sexual health clinics, abortion clinics, women's shelter
- ▶ Please clean up the drug issue in old town Nanaimo. It is embarrassing and unsafe. Because a group 20 people decided to take over the fountain outside Port Place it is now fenced off, and eye sore and the other 98,980 residents of Nanaimo can't enjoy it. That is not fair. Deal with the drug and homeless issue. Its not fair for the rest of the residents of Nanaimo that choose to follow social norms, function and pay taxes.
- ▶ As a woman who loves walking through beautiful spaces, Bowen Park's reputation as being unsafe feels inaccessible to me and my family. Is there a way to make it a better and safer community space and communicate that?
- ▶ resources for the mental health issues

TALL BUILDINGS: 6 TO 12 STOREYS (MID-RISE)

- ▶ We are the Harbour City, high rises should not detract from the ability to see the ocean from any area in the city!
- ▶ Density is key in this area
- ▶ Plans should include measures to deal with the likelihood of hotter summers (ie not floor to ceiling windows with no coverings)
- ▶ buildings should not obstruct views of any other dwellings but be away from the water far enough not to block views
- ▶ 4 to 6 storeys
- ▶ Prefer 4 to 6
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- ▶ mixed residential /commercial
- ▶ Ocean view condos where Nanaimo meets Lantzville
- ▶ Student housing & more potential for training within Third Street sports zone
- ▶ No more high-rises whatsoever.
- ▶ no tall buildings please
- ▶ Affordable living housing
- ▶ need more student housing all around here!!
- ▶ Apartments built here should be taller. Why stop at 4 stories when they're right beside Woodgrove anyway and would be perfect for high density
- ▶ It's coming. I like this idea.
- ▶ the buildings should be graded from the water up. No tall buildings on the waterfront and then the taller ones behind like in Victoria.
- ▶ I do not want to live in a high rise city. I want the city to surround areas that offer a variety of housing, but not canyon streets without character.
- ▶ Gives a 'city' feel
- ▶ Let build housing
- ▶ View
- ▶ Downtown needs more population density
- ▶ Don't be too tall to block the view
- ▶ mixed use
- ▶ Some 12+ would be fine
- ▶ Some smaller buildings that keep the ocean viewable would help with keeping Nanaimo's character.
- ▶ Make this a city owned land and air space lease development, like phase one of Vancouver's False Creek development, with a diverse mixed residential commercial and social values complex with careful balance of view, park and ease of access concerns.
- ▶ A city owned, mixed use development of sophisticated stylings, home, services and all of it affording spectacular view points to harbour etc, with parks and easy access. This should be a land and air space lease development adding to the city's net worth and long term control of its social values.
- ▶ redefine residential use to include mixed social and affordable housing, with park and needed amenities.
- ▶ Provide view corridors and parks to high density residential area, with needed services and amenities.
- ▶ high density, view living, with amenities and easy access to major shopping.
- ▶ The abandoned buildings that die down need to go. We need a prohibitive derelict building tax.
- ▶ Housing density near Nanaimo North Town Centre.
- ▶ Mixed commercial and residential, centralized access to amenities and densification around the true heart of the city by map.
- ▶ Woodgrove shopping centre could add residential.
- ▶ Stop building high rise takes away from the beautiful views

- ▶ Taller the better. More people downtown equates to more business activity.
- ▶ This area has some room to grow and again, being a transit hub it would be a good place to put in denser housing
- ▶ Put a 2SLGBTQ community centre in the bottom of a new building here. It could be funded from CAC fees to developers as the city core densifies.
- ▶ Reduce parking around malls and densify housing. This will help malls thrive and have more people walking for local services. Expand the number of EV charging spaces in these lots as well.
- ▶ Mixed housing
- ▶ Find an area for lower income housing in south end where land is already clear and no more trees are cut down.
- ▶ More density in the downtown is needed
- ▶ More structures in the downtown area, of course on sites that can handle this load, to add to the area around the old downtown, would help to concentrate the energy of the city and revive the downtown core.
- ▶ Residential and commercial
- ▶ mid-high
- ▶ The empty buildings Ali the waterfront should be turned into housing.
- ▶ I'm my option tall buildings should be away from the harbour. Saving views and sunlight for all. Tall building can be located where density already exists..just allow some local amenities there too... commercial.
- ▶ Nothing higher than six stories outside of downtown core
- ▶ No taller than six on campus
- ▶ this area should be housing dense
- ▶ Maximum density and views
- ▶ Affordable housing for students to reduce cars needing the parking lot and parking in nearby neighbourhoods
- ▶ We could really use low-income and affordable (less than \$700/mo) housing in the north-end.
- ▶ Mini downtown or residential above Woodgrove.
- ▶ We need condos in Nanaimo, close to amenities. The Sears building is empty. Build a condo, bring people to that centre.
- ▶ Build some condos in areas with derelict empty retail space
- ▶ Condos
- ▶ First thing that people see as they enter downtown could be really inviting but is derelict. Mixed use commercial terraces and bottom floor with living and parks
- ▶ The current layout of the Terminal Park plaza is ridiculous – could be greatly densified with business commercial and residential
- ▶ I support the current high-density proposal for the Howard Johnson property
- ▶ Haliburton and nicol are begging to have high rise residential and shops on 1st floor
- ▶ More housing near the beach
- ▶ Generally densify downtown
- ▶ The cities proposed plan for a public plaza should be reconsidered. The downtown seems to have sufficient public space and arguably the public space is in general underutilized, and now falling victim to the homelessness issue.
- ▶ Hospital for mental health
- ▶ Condo or rentals with retail businesses on the street level. People would live and shop in the same area and would not need to drive.
- ▶ Mix uses
- ▶ make downtown liveable and exciting
- ▶ vibrant downtown
- ▶ Mixed use commercial/retail/residential
- ▶ Condos & apartments. More density to downtown
- ▶ Residential buildings
- ▶ Down town core to bring more people there to support business

