

### **Overview of Session**

- Legislative Framework
- Environmental Management
- Storm Water Management
- Operations
- Environmental Stewardship & Community Involvement
- Climate Change
- Conclusion



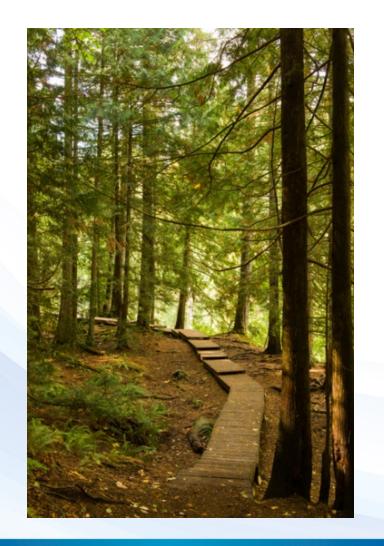
## Legislative Framework Federal & Provincial Legislation

#### **Federal Legislation**

- Fisheries Act
- Species at Risk Act

#### **Provincial Legislation**

- Wildlife Act
- Riparian Areas Regulation Act
- Water Sustainability Act
- Contaminated Site Regulation







### Legislative Framework

#### Plans / Bylaws / Policies

#### **Regional District**

Regional Growth Strategy

#### **City of Nanaimo**

- Strategic Plan
- Official Community Plan
- Water Conservation Strategy
- Water Supply Strategic Plan
- Parks Master Plan
- Transportation Master Plan
- Neighbourhood Plans



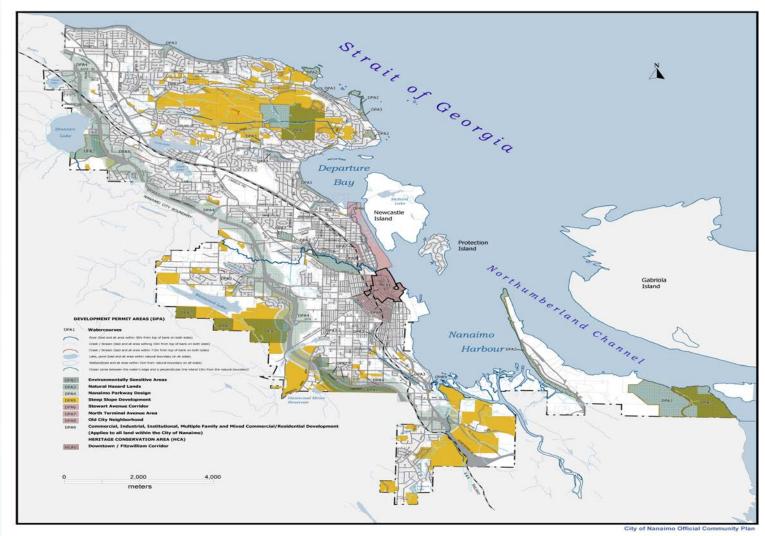
#### **Bylaws**

- Zoning Bylaw 4500
- Tree Management and Protection Bylaw No. 7126
- Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7102
- Regional Emissions Reduction
   Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 7184
- Soil Removal and Depositing Bylaw 1976 No. 1747

#### **Council Policy**

- Energy Conservation and Management Policy
- Purchasing Policy
- Green Building Strategy
- Anti-Idling Policy

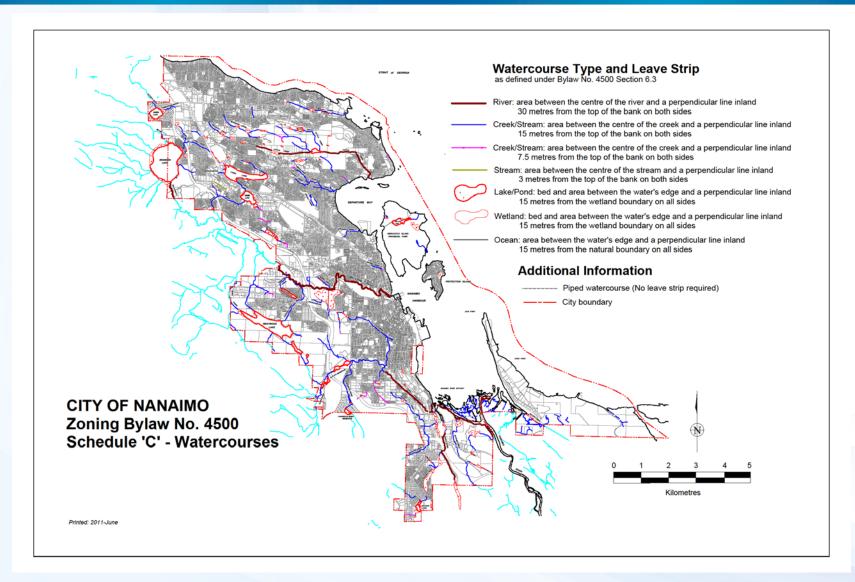




MAP 3: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT & HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREAS











