

BUILDING A HEALTHY & CONNECTED COMMUNITY

**Mayor's Task Force on
Recovery & Resiliency**

Recommendations to Council

November 2, 2020



Background



Task Force Members

In addition to Mayor Krog and Councillor Brown, the task force consists of the following members:

- James Byrne (Regional Managing Partner, Vancouver Island, MNP)
- Donna Hais (Board Chair, Nanaimo Port Authority)
- Signy Madden (Executive Director, United Way)
- Deb Saucier (President and Vice-Chancellor, Vancouver Island University)
- Ian Simpson (Chief Executive Officer, Petroglyph Development Group, Snuneymuxw First Nation)

Purpose

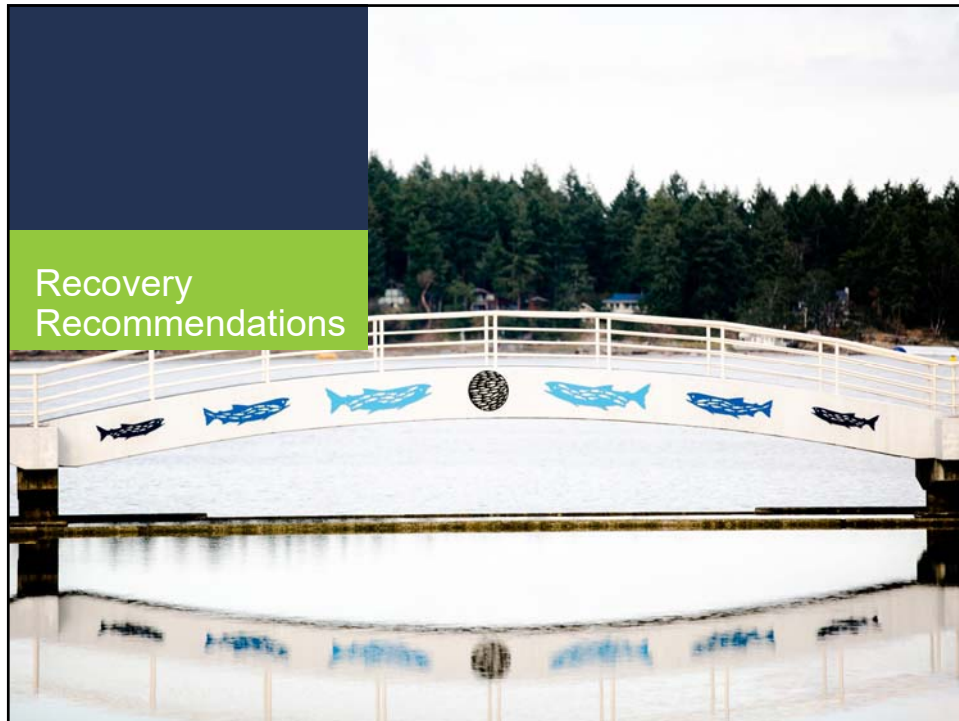
1. Provide strategic recommendations to Council which will inform the forthcoming five-year fiscal plan and align with the current adopted Strategic Plan;
2. Work in collaboration with public bodies, private institutions and community organizations to build local resilience;
3. Work in collaboration with the business community and other community organizations to identify immediate economic recovery strategies for residents, businesses and community organizations;
4. Develop a plan for the coordination and implementation of recovery and relief efforts to support the community through the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery process; and
5. Identify and support community driven ideas and solutions to assist in the recovery process, including the design and implementation of activities and programs.

Plan Phases



Guiding Principles

- Together, Mayor and Council have established a working process with local First Nations, particularly Snuneymuxw First Nation, and all underlying recommendations and action items of the Task Force are intended to invite further participation and respectful engagement with Snuneymuxw and Snaw-Naw-As First Nations. The Mayor's Task Force stresses the importance to ***address and prioritize the City's role in implementing the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)*** for both First Nations and Urban Indigenous.
- The 2018-elected Mayor and Council has made significant progress in the interactions and working relations with local First Nations, particularly Snuneymuxw First Nation. The recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force are positioned to model and celebrate the new relations and engagement that the City has taken with regards to Truth & Reconciliation with local Indigenous communities.