- ▶ build higher to reduce the damage you are doing to wooded areas. Linley cable bay and everywhere else
- ▶ Density the area around RDN headquarters with midrise buildings
- ▶ Density needed. No more urban sprawl.
- ▶ These belong on Bowen corridor
- ▶ Keep high rise buildings in the downtown core.
- ▶ commercial at street level with housing above
- ▶ Ladysmith's topography
- ▶ Create the housing required for all the extra growth not just here but throughout Nanaimo
- ▶ commercial on bottom floor with services needed by the community: groceries, banking, pharmacy, medical etc
- ▶ Let's give residents a view of the WinchelseaS within close proximity to Woodgrove.
- ▶ Would prefer to follow theory that buildings not exceed 10 floors (improved sense of visual connection to street level, and inhibits sense of vertical separation and isolation from the broader community)
- ▶ prefer to limit to 10 story on Wellington take advantage of views west to Benson and east to Long lake take advantage of proximity to country club along existing and future transit and cycle/walking corridors
- ▶ take advantage of views, mobility infrastructure, retail centre proximity and minimal conflict with existing residential
- ▶ reinforce country club retail, services extend and intensify underutilized Barons rd area
- ▶ prefer to limit to 10 story redevelop woodlands school property to take advantage of proximity to retail, med services
- ▶ None of the above
- ▶ I would like the tall buildings out of the core center and not blocking the views of existing homes. 6 stories max. Preferable with courtyard or communal areas.
- ▶ More taller buildings could be built more downtown for residential and for business.
- ▶ Mid rise house if with retail and services Below-developments must have underground parking.
- ▶ We need more people downtown to give local businesses a chance to survive.
- ▶ Offices and medical services
- ▶ Housing 4 to 12
Offices and shops 1 to 3
- ▶ This area has great potential. Can be made more attractive with affordable housing, greenery, good lighting. Walking distance to the lake, all levels schools, grocery, etc. The dumpy parking lots and low rise businesses can be revamped with multi-use buildings for offices, retail, services, and housing.
- ▶ As above. Underground parking or a secure parking structure could be considered
- ▶ Mixed use
- ▶ Happy to see the developments on Third St. Excellent!
- ▶ Affordable rentals, especially bachelors and 1 bedrooms cheap enough for 1 person to afford
- ▶ Noted elsewhere, mid-rise mixed use could be appropriate up much of Nicol-Terminal
- ▶ Low to mid-rise
- ▶ Low to mid-rise. Businesses at ground level
- ▶ This area could support taller mixed use
- ▶ Mixed income housing for students and working class people. Access to Downtown, hospital and VIU without disturbing limited commercial space and entertainment district
- ▶ Access to Downtown and Chase river
- ▶ Removal of big chain restaurants and services in the downtown core to allow for local economy to thrive within the walking distance community

TALL BUILDINGS: 12 STOREYS OR HIGHER (HIGH-RISE)

- ▶ Let's build up our downtown with modern architecture
- ▶ Increase density in an urban core, leading to more desirable commercialization and infrastructure investment through private industry
- ▶ Density downtown core
- ▶ Great ocean views, good for density, walkable to downtown
- ▶ Net zero, high density, spaced for viewscape
- ▶ Central hub, tall towers downtown.
- ▶ Encourage mass timber buildings
- ▶ High density downtown is good, but design guidelines should be strict about preserving view corridors and heritage buildings and other key character features
- ▶ Look at victoria for inspirational. Look towards the private sector to develop areas around there building plans.
- ▶ More condos and retail downtown
- ▶ Build more housing
- ▶ Modernize our downtown to a work/live/play where people want to spend time. Our harbour is unbeatable but requires some improvements in the area to enhance it
- ▶ Housing for medical professionals, etc. Create walk/shop/play area within Townsite region. Modernize.
- ▶ Fancy hotels for tourists with swimming pools, indoor water slides and cool restaurants.
- ▶ commercial/retail on bottom floors, residential above
- ▶ 20 floors max
- ▶ Over 5 stories in the downtown core, up to 4 stories along arteries, 2 stories in residential neighbourhoods with density in residential neighbourhood coming from townhouses and lane way houses.
- ▶ Business offices with condo living.
- ▶ Please no more very tall buildings downtown. It blocks the view of Mount Douglas and cuts off access to the waterfront if only tall condos are built there. No tall buildings downtown to prevent long shadows from towers which take away sunlight from the streets in this compact area.
- ▶ Work on acquiring some of these dealerships and include this in a high density core
- ▶ Might as well write off the neighborhoods surrounding terminal and labieux supportive housing since they have become slums. Incentivize building high rises when the people who own the houses finally sell
- ▶ It will help rejuvenate this mall. How can 100 000 people only be able to support one mall?
- ▶ Allowing tall hotels close to the ferrie terminals allows for both mobility impaired and new visitors and tourist an inviting place to stay and explore our city and spend their money
- ▶ I would like to see taller buildings with more density in south Nanaimo, away from the water, but providing water views.
- ▶ Need a strong downtown styled similar to downtown vancouver
- ▶ Great location for high intensity residential. Close to amenities
- ▶ The North end tends to have people with higher income brackets . rather than levelling existing buildings . start with a fresh start.
- ▶ Build as many high rises as possible as high as they can go!!!! Nanaimo has incredible beautiful terrain!!! Mountains on one side, and ocean views on the other! Build 20+ story buildings with businesses below!!!
- ▶ A few very tall residential buildings here. Gorgeous ocean views. Small footprint and lots of housing
- ▶ The scenery is good