## Environmental Management Watercourses

Zoning Bylaw 4500 – Watercourses – Schedule C

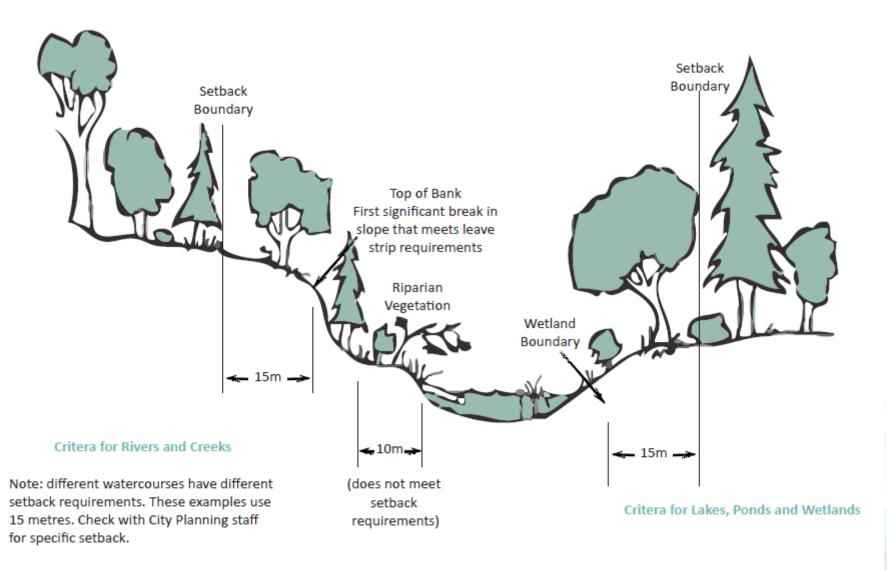
- 15m or 30m setback from top of bank of a stream
- 15m setback from wetland boundary of a lake or wetland
- Variances through DPA







#### **Environmental Management**





## Environmental Management Riparian Areas Protection Regulation (RAPR)

- Provincial regulation from the Riparian Area Protection Act
- For the protection of fish and fish habitat only
- Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area (SPEA) measured from high water mark
- SPEA is the minimum protection to avoid HADD under Fisheries Act





### Environmental Management Environmentally Sensitive DPA

- Non-fish bearing watercourses and wetlands
- Terrestrial herbaceous
- Older forest
- SARA (critical habitat protection) and Red/Yellow listed species



### Environmental Management Environmentally Sensitive DPA

#### **Process**

- Development application
- Request environmental assessment be completed by Qualified Environmental Professional (RPBio)
- Assessment review by staff
- ESA protection through DP conditions







#### Benefits of a well-functioning Urban Forest

#### Environmental

- Sequester Carbon
- Mitigate Flooding
- Improve water quality

#### Social

- Create sense of place
- Mental and Physical Health
- Food Security

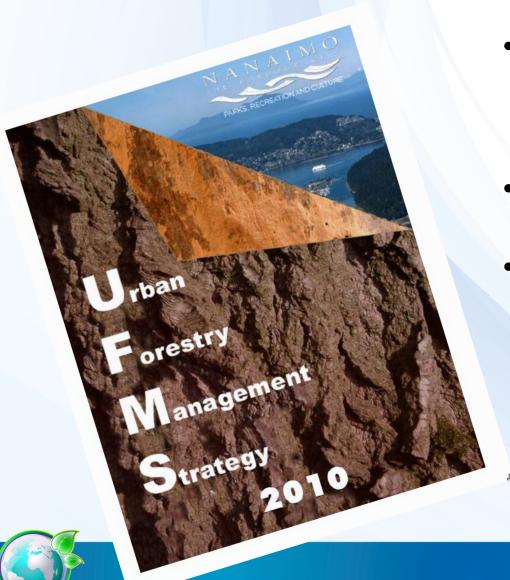
#### Economic

- Natural Asset
- Extends life of Infrastructure
- Reduce heating and cooling costs









- Developed to fulfill the need for better forest, vegetation and ecosystem management throughout the City.
- Identified the need for a new tree bylaw
- Established a goal of increasing tree canopy coverage by 4% over ten years



## Bylaw No. 7126 Management & Protection of Trees within the City of Nanaimo

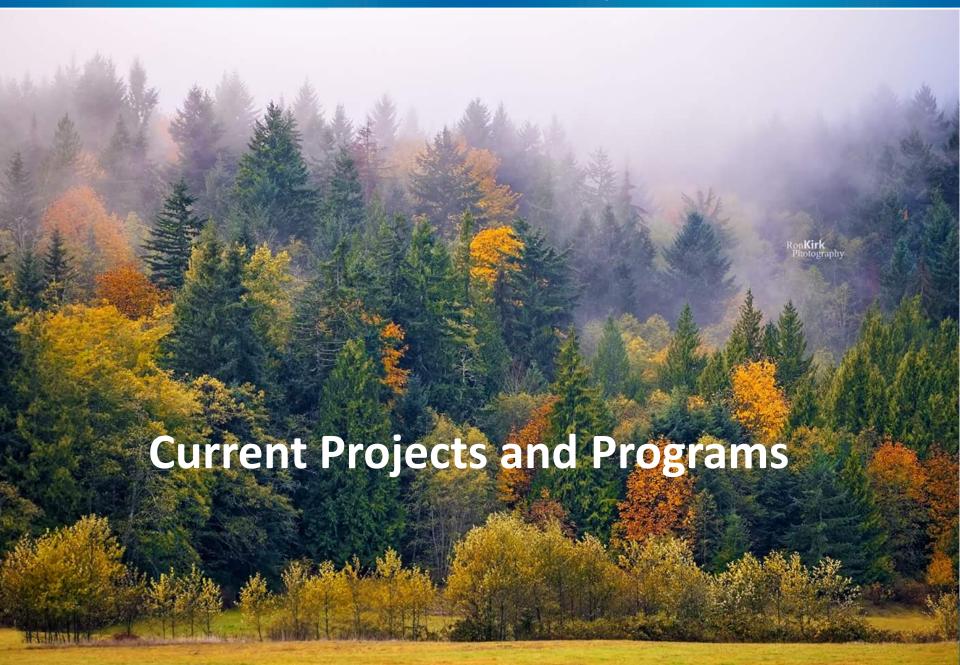


- Adopted in 2013
- A home owner is allowed to remove up to 4 non "protected" trees in a calendar year without a permit.
- If a permit is required, replacement trees must be replanted.
- If a parcel of land being developed is over
   0.5ha is size, 20% of the trees onsite must be retained.

