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How City Services are Funded

Funding City services, programs and projects comes from a variety of revenue sources such as property taxes, fees and charges and grants.

Services that help make Nanaimo a livable community like providing clean drinking water, paving roads, police and fire services, maintaining parks and trails, protecting our environment and providing opportunities for low to no cost recreation are funded by these revenue sources.



Calculating Your Property Taxes

The City collects taxes for other agencies including the province, regional district and library in addition to the municipality. The tax rate is based on what is needed to balance the budget. From that, your tax bill is calculated based on your home's assessed value as determined by BC Assessment.

Why It's Important to Claim Your Home Owner Grant Each Year

The Home Owner Grant is a great way to reduce the amount of your principle residence's property tax bill. Under this Provincial program, eligible home owners under the age of 65 can reduce their taxes by up to \$770 and up to \$1,045 for seniors. If you are eligible, your taxes will be reduced by the amount of the grant claimed; rebates are not issued. Did you know you have to claim it every year?

The Provincial Government allows an extension of time in which you can claim a grant for the prior year if you meet certain qualifications; however, until you claim your grant, your tax bill will remain outstanding.

Retroactive grant application forms are available at the Property Tax Department. Evidence of proof of residency is required. Retroactive applications are applicable for the preceding year only.

For more information and links to the program on the Province of BC's website, visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/taxes

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2018 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE TUESDAY, JULY 3

Learn how your taxes are distributed, ways to pay, view videos and more, by visiting www.nanaimo.ca/goto/taxes



Some ways to pay your taxes: online, at your local financial institution or at the Service and Resource Centre (pictured above) located at 411 Dunsmuir Street.

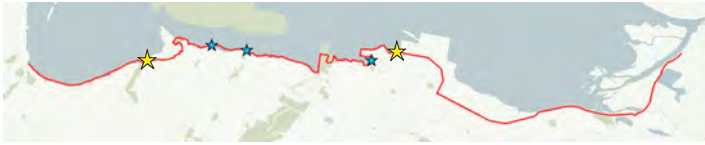
DID YOU KNOW?

- **My City** is the one-stop shop for all your City of Nanaimo accounts. 24/7 self-serve access allows you to obtain information on your current and past bills and tax notices, view account payment history, track your water consumption and sign up for electronic billing. Register today at mycity.nanaimo.ca.
- If you are over the age of 55, widowed, a person with disabilities or in a family with children, you may qualify for property tax payment deferment. Please note: deferment is only available on your primary residence; cottages and rental properties do not qualify.

For more information on the **Tax Deferment Program**, visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/taxes

Waterfront Walkway Expansion Begins This Year

The goal of creating a continuous Waterfront Walkway from Departure Bay to the Nanaimo River Estuary got a boost from the Federal Gas Tax Program with a grant of \$3.8 million which will help see two new sections (yellow stars on map below) built over this year and next.



In Nanaimo's downtown, the walkway will be extended south from the Gabriola ferry terminal to the Nanaimo Port Authority Assembly Wharf property (left rendering below). This is an important first step in the reinvestment in the south downtown waterfront and will reconnect the public with an area of the waterfront that has been inaccessible for decades.



In Departure Bay, the walkway will be expanded from the Departure Bay ferry terminal north to White Eagle Terrace in the Cilare neighbourhood (right rendering above). This elevated walkway, built on piles, will provide connections to Beach Estates Park and the existing foreshore. The walkway will include seating and viewing areas as well as a separated cycling lane.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT?

Find out at: www.nanaimo.ca/goto/emergencykit

2018 Municipal Elections

Saturday, October 20 marks Voting Day to elect a new Council and School District 68 Board of Trustees in the City of Nanaimo. Ahead of Voting Day, two advance polls will be held in the Bowen Park Auditorium (500 Bowen Road) on **Wednesday, October 10** and **Wednesday, October 17**. The polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm each day.

Interested in running for a seat on Council?

The nomination period for those interested in running for Council is from 9 am on Tuesday, September 4 until 4 pm on Friday, September 14. More information about candidate nominations will be available in August on the City website.

LOOKING FOR MORE ELECTION INFORMATION?

Information on the election such as voter eligibility and registration, how to apply to work for the election, voting results and more, can be found at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/elections

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

The City, along with the Community Engagement Task Force, is developing a program to encourage and promote public engagement and conversation. Join the Task Force on **July 28 in Oliver Woods Community Centre** where they will continue to test new ways to engage with you. For more information and a list of public engagements, visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/engagement

Look for new Public Art Around Nanaimo



This year, eleven artists were chosen for Nanaimo's Temporary Public Art Program. Quebec artist, Marc Walter constructed the five-metre tall sculpture pictured above. "The Jester" was crafted from local recycled branches this past April in Maffeo Sutton Park. The remaining ten temporary public art installations were put up around Nanaimo during this year's Public Art Week from May 14-18.

To search for public art and see what other works were chosen for this year's program, visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/publicart

On Voting Day (October 20), voters can cast their ballots at one of 12 locations listed below. Each location will be open from 8 am to 8 pm with the exception of Protection Island Fire Hall open from 10 am to 6 pm.

- Bowen Park (500 Bowen Road)
- Chase River Elementary School (1503 Cranberry Road)
- City of Nanaimo Service and Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street)
- Coal Tyee Elementary School (2280 Sun Valley Drive)
- Departure Bay Activity Centre (1415 Wingrove Street)
- Georgia Avenue Elementary School (625 Georgia Avenue)
- McGirr Elementary School (6199 McGirr Road)
- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre (741 Third Street)
- Nanaimo Alliance Church (1609 Meredith Road)
- Protection Island Fire Hall (26 Pirates Lane, Open 10 am – 6 pm)
- Randerson Ridge Elementary School (6021 Nelson Road)
- Wellington Hall (3922 Corunna Avenue)

Summer in Nanaimo's Parks

Nanaimo Parks and Recreation has your summer covered with camps, programs and events! Find more information in the [Spring and Summer Activity Guide](#) or at www.nanaimo.ca.

