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SUBJECT **INTEGRATED ACTION PLAN – 2024 NEIGHBOURHOOD
ASSOCIATION PRIORITY REQUESTS**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To provide a summary of the neighbourhood association priority requests identified at the neighbourhood association engagement event held on 2024-MAY-22 and seek direction to replace the 2023 neighbourhood association priority list in the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) with the updated 2024 priority requests. |

Recommendation

That Council endorse the updated 2024 neighbourhood association priority requests as outlined in Attachment B of the 2024-JUL-08 Staff report, and direct Staff to replace the Appendix of the *Integrated Action Plan* (IAP) with the updated 2024 priority requests.

BACKGROUND

City Plan encourages engagement with neighbourhood associations, and specifically Council hosting an annual engagement opportunity to hear the collective priorities of neighbourhoods. The *Neighbourhood Associations Supports Policy* also notes that Council will host an annual engagement opportunity with recognized neighbourhood associations.

The first annual neighbourhood association engagement event was held in April 2023, and Council endorsed the 2023 neighbourhood association priorities list in June 2023. In March 2024, Staff provided a status update to each recognized neighbourhood association, indicating the progress of the 2023 requested priorities (see link in Attachment A). Based on this information, neighbourhood associations had an opportunity to consider updating their priority requests for 2024.

The second annual neighbourhood association engagement event was held on 2024-MAY-22, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Dodd Narrows Room of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. The event was coordinated by Staff and all 16 recognized neighbourhood associations sent representatives to attend and provide input on behalf of their respective associations. |

DISCUSSION

At the 2024-MAY-22 event, the neighbourhood associations had an opportunity to discuss their requested priorities with Council members and Staff. Staff facilitators recorded the updated 2024 priority requests. After the engagement event, the recorded priorities were sent to the neighbourhood associations for verification. Attachment B contains the finalized neighbourhood association 2024 priority requests for Council consideration.

If endorsed by Council, Staff will work to review the 2024 requests identified by the neighbourhood associations within four years for consideration of inclusion into the City of Nanaimo’s capital plans, budgets, and departmental workplans. Note that the requests are also reviewed in relation to the City’s policies and priorities (i.e. Crosswalk Improvement Prioritization Tool). Council may also wish to consider elevating specific neighbourhood association requests into the *Integrated Action Plan* Priority Action list.

OPTIONS

1. That Council endorse the updated 2024 neighbourhood association priority requests as outlined in Attachment B of the 2024-JUL-08 Staff report, and direct Staff to replace the Appendix of the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) with the updated 2024 priority requests.
 - The advantages of this option: The 2024 priority requests identified by neighbourhood associations will replace the 2023 priorities list in the Appendix of the *Integrated Action Plan*.
 - The disadvantages of this option: Further Staff review will be required to evaluate and address the requests.
 - Financial Implications: Staff will work to review the actions identified by the neighbourhood associations within four years for consideration of inclusion into the City’s capital plans, budgets, and departmental workplans.
2. That Council provide alternate direction.

SUMMARY POINTS

- *City Plan* encourages engagement with neighbourhood associations, specifically Council hosting an annual engagement opportunity to hear the collective priorities of neighbourhoods.
- The City of Nanaimo’s second annual neighbourhood association engagement event was held on 2024-MAY-22 and 16 recognized neighbourhoods sent representatives to attend.
- Each neighbourhood association has confirmed their updated 2024 priority requests, and it is recommended that Council endorse replacing the existing Appendix of the City’s *Integrated Action Plan* with the updated 2024 requests.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A: Link to 2023 Neighbourhood Association Priority Action List Tracking Sheet (March 2024)

ATTACHMENT B: 2024 Neighbourhood Association Priority Requests

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