

NEWS RELEASE

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City continues to seek feedback on proposed Event Centre

Third public engagement event to be held tonight from 6-8pm at Beban Park

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is continuing to encourage residents to share their thoughts on a proposed Events Centre project that could be built on one of two possible downtown locations - the Howard Johnson site located at Comox Road and Terminal Avenue and the 1 Port Drive site located on the south downtown waterfront. Having reviewed the available reports and presentation material on the City's website, residents can share their feedback via an online survey, email or by attending a third public engagement session scheduled for tonight from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Beban Park Social Centre.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION:

- The public engagement session scheduled for tonight will follow the format used during the November 24 and December 1 events where participants can leave comments on six discussion topics and complete a short paper survey.
- Consultants from the architectural firm Brisbin Brook Beynon will also be on hand to provide a presentation and take questions.

PROPOSED TIMELINE:

- Should the project go ahead, information outlining projected timelines and next steps is now available.

Strategic Link: Exploring the feasibility of a Sports and Entertainment Centre is one of Council's capital project priorities.

Key Points

- Join the City tonight in the Beban Park Social Centre from 6 pm to 8 pm. Your comments and feedback will help Council make an informed decision on this proposed project.
- The City wants your input. Discover the various ways you can participate by visiting the City's website.
- At this time, no decisions have been made for the proposed Events Centre; the current focus is to collect information and receive feedback from the public.
- The City wishes to thank those residents who have already provided their feedback and comments.

Quotes

"If you have not yet attended one of the three scheduled public engagement sessions, please join us tonight from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Beban Park Social Centre. Still can't make it? Send us an email to eventcentre@nanaimo.ca"

Philip Cooper
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Quick Facts

- The first of two Event Centre studies was presented to Council on November 15. A second more detailed study is currently underway and will be presented to Council on December 19.

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