PUBLIC WORKS YARD UPDATES
PROJECT INFORMATION



WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

This project will see the replacement of two buildings in the City of Nanaimo's Public Works Yard – the fleet maintenance building and the crew and administration building - and bring together Public Works and Parks Operations. 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.

WHY REPLACE THESE BUILDINGS?

The original public works buildings, which include the fleet maintenance and the crew and administration building 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.

The fleet maintenance building is past its useful life, not seismically safe and the mechanic bays are too small to fit some fleet vehicles including fire and sanitation trucks.

The crew and administration building is also too small to accommodate current staff. Much of the additional space was added using temporary buildings, like construction trailers, which are not intended for permanent use and have exceeded their useful life. Also, it isn't seismically safe.

DID YOU KNOW?

Public Works staff completed over 6,500 work orders coming from over 20,000 calls and emails from residents last year ranging from missed garbage/recycling collections to water leaks.

WHAT DO PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS OPERATIONS DO?

They provide services that keep Nanaimo running 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,
- supporting and responding to recovery efforts during and after an emergency, and
- maintaining parks and recreation facilities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parks Operations crews maintain, develop and conserve over 11.25 square kilometers of parkland, trails and environmentally protected areas throughout Nanaimo. That's more than three times the size of Saysutshun Island!

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Learn more about the project and the services Public Works and Parks Operations do at one of the following tours of the Public Works Yard:

- October 2, 5 and 23.

Registration is required for these tours. Register:

- online at **recreation.nanaimo.ca**,
  - click "Register for a Program" and
  - search "Public Works Tour" or
- by phone at 250-756-5200.

More information on the Public Works Yard Updates Project can be found on: **www.nanaimo.ca/goto/PWY-Updates**.







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.

WHY FUND THROUGH BORROWING?

For assets with a long life, it makes financial sense to borrow funds to spread the cost over a long period of time so it isn't all placed on current residents.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our fleet staff complete around 4,000 work orders per year on City vehicles – from regular maintenance such as oil changes to larger complex jobs such as replacing the mechanical arms that pick up your garbage and recycling.

WHY USE AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS?

Provincial legislation requires elector approval whenever a local government chooses to borrow funds. There are two ways for a local government to seek approval - through a referendum or through an alternative approval process (AAP).

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, which includes replacing the fleet maintenance and crew and administration buildings.

An AAP provides eligible electors with a minimum of 30 days to submit their response form noting their opposition to the borrowing.

WHEN DOES THE AAP TAKE PLACE?

The AAP runs for 42 days from **8:30 a.m. on September 18, 2024 until 4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2024**.

This provides an additional 12 days beyond what is legislatively required.

HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY?

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.

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 at 8:30 a.m. on September 18.

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. Open 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**.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Find more information on the Public Works Yard Updates Project AAP at: **www.nanaimo.ca/goto/aap**

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[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%.*