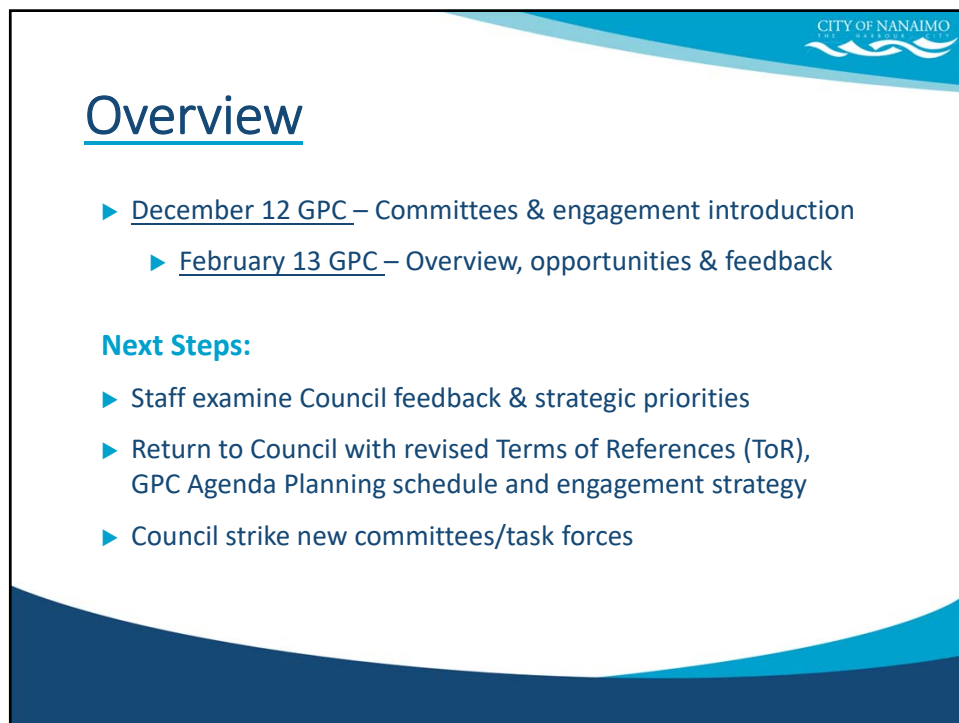




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Overview

- ▶ Governance and Priorities Committee
- ▶ Mayor's Leaders' Table
- ▶ Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness
- ▶ Other Committees, Task Forces and Next Steps



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GPC



Established in 2019 to “enable members of Council to review upcoming and important issues and opportunities with members of administration and the public, with a focus on understanding the broader policy implications of the items being considered”.



Provides an opportunity for in-depth conversation on Council priorities



Originally intended to be a more informal forum with open dialogue

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GPC & Engagement

- ▶ Staff are proposing an engagement strategy that would help collect & provide Council with community input in advance of GPC meetings
- ▶ This strategy:
 - Seeks to broaden & encourage community input
 - Supports a number of the Community Engagement Task Force's Recommendations
 - Increases the use of Get Involved Nanaimo (public engagement software) and other channels



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GPC Engagement Strategy



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Community Engagement Task Force Recommendations



The proposed engagement strategy supports 4 of the 6 CETF recommendations:

- ▶ Be committed to working more closely with the community to improve engagement and participation in Council decisions, so that residents feel empowered to be more active in shaping their community and future.
- ▶ Begin with something as simple as a published calendar of what Council intends to engage residents about over the next year.
- ▶ Ensure that existing methods for community engagement are fully understood and utilized.
- ▶ Consider how to improve community engagement through advertising, social media and online technology.

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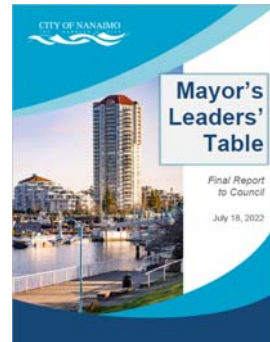


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Mayor's Leaders' Table

- ▶ Established to continue the work that began in 2020 with the Mayor's Task Force on Recovery and Resilience
- ▶ Purpose is *to ensure the continued advocacy of projects and programs to support capital infrastructure asks*
- ▶ Membership will include the Mayor and 5-7 additional members



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Mayor's Leaders' Table

Recommendation:

That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend that Council endorse the Mayor's Leaders' Table terms of reference as attached to the staff report dated 2023-FEB-13.

