

Supervised Consumption Site Zoning Amendments

Presentation to Council
2019-JAN-13

- Under the current Zoning Bylaw, a Supervised Consumption Site is allowed only on a site-specific basis through rezoning as a *Drug Addiction Treatment Facility*.
- On 2019-JUL-08, Council directed Staff to bring forward zoning changes to repeal the definition of *Drug Addiction Treatment Facility* and amend the definition of *Office Medical/Dental* to accommodate Supervised Consumption Sites, and to work with Island Health on siting guidelines for Supervised Consumption Sites.
- Staff are bringing forward the proposed Siting Guidelines and two options for Zoning Bylaw changes for Council consideration.

SCS Siting Guidelines

- If endorsed by Council, the expectation that any proponent of an SCS would use the location, design, and public engagement criteria in the guidelines when selecting the site of a proposed facility.
- Guidelines aim to avoid land use conflicts by being considerate of pedestrian commercial areas, active public spaces, areas where children congregate and impacts on residential neighbourhoods.
- Intended as a conflict resolution tool, not used as tool for enforcement.

Zoning Amendments - Option 1

- Repeals the definition of Drug Addiction Treatment Facility
- Changes the definition of Office Medical/Dental to the following:

Means the office, clinic or laboratory of a health professional in the field of medicine, including a doctor, dentist, optometrist, physiotherapist, chiropractor and medical technician; and any other health professional designated under the Province of British Columbia's Health Professions Act or Emergency Health Services Act.

Implications - Option 1 (cont'd)

Advantages:

- Would strengthen relationship with Health Authority by demonstrating trust in their siting process
- Would ensure harm reduction services will be in place indefinitely to serve vulnerable populations/reduce deaths

Disadvantages:

- City would not have regulatory role in SCS site selection
- May result in limited influence on site-management issues that end up being addressed by RCMP / Bylaws

Zoning Amendments - Option 2

- Repeals the definition of Drug Addiction Treatment Facility
- Changes the definition of Office Medical/Dental to the following:

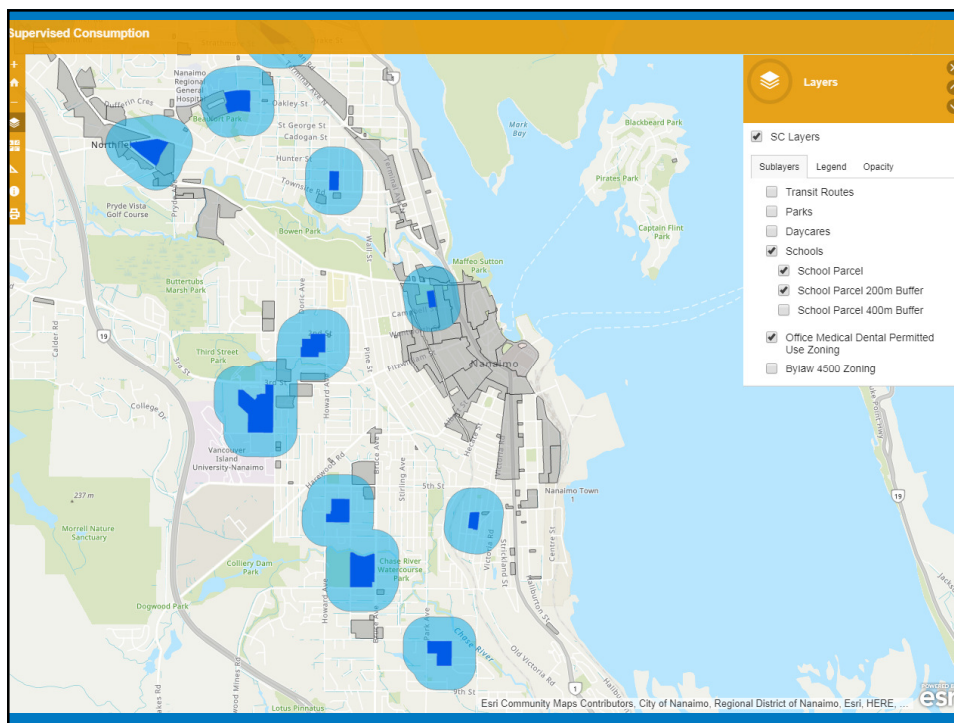
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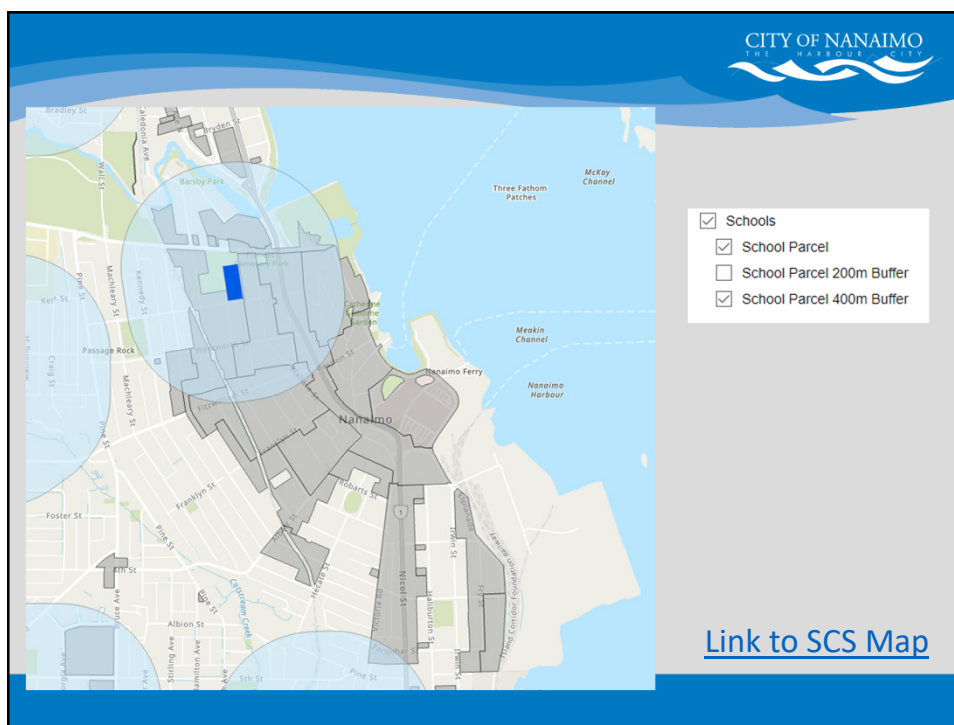
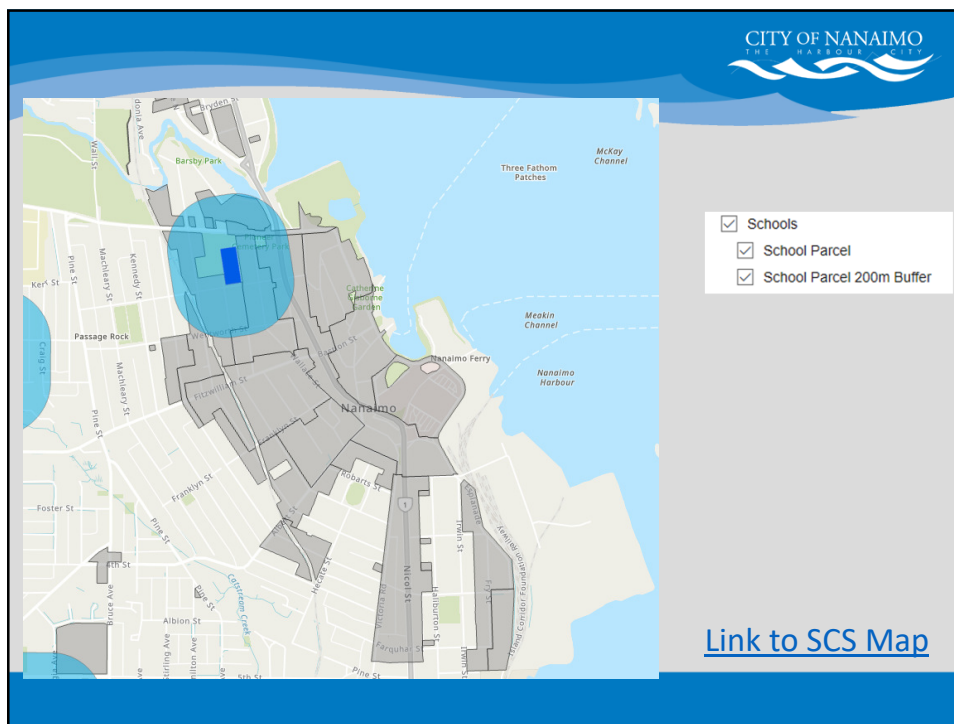
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Zoning Amendments – Option 2 (cont'd)

- Adds a definition for Supervised Consumption Site:

Means the supervised consumption of controlled substances as regulated under the Government of Canada's Respect For Communities Act and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, as well as any subsequent Act or Acts, which may be enacted in substitution thereto.
- Adds a clause to the Zoning Bylaw stating that a Supervised Consumption Site may not be located within a 200m radius of any Academic School





Implications - Option 2 (cont'd)

Advantages:

- Still has many of the advantages of Option #1 but with added consistency with other City policies on the siting of controlled substances.

Disadvantages:

- Similar disadvantages to Option #1
- May also be perceived as a lack of confidence in Island Health to follow the Siting Guidelines since they already state that SCS should not be located near places where children congregate.

Questions / Discussion