It takes many years for a tree planted today to provide the same environmental benefits as retaining a mature tree.









1300 Vouchers sold since 2017! Funded by money collected through fines, permits and development.







#### **Beaufort Food Forest**

- Planted in December 2017.
- Collaboration between the City, Neighborhood, MYCDC, and BC Hydro Greening Grant.
- 59 fruit and nut trees and many edible shrubs.
- Watering done by City Park staff and volunteers.
- Will serve to provide, food security, forest cover, educational opportunities, sense of community, wildlife habitat, recreation.

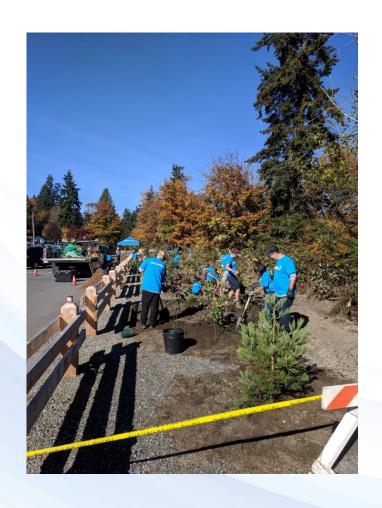






#### **Shaw Tree Planting Grant**

- Administered through Tree Canada, Shaw provided \$3000.00 for materials and 30 volunteers.
- 250 trees and shrubs planted.
- Reforested the top of the bank along the Millstone.







#### **Overview of Policies and Guidelines**

- OCP
- Stormwater Management in Nanaimo Guidelines
- Steep Slope Development Guidelines
- Stormwater Planning Guidebook
- ISMP's (Wexford & Walley)
- MoESS Section 7





## Project Highlights Longwood Station







## **Project Highlights**Hawthorne Subdivision







## Project Highlights Greenrock Industrial Subdivision







### **Adoption of MoESS Section 7**

#### November, 2016

- Capture, retain, infiltrate or reuse 6-Month, 24-hour rainfall (31mm +/-)
- Detain for areas that discharge into watercourses to minimize erosion
- Treatment to remove 90% of suspended particles
- Account for climate change





### **Ongoing Collaboration & Implementation**

- Continuing to refine development requirements
- Collaboration with Parks & Recreation and E&PW to identify opportunities
- Review and recommend bylaw amendments to Council





#### **Sanitation Services**

- Service Levels
- Regulatory Framework
- Looking Forward

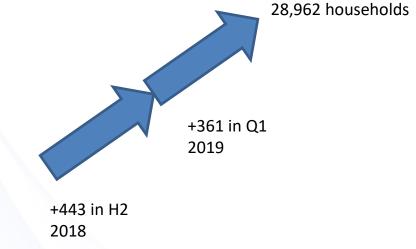




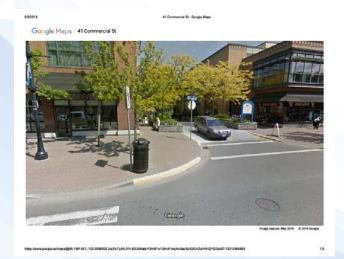


#### **Sanitation Services**









Cart location and accessibility

100+ streetside receptacles -primarily downtown





## Sanitation Services Regulatory Framework

Waste Management Act

- •Includes Recycling Regulation (EPR Programs)
- •Requires Regional Districts to develop Solid Waste Management Plans and update regularly RDN waiting approval on latest update

Local Government Act

- Confers authority on Regional Districts to establish bylaws related to services and facilities
- Does not impede Municipalities from setting higher standards

Solid Waste Management Plan

- Sets regional goals, targets, and programs
- Applies to private and public sector activities

City of Nanaimo Bylaw 7128

- Municipal Solid Waste Collection Bylaw
- Last update 2018-DEC-17
- Sets service levels, rates, and requirements related to municipal collection services

RecycleBC Collection Contract

- EPR Stewardship Agency under the Recycling Regulation
- Contract with City to collect recyclables from eligible curbside households. Expires?





#### **Sanitation Services**

#### **Looking Forward**

- New programs included in the RDN Solid Waste Management Plan
- What's in the garbage? waste composition study
- Promote use of the NanaimoRecycles
   App as a primary information source for residents
- Improve collection efficiency through routing optimization
- Continue citizen engagement education through hiring of Zero Waste Coordinator
- Monitor safety outcomes associated with automation implementation
- Plan for new resources as the City grows





## **Fleet Operations**



City of Nanaimo









### Nanaimo's Fleet

Fleet Services repairs and maintains over 400 vehicles and equipment

Compact cars to fire rescue equipment









#### Initiatives to Date

#### Alternative fuel vehicles

- 4 Hybrid
- 21 Propane / CNG pickup trucks
- 9 CNG garbage truck fleet
- 5 fully electric cars
- 5 fully electric ice resurfacing machines











