

Infrastructure Ask Working Group

- A cross section of volunteer community leaders invested significant time and canvased organizations to develop then evaluate a list of projects important to Nanaimo.
- Working Group took a Whole Person view (meaningful balance in all aspects of our lives).
- Projects align with City Plan – Nanaimo Reimagined.
- Resulting project list is a coherent, community-driven selection of important projects.
- Engaged other Working Groups of the Mayor’s Leaders Table – Doughnut Economics and Youth Attraction & Retention.

Criteria and summary of process

- Request sent out to community organizations and agencies to submit near-term important projects.
- Working Group evaluated the implications and connections of projects with Reimagine Nanaimo (City Plan) and the broad community.
- Working Group analyzed other identified criteria/priorities/categories.
- A synthesis of criteria to align/select various projects (3 stage process).

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Working Group process

- Strategic alignment of Reimagine Nanaimo's framework for project evaluation
- Evaluation of each project against a set of criteria developed by Working Group
- Working Group identified critical needed projects
 - What projects do we need for Nanaimo to thrive?
 - What are fundamental project building blocks for a new, emerging Nanaimo?
 - What projects require critical funding to ensure success?

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Projects align with City Plan – Nanaimo Reimagined Goals



 A GREEN NANAIMO: RESILIENT & REGENERATIVE ECOSYSTEMS	 A CONNECTED NANAIMO: EQUITABLE ACCESS & MOBILITY	 A HEALTHY NANAIMO: COMMUNITY WELLBEING & LIVABILITY	 AN EMPOWERED NANAIMO: RECONCILIATION, REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION	 A PROSPEROUS NANAIMO: THRIVING & RESILIENT ECONOMY
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The following are considered projects important to Nanaimo.




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A Connected Nanaimo: Equitable Access & Mobility

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City of Nanaimo *Waterfront Walkway*
 A green-shores trail way from Departure Bay to BC Ferries' terminal, enhancing foreshore habitat, and providing an accessible trail for all ages and abilities.
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Tourism Nanaimo *Inclusive and Adaptive Trail Network*
 Development of trail network for off-road hand cycles and adaptive mountain bikes, along with potential for an accessible skills park and support facilities.


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A Healthy Nanaimo: Community Wellbeing & Livability

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City of Nanaimo *South End Community Centre*
 Development of a new Wellness Centre in Nanaimo's south end to provide recreation, gathering and bookable space in partnership with other agencies.
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Island Health / RDN *New Patient Tower*
 Replacement and modernization of NRGH's patient tower to accommodate patient medical service needs, safety, accessibility and asset management.
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Island Health / RDN *Cancer Centre*
 Development of a much-needed dedicated cancer centre to provide both in-and out-patient chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

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A Healthy Nanaimo: Housing



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City of Nanaimo *Health and Housing Action Plan*
 Plan envisions 635 new program and housing spaces to support 4,300 people over the next five years. A few projects are in-stream and highlighted below:
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Kwumut Lelum / Tillicum Lelum *A Village Within a City*
 A Community-Hub concept that has housing, wellness, wraparound health and social services; could be at Te'tuxwtun or at Selby St.
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Nanaimo Affordable Housing *Various Housing Projects*
 Four various affordable mixed-unit housing projects to support people with disabilities and low to moderate income seniors and families.
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Tillicum Lelum *Hummingbird House*
 Purpose-built 20 unit housing to provide a critical need for lone-parent indigenous women with children.
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BC Housing *MOU Projects*
 Seven new developments including 125 new affordable and supportive homes for individuals and families and 190 homes for those at risk of experiencing homelessness.

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An Empowered Nanaimo: Reconciliation, Representation & Inclusion



- 
Nanaimo Art Gallery Society *New Nanaimo Art Gallery*
 Development of a new 25,000 sq. ft. Nanaimo Art Gallery, at a new downtown site, or within the existing footprint.
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Nanaimo Museum *Gallery Renovation*
 Renovations and updates to the Nanaimo Museum to bring Snuneymuxw history to the fore, and provide further accessibility improvements.




