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Nanaimo Update

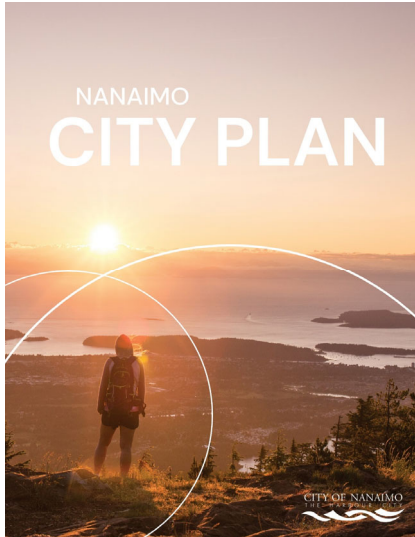
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| 2 | BC Accessible Act Update |
| 3 | Phase 3 - Timelines and Review |

Accessibility and Inclusivity Policies



- Received a draft of Empowered Chapter
- Bylaw



AN EMPOWERED NANAIMO:

Empowered Goal contains 10 items:

- Truth & Reconciliation
- **Equity & Inclusivity**
- **Political Voice & Engagement**
- **Access for All**
- Culture
- Archaeological & Heritage
- Public Art Projects & Programs
- Community Events, Tournaments & Gatherings
- Parkland & Park Amenity Management
- Waterfront Use & Protection Management

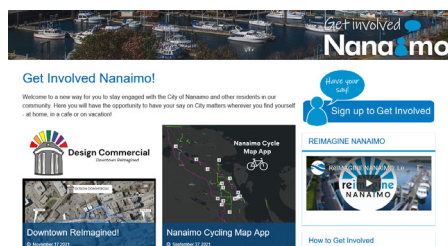
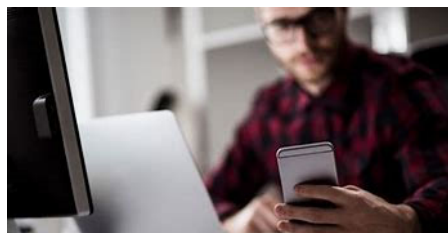
Equity and Inclusivity



CITY PLAN EMERGING DIRECTION: Draft Desired Outcomes

- An inclusive Nanaimo that provides opportunities for active involvement and prosperity for all; welcomes the contributions of all members; facilitates participation and social interaction across all cultures, orientations, ages and abilities; and recognizes and fosters respect for diversity.
- Environments and spaces across all areas of the city that are diverse and vibrant for the enjoyment of all residents.
- Celebration of diverse cultures and a community that is welcoming, inclusive, and accepting of all.
- Equitable access to services, programs, and facilities for all residents.
- Demonstrated City leadership by receiving training, sharing resources and knowledge, and applying an equity, diversity and inclusion lens in city initiatives and decision-making processes.

Political Voice and Engagement



CITY PLAN EMERGING DIRECTION: Draft Desired Outcomes

- An informed and aware community who can meaningfully participate in city processes and shape city decisions.
- Opportunities for all people to express their voice on community matters important to them.
- Demonstrated City leadership in active listening to the diverse voices in the community.
- Space for representation that reflects the diverse population of Nanaimo so that decision-making, planning, policy development, and the creation of procedures considers a broad range of perspectives that are representative of community diversity.
- Respectful conversations that encourage effective participation and ensures that members of the community are seen and heard

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Access for All



CITY PLAN EMERGING DIRECTION: Draft Desired Outcomes

- Many options for people of all ages and abilities to move freely throughout the City, without barriers.
- People of all ages and abilities and income levels have easy access to services and spaces without barriers.

