



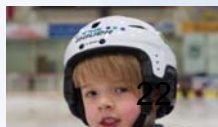
PRC UPDATE

2021-June-28



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6 Plans



• OCP Update



• Parks, Recreation & Culture Plan Update



• Active Transportation Plan



• Climate Action Plan



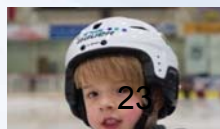
• Economic Development Plan



• Water Supply Strategic Plan



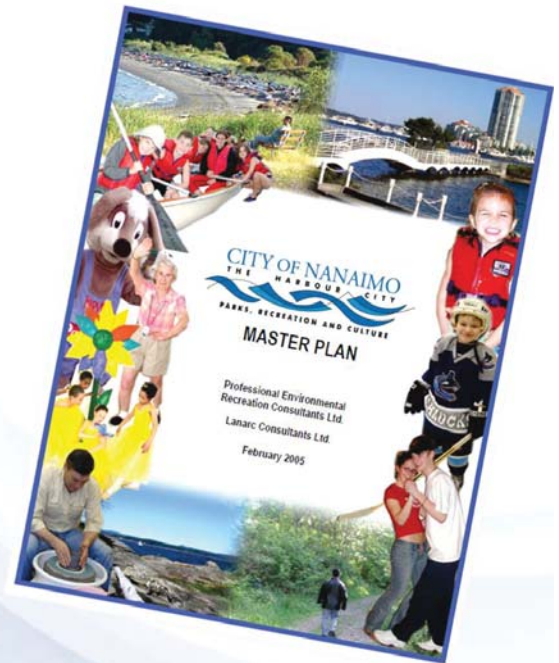
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PRC Master Plan

- A typical PRC Master plan is a guiding document for community needs, service delivery, land acquisition and funding strategies and decisions



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan





Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Land Acquisition

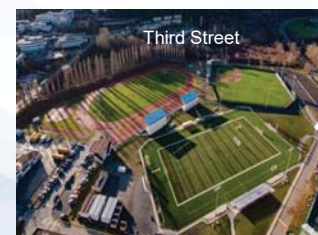
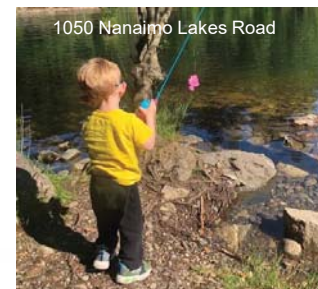
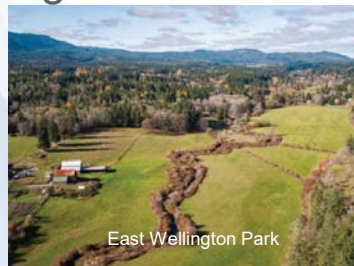
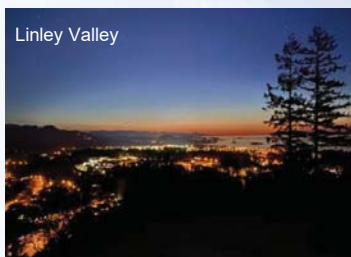
		1993	2005	Now
Population		60,000	70,000	98,957 (approx.)
km Trail		51	118	180
Park Area			589 ha	1008 ha

Linley Valley



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Land Acquisition Highlights





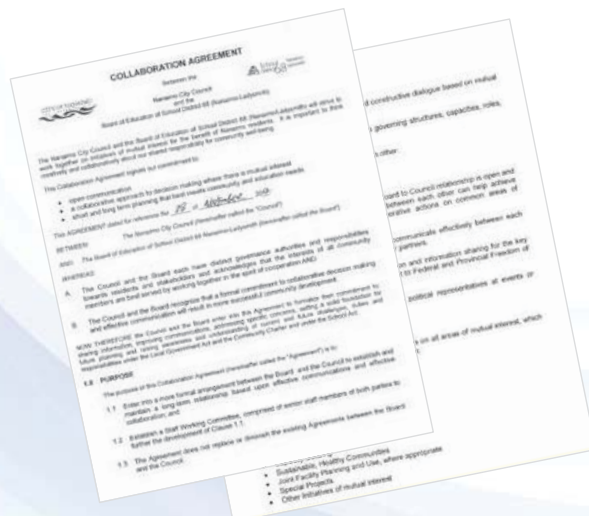
Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Developed playing fields and twin arenas in the Third Street sports zone & integrated with improvements to adjacent School District lands.