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An Empowered Nanaimo: Reconciliation, Representation & Inclusion

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Performing Arts Community *Small Performance Space*
 A new 250-300 seat purpose-built performance space for broad community use.
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Port Theatre Society *Port Theatre Completion*
 Modernization and improvements to accessibility, storage and washrooms as well as increased functionality for large community groups.
- 
School District 68 *Replace NDSS*
 Modernization, expansion and replacement of the end-of-life critical secondary school.


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A Prosperous Nanaimo: Thriving & Resilient Economy


- City of Nanaimo** *Fibre Network*

 Installation of 30 km of additional City-owned fibre optic network throughout the community for high-speed, resilient and low-cost connectivity.
- Island Corridor Foundation** *Island Rail Corridor*

 Upgrade rail infrastructure to enhance regional goods and people movement and strengthen supply chain security to the Island.
- Nanaimo Airport Commission** *Highway 1 Access*

 Construction of two new signalized intersections on the TransCanada Highway to provide safe access to the ongoing Nanaimo Airport commercial and employment lands.

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A Prosperous Nanaimo: Thriving & Resilient Economy




Nanaimo Port Authority *Marina Redevelopment*



Reconstruction and updating of the marina from Swy-a-Lana to Cameron Island to enhance tourism, and support Saisutshun, Protection and Gabriola Islands.

Vancouver Island University *Athletic Centre/Fieldhouse*



Development of a new gymnasium incorporating athletic and wellness for University and public use, along with a new fieldhouse supporting the stadium district and interconnecting multi-use pathway.

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Local Hub Concept (City Plan) Projects built in partnership

- **Local neighbourhood hubs** form around school sites (through partnerships), where educational activities can be combined with day-to-day neighbourhood needs.
- **Local hubs** may include gathering spaces, daycare, play spaces, recreation and wellness facilities, community meeting spaces, cafes, public art, cultural performance facilities.
- **Local hubs** support more people in neighbourhoods having better access to daily needs.

The Working Group is already a catalyst for a number of discussions around this concept.

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Top 5 Projects

NOT in priority order

- **Nanaimo Regional General Hospital patient tower**
- **Equitable Housing**
- **Community fiber optic network**
- **NRGH Cancer Centre**
- **South End Community Centre**

These are near-term priorities for the community to thrive.

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Other important community projects

Other projects identified that require significant infrastructure funding and regional community support

City Infrastructure Projects

City of Nanaimo	Nanaimo Operations Centre
City of Nanaimo	RCMP Detachment
City of Nanaimo	Water Supply Upgrades

Regional Transportation Infrastructure Projects

Nanaimo Airport Commission	Airport Terminal Expansion – Phase 2
Nanaimo Port Authority	Duke Point Terminal Expansion

Recreation Partnership Project

City of Nanaimo & SD68	North end artificial turf field
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Suggestions for next steps

- To continue the momentum, energy and investment of community leaders - to move Nanaimo forward.
- Walking together with Snuneymuxw is critical.
- Establish Table of Champions
 - Monitor projects' status
 - Support proponents' efforts; e.g. mentoring
 - Advocate and lobby on behalf of or together with proponents
 - Letters of recommendation in support of projects
 - Coordinate single community voice with senior government
 - Meet regularly – connect with Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation, Systems Planning Organization, Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Final thoughts of Working Group

- Whole person approach (meaningful balance)
 - Projects cross categories; example – arts and culture projects cover both Livability & Wellbeing AND Reconciliation, Representation & Inclusion.
- The work of the Infrastructure Ask Working Group has sparked and strengthened partnerships which will synergize projects.
- Projects have primary, secondary, tertiary benefits. Work of the group focused on primary and secondary benefits.
- We re-emphasize the **evolution** of Nanaimo from a comfortable small town to a large, complex urban center.
- Evolution and growth has implications and expectations of individual community members (“Ask not what your community can do for you...”).