

**YOU ARE INVITED to help decide where we live, work and play.** The 10-Year Review for the City of Nanaimo Official Community Plan is a public process intended to review, reaffirm and build on strategies for meeting the many growth challenges the City faces.

## Summary of Working Paper sustainNANAIMO

This review is intended to update the City's Official Community Plan (OCP), which will guide Council in making development decisions over the next 10 years, with projections for the next 25 years.

As part of the review, a Working Paper has been prepared to provide a summary of the process to date, and to introduce potential changes to the OCP. This Paper builds on the existing OCP goals by introducing two new goals and strengthening sustainability policies.

Over the next few weeks, watch the newspapers and the City website for OCP 'Highlighters', intended to provide information on issues and directions identified in the Working Paper. We also invite you to review the Working Paper and complete the online survey, both available at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca).

### What is Sustainability?

While 'sustainable development' was originally referred to as the protection of natural resources, 'sustainability' for Nanaimo speaks to the interrelationships between the City's environment, society and economy. It is about "recognizing that our economy exists within society, society exists within the environment, and the environment surrounds and supports society." It is about developing our economy in a manner that enhances society while protecting the environment for future generations.



### Goal One - Build A More Sustainable Community

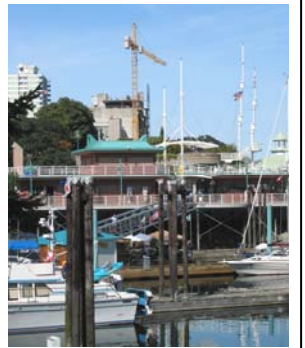
Modify the existing framework of Creating Complete, Viable Communities by:

- Strengthening the commitment to build complete communities within urban nodes (Woodgrove / North, Downtown, Malaspina University, Hospital / Townsite, Chase River / South) and along corridors
- Recognizing the unique character of each of the urban nodes
- Providing for increased density within the urban nodes and along the corridors that connect these urban nodes

### Goal Two – Manage Urban Growth

Continue to manage urban growth by:

- Maintaining the existing Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) with some realignment to ensure that areas within the Agricultural Land Reserve or large environmentally sensitive areas are located outside of the UCB
- Developing land in ways that protects our ecosystems



### Goal Three – Encourage Social Enrichment

Specifically include social planning principles within the OCP by:

- Highlighting the City's Social Development Strategy and addressing its social development goals, including schools and community facilities, arts and culture, parks and open space, housing affordability, public safety, and community involvement
- Introduce policy for food security and urban agriculture



### Goal Four – Promote A Thriving Economy

Specifically include economic policy within the OCP by:

- Highlighting the City's Economic Development Strategy and addressing its economic goals, including traditional industry, tourism, arts and culture, and home based business
- Providing for changes in the local economy (eg. types of industry, aging population)



### Goal Five – Protect and Enhance Our Environment

Continue to protect 'and enhance' the environment by:

- Supporting objectives and policies related to environmentally sensitive areas, natural hazard areas, steep slope development, erosion control, greenways, tree protection, contaminated sites, and community involvement
- Continue efforts to increase community involvement in enhancing the environment through local volunteer initiatives and non-profit organizations

### Goal Six - Improve Mobility and Servicing

Continue to improve mobility and servicing by:

- Creating safe and convenient movement around the City by transit, cycle and on foot
- Maintaining an effective road network while reducing reliance on automobiles
- Using existing municipal services while effectively controlling costs and environmental impacts



### Want To Be Involved?

#### Complete Our On-Line Community Survey

Visit the City of Nanaimo website to view the Working Paper and participate in the online survey at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca)

### Goal Seven –

#### Toward a Sustainable Nanaimo

Continue with ongoing community involvement and monitoring of the OCP by:

- Providing for a more user friendly document
- Documenting specific planning projects to be undertaken
- Presenting additional opportunities for public consultation / education

### Need More Info?

Contact us to find out about other ways to obtain information or participate in the Official Community Plan 10-Year Review.

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