

City of Nanaimo
REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 2015-AUG-31

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RE: PORT DRIVE WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN TERMS OF REFERENCE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about the upcoming Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan process and to provide the associated Terms of Reference for Council approval.

BACKGROUND:

On 2013-MAR-27, the City purchased 10.8 ha (26.7 acres) of land and water from Canadian Pacific (CP) Railway along the southern Nanaimo waterfront (1 Port Drive). Since that time, a number of initiatives have been undertaken to prepare the property for redevelopment, including environmental studies and select demolition work. The 2015-2019 Financial Plan identifies a \$100,000 budget and completion of the plan as a priority for 2015. The planning process is scheduled to begin in September 2015 with a target completion date of February 2016. The next step is to issue a Request for Proposals for consulting services based on the attached Terms of Reference.

The purpose of the Master Plan is to address key issues and to provide specific policies for future land use, transportation, servicing, open space, trails and environmental protection, as well as phasing of development for this portion of the south downtown waterfront. The long-term vision for the area includes enhancement of the downtown waterfront, improving connectivity of the south downtown with the surrounding neighbourhoods, and creating opportunity for a new regional transportation hub.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

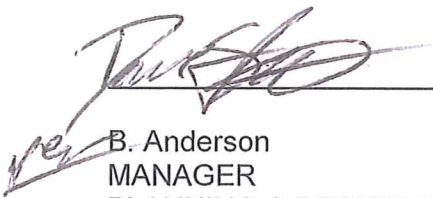
The preparation of a master plan for 1 Port Drive meets a number of the top priorities identified in the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. Table 1 below outlines how the Port Drive Master Plan will contribute to meeting key objectives.

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Table 1: Strategic Plan Considerations


Strategy	
Waterfront Enhancement	<p>Outcomes Desired</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced public access and use. A continuous, uninterrupted and accessible waterfront trail/ connection from Departure Bay Beach to Nanaimo River Estuary. A working waterfront that supports business, marine industries, transportation, connectivity, entertainment and tourism.
Transportation and Mobility	<p>Potential Strategies and/or Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with RDN, NEDC, Chamber of Commerce, Nanaimo Port Authority, BC Ferries, BC Transit, Airport Authority, ICF, advocates for and supports improvement of external connections. Work with RDN on downtown transit exchange options that support overall outcomes, enhance waterfront connections, link to inter-city public transit options and support downtown development.
Taking Responsibility	<p>Potential Strategies and/or Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to facilitate change and overall development consistent with vision and plans; taking action steps to be a catalyst or investment in the city's future.

Respectfully submitted,




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 MANAGER
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CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

I concur with the Staff recommendation.

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