- ▶ There isn't enough housing for student and people starting out in life. Nanaimo has too many single family homes
- ▶ Nice view
- ▶ Our downtown needs growth
- ▶ Buildings that contain both residential and commercial space could improve economic efficiency of downtown.
- ▶ A unique collection of mixed use building's that reduce the 'canyon' feeling of area, make it liveable and attracts higher populations to downtown.
- ▶ Really modern, attractive buildings that provide access to great neighbourhood [Old city] and views of harbour, etc. Green space is key, perhaps a city owned land and air space lease development to ensure quality and value goals.
- ▶ Adjacent to Port, Conference Centre and downtown area, to increase populations downtown and provide increased access to views and the unique Nanaimo flavour of the harbour and downtown. Must be rigidly controlled for appeal and being complimentary to existing uses.
- ▶ area redevelopment to increase density, amenities and enjoyment of area, with mixed use and park areas.
- ▶ The VIU area needs to become more attractive and affordable for students as the university expands. More high density housing near the university.
- ▶ Mixed commercial and residential, high rise near hospital through Country Club Areas.
- ▶ Terminal is so under-used with all the low-rise buildings.
- ▶ Apartments
- ▶ Residential above commercial space
- ▶ Everything from Maffeo Sutton Park through Downtown should be incredibly dense and full of high rises with commercial spaces on the first floors. Ignore parking, increase walkability and transit.
- ▶ Other cities have high-rises the increase density and provide great views. Currently, you only have a great view in Nanaimo if you already own a house in an in-demand area (such as Hammond Bay). Why not increase housing there with high-rises and give more people the opportunity to live in those areas?
- ▶ Rezone the entire hospital area for high rises with first floor commercial, turn it into another downtown.
- ▶ Shopping malls should be converted to mixed use town centers, live, work, shop
- ▶ More high rises in the downtown core will help house more people close to essential services.
- ▶ Maximize housing in this area once the new ferry terminal is complete. Putting more people downtown will make it more viable and vibrant.
- ▶ Reduce parking around malls and densify housing. This will help malls thrive and have more people walking for local services. Expand EV charging spaces as well to reduce GHG emissions.
- ▶ Densify the downtown core
- ▶ Support densification and affordable housing in this core to support VIU and provide lower cost housing where services are accessible.
- ▶ Keep the tall buildings away from the waterfront so everyone can enjoy views
- ▶ get more people in tall buildings and save the land for parks
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- ▶ there are lots of restaurants and stores in the area by the south end of long lake, would be a great area for tall residential
- ▶ Housing & mixed use
- ▶ Housing and multi-mixed
- ▶ Residential
- ▶ There is a great opportunity to have new businesses and opportunities come and stay in Nanaimo

- ▶ downtown is in rough shape. it has too many 'boarded up' buildings and empty lots. The massive hole in the middle of downtown needs to be filled in asap – right by the china steps. how many more decades will the old A&B sound sit there boarded up?
- ▶ Time for this city to be its full potential. Allowing high rises will bring more good people to the core, pushing out the bums
- ▶ time to re develop downtown. 3 sites that should be redeveloped A&B sound, burns building (NOT A BUS LOOP), and tally ho lot.
- ▶ The taller the buildings, less buildings
- ▶ Fewer Tall buildings, underground parking and more green space
- ▶ More condensed family housing near existing amenities
- ▶ High density, high rise in the downtown core.
- ▶ but high rise back from view sites
- ▶ More units, with shops on the ground floor, would help increase a sense of community, as well as house more people with less space
- ▶ Mixed office, retail and residential. Build a downtown around our beautiful harbour.
- ▶ Mixed residential office retail. More like a proper downtown near our beautiful harbour
- ▶ Keep our high rises out of the downtown core and away from waterfront properties
- ▶ Similar high rise developments to the ones completed North of Woodgrove but ensure that rental buildings are in the plan too (not just condos)
- ▶ It's time for this embarrassment to be redeveloped. Condos will help build up the downtown core
- ▶ Adding apartment buildings would likely support the businesses downtown. People in these buildings may not need a car as they would be close to amenities. I'm imagining something similar to Yale town in Vancouver.
- ▶ apartment/condos in woodgrove area, north nanaimo
- ▶ condos for seniors, empty nesters and young couples
- ▶ Build a central core of city
- ▶ Redevelop marine lands with high rise residential and hospitality hotels
- ▶ Mobility hub without high importance sightlines, means that taller buildings have low impact
- ▶ It would be nice to rid ourselves of this ugly hole in the ground. I think this would be a great place for a long awaited tall building
- ▶ Maybe one or two tall buildings along the waterfront
- ▶ elevated terrain of old military land – could be seriously dense housing/shopping area
- ▶ Mixed use commercial, retail and residential with high density of all.
- ▶ Lazy boy and dodd's should never have been able to build at uplands/turner... what a waste of tall building zoning and a site prime for views, retail, services and housing! This was a massive failure of planning and zoning!
- ▶ Let market decide on height. They will be downtown. Will have architectural committee to approve design.
- ▶ Density Needed
- ▶ Time to build up, Apartments on upper floors Businesses on lower
- ▶ Concentrate high density in core downtown area
- ▶ Condos
- ▶ Road/transit infrastructure along Stewart Ave can handle much higher density unlike all other areas in Nanaimo.
- ▶ Affordable RENTAL buildings. High density.
- ▶ I will likely never be able to afford a detached home to raise my family in. I have lived in numerous wooden apartment buildings where you hear everything through the walls, floor, and ceiling. Concrete high rises provide a nicer living environment.