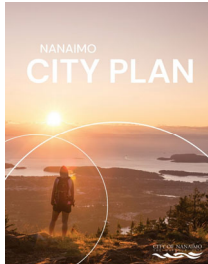
Draft Policies

- Administrative
- Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Recreation Programs
- Land Use and Development
- Mobility and Transportation

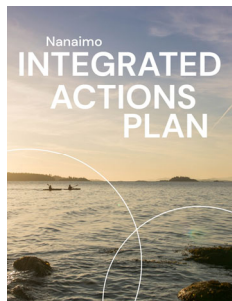


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Accessibility and Inclusivity Policies



- Full Draft Plan and integrated action plan will be shared with ACAI after Council

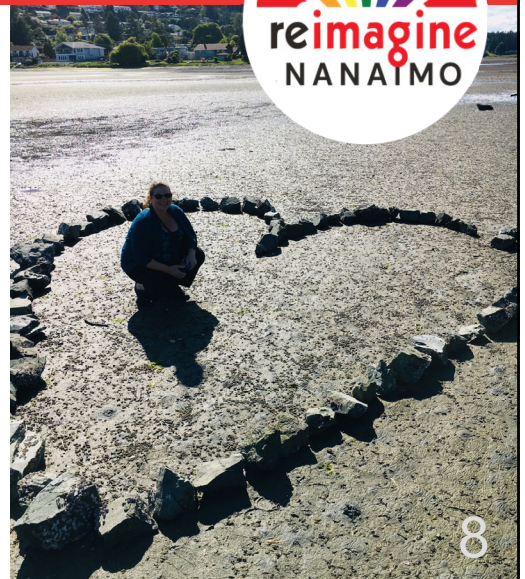


- Projects and Programs
- Immediate, Future, and Ongoing

Next Steps



- Present to Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness - Feb 23
- Share draft City Plan policies and actions for feedback during Phase 3 Engagement
- Test approach through Phase 3





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Accessibility Plan Update



Accessible BC Act— Summer 2021

Requirements:

- Develop accessibility plan and commitment statement
- Have a Committee and feedback mechanism
- Update plan every 3 years and submit to Province



Accessibility Plan Update



REIMAGINE Process and City Plan:

- Met with the Accessibility Directorate
- Confirmed that City Plan and the linked Integrated Actions Plan will fulfill the legislation requirements
- Already meeting requirements such as ACAI and Reimagine Nanaimo Process
- Update action plan ever three years

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PHASE 3 ENGAGEMENT



We are here

START-UP &
ENGAGEMENT
PLANNING



PHASE 1
GATHERING IDEAS
SUMMER - WINTER 2020



PHASE 2
EXPLORING OPTIONS
WINTER - SUMMER 2021



PHASE 3
DEVELOPING PLANS
FALL - WINTER 2021

PHASE 3 ENGAGEMENT

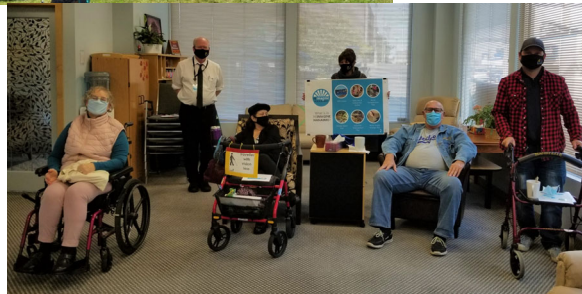


ENGAGEMENT KEY POINTS:

High levels of engagement during phase 1 & 2 reflected back in draft City Plan

Seeking **confirmation that draft City Plan reflects community and Council directions**

Still in COVID times and engagement is adapting to be as accessible as possible



Phase 3 Launch – Feb 28



Access to Nature & Outdoor Recreation
We value our green spaces and love being minutes away from nature and places to play outdoors. Preserving this access for the future is essential.

Central Hub Identity
We're excited about our role as the Central Hub of Vancouver Island and wish to build on this with effective transportation connections, economic development, and identity building.

Neighbourhood Character
We value our existing neighbourhoods and the balance between more urban and more residential areas. Maintaining a mix of urban and residential areas and protecting the character of neighbourhoods is important.

A Waterfront Identity
The waterfront is part of who we are, and we want more opportunities to connect with and celebrate it.