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Developed partnership agreements with School District #68





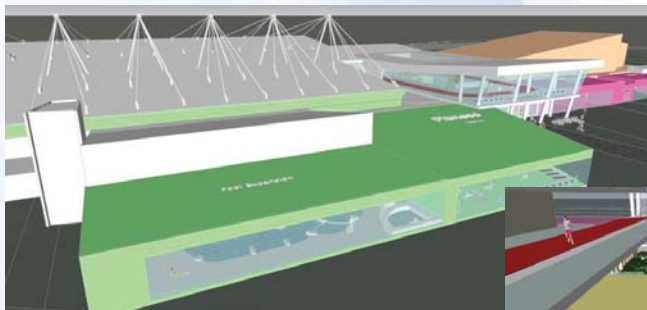
Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC MP

Developed partnership agreements with VIU



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Ongoing improvements at the Beban Park Recreation Centre and the Beban Centennial Building





Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC MP

Energy Efficiencies



Reduce GHGs
by 85%



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Supported special events to
improve community identity





Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Supported and increased public art



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Increased cultural facilities, rehearsal spaces and art displays





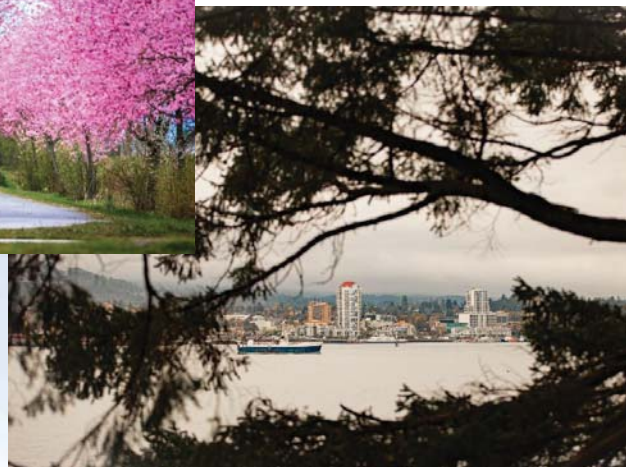
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Increased dog-off leash park locations



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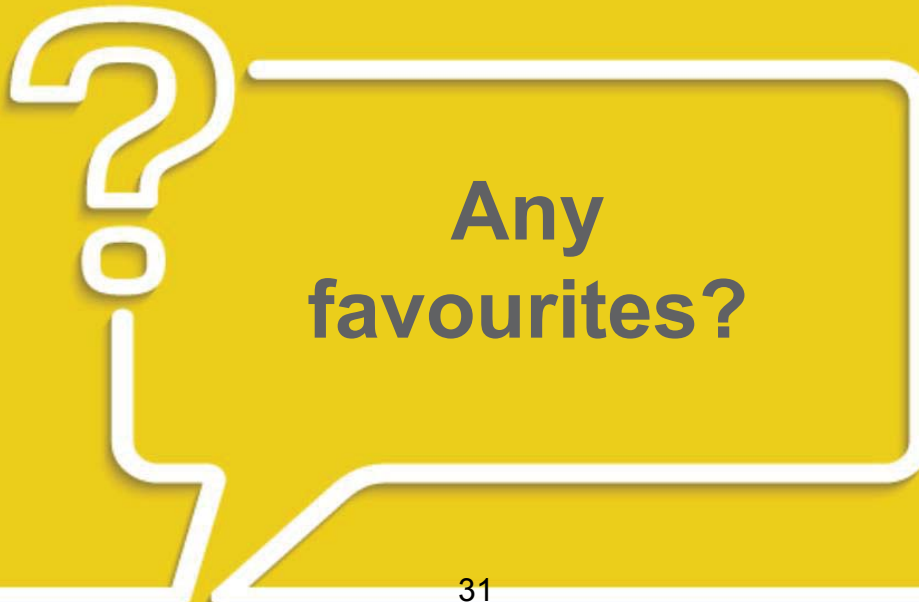
Completed an Urban Forestry Plan





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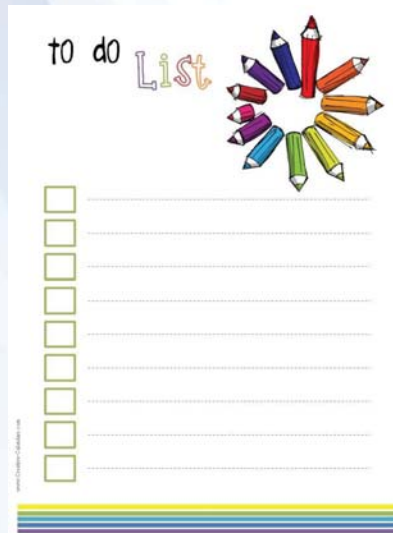
Built Oliver Woods Community Centre



Any
favourites?