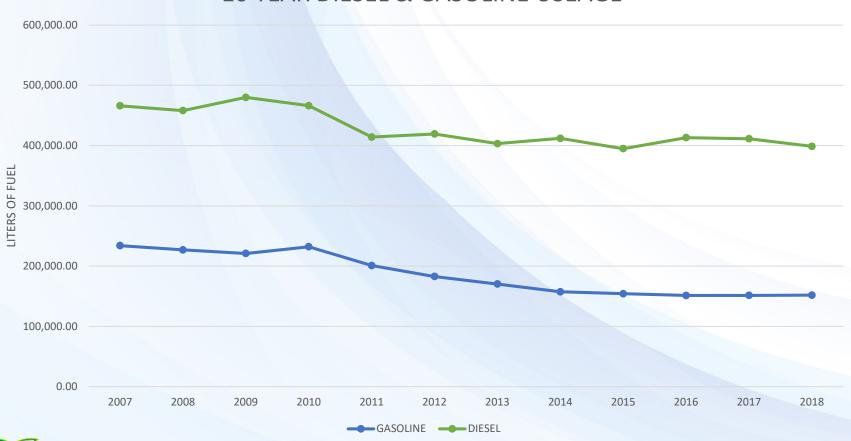
#### **Initiatives to Date**

- Installed automated fuel management system
- Implemented a preventive maintenance system
- Adopted a corporate anti-idling policy in 2007
- Implemented a pool car program in 2008
- Adopted bio-diesel 5 blend in 2009



## 17% Decrease in Diesel fuel used 2007-20184% Decrease in gasoline used 2007-2018

10 YEAR DIESEL & GASOLINE USEAGE







# GREEN FLEET ACHIEVEMENTS 22% fleet using alternative fuels 29% fleet using Bio-Diesel







#### **Current Initiatives**

- Partnering with neighbouring municipalities to share best practices
- Right-sizing vehicles at time of purchase
- Annually evaluating the preventative maintenance program
- Provide fuel consumption reports to departments
- Assessing 10 year purchase of vehicles for potential alternative fuel vehicles
- Currently developing a Corporate Green Fleet Strategy





## **Future Goals**

- Preparation of formal Fleet Strategy for Council
- Joining the E3 Fleet challenge program
- Complete a Corporate Green Fleet Strategy with data provided from E3 Fleet review





## Water Resources







#### Water Resources



- City of Nanaimo
- Snuneymuxw First Nation
- West Extension Water District

Emergency / Temporary Supply:

- District of Lantzville
- North Cedar Improvement District
- Nanaimo Forest Products (Harmac)



# **Energy Recovery Facility**







## **Energy Recovery Facility**

 In 2018 the Reservoir No. 1 Energy Recovery Facility generated an average of \$7,600 / month income for the City from electricity production care of BC Hydro, enough power for 60-70 residential homes or \$91,450 for the year.









#### Fisheries Release

# South Fork Dam – Fisheries Release:

- Min. Requirement below South Fork Dam:
   0.28 m³/s (10 Olympic sized pools / day)
- Additional Requirement Downstream of the Nanaimo River Bridge (Above Nanaimo Forest Product's Water Intake), Min. Flow: 3.9 m³/s (138CFS)

Shared Allocations between:



Nanaimo Forest Products 75 %
City of Nanaimo 25%





#### Water Conservation

#### How do we manage and encourage efficient water use?

- Universal Water Metering (since 1983)
- Tired Billing Rate (more water use = more you pay)
- Full-cost pricing (since 1992)
- Water Audits
- Regulation of permitted uses and summer watering restrictions
- Annual user rate increases to ensure funding sustainable for major capital and ongoing operations (2007)
- Low-Flow Toilet Rebate Program / BC Hydro Rebates (since 2009)
- Computerized water system monitoring and operation (SCADA)
- 2008 Water Conservation Strategy (updated 2014)
- Instrumentation: Rainfall / Snow / River Flows
- RDN & Team WaterSmart partnership





Managing your water

#### **Water Conservation**

#### **Public Education**

- Partnering with the Regional District of Nanaimo Team WaterSmart program includes a Water-Wise Education component.
- School presentation tours in conjunction with Forestry companies







#### **Residential Use - Water Demands**

**National Average** 

British Columbia Average

City of Nanaimo Average (2007 - 2012)

City of Nanaimo Average (last 5 years)

Total Residential
Daily Use
(liters per capita per day)

**274** 



**353** 



274



<u>228</u>

- 10 %



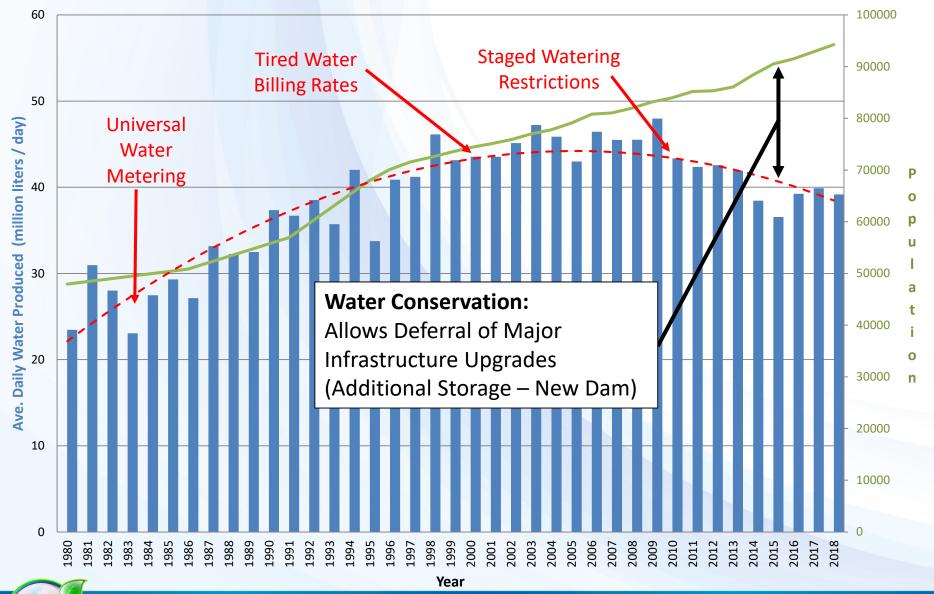
The updated 2014 Water Conservation Strategy Targets a 10 % reduction over the next 10 years