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Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusiveness (ACAI)

- ▶ First established in 2019 to *promote social and political equity within existing and proposed City plans, policies, bylaws and infrastructure and make recommendations to ensure that they are inclusive and accommodating to citizens of all ages, abilities and walks of life.*
- ▶ The ACAI fulfills the new legislated requirement for organizations (including municipalities) to have an accessibility committee.
- ▶ Membership requirements will need to be adjusted to ensure compliance with legislation.

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ACAI Proposed Membership

- ▶ Thirteen voting members, of which there are:
 - Two members of Council
 - Five members appointed on behalf of non-profit organizations dedicated to matters of accessibility, diversity and/or inclusion
 - Five members-at-large
 - One youth representative (age 15-24)
- ▶ At least half of the members would be persons with disabilities or persons representing a disability-serving organization
- ▶ Indigenous representation must be included

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- ▶ *City Plan* acts as the City's Accessibility Plan, with implementation built into the *Integrated Action Plan*
- ▶ ACAI would be required to review and update the accessibility actions every 3 years, in line with the new legislation
- ▶ Opportunity to review City Plan's "Empowered Nanaimo" goals and identify opportunities to support the related policies
- ▶ Staff will amend ToR based on Council feedback and return for endorsement


An Empowered Nanaimo:
Reconciliation, Representation & Inclusion



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Other Committees/Task Forces

- ▶ Environment Committee & other Committees/Task Forces
 - Bring forward recommendations after Strategic Priorities sessions
 - Importance of determining “is it necessary”
 - Embedding diverse membership (including youth) throughout committees

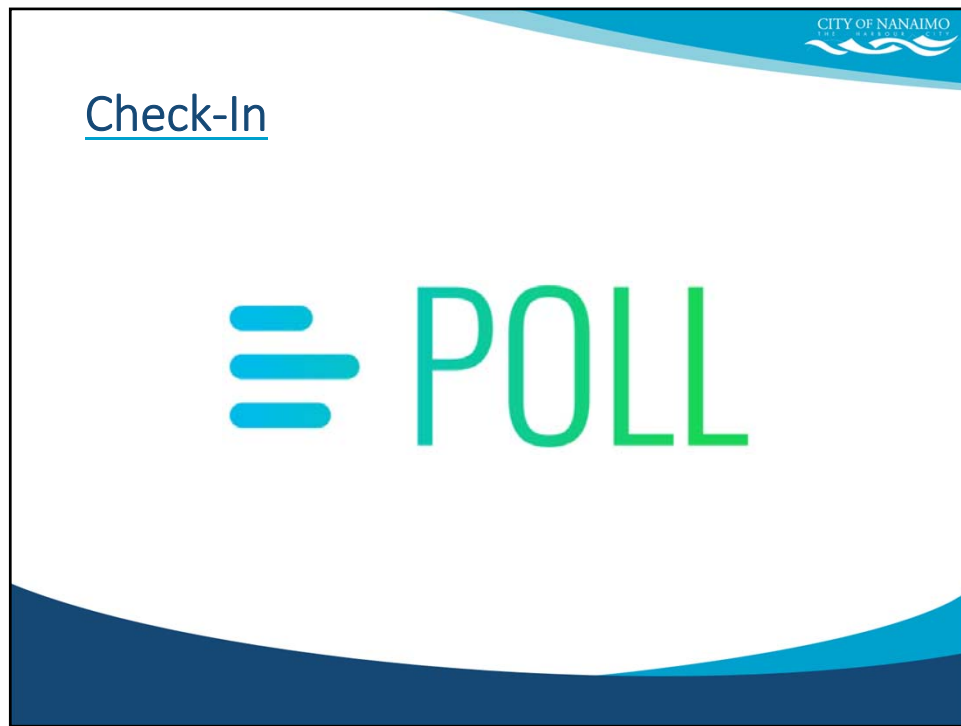
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Other engagement opportunities

- ▶ Potential to hold quarterly townhalls
 - Topics could include public safety, budgeting (spring & fall), housing, social matters, and others
 - Other formats could be explored i.e. World Café style forums
 - Staff welcome Council input and feedback



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