



PRC UPDATE

2021-June-28



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- OCP Update



- Parks, Recreation & Culture Plan Update



- Active Transportation Plan



- Climate Action Plan



- Economic Development Plan



- Water Supply Strategic Plan



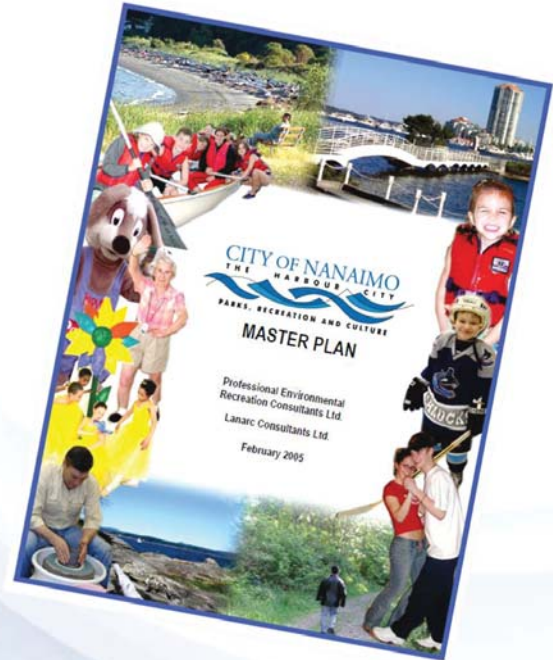
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PRC Master Plan

- A typical PRC Master plan is a guiding document for community needs, service delivery, land acquisition and funding strategies and decisions



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan





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Land Acquisition

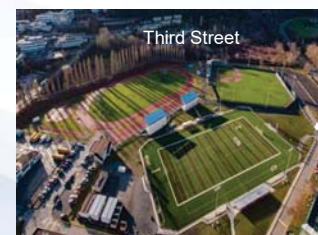
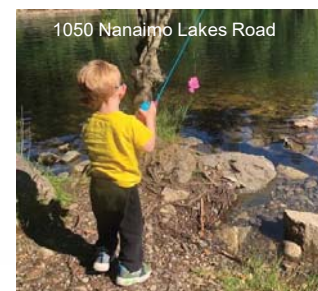
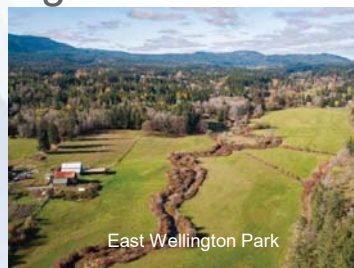
		1993	2005	Now
Population		60,000	70,000	98,957 (approx.)
km Trail		51	118	180
Park Area			589 ha	1008 ha

Linley Valley



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Land Acquisition Highlights





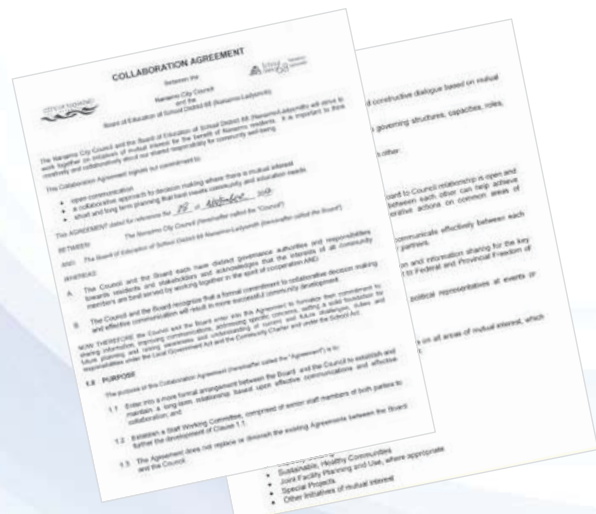
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Developed playing fields and twin arenas in the Third Street sports zone & integrated with improvements to adjacent School District lands.



