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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 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 for the City of Nanaimo.

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

**DISCUSSION**

The draft 2020 Environment Committee Workplan outlined below presents 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 2050: Climate Action Plan (Update the Community Sustainability Action Plan)	Development Services	Review and provide input into a draft terms of reference, final recommendations and public engagement.	January - October 2020

Environmental Framework for Nanaimo	Development Services / Parks and Recreation and Culture / Public Works	An environmental framework provides the public with an overview of the City's environmental priorities and goals, which are implemented through the various policies, programs and regulations the City, oversees.	March – May 2020
Climate Resiliency Strategy	All Departments	Provide input on how the public can be engaged in climate resiliency. Help promote and implement the City's Climate Resiliency Strategy.	May 2020
B.C. Energy Step Code Strategy Review	Development Services	Report back with options to accelerate the implementation and use of the B.C. Energy Step Code in the City's Zoning and Building Bylaws.	May - September 2020
Residential Building Retrofit Initiatives	Development Services / Environment Committee	Provide input on new building energy retrofit rebate opportunities for Nanaimo. Seek input on public engagement and awareness on these programs.	Ongoing
Strategic Planning Review (Official Community Plan, Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan, Active Transportation Plan)	All Departments	Receive updates on policy development. Work with staff on public engagement opportunities.	2020 - 21

## **OPTIONS**

The above table provides a list of projects that fall within the mandate of the committee. 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.

1. That Council endorse the 2020 Environment Committee Workplan.
  - The advantages of this option: The Environment Committee can proceed with implementing the workplan.
  - The disadvantages of this option: Some projects and programs may not be listed that are relevant to the committee's mandate.
  
2. That Council does not endorse the 2020 Environment Committee Workplan
  - The advantages of this option: Council can recommend additions or deletions to the committee workplan.
  - The disadvantages of this option: Progress is slow in moving forward with the committee. Committee membership frustration will increase.

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- The workplan intentions are 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 mandate may come up that require Council's attention or may be referred by Council for the Committee's consideration.

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