Still In Play:



Still In Play:

South end Community/Wellness Centre





Still In Play:

- Integrated community use of the Old Harewood Sports Field area



Still In Play:

Paddling and Rowing Centre





Still In Play:

Working with partners to develop sports tourism strategy



Brain Gym



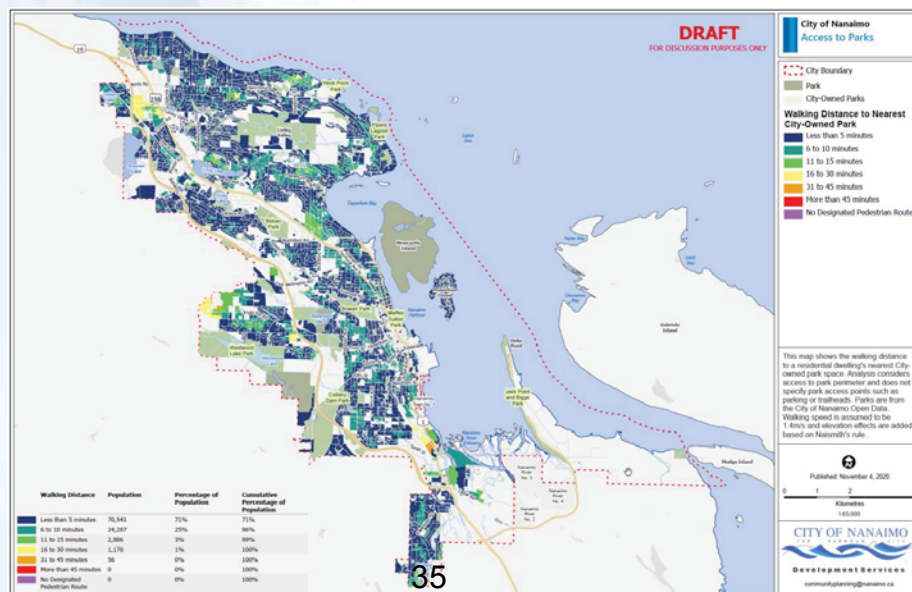


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Phase 1—What did we learn through maps?





Phase 1: What did we hear?



Phase 1: What did we hear?



TOP THINGS PEOPLE LOVE MOST ABOUT NANAIMO

- 1 Access to nature, parks, and open spaces
- 2 Beautiful waterfront
- 3 Role as Vancouver Island's central "hub" that is well-connected to other communities
- 4 A clean, green, and sustainable city
- 5 Accessible and diverse recreational services

HOW DO WE VIEW OUR EXISTING FACILITIES?



TOP 3 FACILITIES PEOPLE ARE MORE SATISFIED WITH

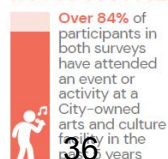
- PUBLIC RECREATION AND CULTURAL**
- 1 Aquatic Centres
 - 2 Cinemas
 - 3 Fitness Centres and Gyms
- PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**
- 1 Walking / Hiking / Running Trails
 - 2 Neighbourhood & Waterfront Parks
 - 3 Playgrounds



TOP 3 FACILITIES PEOPLE ARE LESS SATISFIED WITH

- PUBLIC RECREATION AND CULTURAL**
- 1 Outdoor Performance Venues
 - 2 Arts & Cultural Workshop Spaces
 - 3 Large & Small Performance Spaces
- PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**
- 1 Community & Edible Gardens
 - 2 Urban Plazas
 - 3 Waterfront Parks

ARE WE PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES?



WHAT ARE OUR FUTURE PRIORITIES?

- Providing diverse cultural opportunities
- Protecting our natural areas
- Ensuring good access to arts and cultural experiences
- Providing public access to waterfront areas



Phase 1: What did we hear?

KEY OBSERVATIONS:

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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- 1 Community & Edible Gardens
- 2 Urban Plazas
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Participants in both surveys indicated higher levels of satisfaction with the number of:

- 1 Trails – for Walking / Hiking / Running
- 2 Neighbourhood Parks
- 3 Playgrounds
- 4 Natural / Passive Parks
- 5 Waterfront Parks

Participants in both surveys indicated higher levels of dissatisfaction with the number of:

- 1 Community Gardens & Edible Gardens
- 2 Environmentally Sensitive & Protected Areas
- 3 Waterfront Parks
- 4 Urban Plazas
- 5 Off-Leash Areas

Over 70% of participants in both surveys are satisfied with the number of parks and open space facilities in the City overall.