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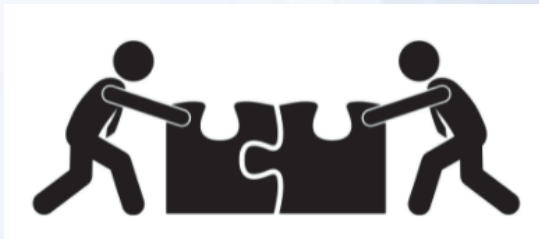
Developed partnership agreements with School District #68





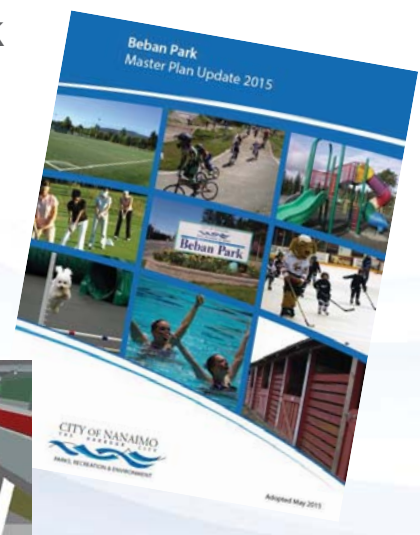
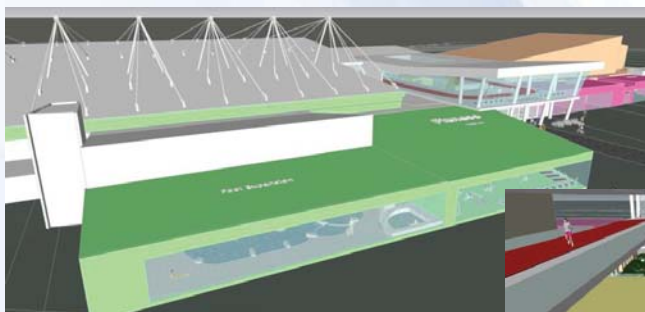
Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC MP

Developed partnership agreements with VIU



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Ongoing improvements at the Beban Park Recreation Centre and the Beban Centennial Building





Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC MP

Energy Efficiencies



Reduce GHGs
by 85%



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Supported special events to
improve community identity





Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Supported and increased public art



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Increased cultural facilities, rehearsal spaces and art displays





Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Increased dog-off leash park locations



Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC MP

Completed an Urban Forestry Plan





Accomplishments from the 2005 PRC Master Plan

Built Oliver Woods Community Centre




Any
favourites?



Still In Play:

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Still In Play:

South end Community/Wellness Centre





Still In Play:

- Integrated community use of the Old Harewood Sports Field area



Still In Play:

Paddling and Rowing Centre





Still In Play:

