



PLAN NANAIMO

IMPROVING MOBILITY AND SERVICING

You are invited to help decide where we live, work and play. The 10-Year Review for the City of Nanaimo Official Community Plan (Plan Nanaimo) is a public process intended to reaffirm and build on strategies for meeting the many growth challenges the City continues to face.

This review is intended to update the City's Official Community Plan (OCP), which will guide Council in making development decisions for the next 25 years.

Backgrounder No. 4 is intended to highlight policies of the OCP Goal Four, **Improving Mobility and Servicing**. Continue to watch the newspapers and City website for additional "Backgrounders" on the other goals of the Official Community Plan.

What Is An Official Community Plan?

The BC *Local Government Act* defines an Official Community Plan (OCP) as "a statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management, within the area covered by the plan, respecting the purposes of local government."

In broad terms, an OCP sets out the location, type, and density of all types of land use, from residential and commercial to industrial, utilities and parks. An OCP can also include policies relating to social needs, agricultural activities, and preservation, protection, and restoration of the natural environment.

The 10-Year Review is intended to determine:

- How well have we done in meeting the **PLAN NANAIMO** goals for shaping development, land use and other aspects of living in Nanaimo?
- Where are the successes and the shortcomings?
- Are these the right goals to carry forward through the next 25 years?

The City of Nanaimo needs citizen involvement to help answer these questions.

Improving Mobility

Nanaimo residents have stated they want a city that is pedestrian friendly and less dependent on cars to get around. **Plan Nanaimo** tries to promote opportunities for people to walk, cycle and use transit. Here's how:

- By providing a system of sidewalks and trails that connect neighbourhoods to each other, and to major centres of activity and recreational opportunities;
- By providing a safe system of commuter and recreational cycling routes on roads and trailways;
- By pursuing more frequent bus service and better connections from transit stops to businesses and services; and
- By promoting an increase in vehicle occupancy (e.g. carpooling), and a decrease in the number of vehicle trips (per capita).



Improving Servicing

Plan Nanaimo also contains policies related to improving servicing and infrastructure for City residents, ranging from stormwater and sewer to road networks, garbage disposal and recycling. Here's how:

- By ensuring stormwater services remain cost-effective while still providing flood protection and meeting environmental objectives of protecting aquatic habitat;
- By conserving water resources in public uses and establishing cost-effective incentives for water conservation in private uses;
- By directing development to areas easily serviced by water and sewer (e.g. growth centres), thereby reducing servicing costs; and
- By continuing to promote recycling opportunities and reduce the amount of waste that goes to the landfill.

Please note that the City's sewer and garbage collection functions are provided by the Regional District of Nanaimo.



Promoting mixed-use development (ie. within growth centres), helps reduce the need for cars.



...it also controls costs and environmental impacts of providing major new municipal services such as sewer, water and roads.



Cars will continue to be an important part of everyday life in Nanaimo. A well-maintained road system is important for moving people and goods.



Safe and convenient trailways for walking and cycling – part of an integrated transportation network.

Get Involved!

Attend a Free One-Day Community Conference

Saturday, 2006-NOV-18
8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Malaspina University-College

The conference will feature guest speakers, focusing on social, environmental, urban design, and smart growth topics.

Workshops will also be held to share your ideas for the community.

Pre-registration is required to confirm availability.

Register early to guarantee a seat.

Online at www.nanaimo.ca, or

By phone at (250) 755-4473

Need More Information?

Want to express your views but can't attend the Community Conference?

Contact us to find out about other ways to obtain information or participate in the **PLAN NANAIMO 10-Year Review**.

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View **PLAN NANAIMO** on the City website, or at the Vancouver Island Library downtown branch, Malaspina University-College library, or City Hall (*copies available for purchase*).



Things to Think About

- **Plan Nanaimo** emphasizes alternatives to car travel – walking, cycling and transit. How have you seen this policy in action?
- What else can be done to encourage Nanaimo residents to leave their cars at home? What might encourage you?
- What steps should the City take to ensure an adequate water supply for future generations?
- How well has the City done in providing educational programs and opportunities for residents to increase their recycling and reduce garbage disposal? Should we be doing more?