City Living
We are preparing to embrace a shift from more suburban to urban living and are excited about cultural, entertainment, and public living opportunities that are closer to home. However, it's important the transition is thoughtful with attention to place-making and character.

Thriving & Creative Downtown
We want to see Downtown Nanaimo become the vibrant, engaging centre for arts, culture, entertainment, tourism, business, and employment that has been envisioned over the years.

A Green Approach
We are getting ready to embrace our role as a climate leader, making choices that will reduce our impacts, protect our natural assets, and position us for a greener future. However, we recognize that changing our behaviours will be challenging.

Mobility Choice
We would like to move around our community more easily by foot and bike, and we want our transit to be more frequent, faster, and accessible, but we're also coming to terms with reducing our reliance on automobiles.

Supportive City
We are worried about the increasing social challenges our community is facing and how to help all people to live healthier, happier lives while keeping our city feeling safe and welcoming.

Inclusive & Equitable
We want to respect and respond to the perspectives, values, and needs of all individuals and groups in Nanaimo and create spaces and programs that are for everyone.

Affordable City
We are concerned about the rising costs of living in our city and are seeking ways to make it possible for people of all socio-economic backgrounds to find their home here.

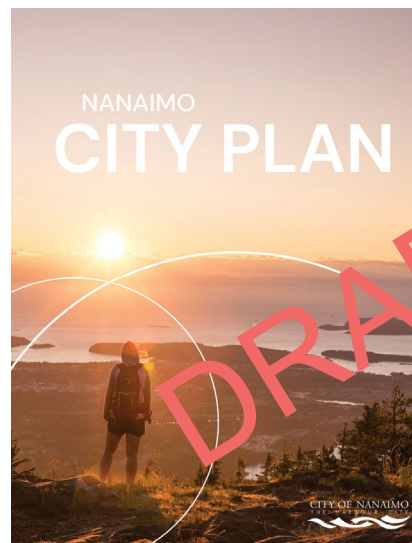
Great Jobs & Businesses
We wish to attract and maintain great businesses and institutions that provide quality jobs so we can work close to home in employment that fulfills us.

12 Engagement themes

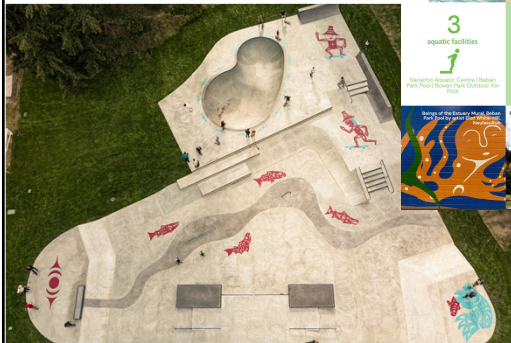
Engagement Methods Phase 3



- Draft City Plan
- Story Map (linked to Plan Sections)
- Online/Print Survey Information
- Statistically-valid survey
- 12 themes
- Workshops
- Informal & Formal Referrals
- Video summary



Accessible Phase 3 Materials



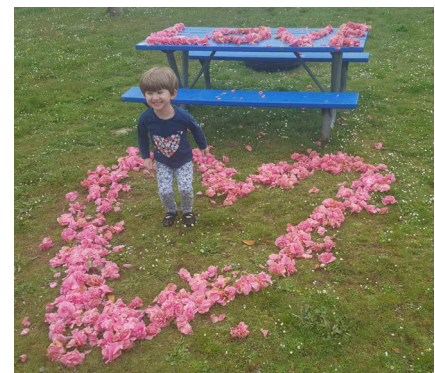
Draft Plan Elements:

- **Visuals** to communicate to range of audiences
- **Mapping** to show existing and future Recreation and Wellness amenities
- Many policies supporting **enhanced access to services and amenities** for all ages, incomes, backgrounds, abilities....

Feedback from ACAI throughout Phase 3



- Phase 3 engagement (February 23-April 8)
- Public Surveys/Workshops as Individuals
- Special ACAI Meeting option



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