Working with partners to develop sports tourism strategy



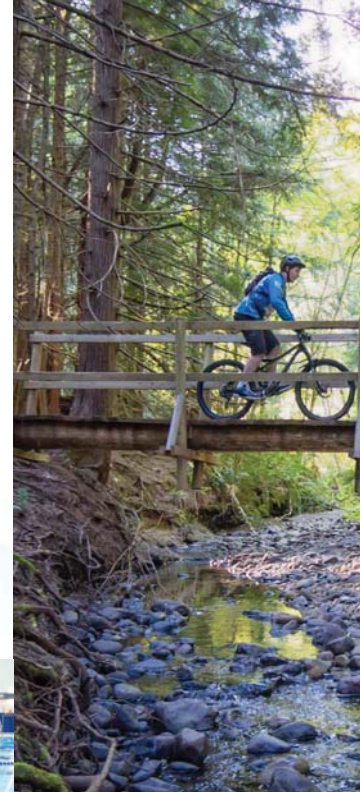
Brain Gym





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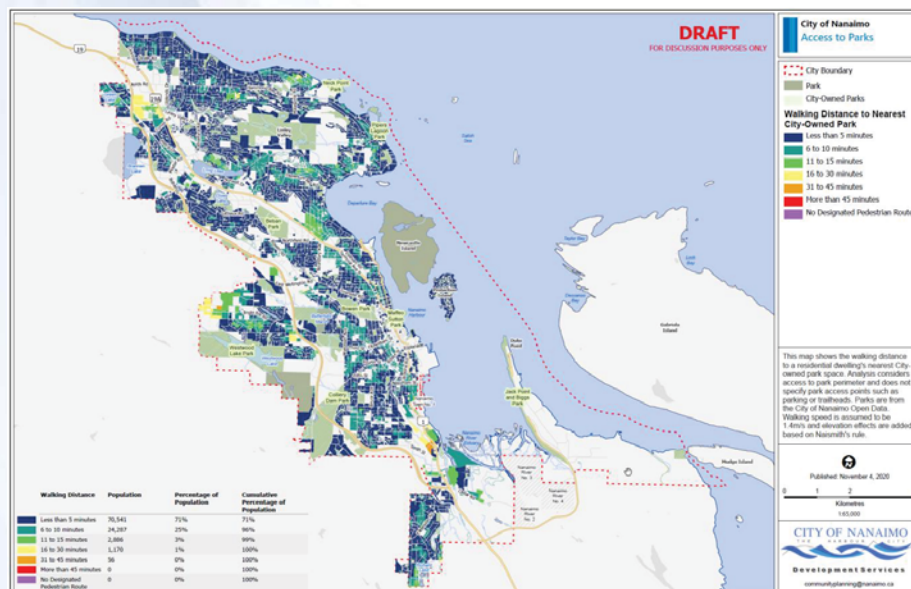
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Phase 1—What did we learn through maps?





Phase 1: What did we hear?



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TOP THINGS PEOPLE LOVE MOST ABOUT NANAIMO

- 1 Access to nature, parks, and open spaces
- 2 Beautiful waterfront
- 3 Role as Vancouver Island's central "hub" that is well-connected to other communities
- 4 A clean, green, and sustainable city
- 5 Accessible and diverse recreational services

HOW DO WE VIEW OUR EXISTING FACILITIES?



TOP 3 FACILITIES PEOPLE ARE MORE SATISFIED WITH

PUBLIC RECREATION AND CULTURAL

- 1 Aquatic Centres
- 2 Cinemas
- 3 Fitness Centres and Gymsnasiums

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- 1 Walking / Hiking / Running Trails
- 2 Neighbourhood & Waterfront Parks
- 3 Playgrounds



TOP 3 FACILITIES PEOPLE ARE LESS SATISFIED WITH

PUBLIC RECREATION AND CULTURAL

- 1 Outdoor Performance Venues
- 2 Arts & Cultural Workshop Spaces
- 3 Large & Small Performance Spaces

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- 1 Community & Edible Gardens
- 2 Urban Plazas
- 3 Waterfront Parks

ARE WE PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES?

Over 84% of participants in both surveys have attended an event or activity at a City-owned arts and culture facility in the past 5 years



Over 50% of participants in both surveys have registered for a City-led parks and recreation program in the past 5 years



WHAT ARE OUR FUTURE PRIORITIES?



Providing diverse cultural opportunities



Protecting our natural areas



Ensuring good access to arts and cultural experiences



Providing public access to waterfront areas



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KEY OBSERVATIONS:

Most (80%-) participants agree that currently in Nanaimo:

- 1 Arts and culture are an important part of tourism and economic development
- 2 Our public spaces are enriched by art
- 3 There are programs for residents to learn, practice, and explore their creative capacity

While many agree, a larger proportion of participants than for other statements (>55%) disagree with the following statements (suggesting potential areas for focus). Currently in Nanaimo:

- 1 The diverse history of our City and its people are celebrated
- 2 Tsunemure and Sma-Na-Aw histories, culture, and language are celebrated
- 3 Arts and culture are visible and accessible in people's daily experiences

Nearly all of participants (94%) in both surveys have attended a performance, event, exhibition, class, or other activity at City-owned culture facilities in the past 5 years.