While about 60% of participants in both surveys are satisfied with the number of parks and open spaces in their neighbourhood, about 15%-20% are dissatisfied.

KEY OBSERVATIONS:

Most (50%-) participants agree that currently in Nanaimo:

- 1 Arts and culture are an important part of tourism and economic development.
- 2 Our public spaces are enriched by art.
- 3 There are programs for residents to learn, practice, and explore their creative capacity.

While many agree, a larger proportion of participants than for other statements (+25%) disagree with the following statements (suggesting potential areas for focus). Currently in Nanaimo:

- 1 The diverse history of our City and its people are celebrated.
- 2 Truismuseum and Smeo-Neo-Ae historical, culture, and language are celebrated.
- 3 Arts and culture are visible and accessible in people's daily experiences.

Nearly all of participants (94%) in both surveys have attended a performance, event, exhibition, class, or other activity at City-owned culture facilities in the past 5 years.

Participants ranked priorities for the future of culture in Nanaimo relatively equally – suggesting there is a common level of importance for all of the statements.

KEY OBSERVATIONS:

Top types of programs of interest in both surveys:

- 1 Drop-in
- 2 Indoor Interest Classes (e.g., arts, crafts, music, cooking, language)
- 3 Indoor Fitness (e.g., yoga, gym, dance)
- 4 Aquatics / Swimming
- 5 Registered Programs

“Other” programming ideas:

- Arts exhibitions / workshops performances / pop-ups
- Support for people to self-organize small meet-ups
- Nature courses
- Classes delivered online
- Practical training (e.g., haircutting, computer basics)
- Online network (e.g., social media, websites, podcasting)
- Indoor tennis
- Outdoor adventures (e.g., hikes, walks, mountain biking, equestrian)
- Area history and culture
- Safe drop-in spaces
- Ocean / lake water-based activities (e.g., kayaking, diving, fishing)
- Dancing (classes, drop-in)

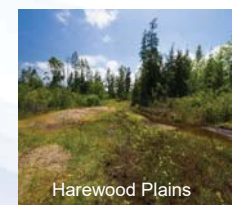
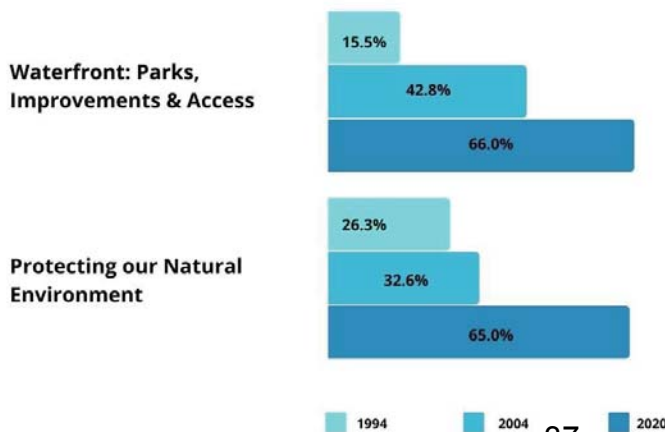
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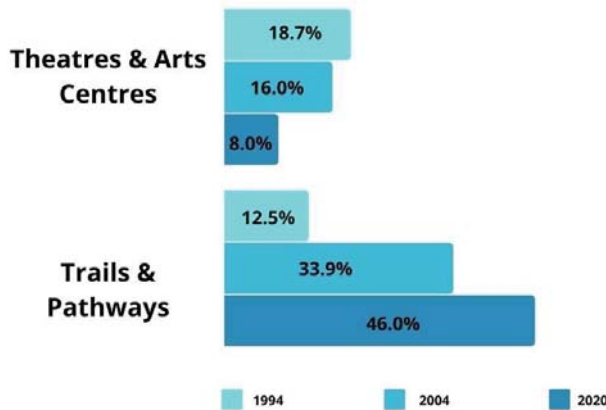
What are priorities for Parks, Recreation & Culture?





