

NOTICE OF INTENTION DOWNTOWN NANAIMO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

The City of Nanaimo Council intends to initiate the establishment of the Business Improvement Area within the downtown Nanaimo area pursuant to the provisions of section 215 of the *Community Charter* by means of the **Downtown Nanaimo Business Association Business Improvement Area Bylaw 2025, No. 7395.**

This bylaw will authorize the City of Nanaimo to charge the Class 5 (Light Industry) and Class 6 (Business/Other) property owners in the downtown Nanaimo area a levy on behalf of the Downtown Nanaimo Business Association for the purpose of conducting a five-year business promotion scheme. The business promotion scheme includes various programs and projects that improve and promote the downtown Nanaimo area, such as marketing, hosting events and beautification. The properties to be included in the Downtown Nanaimo BIA are the highlighted properties in the map below:



The annual cost of the business promotion scheme shall be recovered from the owners of the taxable Class 5 and 6 properties located within the business improvement area. The levy rate per parcel is as follows:

Year	Annual Requisition	Fixed	Maximum Variable
		Amount/parcel	Amount
2026	\$160,000.00	\$287.98	\$6,863.69
2027	\$161,616.00	\$290.89	\$6,933.01
2028	\$163,248.32	\$293.83	\$7,003.03
2029	\$164,897.13	\$296.80	\$7,073.76
2030	\$166,562.59	\$299.80	\$7,145.21

Both the minimum and maximum values above increase by 1.01% annually.

The method for calculating the tax is such that each property owner pays a minimum amount per property, plus a rate on every \$1,000 of assessment over \$275,000 of assessed value, to a maximum tax amount per property.

Unless more than 50% of the property owners in the area, representing more than 50% of the assessed value give notice in writing that they object, City Council may proceed to adopt the bylaw.

Notices as required under section 213 (1)(b) of the *Community Charter*, have been mailed or delivered to all owners of property that would be impacted by this initiative.

Affected property owners against the adoption of the bylaw must submit original copies of their signed petition to City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6 during the 30-day petition period, starting at 8:30 am on Thursday, October 30, 2025 and ending at 4:30 pm on Friday, November 28, 2025.

Petition forms and copies of the Bylaw are available at City Hall (455 Wallace Street), Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays.

Questions pertaining to the Business Promotion Scheme or to the establishment of this Business Improvement Area be directed to the Downtown Nanaimo Business Association at info@downtownnanaimo.ca.

Questions regarding the Bylaw please contact Ana Francisco, Manager, Revenue Services at Ana.Francisco@nanaimo.ca or 250-755-4413.