Participants ranked priorities for the future of culture in Nanaimo relatively equally – suggesting there is a common level of importance for all of the statements.

KEY OBSERVATIONS:

Top types of programs of interest in both surveys:

- 1 Drop-in
- 2 Indoor Interest Classes (e.g., arts, crafts, music, cooking, language)
- 3 Indoor Fitness (e.g., yoga, gym, dance)
- 4 Aquatics / Swimming
- 5 Registered Programs

"Other" programming ideas:

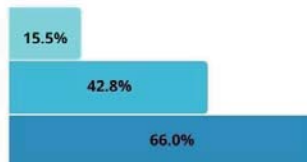
- ▶ Arts exhibitions / workshops performances / pop-ups
- ▶ Support for people to self-organize small meet-ups
- ▶ Nature courses
- ▶ Classes delivered online
- ▶ Practical training (e.g., haircutting, computer basics)
- ▶ Online network (e.g., social media, websites, podcasting)
- ▶ Indoor tennis
- ▶ Outdoor adventures (e.g., hikes, walks, mountain biking, equestrian)
- ▶ Area history and culture
- ▶ Safe drop-in spaces
- ▶ Ocean / lake water-based activities (e.g., kayaking, diving, fishing)
- ▶ Dancing (classes, drop-in)



Phase 1: What did we hear?

What are priorities for Parks, Recreation & Culture?

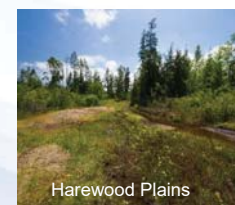
Waterfront: Parks, Improvements & Access



Protecting our Natural Environment



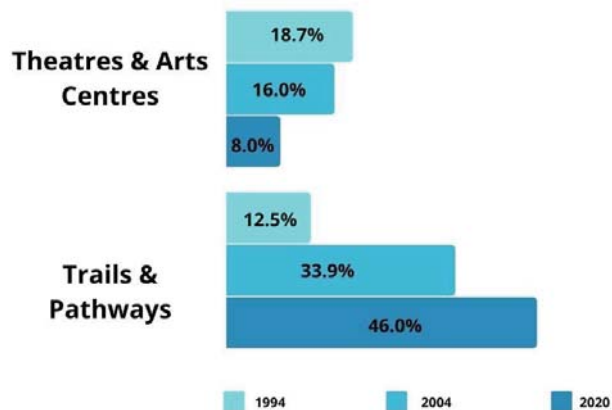
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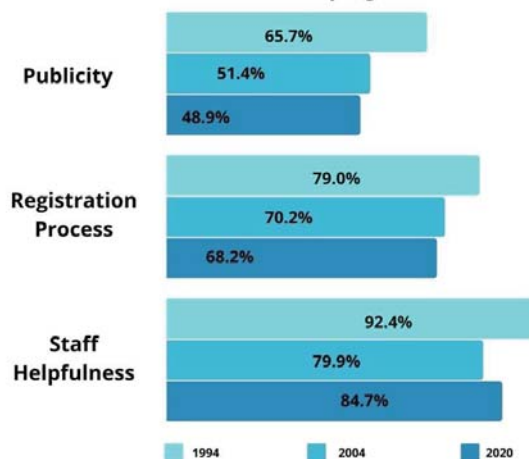
Phase 1: What did we hear?

How "very satisfied" are you with the number of...



Phase 1: What did we hear?

How satisfied to very satisfied are people with the City of Nanaimo's recreation programs or services?





Phase 1: How did we listen?



- 71 stakeholder and partner interviews plus additional reach-out
- Statistically significant survey
- Convenience sample survey focused on PRC (respondents)



Phase 1: How did we listen?