- ▶ More people for the same land use, is better from an environmental perspective, and would add more to the housing supply
- ▶ Building density in the downtown will give businesses a better chance to prosper and make the city more livable
- ▶ I believe downtown should be tall residential buildings
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ attractive from water views for oncoming ferries
- ▶ Will need to densify the urban core by building upwards
- ▶ Mid or high rise
- ▶ Mid or high rise. As noted elsewhere, this portion of road could be similar to Georgia Ave in Vancouver. High rise and mid-rise offices, condos, apartments, ground level retail and services. Needs better controlled pedestrian and bike pathways, and bus route.
- ▶ Put these really tall high rises along the ridge where the Catholic Church sits so they will not interfere with anyone else's views.
- ▶ Allow a dense and tall development to take place on the nursery site.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON SCENARIO BUILDING

- ▶ Active transportation and transit should be throughout the city. Community amenities need to be people-scale. There is no definition of a tall building, nor what infilling neighbourhoods entails. Infill with community amenities and services, or with more housing?
- ▶ Activity and transportation
- ▶ Virtually the whole city could do with infilling. We could add 20,000 people or more in this way, reducing costs, & pollution, improving active transit, making us less car-dependent and healthier.
- ▶ Sandstone development may be acceptable. Cable Bay should be a park with benches. It is a jewel and has been voted as top 10 hiking trail on the island. It is because of the ferns, wildlife old growth surrounding the trail on the private land. It is a thriving wildlife habitat and must be protected. Joan Point park is a jewel. The private lands that connect it should be an official park as well! The only way to get to this park is via the mosaic lands or the private lands! Make it a City Park!
- ▶ High density neighbourhoods should receive more services (sidewalks, playgrounds, etc) than low density.
- ▶ There's got to be another accessible way to get into and out of Chase River off the Parkway. Turning left off Highway 1 to Cranberry is a nightmare!
- ▶ Why is Newcastle Island on the map. It is a BC Provincial Marine Park? Or is it now part of the Snuneymuxw reserve?
- ▶ Save Linley. Do not allow anymore construction here. It's the only place with nature left near housing and is utilized by people from all over.
- ▶ Facilities to promote water sports. paddling centre near channel
- ▶ 2nd Ambulance Station so not 1 station in south and 1 in north
- ▶ We should have an aquarium.
- ▶ Community arts centre
- ▶ Decentralized services for people who don't contribute to society will spread them out reducing the ghettoization of what could be a very pleasant downtown but right now is ruined by having to look at people who sit around high expect when they're stealing stuff
- ▶ Departure Bay Walkway
- ▶ Bike lanes in Hammond Bay Road
- ▶ Addition of a thru road to take the pressure off Hammond Bay Road. At the very least a bike path thru Linley Valley!
- ▶ Remove the street people from downtown so pedestrians feel like wandering in the city core in the evening!
- ▶ a fast foot ferry to downtown Vancouver. Stop urban sprawl.
- ▶ Clean up Long Lake Park....it is such a jewel of our city. Do a goose cull, make space for a concession vendor
- ▶ I would like fewer tall, view-obstructing, buildings along the water; perhaps these can be located to hill areas so everyone can see our surroundings.
- ▶ Industrial infill, move Superior Propane out to Duke Pt, eliminate rail tracks from downtown
- ▶ Medical doctors offices
- ▶ active bylaw enforcement and accountable police presence
- ▶ clean up of derelict and nuisance properties
- ▶ This one is too hard to do. I don't know the answer to this question. It would require a lot more thinking.
- ▶ Garbage cans should be at every bus stop. Nanaimo has way too much littering and looks like a dirty unkept City.
- ▶ More affordable housing (purpose-built rentals).
- ▶ Convert this STROAD (<https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2018/3/1/whats-a-stroad-and-why-does-it-matter>) into a road with protected, raised bike lanes.

- ▶ We need to require more parking for new developments instead of less. We need more parking at parks as our population has increased so much.
- ▶ This area is confusing! Lots of areas should be cleaned up, less industrial more residential and commercial
- ▶ Sidewalks, ie: Pine st. Between Albert and Bruce
- ▶ Spray park
- ▶ Drug Injection sites needed for homeless. Too many drug needles are littered over the ground in downtown including in the parks where its very dangerous for children and pets.

Injection sites have proven to reduce littered needles, reduce overdose deaths (which gives paramedics opportunities to help other people and not just overdose emergencies)
It prevents transmissible diseases caused by sharing needles as well

- ▶ Rehab centre and/or housing for homeless, too many homeless out at night who are exposed to the elements and making the streets more sketchy.
- ▶ RCMP detachment
- ▶ This whole thing is above my level of knowledge of the city.
- ▶ Stop new development around lakes. We need to cool it on bulldozing the little nature left in Nanaimo or we will be the architects of our own destruction
- ▶ I just want to point out that the salmon that make it into Nanaimo river look brutal and have more damage/disease than other salmon in unpolluted areas. Just something I thought should be considered when we talk about industrial use along the coast
- ▶ Sad to see this all cutdown
- ▶ You ruined long lake by allowing the memory care place to bulldoze the forest. They could have paved the path without taking down every tree. So many birds without a home now. I hope whoever signed the permit form feels guilt over this

