

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Applications open for Design Advisory Panel membership

### Summary

The City of Nanaimo is recruiting for one volunteer at-large position on the Design Advisory Panel. The panel considers development permits in relation to guidelines, principles and conformance with the Official Community Plan and reports their findings and opinions to Council. It also provides independent, objective recommendations to the applicant, City staff and Council aimed at improving matters of design that affect the public realm.

Successful applicants for the Design Advisory Panel will be familiar with urban design guidelines, design principles and have the skills necessary to assist staff in establishing guidelines to ensure that the form and character of future developments is of high quality and meets the needs of the community.

Applications can be filled out [on the Design Advisory page on the City website](#) or picked up from Legislative Services in City Hall (455 Wallace Street) and will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2024. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the Design Advisory Panel meeting schedule, mandate and terms of reference on the City website prior to applying.

*Strategic Link:* Select Committees enable Council to receive advice, ideas and feedback from persons other than Council members and staff to ensure that good governance and corporate excellence continue to be foundational to our work, allowing the City to provide excellent service delivery and innovative, expeditious information-based decision making.

### Key Points

- The Design Advisory Panel considers development permits in relation to guidelines, principles and conformance with the City Plan and reports their findings and opinions to Council.
- The City of Nanaimo is accepting applications for one volunteer Design Advisory Panel at-large member for a three-year term ending August 2027 or as determined by Council.
- The Design Advisory Panel meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.
- Interested residents must submit a completed application to Legislative Services by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 5.

### Quotes

"The work of the Design Advisory Panel can have a significant impact on our community. I encourage residents with a background in architecture, urban and/or landscape design and development to apply to this important committee."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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