- Pop up events (with 29 PRC staff participating)
- Sidewalk chalk engagement





What do we know? BMPs

The Framework describes five goals and priorities for action under each goal. The goals are:



Goal 1: Active Living

Foster active living through physical recreation.



Goal 2: Inclusion and Access

Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation.



Goal 3: Connecting People and Nature

Help people connect to nature through recreation.



Goal 4: Supportive Environments

Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities.



Goal 5: Recreation Capacity

Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.



A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015 Pathways to Wellbeing

A Joint Initiative of the Interprovincial Sport and Recreation Council
and the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association



What do we know? Pandemic Impacts

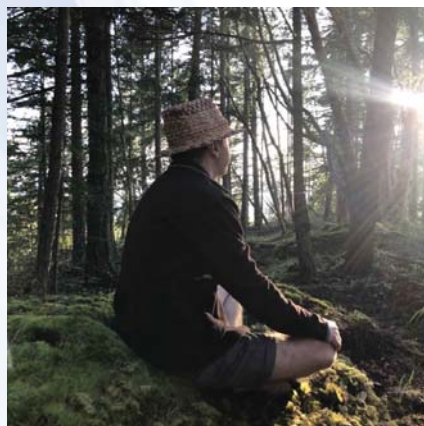




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What do we know? Trends

THEN

- Acquiring ESAs
- Building trails & greenways
- Mapping
- Developing partnerships
- Developing facilities (multi-use)
- Formal landscape displays



Covered Spaces

NOW

- Developing facilities (multi-use and specialized, multi-agency services, multi-faceted, with opportunities for connection of all ages at once)
- Community outreach/programming where people are
- Local food production and markets
- Providing access to water
- Importance of PRC for well-being and prevention
- Partnerships
- Covered outdoor facilities
- Drop in, flexible and relevant
- E bikes/technology advancement
- Natural area management & building park amenities
- Advancing reconciliation, inclusivity and diversity
- Increased use of our parks and open spaces
- Importance of events in public spaces
- Importance of seeing culture everyday



M.S. Inclusive Playground



Inclusive Programs



Beaufort Food Forest



Any Surprises?







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Integration of PRC policies into City Plan and OCP Goals





How PRC fits in to the integrated City Plan



Questions?



A composite image featuring a cityscape at sunset, a circular logo with the text "reimagine NANAIMO", and a photograph of a wooden post with a sign in a forest.

Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Continued strategic parks dedication and land acquisition
- Ecosystem management & restoration
- Green corporate facilities and energy efficiencies
- Integrated rainwater management and water conservation
- Urban forest protection & renewal
- Continued water conservation efforts



A HEALTHY NANAIMO: Community Wellbeing & Livability



Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Continue to work cooperatively to:
 - Achieve joint use, management, planning and development of existing schools and park facilities.
 - Identify opportunities to deliver support services in community schools
 - Support other community uses at school sites
 - Collaborate with partners like Island Health (rec. prescription)
- Active living, health and prevention
- Grade 5/6 active passes
- Swim to Survive (grades 3 and 7)
- Lifelong learning
- Partnerships with others for new facilities
- Local food production and security
- Recreation Prescription







Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Integrate active transportation planning, trails and mobility
- Provide safe routes to and from schools
- 400m distribution to resources
- Distribution of PRC—urban recreation in city centres/hubs
- PRC in housing complexes, schools, partner locations
- PRC where density is
- Continued trail expansion
- Affordable and services (LEAP program)
- Facility upgrades for inclusion

