

DATE OF MEETING | JANUARY 15, 2020 |

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**SUBJECT** | **2020 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN** |

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Environment Committee with a draft workplan for consideration and recommendation to Council. |

### **Recommendation**

That the Environment Committee recommend that Council endorse the draft 2020 Environment Committee Workplan.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Nanaimo Environment Committee's mandate includes offering innovative ideas and providing advice (information, options, and recommendations) to Council on Climate Change, green technology, energy efficiency, urban forestry, and other topics associated with environmental sustainability in the City of Nanaimo.

The draft 2020 Environment Committee Workplan is intended to set a timeline for the Committee's involvement in projects scheduled for 2020 that align with and further the Committee's mandate. |

## **DISCUSSION**

The draft 2020 Environment Committee Workplan outlined below is presented for the Committee's consideration and recommendation to Council for endorsement.

<b>2020 Environment Committee Workplan</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	<b>Overview</b>	<b>Introduction and Review Timeline</b>
Nanaimo Climate Action Plan (Update the Community Sustainability Action Plan)	Development Services	Review and provide input into a draft terms of reference and provide a recommendation to Council for the final draft of the Nanaimo Climate Action Plan.	January - October 2020

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Draft East Wellington Park Management Plan	Parks, Recreation and Culture	Review and provide comment on the final draft management plan for East Wellington Park.	January - March 2020
Climate Resiliency Strategy	All Departments	Review and recommend to Council on the City's Climate Resiliency Strategy.	March 2020
Residential Building Retrofit Initiative	Development Services / Environment Committee	Review and recommend a report to Council on new building energy retrofit rebates for Nanaimo.	March - May 2020
Earth Day Community Outreach	Development Services / Parks, Recreation and Culture / Environment Committee	Participate in hosting a facilitated forum, as part of Nanaimo Earth Day, for residents and environmental groups, on working with the City on environmental monitoring and restoration projects in the community.	March 2020
Strategic Planning Review (Official Community Plan, Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan, Active Transportation Plan)	All Departments	Work with staff in designing and overseeing a survey on public perceptions on the state of the City's environment. The survey will be coordinated with the public engagement process for the City Strategic Planning Review.	2020

Regional Air Quality Mapping Project	Vancouver Island University / Development Services	Review and recommend to Council, a report on the results of the Nanaimo air quality study, conducted by Vancouver Island University, on the effectiveness of the Nanaimo woodstove change-out program.	March 2020
<b>2020 Environment Committee Workplan</b>			
Topic	Project Lead	Overview	Introduction Date
B.C. Energy Step Code Strategy Review	Development Services	Council has referred the B.C. Energy Step Code Strategy to the Committee for review including consideration of a potentially expedited implementation plan.	May - September 2020
Natural Asset Inventory and Strategy	Engineering and Public Works / Development Services	Review and recommend to Council, a Natural Asset Management Strategy for the City.	June - September 2020
Wildlife Management Initiatives	Development Services / Parks, Recreation and Culture	Review of Council reports on Geese and Rabbit wildlife management options in the City of Nanaimo.	June 2020

Additional items that fall under the Committee's mandate may come up that require Council's attention or may be referred by Council for the Committee's consideration

**SUMMARY POINTS**

- The workplan is intended to show Council how the committee will meet its mandate and offer input and advice on the environment.
- Additional items that fall under the Committee's mandate may come up that require Council's attention or may be referred by Council for the Committee's consideration.

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