CITY OF NANAIMO
THE HARBOUR CITY

# PUBLIC WORKS YARD UPDATES PROJECT



## WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

**This project will see the replacement of two buildings – the fleet maintenance building and the crew and administration building.**

The original public works buildings were constructed over 60 years ago when Nanaimo's population was less than half of what it is today. Now, with a community of over 100,000, these buildings are insufficient - they were not designed to support a city of this size. These updates will help the City continue to provide services safely and efficiently to our community such as:

- building and maintaining roads, sidewalks, bike lanes and trails,
- bringing clean tap water to every home and business,
- maintaining the sewer and drainage system,
- taking away garbage, recycling and organics, and
- maintaining parks and recreation facilities.

The proposed buildings will be simple, functional and seismically safe. That means they will be there and ready to keep servicing our community when it is most needed.

## LEARN MORE AT A TOUR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD:

**October 2, 5 and 23**
**Registration required for tours, visit recreation.nanaimo.ca, click "Register for a Program" and search, "Public Works Tour" or call 250-756-5200.**

## HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

The City is looking to borrow up to $90 million for this project but will only borrow enough to cover costs each year as the project progresses. Property taxes will be adjusted each year for borrowing costs. Once the borrowing is complete, and should the full amount be borrowed, the cost for the typical Nanaimo home would be $139/year[1,2] or $18 per $100,000[2] of assessed value.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD UPDATES PROJECT, PLEASE VISIT**
**www.nanaimo.ca/goto/PWY-Updates.**

[1] *Based on a typical home valued at $783,808*
[2] *Rounded to the nearest dollar. Tax impact based on 2024 figures and a 20 year amortization of 4.58%.*

# ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS[1]

## WHAT IS AN AAP?

An AAP is a common process used by municipalities to seek elector approval for long term borrowing. It allows eligible electors[2] to indicate if they are against a proposal moving forward. If 10 per cent or more of eligible electors submit a response form in opposition, Council must either abandon the bylaw or hold a referendum to obtain approval.

## WHAT IS THIS AAP FOR?

In July, City Council chose to use an AAP to seek elector approval to borrow up to $90 million for the construction of the Public Works Yard Updates Project[1], which includes replacing the fleet maintenance and administrative buildings. An AAP provides eligible electors with a minimum of 30 days to submit their response form noting their opposition to the borrowing. In this instance, the City will run the AAP for 42 days. This provides an additional 12 days beyond what is legislatively required.

## HOW DOES AN AAP WORK?

If you are an eligible elector and are opposed to the City borrowing funds for the Public Works Yard Updates Project you may complete, sign and submit an elector response form by the deadline. If you are in favour of the City borrowing the funding for this project, no action is required.

## WHEN DOES THE AAP TAKE PLACE?

**September 18 at 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2024.**

## WHERE CAN I GET AN ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM?

You can pick up an elector response form from City Hall, located at 455 Wallace Street or download it online at **www.nanaimo.ca/goto/AAP** beginning on September 18 at 8:30 a.m.

## HOW CAN I SUBMIT A FORM?

Completed forms will be accepted by Legislative Services between September 18 at 8:30 a.m. and October 31 at 4:30 p.m. in any of three ways:

- **In person:** at the Legislative Services department located in City Hall (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays)
- **Mail:** 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5J6
- **Online:** upload a scan or photograph of your completed and signed form on the form submission page at **www.nanaimo.ca/goto/AAP-submissions**.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AAP, PLEASE VISIT www.nanaimo.ca/goto/aap.**

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[1] *This is not an official notice*

[2] *Only eligible electors for the City of Nanaimo may participate in this AAP. To find out if you are eligible, please visit* ***www.nanaimo.ca/goto/aap-eligibility.***