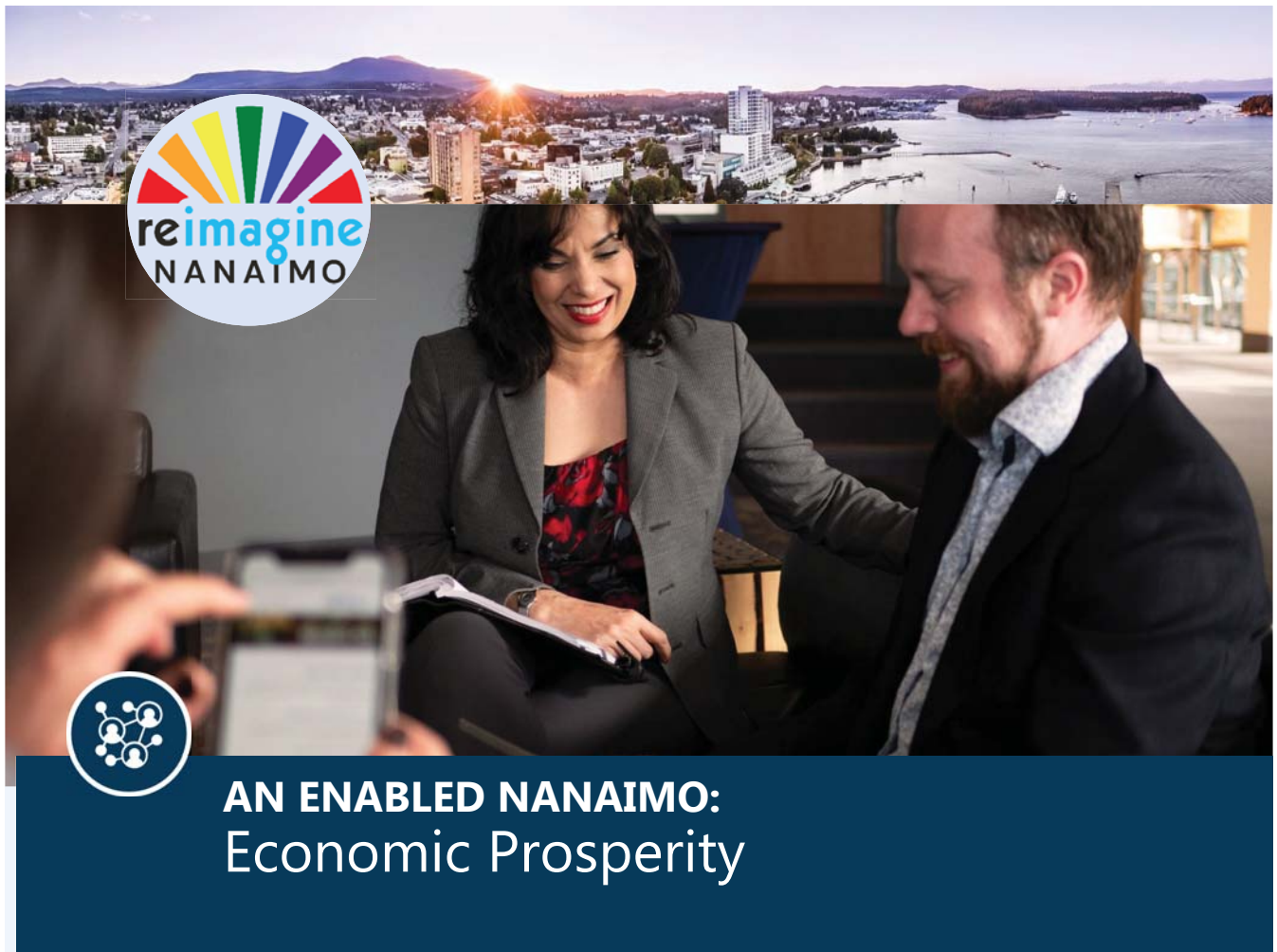




Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Encourage events in parks and public spaces (over 200)
- Outdoor gathering spaces
- Increasing public art inventory
- ACAI committee
- Youth and seniors programs and engagement
- Geographic distribution through the community

Maffeo Sutton Inclusive Playground



AN ENABLED NANAIMO: Economic Prosperity



Examples of PRC integration into City Plan goals and policies:

- Promote local attractions for community and sports tourism and tournaments
- Encourage creative economy
- Build on sense of place and cultural tourism
- Support community events
- Maintain and enhance Quality of Life to attract business





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NANAIMO

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Our City, Our Choices.