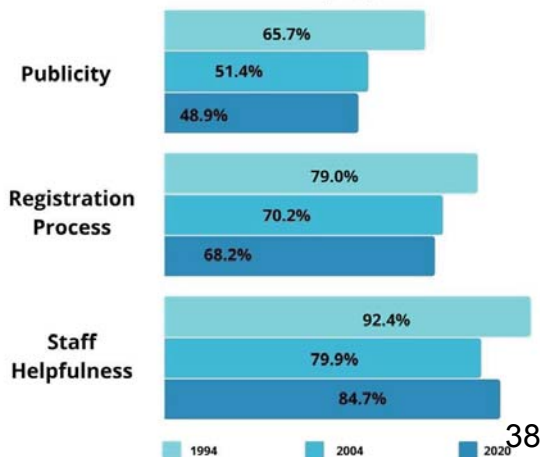
Phase 1: What did we hear?

How "very satisfied" are you with the number of...



Phase 1: What did we hear?

How satisfied to very satisfied are people with the City of Nanaimo's recreation programs or services?





Phase 1: How did we listen?



- 71 stakeholder and partner interviews plus additional reach-out
- Statistically significant survey
- Convenience sample survey focused on PRC (respondents)



Phase 1: How did we listen?



- Pop up events (with 29 PRC staff participating)
- Sidewalk chalk engagement





What do we know? BMPs

The Framework describes five goals and priorities for action under each goal. The goals are:



Goal 1: Active Living
Foster active living through physical recreation.



Goal 2: Inclusion and Access
Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation.



Goal 3: Connecting People and Nature
Help people connect to nature through recreation.



Goal 4: Supportive Environments
Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities.



Goal 5: Recreation Capacity
Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.



A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015
Pathways to Wellbeing

A Joint Initiative of the Interprovincial Sport and Recreation Council and the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association



What do we know? Pandemic Impacts

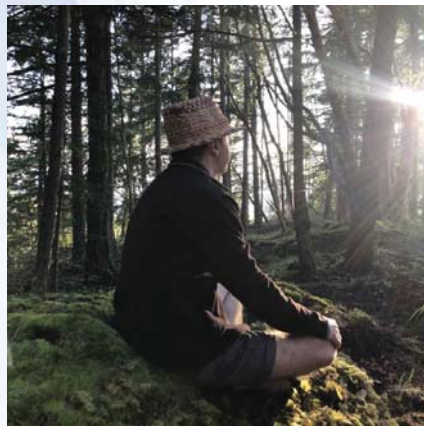




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What do we know? Trends

THEN

- Acquiring ESAs
- Building trails & greenways
- Mapping
- Developing partnerships
- Developing facilities (multi-use)
- Formal landscape displays



Covered Spaces

NOW

- Developing facilities (multi-use and specialized, multi-agency services, multi-faceted, with opportunities for connection of all ages at once)
- Community outreach/programming where people are
- Local food production and markets
- Providing access to water
- Importance of PRC for well-being and prevention
- Partnerships
- Covered outdoor facilities
- Drop in, flexible and relevant
- E bikes/technology advancement
- Natural area management & building park amenities
- Advancing reconciliation, inclusivity and diversity
- Increased use of our parks and open spaces
- Importance of events in public spaces
- Importance of seeing culture everyday



M.S. Inclusive Playground



Inclusive Programs



Beaufort Food Forest



Any Surprises?

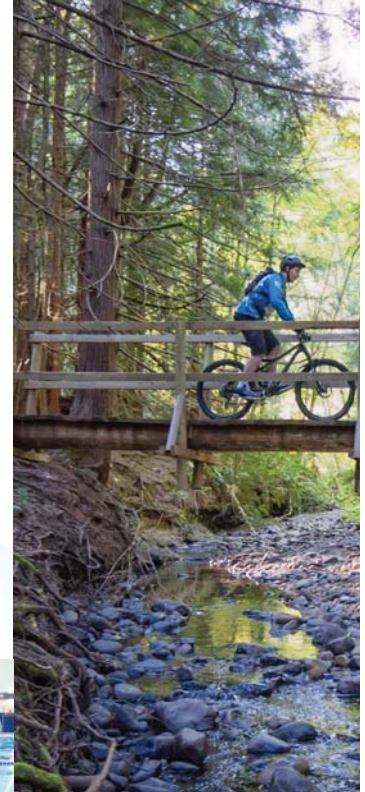






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Integration of PRC policies into City Plan and OCP Goals





How PRC fits in to the integrated City Plan



Questions?