- ▶ Can we stop allowing the building of homes on 3300 or 4500 sq ft lots. Driveways that can't fit two cars, abhorrent street parking where one car can barely drive down a street. When developing a subdivision think long term of how it will look and change traffic patterns. Everything seems so haphazardly planned and implemented. These plans offer nothing to reduce housing needs – that answer doesn't work (the ones in need can't afford those anyway) plan with your head not your wallet
- ▶ Industrial land development to support import / export trade diversification
- ▶ This parcel, the old "Nanaimo Indian Hospital" appeared to be highlighted for development. Prior to development, Snuneymuxw and neighbouring nations should be meaningfully consulted and funded for site reclamation as deemed necessary.
- ▶ The parcels surrounding Cable Bay should be preserved for parkland.
- ▶ A new community Center, much like Oliver Woods
- ▶ Dog Off leash trails
- ▶ Dog off leash trail
- ▶ Dog off leash beach
- ▶ Dog off leash trails and beach
- ▶ Dog off leash trails
- ▶ Multi use arena
- ▶ This whole area should be for park land and amenities to encourage people to come to our beautiful waterfront. It is the gem of our community and its potential is being wasted. Using it for a transit hub is a huge mistake and will detract from the area.
- ▶ The old Sears store remains vacant. Perhaps we could reach out to the owners to re-develop this property into residential housing.
- ▶ This could be popular however the lagoon is more like a slough. Clean this out, get new sand, and maintain it. It is embarrassing.

- ▶ Thank you for the great walk way. Now if we can somehow move the industrial from the core of our city and place them out of the line of sight from our guests from the cruise lines and those wanting to enjoy the water. We are a growing city. Time to move the industrial, to the industrial region. Not in the core of our city
- ▶ Appreciate the idea of bike trails but mixing cars and bikes on the same pavement is a bad idea. Dangerous and asking for trouble.
- ▶ Appreciate the bike trails however, remember we are growing. Are we considering growth in traffic flow? I see some huge problems coming our way by cutting off traffic flow. We are a city with lots of green space. Separate bikes and traffic.
- ▶ Multiplex arena
- ▶ More Restaurants!! (non franchise)
- ▶ Homeless support crazy amount of drug use on the street
- ▶ There is a need for a community orientated "keep Nanaimo clean" effort. Paying the under employed to pick up garbage. There is so much garbage left by homeless people – bags of garbage abandoned as they move on. A lot of garbage on sides of roads. maybe a better more aggressive public promotion of "no Littering!"
- ▶ I couldn't in good faith recommend to anyone visiting or staying in nanaimo. Who can afford to live here
- ▶ Industrial Lands
- ▶ Parks, nature reserves,
- ▶ A high end water front hotel!
- ▶ Train or affordable shared transit to go between various Vancouver island towns
- ▶ More surveillance at boat launch for people contaminating the water.
- ▶ Speed bumps, people drive insanely fast here.
- ▶ Get rid of all the homeless
- ▶ Modern rec center
- ▶ Make existing road safer and quieter with traffic calming and get rid of the speedway mentality!!
- ▶ These temporary housing units need to be removed. Nanaimo must tackle crime and homelessness. Local RCMP need direction from the city to arrest those that break the law regardless of the reasons people are committing crimes. The two housing units installed by the city are destroying the downtown for those that pay for everything.
- ▶ Remove the temporary housing. They are responsible for the decline of the city centre.
- ▶ We need a tourist destination and a gondola to the top of Mt Benson that would be a money making winner. Then make trails, rides and mountain bike trails for the way down. Start with food trucks at the top and later a First Nations Restaurant.
- ▶ A nature-oriented community of homes of mixed design and affordability, built around the unique appeals of area lakes, etc.
- ▶ Active transportation and transit should be throughout the city. Community amenities need to be people-scale. There is no definition of a tall building, nor what infilling neighbourhoods entails. Infill with community amenities and services, or with more housing?
- ▶ An ocean discovery centre
- ▶ Proper safe cycling options to connect Hammond Bay to the Country Club area via Linley Valley
- ▶ Bars/restaurants near the waterfront
- ▶ Consider closing Commercial St. to traffic and create a pedestrian friendly street with outdoor cafes and patios similar to Europe. This will help the downtown core thrive as many more businesses are empty now
- ▶ Improved cellular network (such as LTE, 5G). For instance along Hammond Bay and (and at my house just off) we barely get any service.
- ▶ Ensure natural corridors to prevent our parks and protected areas from becoming ecological islands, under increasingly impactful edge effects.
- ▶ Better maintenance of city assets and infrastructure public realm improvements urban design program