Phase 2: Launch



Phase 2 Engagement

Draft Framework, Goals and Indicators:

June 28-September 20

Growth Scenarios:

July 12-September 20

WE ARE HERE



PHASE 1
GATHERING IDEAS
SUMMER - WINTER 2020








PHASE 2
EXPLORING OPTIONS
SPRING - FALL 2021



PHASE 3
DEVELOPING PLANS
FALL - WINTER 2021/2022



DRAFT REIMAGINE NANAIMO – 2021-22 MILESTONE CALENDAR

★ Council Updates ★ Council Decisions		PHASE 2 MILESTONES								
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept
 OCP Official Community Plan  CAP Climate Action Plan  ATP Active Transportation Plan  PRCMP Parks Rec & Culture Master Plan	 INTEGRATED PLANNING	Phase 1 Public Engagement Summary Finalized Base Maps Finalized Staff begin review of indicators for Doughnut Economics City Portrait Feedback from Environment Committee	★ Feb 8 GPC ✓ Phase 1 Engagement Summary Presented <							



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Phase 2 Engagement: What are we looking forward to?

- Our City, Our Choices
- Scenarios Exploration Workshops





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Phase 2: Scenario Integration/ Finding the Right Balance





Phase 2: Connected Goal-Integration into Growth Scenarios (homes within 400m of park)

Scenario 1: Current Path

Scenario 2: Mobility Hubs

Scenario 3: Central Focus



Dwellings within 400 m of Parks

0%

50%

Scenario 1:...



All scenarios yield nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of dwellings within 400 m of an existing park



Curious about other items?



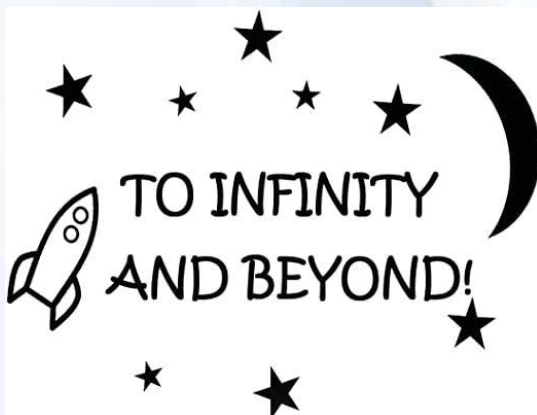


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Phase 3: Taking Flight with Deliverables





Integrated Plan



Emerging Strategies and Action Plans

RECREATION & CULTURE

Draft Goal: An empowered, thriving, diverse, and socially integrated community.

WHAT YOU SHARED IN PHASE 1: Being able to access recreation and cultural opportunities that are recognized and valued as a high quality of life.

RECREATION & CULTURE: How can we create recreational and cultural experiences for a diverse community?

WHAT WE DO:

- Work with community groups, developers, and non-profits to plan and fund facilities.
- Deliver recreation and cultural programs and events for all.
- Publish information and facilitate registration.
- Provide assistance that helps all residents access facilities, programs, and services.

WHAT OTHERS DO:

- Provide land dedications or commissions for parks, recreation, and culture facilities to accommodate growth (developers).
- Fund-raising and specific program delivery (non-profits, partners).
- Operation of key cultural facilities (non-profits).

DRAFT TARGETS:

- Amount of protected environmentally sensitive areas.
- Proportion of monitored streams and water bodies meeting / exceeding BC Water Quality Guidelines.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

- 100% of environmentally sensitive areas with protection.
- 100% of monitored streams and water bodies meeting / exceeding current guidelines.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ALREADY?

