

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Free parking coming to downtown Nanaimo beginning October 1

*Temporary free parking initiative designed to encourage downtown business during street construction*

#### Summary

Beginning October 1, 2024, temporary free on-street parking will be available for visitors of downtown Nanaimo. This Nanaimo City Council and Downtown Nanaimo Business Association (DNBA) initiative is meant to encourage both new and returning shoppers to visit downtown and support Nanaimo's downtown businesses as upgrades and construction of the first phase of the Design Commercial Project continues.

Free two-hour parking applies to surface streets and does not include surrounding parkades or parking lots. Parking signage will be updated; please continue to follow the posted parking restrictions.

Free street parking will include parking on Commercial Street (south of Wharf St.), Front Street, Chapel Street, Church Street, Bastion Street, Anchor Way and Cameron Road.

To learn more about the first phase of the Design Commercial Project, visit the [Commercial Street Improvements: Wharf to Church Street](#) project page.

*Strategic Link:* Maintaining and growing current services while being responsive to the community's growing needs.

#### Key Points

- Temporary free parking is coming to downtown Nanaimo October 1, 2024.
- This initiative will be in place throughout phase one of the Design Commercial Project upgrades.
- Specific streets in downtown Nanaimo include Commercial Street, Front Street, Chapel Street, Church Street, Bastion Street, Anchor Way and Cameron Road.

#### Quotes

"City Council heard from our partners, the public and downtown business owners and we responded. We encourage all residents and visitors to our beautiful city to continue supporting downtown businesses while we work towards a more accessible, vibrant, dynamic and thriving Commercial Street."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- Commercial Street Improvements - Wharf to Church Street is the first phase of construction of the Design Commercial project. The project is intended to refresh and revitalize the area.

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