- ▶ This section of land near Cedar by the sea and the cable bay trail should be protected, not used as a resort. It is a gorgeous, diverse natural space that can be developed into a park for everyone to use, not a resort
- ▶ In addition to shops and retail, create a "boardwalk" feel – a place to spend time, shopping, getting ice cream – big pedestrian spaces and treed areas with benches – esp with the walkway being implemented. This area has so much potential.
- ▶ Re-open Rutherford school, it would stop so much unnecessary traffic!
- ▶ Affordable housing and some sort of housing program for our young adults who no one will rent to. It's forcing children to stay in the family home longer and is negatively impacting their ability to develop independence and is causing family stressors across multiple generations.
- ▶ Recreation facilities, large gym for badminton, pickleball etc.
- ▶ Granville island type development on the old industrial lands. extending to the cruise port.
- ▶ green strip that could screen some of the industrial lands from view from the new waterfront zone
- ▶ Activity and transportation
- ▶ Keeping taxes low for seniors. Nanaimo is a retirement destination but not all seniors are wealthy. The future climate catastrophe will bring lots of expensive fixes and seniors can't be taxed endlessly. Art is important, but seniors on a budget cannot afford to pay for some art like the Nanaimo sign in Maffeo Sutton Park. The present mayor & council need to remember seniors are on a set budget. Housing costs are not affordable for young citizens. When will rising housing costs plateau?
- ▶ Improve the hospital! There needs to be more hospital staff and upgrades. The hospital is outdated and small. If the community grows it will just get worse.
- ▶ create more park space that is walkable from residential areas.
- ▶ Protection of ecosystems and expansion to enlarge trails already existing.
As for the Cable Bay Trail area, ideally a larger buffer zone or green space would be provided on both sides of the CBT (RDN and Nanaimo side), whereas the South side of the trail (currently less disrupted by logging) would hope to be set aside for the ecosystem importance and future generations of natural fauna, wildlife and people's nature walks. The C River expansion should incl. a large green space next to estuary.
- ▶ Chase River expansion to have a good green space or buffer from the development to the estuary. Leaving the experience of the river rafting and nature walks available.
- ▶ Tourism drawing location of some sort. Nanaimo lack a tourism draw
- ▶ More infrastructure to enhance our mountain biking community as a tourism draw
- ▶ Information boards on whale sighting. Binos etc.
- ▶ more information on the history of Departure bay and honoring the first settlement
- ▶ Sandstone development may be acceptable. Cable Bay should be a park with benches. It is a jewel and has been voted as top 10 hiking trail on the island. It is because of the ferns, wildlife old growth surrounding the trail on the private land. It is a thriving wildlife habitat and must be protected. Joan Point park is a jewel. The private lands that connect it should be an official park as well! The only way to get to this park is via the mosaic lands or the private lands! Make it a City Park!
- ▶ Cable Bay Trail Area should be a Park and protected area! No development! It should never have been designated as resort residential. This does not fit with the donut economic plan! It must be changed. Sandstone may be acceptable in the proposed area
- ▶ Community gardens and a forest
- ▶ Virtually the whole city could do with infilling. We could add 20,000 people or more in this way, reducing costs, & pollution, improving active transit, making us less car-dependent and healthier.

- ▶ For Nanaimo in general maximum effort on creating connecting corridors for walking and cycling. Nanaimo is too much focused on cars. Also ramp up education for motorists how to deal with a higher amount of cyclists, walkers on our roads. They are part of traffic, share the roads!!!
- ▶ The park is fantastic but could use some food truck vendors or stands to really complete things. Not too much, don't want to shove all the businesses right down consumers throats everywhere, but like a half dozen or less vendors being able to operate in the park would be a boon. Also another outdoor basketball court wouldn't hurt.
- ▶ Making Nanaimo a recreational destination by adding more free activities such as more disc golf courses, hiking and biking trails
- ▶ Upgrade the Washrooms. They are the worst ones I have seen in Cities on the Island! Have a Public Washroom at the Harbour instead of the Locked one the Harbour Commission has.
- ▶ Clean up our existing parks. Nanaimo used to be quite nice before. Put money into cleaning up the existing parks and streets before trying to add new things.
- ▶ Do not let this land be leased out to the university
- ▶ Create lively district in Downtown Nanaimo. A mix of housing and commercial.
- ▶ turn into mid density building with homes on the top and stores on the bottom. No one is asking you to reinvent the wheel. You don't even have to use your brain, just let people do what they would build and use in Europe, not hard. They don't need parking. It's capitalism if they need a car they shouldn't live there then, they can rent a car, bike or use bus. Think, think.
- ▶ expand swimming area and clear of weeds, junk etc. Nanaimo needs better quality lakes
- ▶ needs cleaning to be used for swimming
- ▶ restoration
- ▶ Industrial area for more employment opportunities
- ▶ This area is an eyesore, we won't attract any tourism or cruise ships when their first impression of Nanaimo is this
- ▶ The salvation army building down town needs to go! It is a hotbed attractant to crime, prostitution, and drug dealing. Time for this city to be what it could be. Get rid of this eyesore, this is where cruise ships come in for pete sake first impressions matter.
- ▶ This should be converted into a proper sea water pool with circulating sea water and lifeguards. This would be a huge attraction for Nanaimo.
- ▶ Public washrooms
- ▶ Road repairs. This section of road is so patchy and bumpy.
- ▶ Continue to develop Linley Valley in making it more accessible to others and have more recreational opportunities within the park
- ▶ This is a general thing for all of Nanaimo: teens need a place to go and do stuff with our time. Going to Woodgrove to sit around in the food court or going to the lake to smoke/do drugs are currently some of the best options for people. It is a running joke among my friends that there is nothing to do here and if there were stuff to do, we wouldn't be able to get there because of the bus system. This city is incredibly boring.
- ▶ Retain existing green space within the city and densify existing developments. Require retention of trees on existing properties.
- ▶ Nanaimo needs more golf courses/golf facilities
- ▶ Industrial
- ▶ Better system for the ferry traffic
- ▶ Walkway connecting downtown to the Bay
- ▶ The one way in and out of hammond bay area should be considered in more dense development. The traffic is already horrendous.
- ▶ Need more industrial land. Expropriate Mennonite stuff to create park across from boxwood. Have city development arm do infrastructure and land sales to attract users as many other municipalities do.