We offer a variety of **day camps** for kids of all ages and interests. Amazing adventures and enthusiastic leaders are part of our summer camp agenda!

Our **Playground Program** is back! Kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to play games, make crafts and enjoy other activities with experienced and energetic leaders.

Families are invited to **Family Fun Nights**. These free evening events include entertainment, games and more. Look for them on June 28 in Departure Bay, July 26 in Mansfield and August 30 in Harewood Park from 4-7 pm.

The entire summer is packed with events in Nanaimo's parks! **Canada Day Celebrations** take place in Maffeo Sutton Park 11 am-3:30 pm. Join in games, crafts and interactive booths and enjoy top-notch entertainment, including the popular band, Wonderbread. A variety of events will also take place in our pools and arenas all season long.

Concerts in the Park returns for another year! Hear local talent while enjoying two of Nanaimo's most beautiful parks. Evening concerts are held Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm in Bowen Park in July and in Maffeo Sutton Park in August. Lunchtime concerts are held Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 pm, in Maffeo Sutton Park in July and in Bowen Park in August.

Cool off by splashing in one of four **water parks**. Located in Departure Bay, Deverill Square, Harewood Centennial and Mansfield Park and open from June to September, 9 am-8 pm. Bring a picnic and make a day of it! Prefer a swim? Lifeguards are on duty 12-6 pm daily at **Westwood Lake** June 24-September 3.

Want to book a field or picnic shelter in one of Nanaimo's parks?

No problem! Along with existing amenities, a new picnic shelter was recently built in Colliery Dam Park, Harewood Centennial Park is the location of a new multi-use covered space and, as part of a partnership with School District 68, Nanaimo's newest artificial turf field is open at NDSS. Give us a call to book a space at 250-756-5200.

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

In effect May until October, even-numbered addresses can water lawns on even-numbered days, odd-numbered houses on odd-numbered days for two hours at a time between the hours of 7-10 am or 7-10 pm. Vegetable and fruit gardens are not included in watering restrictions. Find more information at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/watering



New Registration System for Parks and Recreation

Starting August 22, registering for a recreation program will have a new look! We are in the process of switching the software over to one that will better serve you. Look for more information on how this change will affect you at www.nanaimo.ca. Please be sure Nanaimo Parks and Recreation has your current contact information. Give us a call at 250-756-5200 if you are unsure your contact information is up to date.

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Plan ahead. Construction projects on some of Nanaimo's busier roads may affect your travel plans this summer.



- 1 TERMINAL AVENUE** - Crews will be paving on Terminal Avenue between Stewart Avenue and Estevan Road as well as completing street upgrades on Cypress Street and Estevan Road. Work is anticipated to be complete on Terminal Avenue by July with the overall project finished by September.
- 2 NORTHFIELD/BOUNDARY/HWY 19A** - Safety improvements will be completed at these intersections this year. Construction should be complete by the end of the year.
- 3 TERMINAL AVENUE** - Crews will be upgrading the watermain on Terminal Avenue between Comox and Commercial Avenue. Work is expected to be completed by October.
- 4 JINGLE POT ROAD** - In August and September, culverts crossing Jingle Pot Road between Holland Road and Mill Road will be replaced.

To see an up-to-date list of City construction projects check out www.nanaimo.ca/construction

TRASH TALK

Automated Collection Coming to the Rest of Nanaimo



SORT TOSS ROLL

The Sort Toss Roll program, introduced to central Nanaimo last fall, is coming to the rest of Nanaimo this July and August!

New collection trucks will use automated arms to grasp, lift and empty specially designed carts.

The program was designed with workers and residents in mind. The new carts are easy to roll and offer a tidy solution to your waste sorting needs. All homes will receive three wheeled carts; a black garbage cart, a blue recycling cart and a green organics cart.

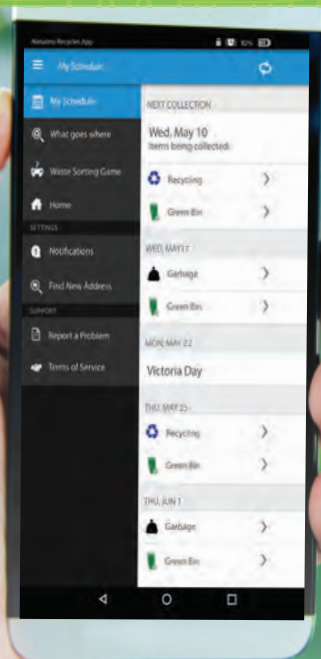
For information on service costs, cart sizes and more, check out www.nanaimo.ca/goto/SortTossRoll or call 250-758-5222.



DID YOU KNOW?

With the new automated collection service, you can include yard waste (grass and plant clippings, no branches) along with your kitchen waste in the green bin! Please wait until you receive your new bins before putting yard waste out at the curb. #SortTossRoll

Pick-Up Reminders & More! (Never forget your garbage and recycling day again!)



Download our free app:

Nanaimo Recycles

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Use our "What Goes Where" search tool to learn how to recycle more!

Don't have a smart phone?
Sign up to receive telephone reminders at www.nanaimo.ca or by calling 250-758-5222.

