



**The purpose of the Network is to facilitate the ongoing development of effective neighbourhood associations through shared information, consultation and decision-making between neighbourhood associations, municipal government and other organizations.**

The Network has the following three objectives:

### **1) Developing Strong Neighbourhoods**

- to encourage the establishment of identifiable neighbourhood associations throughout Nanaimo and support them through leadership training and development programs;
- to provide guidance and assistance to the community in the formation and development of neighbourhood associations that operate beyond the crisis issue of the moment;
- to encourage neighbourhoods to engage in activities that develop a spirit of pride and cooperation among residents;
- to encourage citizens to participate in their association; to be involved in citywide issues directly as well as via participation in the Network.

### **2) Catalyst/Co-ordination**

- to encourage co-operation and to promote the development of neighbourhood plans;
- to ensure that neighbourhood-based meeting space, such as schools, is available for use by the local community;
- to establish and encourage dialogue and interaction between neighbourhood associations, municipal government and other organizations.

### **3) Advice, Information and Education**

- to act as a clearinghouse for information and to facilitate communication among and between neighbourhoods;
- to facilitate educational opportunities for neighbourhood associations/leaders.