A GREEN NANAIMO: Resilient & Regenerative Ecosystems



Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Continued strategic parks dedication and land acquisition
- Ecosystem management & restoration
- Green corporate facilities and energy efficiencies
- Integrated rainwater management and water conservation
- Urban forest protection & renewal
- Continued water conservation efforts





A HEALTHY NANAIMO: Community Wellbeing & Livability



Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Continue to work cooperatively to:
 - Achieve joint use, management, planning and development of existing schools and park facilities.
 - Identity opportunities to deliver support services in community schools
 - Support other community uses at school sites
 - Collaborate with partners like Island Health (rec. prescription)
- Active living, health and prevention
- Grade 5/6 active passes
- Swim to Survive (grades 3 and 7)
- Lifelong learning
- Partnerships with others for new facilities
- Local food production and security
- Recreation Prescription





A CONNECTED NANAIMO: Equitable Access & Mobility



Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Integrate active transportation planning, trails and mobility
- Provide safe routes to and from schools
- 400m distribution to resources
- Distribution of PRC—urban recreation in city centres/hubs
- PRC in housing complexes, schools, partner locations
- PRC where density is
- Continued trail expansion
- Affordable and services (LEAP program)
- Facility upgrades for inclusion





AN EMPOWERED NANAIMO: Diversity, Culture & Social Integrity



Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Encourage events in parks and public spaces (over 200)
- Outdoor gathering spaces
- Increasing public art inventory
- ACAI committee
- Youth and seniors programs and engagement
- Geographic distribution through the community





AN ENABLED NANAIMO: Economic Prosperity



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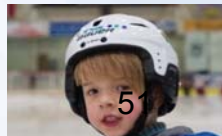
- Promote local attractions for community and sports tourism and tournaments
- Encourage creative economy
- Build on sense of place and cultural tourism
- Support community events
- Maintain and enhance Quality of Life to attract business





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Our City, Our Choices.

Phase 2: Launch



Phase 2 Engagement

Draft Framework, Goals and Indicators: June 28-September 20

Growth Scenarios: July 12-September 20

WE ARE HERE





DRAFT REIMAGINE NANAIMO – 2021-22 MILESTONE CALENDAR

		PHASE 2 MILESTONES								
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept
★Council Updates ★Council Decisions	INTEGRATED PLANNING	OCPP Official Community Plan Phase 1 Public Engagement Summary Finalized Base Maps Finalized	★ Feb 8 GPC ✓ Phase 1 Engagement Summary Presented ★Feb 22 GPC ✓ Staff discuss milestones and potential project outcomes Ongoing staff review of indicators for Doughnut Economics City Portrait	★ Mar 8 GPC ✓ Preliminary City Portrait & Indicators ★ Mar 10 ✓ Targets & Indicators Workshop/charrette ★ Mar 22 GPC Council to update on Targets & Indicators to Evaluate Scenarios Refine Indicators Model options Staff workshop on exploring options/scenarios	Further model options/scenarios Prepare Phase 2 engagement materials Committees Feedback ★April 29 Council workshop/Charrette on exploring options/scenarios to use for Phase 2 engagement	★ May 10 GPC Final City Portrait Approval ★May 31 Council workshop/Charrette on exploring options/scenarios to use for Phase 2 engagement	★ Jun 14 GPC ★ Jun 28 GPC Updates on PRC/Reimagine Phase 2 engagement launched Virtual workshops / online activities Drafting Plans	★ July 12 GPC ★ July 26 GPC Phase 2 engagement Draft Plans: internal staff review Committees Feedback Drafting Plans Ongoing Events & Promotions	No GPC Mtgs Phase 2 engagement activities Update Climate modelling Drafting Plans	★Sept 27 GPC Phase 2 engagement activities Draft Plans refined & reviewed with internal team and Committees Committees Feedback Drafting Plans Refining Plans Phase 2 Engagement closes
		WSS Water Supply Strategy EDS Economic Development Strategy	Jan 19 - EDS Task Force recommend Council endorse ★ Feb 1 Council COMPLETE ✓ EDS Endorsed	Prepare communication and engagement materials ★ Feb 1 Council COMPLETE ✓ EDS Endorsed	Establish Advisory Group List Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDS priorities inform development of plan scenarios In house team starts EDS implementation Creation of External Economic Development Corporation 	Advisory Mtg.#1 Introduce WSS & discuss priorities	Advisory Mtg.#2 Upgrades Roadmap Virtual Stakeholder meetings	Advisory Mtg.#3 Virtual Stakeholder meetings Drafting WSS	Summary and analysis of WWS engagement Drafting & Refining WSS	★Sept 27 GPC Council review as part of key strategic plans Refining WSS
EDS and WWS, along with other documents like the Trail Implementation Plan, Culture Plan for a Creative Nanaimo, Various Park Master Plans, Food Security Plan, Health and Housing Action Plan, Age Friendly Plan etc. will inform scenario development/ options for drafting land use and policy directions in integrated plans										



Phase 2: Launch





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Phase 2 Engagement: What are we looking forward to?