- ▶ Protect this green space.
- ▶ Protect Cable Bay Trail.
- ▶ Protect Nanaimo River areas from logging. People like trees and swimming. Don't take the trees.
- ▶ Add trees and pollinator habitat.
- ▶ Less franchises and industrial companies close to grocery stores, support independent local companies. For example do not allow a storage unit right next to a strip mall try and support the grouping of small business and community gathering places such as coffee shops, restaurants and bars. Creating destination areas. "Brewery row" "restaurant corridor" "market street"
- ▶ This area needs support to become a destination. A market like A Coombs or Granville island, right by the ferry and a destination for locals as well. Connect it with transit, bike lanes and walkable path as proposed connect with a sea wall. Are for open air concerns in the summer.
- ▶ As property values increase, neighborhoods along the water, and unique ones such as protection, are seeing properties change hands with more and more people who can be classified as part-time/secondary residents. This changing pattern is making housing more unfordable, often at the expense of renters, and de-populating the community during non-seasonal time periods. I am not sure what can be done, but this change in ownerships patterns and decreasing numbers of full-time residents is problematic
- ▶ Real estate escalations are rarely caused by foreign ownership lately. Currently house flips and real estate hoarders are escalating the market. My husband and I have put multiple full price bids in this summer to attempt to return to Nanaimo. I am a 3rd generation Nanaimo citizen but I cannot afford to return home. Instead I visit with family and hope for some level of reality to be mandated to support single home buyers. We don't want anything fancy, but \$700 000 starter homes are too much.
- ▶ Attracting businesses to the Commercial Street area.... Along with customers!
- ▶ I think this space could be used similar to market square in victoria where there is an active courtyard with eateries and drinkeries, coffee and open sitting space with mixed use. This is a very prominent piece of property and it could draw lots of people downtown. A pedestrian overpass to the adjacent old a and b sound building and revamp the poorly designed commercial /victoria /albert intersection
- ▶ With further growth in this area there will need to be better and more access, both by road for drivers and more public transportation access. This area is already plagued far too frequently with accidents and subsequently major traffic congestion. If this only gets worse there are going to be more accidents and more road rage incidents from fed up residents.
- ▶ It would be great if the public facilities for Westwood park users could be updated. The restroom building is extremely old & inefficient. An outside shower & footwash station would be great. Also the utilities & sites for food vendors to allow more food truck options or if the city built the building to lease that could accommodate a few vendors.
- ▶ Downtown needs a decent clothing store
- ▶ The mill is environmental suicide and needs to stop. Growth in technology would be better focus
- ▶ new bridge for cycling and pedestrians only
- ▶ More off-leash open areas for dogs to run. Retail/apartment Development that promotes a walkable, European town square feel, or even developments similar to the outdoor area at Uptown Shopping centre in Victoria.
- ▶ Off leash open area for dogs to run and enjoy the stream
- ▶ Stop planting in landscape of infrastructure and neighborhoods. You do not maintain it and it looks terrible
- ▶ Security Public safety
- ▶ Access to departure bay beach!

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No homeless homeless provided shelter and amenities support Transportation to homeless neighbourhood for support and safety
- ▶ Hiking Trails
- ▶ Should build a lit paved corridor for bikes, ecto Westwood Lake. It's too far to go down to Jingle Pot and back up the hill.
- ▶ Stop allowing fast food chains everywhere. This is terrible for the health of our communities and prevents local food businesses from opening and succeeding.
The evidence is plentiful and strong that fast food chains in close proximity to our housing = poor health outcomes/higher risk for health issues.
Take a stance Nanaimo. Seeing \$\$ (for developers, rent etc.) at the outset mean more \$\$ spent by our healthcare system that will have to treat unhealthy lifestyle related choices.
- ▶ Daycare
- ▶ Avoiding veiw-blocking high rises downtown and preserving the historical ambience. Completion of the walkway to the marina from Maffeo Sutton.
- ▶ Indoor wellness, pool, ice surface
- ▶ move coastland mill
- ▶ Bowen Park conserved as a westcoast douglas fir,river environment. It will need lots of help and should be expanded. Plant trees in the gravel parking lots off of Wall street and by the ball field. Develop trails that follow the Millstone down to the waterfront.
- ▶ This intersection of Biggs and Jingle Pot is a disaster waiting to happen. The increased density without safe turning lanes.
- ▶ Medical centres with more family doctors
- ▶ The seawall expansion and continued supportive housing initiatives would bring equity to many demographics
- ▶ fewer cars in the downtown core.
- ▶ The Lakes should be opened up for housing and rec
- ▶ Mountain bike development for tourism and recreation.....we already get people showing up from Europe to come to Nanaimo for mtn biking. Think Whistler, Cumberland etc etc.
- ▶ More mountain biking
- ▶ Affordable housing that takes into consideration minimum wage, single income and large families
- ▶ REMOVE existing Salvation Army – time to move elsewhere
- ▶ Get on with building amenities, infrastructure etc . Stop talking and just do it ! How long have we been waiting for the clubhouse at louden park to be built ????
- ▶ PLEASE make it easier for homeowners to reno and adapt their homes to create better living spaces and create additional living accommodations (microsuites, garden suites, etc) The permit system is incredibly hard to navigate, disheartening, the-opposite-of-empowering and ridiculous!
- ▶ Given COVID, would like to see a covered outdoor space for community gatherings.
- ▶ Nanaimo needs more stuff to do for kids. I read there are plans for a science centre, which would be amazing. Also more indoor and outdoor pools are needed. Swim lessons are impossible to get into in the city. An ocean front pool like in Vancouver would be amazing. Maybe water slides would b a good idea too, as there are none anywhere on the island.
- ▶ Close down the mill!!! Nanaimo is growing fast and it's not appropriate to have such a polluting industry so close to such a large population of people. Nanaimo will never reach its full potential while that environmental polluter still stands.
- ▶ Need more parking downtown please and free parking or a voucher, especially for businesses.
- ▶ The existing industrial lots in this area are underused and in some cases vacant and overgrown in invasive plants. Only poor planning would suggest expanding industrial without utilizing what already exists. Has anyone actually done a visual tour of this area?