- Planning for future facility expansion, particularly to improve service for the south end of Nanaimo.
- Continuing to follow the Culture Plan for a Creative Nanaimo which guides cultural investment and collaboration in the city.
- Increasing equitable access to recreation through programs like the EMP program that provides access to recreation facilities for families in financial need.
- Providing opportunities to build youth involvement, leadership, and volunteerism through the Leaders in Training and their programs.
- Creating programs in partnership with the School District and others such as the Beavers in Training program that teaches all children at the Grade 3 level minimum survival swimming skills.

PROTECTED ECOSYSTEMS

Draft Goal: A green Nanaimo: resilient & regenerative ecosystems.

WHAT YOU SHARED IN PHASE 1: Access to nature, parks, and open space is one of the best things about Nanaimo.

PROTECTED & CELEBRATED ECOSYSTEMS: Protecting our natural areas including streams, wetlands, lakes, woodlands, forests, bluffs, and more is a priority.

WHAT WE DO:

- Plan, construct, and maintain parks and trails including nature parks.
- Maintain street trees and planted boulevards.
- Set and monitor requirements for developers to protect SLOs and natural features and riparian landscapes during new development.
- Fund watershed management planning and require new developments to implement riparian management policies.

WHAT OTHERS DO:

- Install and maintain riparian management systems, landforms, and street trees housing private developments (developers).
- Maintain roadside areas at Provincially-administered Island Highway and Parkway.
- Cooperate in environmental monitoring and management across boundaries (BCN and the Provincial).
- Community partners help support the Partners in Parks program.

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WHAT ARE WE DOING ALREADY?

- Major nature park additions in the last decade have included Uxley Valley, Rocky Point, Westwood Lake expansion along with Garry oak and willow meadow SLOs.
- Riparian management planning is underway for Garry Creek watershed and ongoing elsewhere.
- Constructed wetlands including Uxley Point wetland and the new Bluswood wetland near Bloom and Lagoon provide stormwater detention and add natural processes.

WATERFRONT ACCESS

Draft Goal: An empowered, thriving, diverse, and socially integrated community.

WHAT YOU SHARED IN PHASE 1: Places to enjoy the waterfront areas is a priority.

WATERFRONT ACCESS: How can we continue to protect our valued shoreline and allow opportunities to experience them.

WHAT WE DO:

- Secure public waterfront parks and trails.
- Manage and maintain City-owned waterfront.
- Regulate waterfront development on private lands through Development Permits.

WHAT OTHERS DO:

- Regulate off-shore activity (lower governments).
- Manage port lands including Bear Basin (Port of Nanaimo).

DRAFT TARGETS:

- Length of publicly accessible waterfront.
- Number of accessible waterfront features.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

- 100% of publicly accessible waterfront.
- 100% of accessible waterfront features.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ALREADY?

- Uxley Valley Park was established and new projects (East Lake and Centre Lake, as well as Centre Creek).
- Waterfront Development Permit Areas are in place to protect waterfronts and their riparian areas during development.
- Westwood Lake Park was expanded.
- Planning is underway to extend the Waterfront Walkway from Downtown to Esplanade Bay.
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Emerging Strategies and Action Plans

A GREEN NANAIMO: RESILIENT & REGENERATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

- ▶ Climate Change Emergency
- ▶ Protected Ecosystems
- ▶ Waste as a Resource
- ▶ Water Use and Conservation

A HEALTHY NANAIMO: COMMUNITY WELL-BEING & LIVABILITY

- ▶ Supporting Vulnerable Populations
- ▶ Affordable Housing
- ▶ Welcoming Community
- ▶ Cost Effective Infrastructure

A CONNECTED NANAIMO: EQUITABLE ACCESS & MOBILITY

- ▶ Daily Needs Closer to Home
- ▶ Active Transportation
- ▶ Mobility



AN EMPOWERED NANAIMO: DIVERSITY, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL INTEGRITY

- ▶ Recreation & Culture
- ▶ Waterfront Access



AN ENABLED NANAIMO: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Businesses & Industry



Phase 3: Deliverables and Future Management Plans and Strategies



Healthy

Connected

Empowered

Enabled

Green



Anything unclear?



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