

NANAIMO YOUTH RESILIENCE STRATEGY

(Building Safer Communities Fund)

2023-MAY-01



STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Preparatio

- **n** Work plan
- Consultants
 engaged
- Review of existing work

Assessmen

- t Statistics / existing data
- Community consultations
- Youth photo project
- Field study

Identifying Actions & Recommendations

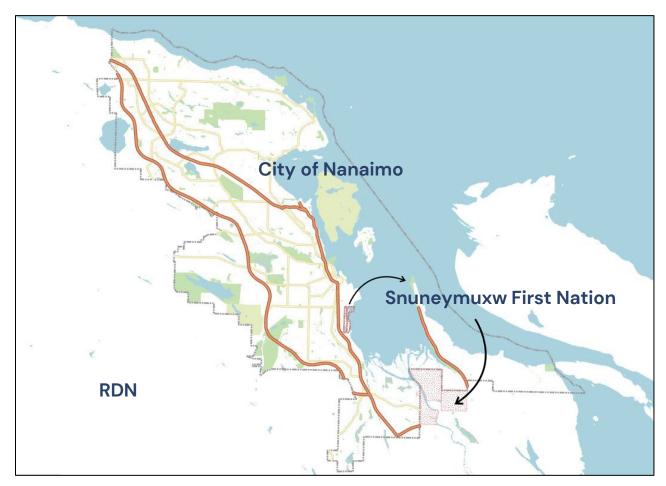
- Steering committee process
- Project recommendations
- Implementation recommendations

Strategy Document

- Roadmap
- Submission to
 PSC
- Public education & awareness
- Recruitment
 framework



STRATEGY BOUNDARIES







DEVELOPING THE STRATEGY

- Demographics
- Childhood Development
- Community Wellbeing and Livability
- Crime and Victimization
- Education
- Social Challenges
- Housing
- Homelessness
- Labour Force
- Health and Substance Use



DEVELOPING THE STRATEGY

Who Participated?

4 focus groups with 39 participants

229 Total Participants 28% were 24 years of age or younger

34% identified as First Nation

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Stakeholder

Interviews







FOCUS AREAS

- Safe Youth Gathering Spaces
- Youth Outreach
- Connecting Youth to Land and Water through Snawaylth (Teachings)
- Youth Mentoring Programs
- Enhancing Existing Youth Programs
- Media & Communications



ROLE OF STEERING COMMITTEE

Partners with the City to provide leadership and oversight for Strategy implementation	Informs the community on the status of priority projects recommended in the Strategy	Helps ensure the foundational commitments are adhered to	Reviews the evaluation and monitoring results as they emerge to provide advice on changes to the Strategy as needed
Takes leadership in the implementation of the sustainability plan	Engages additional stakeholders as new needs arise	Communicates the plan priorities within their own spheres of influence	Seeks out new or existing resources to support Strategy implementation and thereby advancing sustainability
Facilitates connections to existing efforts that align with Strategy priorities	Provides supports and oversight to any action teams	Stays informed and shares knowledge regarding developments to the Strategy within Nanaimo and beyond	Guides the distribution of the BSC funds by developing grant criteria and making recommendations to the City for fund disbursement



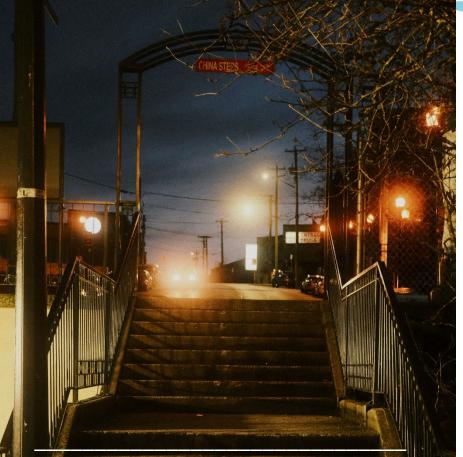
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CITY OF NANAIMO

- Background
- Key Findings
- Focus Areas
- Steering Committee
- Next Steps

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE FOR THE NANAIMO YOUTH RESILIENCE STRATEGY

- Foundational Commitments
- Community Engagement
- Communication Planning
- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
- Governance Framework
- Sustainability Framework



"Nanaimo's Downtown is my favourite area to visit at night. The orange glow of the street lights and the bright, colourful neon signs make me feel like I'm walking through a movie scene. A crime drama maybe. Because it's also unfortunately where I feel most unsafe. Every visit downtown after the sun sets is one my head moves on a swivel as I walk past alleys and street corners. It does add to the air of mystery and intrigue, but I would love to enjoy the scenery without fearing for my safety." - Nanaimo Youth Photo Voice Participant



NEXT STEPS

- Road Map
- Submission to Public Safety Canada
- Public Education & Awareness
- Recruitment Framework