Source: Environment Canada – 2011 Municipal Water Report





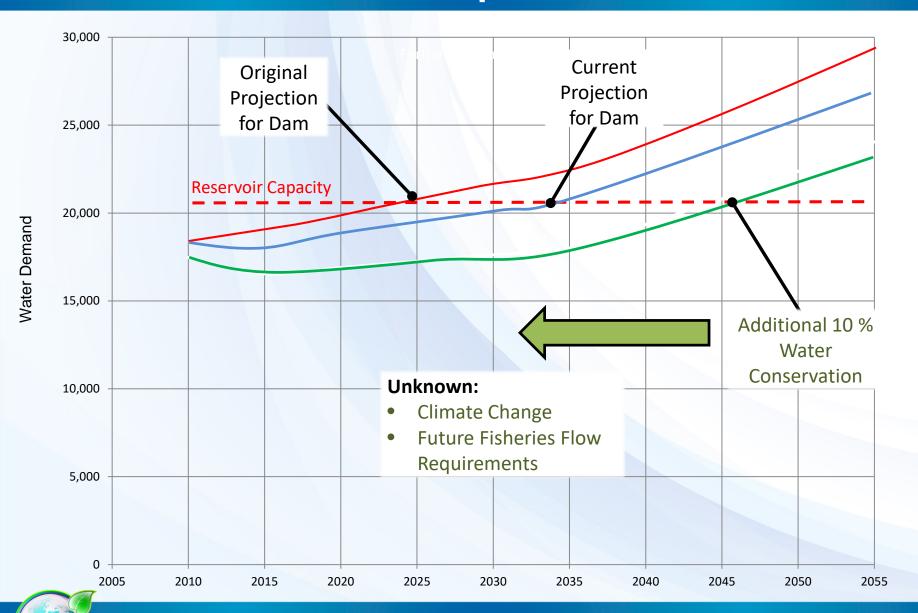
#### **Demand Management**





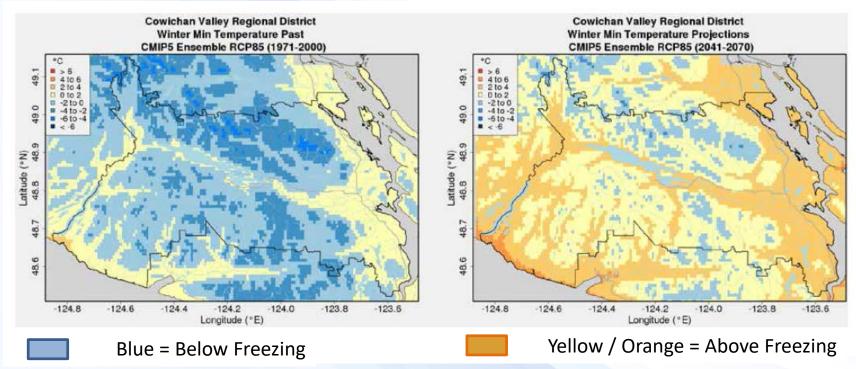


#### **Future Expansion**





## Update Water Supply Strategic Plan



- Predicted: Longer and Drier summers will result in higher domestic water volume demands and longer Fisheries Flow requirement in September through November.
- Additional regulatory requirement for building a new dam may require an increase to the Fisheries Flow Requirements















Parkland in Nanaimo			
Owner	Hectares		
City of Nanaimo	1079		
Province	317		
Nature Trust of BC	133		
Other	188		
Total	1717		

City Parkland by Zone		
Zone	Hectares	
PRC - 1	753.75	
PRC - 2	192.73	
PRC - 3	132.30	





## **Ecosystem Types Found in Parks**





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#### **Examples of rare species found in Nanaimo Parks**



Hocksackia pinnata
Bog bird's foot trefoil



Bidens amplissima
Vancouver Island Beggartick



Aster curtus
White-top aster





#### **Restoration Projects in Parks**

#### **Vancouver Island Beggarticks**

- SARA listed species
- 59 sites in BC/ Washington
- Funding awarded through Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Reintroduced to Jingle
   Pot (Third Street) Marsh
- Only site in Nanaimo
- 165 plants observed







#### **Restoration Projects in Parks**

#### **Bowen Park Side Channel**

- In 2007, a major fish bypass channel was constructed from Deadman Falls upstream to a point above major fish barriers
- Side channel is 857 m long and contains significant fish habitat
- Ongoing partnership with Fisheries and Oceans and Vancouver Island University







## **Restoration Projects in Parks**

#### **Knotweed / Hogweed Control**

- Contract with Invasive Species
   Committee since 2015
- Education and Awareness
  - Coordinated between CISC and City
- Field Program (Sites Treated)
  - 140 Knotweed Sites
  - 7 Giant Hogweed Sites
- Data collected and posted to provincial database (IAPP)



