

Information Report

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SUBJECT INTRODUCING THE DRAFT CITY PLAN

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To present to the Governance and Priorities Committee the content and structure of the draft City Plan.

BACKGROUND

Since the fall of 2019, the City of Nanaimo has been working towards a comprehensive update of several strategic planning policy documents through the REIMAGINE Nanaimo process. This involves the creation of one comprehensive City Plan.

DISCUSSION

The REIMAGINE Nanaimo process is now in Phase 3 of the project which involves creating a draft City Plan that reflects community engagement from Phases 1 and 2, as well as technical research and emerging best practices.

A draft City Plan has been created that combines, replaces, and updates a number of existing policy documents and provides a more coordinated citywide policy direction. The draft City Plan integrates and serves as the City's Official Community Plan; Parks, Recreation, and Culture Plan; Transportation Plan; Active Mobility Plan; Climate Action and Resiliency Plan; and, Accessibility and Inclusion Plan.

In addition to land use policy, the City Plan content is guided and structured around the following five goals:

- 1. A Green Nanaimo Resilient and Regenerative Ecosystems
- 2. A Connected Nanaimo Equitable Access and Mobility
- 3. A Healthy Nanaimo Community Wellness and Livability
- 4. An Empowered Nanaimo Reconciliation, Representation and Inclusion
- 5. A Prosperous Nanaimo Thriving and Resilient Economy

A link to the draft City Plan and draft City Plan maps is attached to this report (See Attachment A).

Council will receive an overview of the Phase 3 engagement launch and methods to gather feedback on the draft City Plan at their regular Council meeting on 2022-FEB-28.



SUMMARY POINTS

- The REIMAGINE Nanaimo process is now in Phase 3, and a link to the draft City Plan is attached to this report.
- The content and structure of the draft City Plan will be presented at the 2022-FEB-28 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting.
- An overview of the Phase 3 engagement launch and methods to gather feedback on the draft City Plan will be presented at the 2022-FEB-28 Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Link to "Draft City Plan" and "Draft City Plan maps"

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