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SUBJECT **MAYOR'S LEADERS TABLE – INFRASTRUCTURE ASK CITY PROJECTS**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To provide Council with information on the list of City infrastructure projects submitted for the Mayor's Leaders Table Infrastructure Ask Working Group.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, His Worship established the Mayor's Task Force on Recovery and Resilience. One of the Task Forces' recommendations was to establish a Mayor's Leaders Table to advise, inform and collaborate across the community to further Nanaimo's opportunities and address challenges.

In 2021, the Mayor convened the Mayor's Leaders Table and appointed Working Groups to focus on three key areas:

- Capital Infrastructure Asks,
- Youth Attraction and Retention, and
- Training and Education of the Doughnut Economics Philosophy.

The Working Group Chairs collaborate regularly and convene consistent meetings of their Working Groups, which includes leaders from all sectors in the community, including Councillors.

DISCUSSION

Staff liaisons sit on each of the Working Groups to provide support. The City of Nanaimo has several large capital projects on the horizon, which have been submitted for consideration of the Infrastructure Ask Working Group.

The City's projects were gleaned from across Divisions and include:

- Mid-Town Water Supply Project,
- Nanaimo Operations Centre,
- RCMP Detachment,
- Waterfront Walkway
- Community-Based Fibre Optic Network,
- Housing, and
- South End Community Centre.

Several other community organizations have submitted their projects to the Working Group. The Working Group will shortlist all projects into three lists:

- Major Infrastructure,
- Secondary Infrastructure, and
- Evolving Community projects.

Should Council wish to suggest further projects for consideration by the Infrastructure Ask Working Group, they could come through the Mayor's office to the Chair, or Staff liaison.

The goal of the Infrastructure Ask Working Group meets the intent of a goal in the Economic Development Strategy to:

“prepare an inventory of infrastructure asks and needs over the next 10 years, by sector and project, accounting not just for municipal services but those of other public and private service providers.”

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Mayor's Leaders Table Infrastructure Ask Working Group received projects from public and private sector service providers.
- The Working Group will develop a broad, community based list of capital infrastructure priorities that reflect overall benefit for the community's needs.
- Staff submitted several major capital projects, which we believe meet the intent of the Working Group.

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