



Nanaimo Old City Association

25 Machleary St
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January 22, 2019

**Re: Nanaimo Old City Association Supports
Re-instatement of the Community Planning and Development Committee**

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Nanaimo Old City Association (NOCA) is one of Nanaimo's long standing neighbourhood associations that works closely with the City of Nanaimo, residents, and other stakeholders to enhance and support our community.

NOCA is writing to request that the City give serious consideration to re-instating the Community Planning and Development Committee. NOCA believes the Community Planning and Development Committee provides an opportunity to engage community members and consider their valuable input into possible amendments to the City's Official Community Plan, Transportation Plan, Zoning Bylaw, and other proposed changes that potentially impact our neighbourhoods. In the past, we have enjoyed a positive working relationship with Council and staff through the Community Planning and Development Committee. We look forward to doing so again in the future.

NOCA also believes that having representation from neighbourhood associations as non-voting members is a key element to the structure of the Community Planning and Development Committee because these members provide insight into area-specific neighbourhood plans and community concerns. Re-instatement of the Committee, (along with its accommodation of temporary seats for neighbourhood associations to sit on them when projects in their catchment areas are presented), would help Council and staff would re-establish mutual cooperation.

We believe re-instatement of the Community Planning and Development Committee would help the City of Nanaimo Council and staff build relationships with residents and ensure community members are heard regarding proposals that impact the city.

If you have any questions or comments about NOCA's request, please contact me at:
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Sincerely,

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