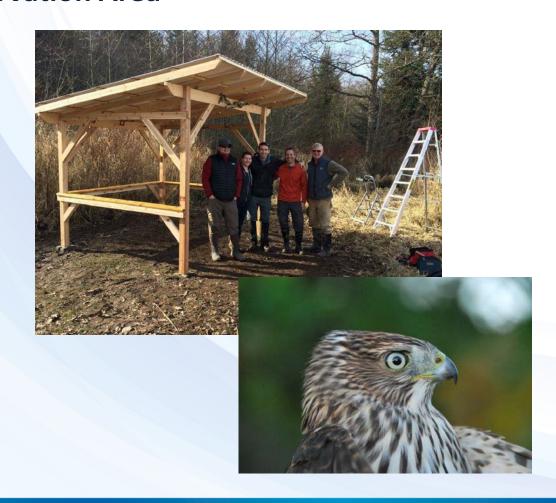




#### **Conservation Partnerships**

#### **Buttertubs Marsh Conservation Area**

- 55 Ha wetland complex currently co-managed by the Nature Trust of BC, Ducks Unlimited and the City of Nanaimo
- Ongoing environmental research and training by VIU in the West Marsh of Buttertubs
- Conservation Area
   Management Plan
   adopted by Council in
   2016







Municipal Natural Capital Initiative:
<a href="mailto:Buttertubs Marsh Pilot Study">Buttertubs Marsh Pilot Study</a>

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Making Nature Count

Buttertubs Marsh Conservation Area is a 55 HA reclaimed wetland/floodplain

**Site and natural assets:** Entire marsh under consideration including adjacent forest.

Emerging project model: Determine role marsh plays in mitigating localized flooding and increasing storm events; determine value of the Marsh in attenuating downstream flooding on the Millstone.

**Possible outcome**: developing an marsh restoration and maintenance plan built around an asset management approach.











# Community Outreach Partners In Parks Program (PIP)

- The Volunteers in the Park Program (VIP) was initiated by the City in 1982.
- Since then it has been renamed Partners in Parks Program (PIP) and grown to include:
  - Neighbourhood Playground Development
  - Community Gardens
  - Park Beautification and Tree Planting
  - Gatekeepers & Park Naturalists
  - Public Art
  - Invasive Plant Removal Work parties
  - Park Ambassadors
  - Adopt-A-Park Program
  - Eco Club/School Group Ecological Stewardship Projects (invasive plant removal, restoration, monitoring)





#### **Broom Busters Partnership (2014 – 2019)**

- 60 Volunteers involved in cutting flowering broom
- City coordinates broom chipping and disposal at the end of the season
- Broom cut on:
  - 33 City Parks
  - Over 50 sections of City road right of way
  - 8 Elementary Schools
  - 18 Commercial Properties







# Student Ecological Stewardship Program

**Examples of Student Ecological Stewardship Projects:** 

- Plant Identification native and invasive
- Plant Mapping (Barefoot Mapping)
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Restoration replanting & watering of new native plants
- Student Partnerships with NS3 and the Great Shoreline Clean Up Initiative ie. Trash to Treasures
- Involvement in the Adopt-a-Park Program ongoing stewardship in one particular park







#### **Departure Bay Elementary School & Stream Keepers**



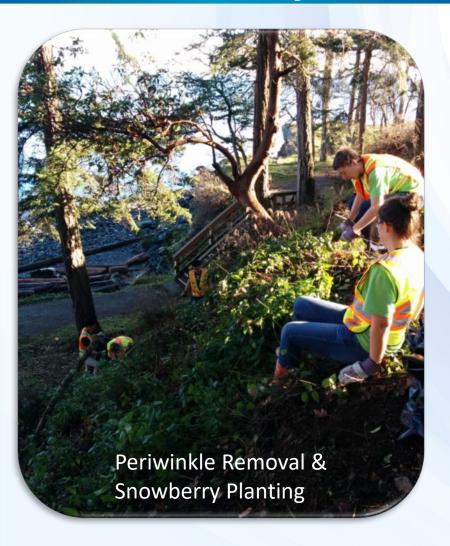


#### **Departure Bay Elementary School & Stream Keepers**





## **Dover Bay Secondary School Eco Club**











# **MyCDC & John Barsby School**





## **Volunteer Recognition**



#### **Climate Action in Nanaimo**

- Corporate Energy and Emissions Management
- 2. Community Energy and Emissions Management
- 3. Climate Resiliency Strategy
- 4. Climate Emergency Declaration
  - 1. Next steps and group discussion





#### **Policy Development**

- Corporate Climate Action Plan (2007)
- Community Sustainability Action Plan (2012)
  - Energy Conservation and Management Policy
  - Purchasing Policy Green Purchasing
  - Green Building Strategy
  - ➤ Anti-Idling Policy







## Corporate vs. Community GHGs

**Corporate Emissions** 



**Objective:** 

Carbon neutral operations since 2010 (Climate Action Charter)

**Community Emissions** 

**Objective:** 

Community in OCP (LG Act, Bill 27 – 2008)

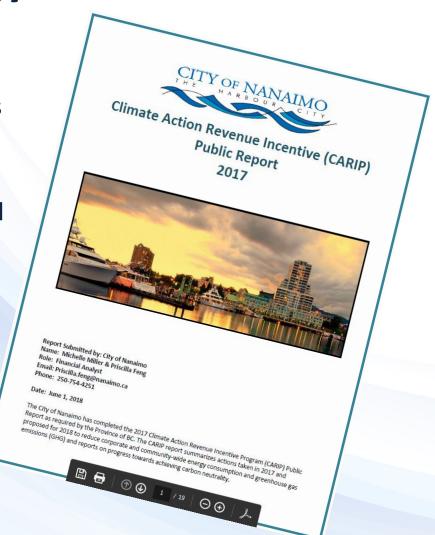




## **Corporate Energy and Emissions**

#### What we are doing

- Partnerships / Programs / Agreements
- Collaboration with other departments
- Incorporating efficiency into projects
- Funding from Sustainability or General Capital Reserves
- Sharing Results
- Climate Action Revenue Incentive Reporting (CARIP)