- Our City, Our Choices
- Scenarios Exploration Workshops





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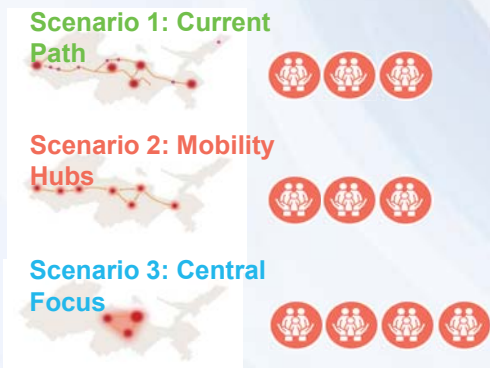


Phase 2: Scenario Integration/ Finding the Right Balance

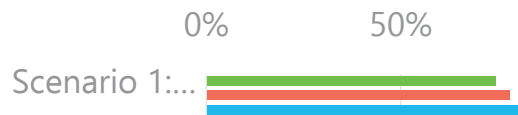




Phase 2: Connected Goal-Integration into Growth Scenarios (homes within 400m of park)



Dwellings within 400 m of Parks



All scenarios yield nearly ¼ of dwellings within 400 m of an existing park



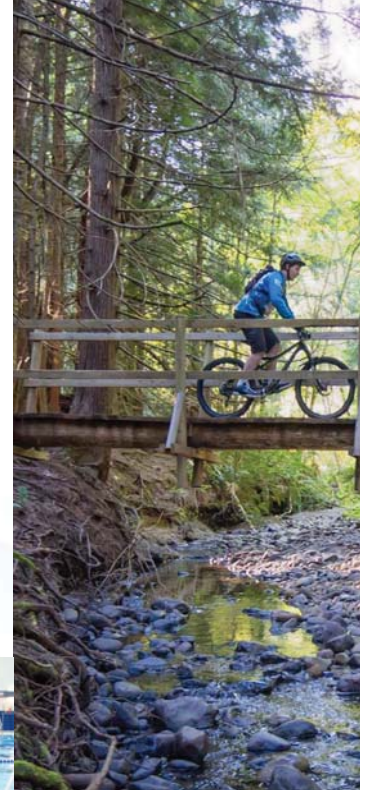
Curious about other items?



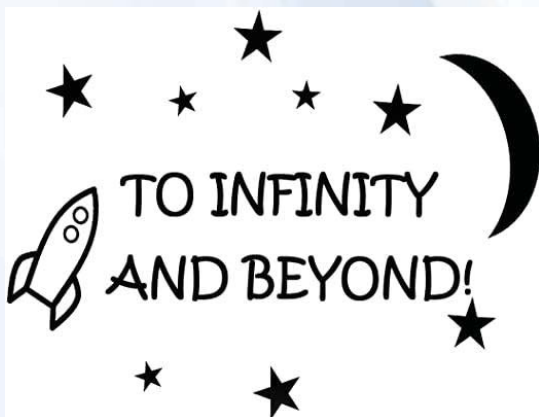


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Phase 3: Taking Flight with Deliverables