- ▶ The lands surrounding the trail need protection from development. The east side must be protected and connected to Joan Point Park. The west side must be protected from industrial development AT LEAST as far as is visible and audible from the trail (a minimum of 200 m but that is probably not enough). These are ESAs not appropriate for industrial expansion.
- ▶ I'd like to see this area restored – invasive plants are destroying our natural areas.
- ▶ It is no longer appropriate to have DND lands in the heart of Nanaimo – either the lands by VIU or behind Morrel Sanctuary and Westwood. We need to move DND out into an area more suitable for their activities and allow residents to use the natural spaces for fitness and recreation and for wildlife to flourish.
- ▶ We also need to do a complete investigation into the Nanaimo Indian Hospital on the DND lands.
- ▶ I like the idea of including downtown Nanaimo as part of the Scenario 3 central focus but it needs to be inclusive. Currently the developments are focused on wealthier residents (the Port Theatre) and fancy cafes. I'd like to see more variety in amenities and interests.
- ▶ Here's another opportunity to connect green spaces – Buttertubs and Bowen Park are so close by and yet there is no easy walking/cycling corridor between them. They are so isolated that these parks are being swallowed by invasive plants and used by displaced people.
- ▶ High density neighbourhoods should receive more services (sidewalks, playgrounds, etc) than low density.
- ▶ All reserve lands should be connected to form one large piece of land.
- ▶ Increase industrial land here, for clean industries. Make sure Cable Bay area is kept natural.
- ▶ Although Cedar is outside the City boundary, our decisions will have a big impact on the village, so their input is important.
- ▶ Turn Commercial Street into a pedestrian-and-bike-only street, initially between Terminal & Wharf Streets, with future expansion.
- ▶ Protect remaining green space
- ▶ Fifth street is important cycle corridor route for schools and university
- ▶ Daylight and restore riparian corridors including through purchase of strategic parcels. Improve bike or walking paths along the stream corridors, naturalize banks and remove invasive species
- ▶ Why is this premium part of the coast essentially closed to public use and basically a big parking lot from Snunemuxw to Maffeo? Soften shore, ensure public access and recreational space, access for launching canoes, kayaks
- ▶ Invest in more services, including inside food service, daytime use area. Homeless people need a safe place to go and access services. Stop barricading all the downtown parks. It's inhumane
- ▶ Event area and green space like Ships Point in Victoria
- ▶ More bike parking at all the malls
- ▶ Riparian restoration
- ▶ Ensure public lands and access along Millstone River with new development
- ▶ Arena of at least 8000 for large shows etc
- ▶ Restaurant
- ▶ Existing parks protected and looked after! Properly maintained
- ▶ Development up the hill needs to be limited at least until a proper plan for road capacity and reduced reliance on vehicles is established and implemented. i.e. Golden Oaks – the development that has been occurring there have been very small homes that are very tight together but very overpriced for what they are (i.e. built to make money rather than provide actual reasonable housing for people). This practice needs to be cut off ASAP.
- ▶ For the life of me I can't understand why the school district owns this prime property and nothing is happening. For flip's sake make it a parking lot or a park. Just a wasted space and wasted tax dollars.

- ▶ better bike routes to Departure Bay and Pipers lagoon areas
- ▶ Create a well-designed parkland network in the Nanaimo River watershed along the length of the river
- ▶ Maintain landscape connectivity through parkland creation. Newest residential developments show no consideration for importance of maintaining forest and hydrological connectivity. Necessary to preserve wildlife and freshwater and marine water quality.
- ▶ Rezone as parkland
- ▶ Maintain adequate riparian buffers around wetlands in accordance with best management practices. See BC's Develop with Care Guidelines. This is one of many examples around the city where recent development did not leave buffers consistent with BMP guidance.
- ▶ Formal protection of parkland corridor between Linley Valley residential access points and Cottle Lake. Walking through the forest is the most direct, beautiful, and low-climate impact way to travel between North Nanaimo neighbourhoods.
- ▶ Bylaws for tree retention and tree-planting in new developments. One of many examples around the city where not a tree was retained. Need to mandate tree-planting post home builds.
- ▶ Narrower streets in new developments. Nanaimo's residential streets are almost double the width of those in Vancouver. Beyond the fact that increased impervious cover is correlated with adverse environmental outcomes (e.g., increased flash flooding, poorer water quality, and decreased biodiversity in receiving waters in the marine zone), it also takes up too much space in this city. Densification is needed and not wasting land on unnecessarily wide roads is part of smart planning.
- ▶ This needs a controlled light four-way intersection. Too busy for stop signs
- ▶ This needs a four-way light. Currently, Georgia Ave. only has stop signs, while Fifth has a light. It is confusing and dangerous, especially next to an elementary school.
- ▶ This intersection needs a controlled light
- ▶ Invasive species removal funded by the city now, to prevent bigger problems a decade from now
- ▶ Natural waterfront access in the south end
- ▶ Protection of sensitive eco-systems and major new waterfront park for the south end of the city.
- ▶ Please maintain mixed housing and do not allow developers to monopolize on low income neighborhoods. Allow the residents of the neighborhood to be a part of the upgrading and changing of the community
- ▶ Prioritize central gathering places

GENERAL FINAL COMMENTS

- ▶ I really liked the format and interactive and creative nature of this survey
- ▶ Let's keep all our vibrant spaces! The forest, the suburbs, build up the the metropolitan area and then we will al the things! Building outward just means more and more mediocre for this city. Building thoughtfully within the existing space, we can be exceptional!
- ▶ There is nowhere to actually have your say on important issues. You simply have a choice of unimaginative scenarios. There is almost nothing that addresses the car-centric culture that must be tempered, especially in the Hammond Bay area, and little reference to climate change, which must be *the* priority. I can't reimagine Nanaimo if I have no forum for doing so. I suggest an open forum in which to discuss priorities.
- ▶ I didn't see the topic of communication.
 1. If I send an email to a city employee, I expect an answer or follow up. It's not always the case.
 2. City employees working at recreational facilities should be trained or re-trained in public relation. I have more than once experienced the impression they had something more important to do than answer my question. It is not a pleasant feeling.

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