

SUMMARY NOTES

HOSPITAL AREA PLAN STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS
DRAFT PLAN - COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL AGENCIES
GREENROCK COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
1860 DUFFERIN CRESCENT, NANAIMO, BC
TUESDAY 2018-APR-10 AND WEDNESDAY 2018-APR-11 AT 9:00 A.M.

Transportation

Dufferin Crescent west of Boundary Avenue is narrow and challenged to accommodate vehicle traffic, parked cars, and cyclists in its current configuration; the City should consider removing parking and creating a safe bike lane on this section of Dufferin Crescent

Transit

Earlier Bus service required (6:00 am) on route #30 from downtown to the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital; service on route #30 from Woodgrove to the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital starts at 6:00 am already

Nanaimo Regional General Hospital may examine the feasibility of accommodating a transit bus stop on the site as part of future site planning initiatives

Existing bus stops on Dufferin Crescent near the Boundary Avenue intersection may need to be relocated to improve the function of the intersection

Parking

Introducing paid parking on hospital-area streets may force local commercial business owners to charge for parking or additional parking management / enforcement

The City should consider Allocating the funds collected from paid on-street parking in the hospital area to local area infrastructure and active transportation improvements

The City should consider encouraging the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital to increase its supply of off-street vehicle parking

The demand for parking in the hospital area is relatively high and the existing price of parking is relatively low

There appears to be a strong expectation for free parking in the hospital area, but creating and maintaining vehicle parking comes at a cost

Cycling

Removing on-street parking to provide cycling lanes seems like a questionable strategy

Relationships

The School District may consider working with Island Health to locate a childcare centre on the site of the former Dufferin Elementary School

Social Disorder

The social disorder experienced in the hospital area is perceived to have become more intense over the past year, and there is a fear that that trend will continue unabated; the first step in addressing issues of social disorder in the hospital area includes more information sharing between area stakeholders