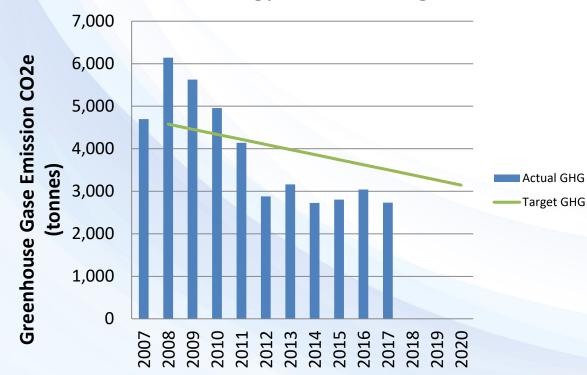
## **Corporate Energy and Emissions**

#### How are we doing?

- Targets, monitoring, reporting
- Low-hanging fruit
- Program Changes
  - Conservation
  - Low Carbon Electrification

#### Over the past 10 years

- Reduced emissions by 42%
- Received \$1.93M in incentives
- Annual Energy & Cost Savings \$ 1.1M







## **Corporate Energy and Emissions**

#### Plans moving forward

#### **Update:**

- Energy Conservation and Management Policy
- > 2007 Corporate Climate Change Plan (Energy and Emissions Mgt.)

#### **Continue to develop:**

- Low Carbon Electrification Feasibility and benefits of Retrofits and New Construction Projects
- Fleet Electrification BC Hydro Study Funding – Charging infrastructure and vehicle options
- Explore and implement new technologies and alternative energy options





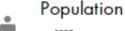


## **Community Energy and Emissions**

OCP+ Plus Scenario

#### Nanaimo CEES

#### OCP+ Plus Scenario



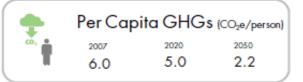
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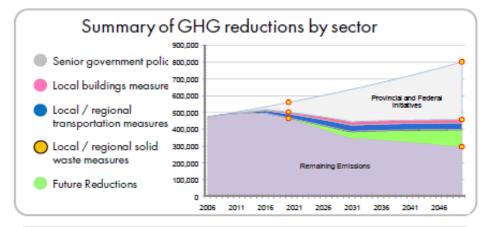


-3% -409

Total GHG Emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>e)

2007 2020 2050
480,421 355,098 295,000





#### Key features of the OCP+ Plus scenario

- New growth largely focused in urban nodes, though some continues to occur throughout the city;
- Alternative transportation network grows and transit service improvements occur;
- TDM program implemented;
- Outreach campaign to promote idling reduction;
- Outreach campaign, coupled with incentives, to encourage energy efficiency improvements and alternative energy systems in buildings;
- One district energy system is implemented;
- Waste diversion continues to increase





# **Community Energy and Emissions**

#### **Actions Taken to Date**

Theme	Strategies	Examples
Land Use and Transportation	<ul> <li>Compact, Complete Community</li> <li>Alternative and Active Transportation</li> <li>Low Carbon Mobility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Urban Containment Boundary</li> <li>OCP Policy</li> <li>EV Charging</li> <li>Fleet Greening</li> </ul>
Buildings	<ul> <li>Energy Efficient Existing         Buildings     </li> <li>Energy Efficient New Buildings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Realtor Energy Efficiency Program</li> <li>Realtor Energy Efficiency Rebate</li> <li>BC Energy Step Code</li> </ul>
Solid Waste	Composting / Zero Waste	Sort Toss Roll





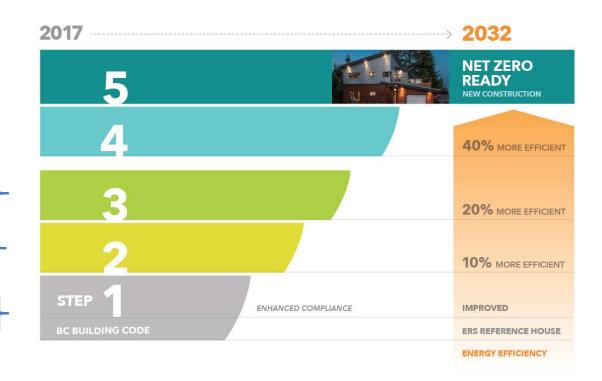
#### Putting into Practice: Implementation Approach for City of Nanaimo

# Proposed Building Bylaw Amendment

Part 9 – January 1st, 2022

Part 3 – January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 Part 9 - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Part 3 and 9: 6 month after City of Nanaimo Building Bylaw Adoption







## **Climate Resiliency Strategy**

#### **Two parts:**

- Sea Level Rise Mapping Study
  - Determines the extent of impacts of sea level rise and storm surge for 2050 and 2100 along the City's shoreline.
- Climate Resiliency Strategy
  - To identify risks and vulnerabilities affecting city land use, infrastructure, parks, public health and safety. Provide direction to help minimize or avoid the identified risks and vulnerabilities.







#### **Global Covenant of Mayors Covenant**

The Global Covenant of Mayors Canada is a collaboration between the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, ICLEI Canada, the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat and the International Urban Cooperation Project supported by funding from the European Union.

The initiative combines two leading domestic climate programs, the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program and Building Adaptive and Resilient Communities (BARC), with the leading global climate program. Together we can further advance Canadian local climate action by adding value, opportunities and streamlined support for members.











