



TERMS OF REFERENCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Economic Development Task Force (the “Task Force”) is to oversee the creation of the new Economic Development Strategy and to fully develop the ownership, funding, governance, staffing and other elements of the City-owned Nanaimo Prosperity Agency.

OUTPUTS:

The following outputs are envisioned from the Task Force by the fall of 2020:

- a) Developing a request for proposal for the Nanaimo Economic Development Strategy;
- b) Evaluating and hiring a consulting firm to complete the Economic Development Strategy;
- c) Overseeing and providing feedback during the Economic Development Strategy process;
- d) Endorsing the final strategy for adoption by Nanaimo City Council;
- e) Investigating and reviewing ownership, funding, governance and staffing options for the Nanaimo Prosperity Agency; and
- f) Recommending to Council a final operating model for the Nanaimo Prosperity Agency.

TERM:

The Task Force will exist for a limited period of time in correlation to the tasks identified in the Terms of Reference. It is envisioned the work of the Task Force will be finished by the fall of 2020. Upon completion of the mandate, the Task Force will cease.

Council may, at its discretion, extend the length of time or increase the mandate of the Task Force or perhaps develop a Standing Committee to advise on economic development issues.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Task Force will be as follows:

A minimum of thirteen (13) members, representation as follows:

- 2 Council members
- 1 Snuneymuxw First Nation
- 1 Vancouver Island University
- 1 Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce
- 1 Nanaimo Port Authority
- 1 Nanaimo Airport
- 1 Community Futures
- 5 leaders from any of the following sectors:
 - Transportation and Warehousing
 - Construction
 - Health Care
 - Tourism
 - Labour Market
 - Recycling
 - Agriculture
 - Not-for-Profit
 - Manufacturing
 - Renewable Energy
 - Education
 - Technology
 - Commercial Real Estate
 - Film
 - Social Services

ELIGIBILITY:

- Task Force members should be senior-level decision makers from each of the participating organizations.
- Members of the Task Force shall be appointed on the basis of their availability, business experience, and the expertise which they can bring to the work of the Committee.
- Task Force members will have no conflict of interest with Council or the Task Force and should advise the members when a potential conflict may exist on a specific issue and recuse themselves for the duration of the discussions to which they have declared a conflict of interest; and
- Task Force members will represent knowledge, experience and perspectives of various industry sectors.

MEETING FREQUENCY:

The Task Force will meet at least monthly to achieve the outputs in the Terms of Reference and can also meet upon call of the Chair or the request of two Task Force Members.

STAFF SUPPORT:

The following City Departments may provide support to the Committee in accordance with the ***City of Nanaimo Committee Operating Guidelines***:

- Community Development
- Legislative Services
- Other Staff as required

OBSERVERS & COMMUNITY SUPPORTS:

Non-voting representatives may be invited to attend the meeting specific to topics of shared interest.