<p>NANAIMO BUILDS</p> <p>1. Nanaimo citizen-directed campaign to instill enthusiasm for the natural and built assets, opportunities for education, recreation, culture, businesses and the sense of the existing vibrant community and community support for those most vulnerable.</p>	<p>Alignment with Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Livability ➤ Economic Health
<p>MAYOR'S NANAIMO LEADERS TABLE</p> <p>2. Establish Leaders Table to:</p> <p>a. Immediately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Create an aligned approach and collaborate on a multi-levels of government "ask for capital infrastructure" for Nanaimo. ii. Establish a working group/youth council. <p>b. Provide input on major issues and opportunities facing the City.</p> <p>c. Build collaboration among key entities.</p>	<p>Alignment with Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Livability ➤ Economic Health ➤ Environmental Responsibility



PRIORITIZE STRATEGIC INVESTING

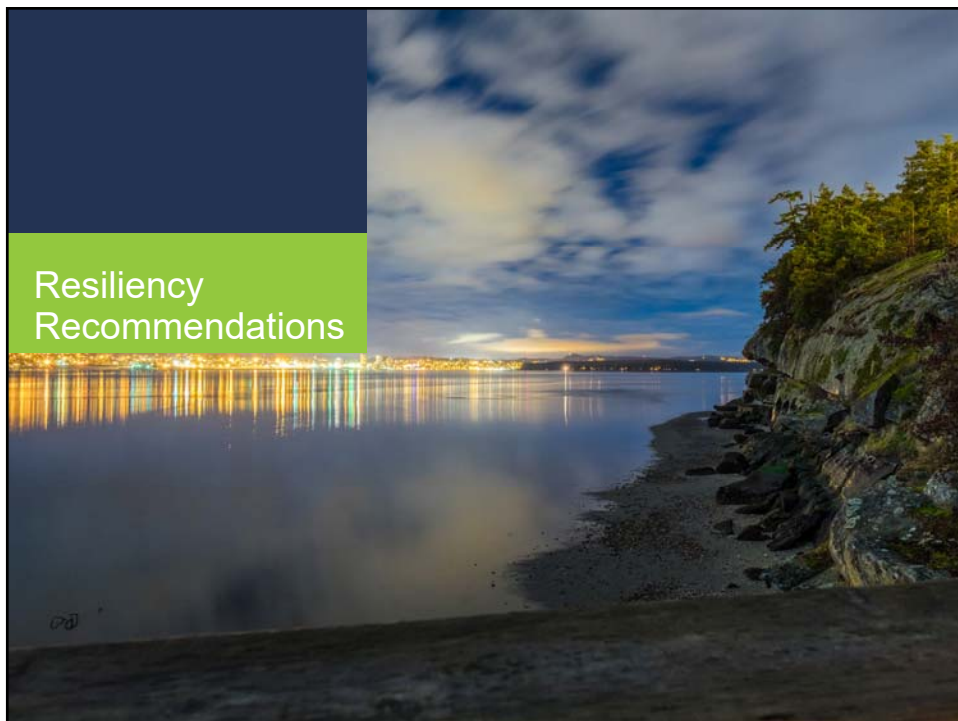
3. Create a process/criterion to recognize Nanaimo as the Heart of the island “north of the Malahat”. Specific focus on:


- a. Downtown node
- b. Logistics hub for the Port
- c. Tertiary hospital
- d. VIU connectedness (physical and digital)
- e. Waterfront assets
- f. Transportation hub
- g. Technology readiness

Alignment with Strategic Plan

- Livability
- Economic Health
- Environmental Responsibility





	
<p>RECONCILIATION & ANTI-RACISM</p> <p>4. Publicly launch an anti-racism awareness program that promotes diversity and inclusivity.</p>	<p>Alignment with Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Livability ➤ Economic Health ➤ Governance Excellence
<p>PREPARING FOR FUTURE “EVENTS”</p> <p>5. Prioritize the emergency preparedness and resiliency measures with key focus to be given to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing personal protective equipment (PP&E) stores for City employees and Social Agencies. Wastewater monitoring and surveillance technology implementation. Ensure community emergency reception centre is appropriately equipped in the case of an emergency. Create a technology-enabled internet platform to connect citizens for mutual aid during emergencies. 	<p>Alignment with Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Governance Excellence

	
<p>SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES</p> <p>6. Support elimination of Provincial Speculation and Vacancy Tax for Nanaimo.</p> <p>7. Work with the Small Business community to leverage lessons learned through the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support services that assist small business organizations through educational efforts about economic resiliency strategies. Review current taxation methods to determine creative opportunities to address social and homeless concerns. Connect with the Federal government through appropriate mechanism or lobbying organization to initiate a review of CERB program and provide guidance and advice to ensure future program responses to unemployment are more effective. <p>8. Develop transportation and digital infrastructure strategy to help sustain small business.</p>	<p>Alignment with Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Economic Health



Thank you