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#### **Global Covenant of Mayors Covenant**

#### What is the Showcase Cities Pilot Project?

- Tailored workshops for municipal staff on themes including GHG inventories, risk and vulnerability assessments and climate change adaptation and mitigation planning
- One-on-one support for municipal staff working through local climate planning processes
- Assistance with reporting to the GCoM, Partners for Climate
   Protection (PCP) program and Building Adaptive and
   Resilient Communities (BARC) program
- Access to exclusive networking opportunities and showcasing of municipal actions nationally and internationally
- Free of cost for Canadian municipalities





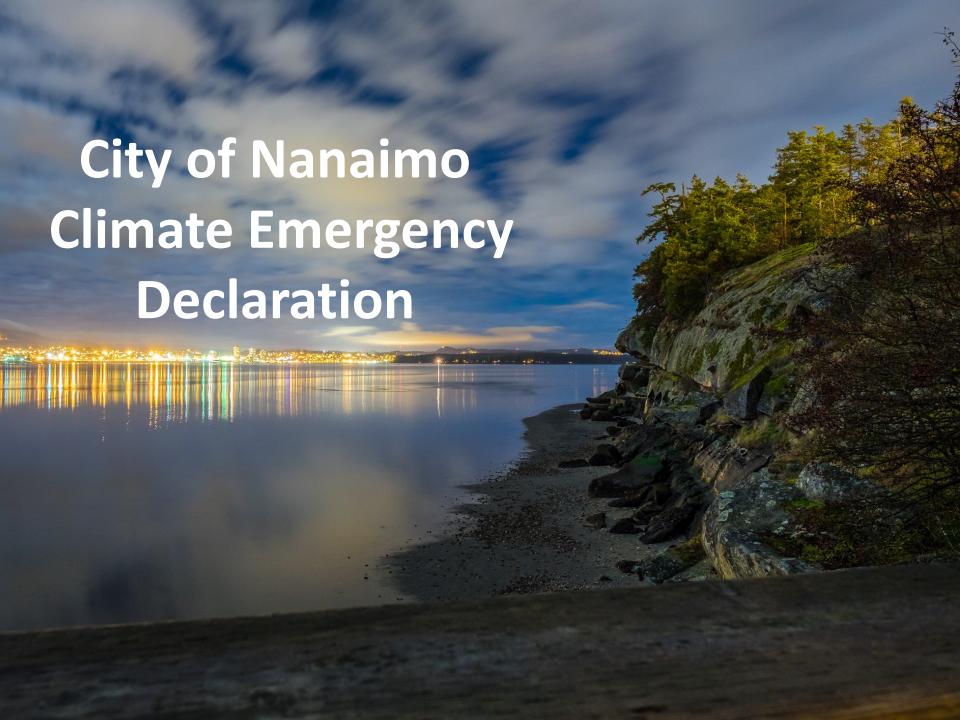


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#### City of Nanaimo Climate Emergency Declaration



On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council declared a Climate Emergency with the following actions:

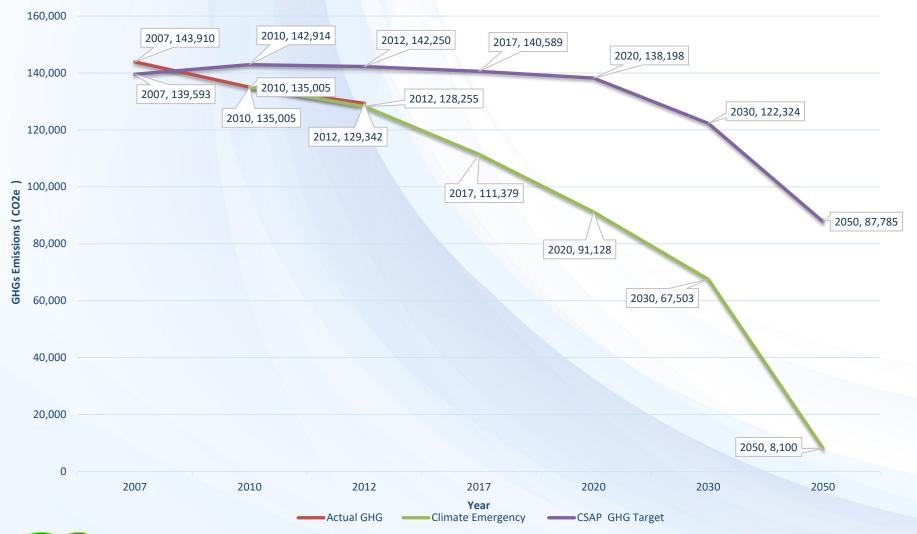
- The Regional Emissions Reduction Reserve be moved to a new reserve fund for the purpose of supporting projects, plans and initiatives that reduce the City of Nanaimo's community wide CO<sup>2</sup> emissions to between 50% to 58% below 2010 levels by 2030, and between 94% and 107% below 2010 levels by 2050.
- The framework, strategies, actions, and implementation of the City of Nanaimo Community Sustainability Action Plan be updated to reflect the target goal, based on the information contained in the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report.





#### City of Nanaimo Climate Emergency Declaration

#### **Comparing Community Emission Reduction Targets**







## **City of Nanaimo Climate Emergency Declaration**

#### **Making Choices on Further Action**

Policy Tool	Potential Impact	Description
Education and Outreach	Low ~ 0 – 10% uptake	<ul> <li>Low effort, low cost, low result</li> <li>BUT foundations for other actions (Still necessary!)</li> </ul>
Non-financial incentives	Low to Medium ~ 10 to 50% uptake	Infrastructure / amenities to encourage action
Financial Incentives	Medium ~ 50 to 75% uptake	<ul><li>Rebates, pricing, tax incentives</li><li>Higher cost, higher impact</li></ul>
Regulation	High ~ 75 to 100% uptake	<ul><li>Requirements that are often enforced (i.e. Bylaws)</li><li>High impact</li></ul>