Integrated Plan



Emerging Strategies and Action Plans

RECREATION & CULTURE	PROTECTED ECOSYSTEMS	WATERFRONT ACCESS
<p>Draft Goal An empowered, thriving community with diverse, inclusive, and social integrity.</p> <p>WHAT YOU SHARED IN PHASE 1 Being able to access recreation and cultural opportunities that are meaningful and essential for a high quality of life.</p> <p>RECREATION & CULTURE How can we create recreational and cultural opportunities for a diverse community?</p> <p>DRAFT TARGETS Access to and inclusivity of recreational opportunities Investment in arts, culture, and heritage Participation in PRC programs and services</p> <p>MEASURING SUCCESS 100% of people participating in PRC programs 5% increase in arts, culture, and heritage 3% of people participating in PRC programs</p> <p>WHAT'S THE CITY'S ROLE?</p> <p>WHAT WE DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with community groups, developers, and non-profits to plan and fund facilities Deliver recreation and cultural programs and events for all Publish information and facilitate registration Provide assistance that helps all residents access facilities, programs, and services <p>WHAT OTHERS DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide land development and construction for parks, recreation, and culture facilities to accommodate growth (developers) Fund-raising and specific program delivery (non-profits, partners) Operation of key cultural facilities (non-profits) <p>WHAT ARE WE DOING ALREADY?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for future facility expansion, particularly to improve service for the south end of Nanaimo Continuing to follow the Culture Plan for a Creative Nanaimo which guides cultural investment and collaboration in the city Increasing equitable access to recreation through programs like the EOP program that provides access to recreation facilities for families in financial need Providing opportunities to build youth investment, leadership, and engagement through the Leaders in Training and Quest programs Creating programs in partnership with the School District and others such as the Bears in a Backpack program that reaches all children at the Grade 3 level minimum survival swimming skills 	<p>Draft Goal A Green Nanaimo: Resilient & Regenerative Ecosystems</p> <p>WHAT YOU SHARED IN PHASE 1 Access to nature, parks, and open space is one of the best things about Nanaimo.</p> <p>PROTECTED & CELEBRATED ECOSYSTEMS How do we manage our natural landscapes to support their long-term resiliency and natural benefits while allowing us to connect with nature?</p> <p>DRAFT TARGETS 100% of protected environmentally sensitive areas 50% proportion of monitored streams and water bodies meeting / exceeding BC Water Quality Guidelines</p> <p>MEASURING SUCCESS 100% of environmentally sensitive areas with protection 50% of monitored streams and water bodies meeting / exceeding current guidelines</p> <p>WHAT'S THE CITY'S ROLE?</p> <p>WHAT WE DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan, construct, and maintain parks and trails including nature parks Maintain street trees and planted boulevards Set and monitor requirements for developer to protect EOs and natural features and repair landscapes during new developments Fund watershed management planning and require new developments to implement watershed management policies <p>WHAT OTHERS DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install and maintain wastewater management systems (landfills and street trees) including private developments (developers) Maintain roadside areas at Provincial-administered Island Highway and Parkway Cooperate in environmental monitoring and management across boundaries (RW and the Province) Community partners help support the Partners in Parks program. <p>WHAT ARE WE DOING ALREADY?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major nature park additions in the last decade have included Lily Valley, Rocky park, Westwood Lake expansion along with Gerry oak and wildflower meadow SAs Watershed management planning is underway for Currie Creek watershed and ongoing elsewhere Constructed 60 new stormwater ponds and the new Stormwater pond process 	<p>Draft Goal An empowered, thriving community with diverse, inclusive, and social integrity.</p> <p>WHAT YOU SHARED IN PHASE 1 Places to enjoy the waterfront are a priority.</p> <p>WATERFRONT ACCESS How can we continue to protect our valued shoreline and allow opportunities to experience them?</p> <p>DRAFT TARGETS 100% of public waterfront areas 100% of accessible waterfront beaches</p> <p>MEASURING SUCCESS 100% of public waterfront areas 100% of accessible waterfront beaches</p> <p>WHAT'S THE CITY'S ROLE?</p> <p>WHAT WE DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure public waterfront parks and trails Manage and maintain City-owned waterfront Regulate waterfront development on private lands through Development Permits <p>WHAT OTHERS DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulate off-shore activity (local governments) Manage port lands including Bear Basin (Port of Nanaimo) <p>WHAT ARE WE DOING ALREADY?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lily Valley Park was established and new projects East Lake and Currie Lake, as well as Currie Creek Westwood Lake Park was expanded Planning is underway to extend the Waterfront Walkway from Downtown to Esquimalt Bay Watercourse Development Permit areas are in place to protect waterfronters and their riparian areas during development



Emerging Strategies and Action Plans

A GREEN NANAIMO: RESILIENT & REGENERATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

- ▶ Climate Change Emergency
- ▶ Protected Ecosystems
- ▶ Waste as a Resource
- ▶ Water Use and Conservation

A HEALTHY NANAIMO: COMMUNITY WELL-BEING & LIVABILITY

- ▶ Supporting Vulnerable Populations
- ▶ Affordable Housing
- ▶ Welcoming Community
- ▶ Cost Effective Infrastructure

A CONNECTED NANAIMO: EQUITABLE ACCESS & MOBILITY

- ▶ Daily Needs Closer to Home
- ▶ Active Transportation
- ▶ Mobility



AN EMPOWERED NANAIMO: DIVERSITY, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL INTEGRITY

- ▶ Recreation & Culture
- ▶ Waterfront Access



AN ENABLED NANAIMO: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Businesses & Industry



Phase 3: Deliverables and Future Management Plans and Strategies



Healthy Connected Empowered Enabled Green



Anything unclear?



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