

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Call for applications: Public Safety Committee

*The City of Nanaimo seeks engaged volunteers to advise on safety and security in our community*

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo is looking for volunteers to join a new committee to help improve safety and security within our community. The Public Safety Committee will directly advise Nanaimo's City Council on the City's public safety programs, policies and strategic initiatives.

Discussions will lead to recommendations on a wide range of safety topics, including residential and commercial business safety, public nuisance matters, graffiti and vandalism, vehicular crime, traffic safety, public safety and security and fire safety. The committee will also work with Council to increase public awareness and education on safety-related matters. Members will review information provided by safety groups and agencies such as the Nanaimo RCMP, Nanaimo Fire Rescue and City of Nanaimo Bylaw Services and will be advocates for their work as it relates to the community, enforcement and the protection of vulnerable persons.

The Public Safety Committee will consist of nine voting members including two members of Council and seven members-at-large. The committee will meet together every second month, and the volunteer term will run until November 2026, coinciding with the current City Council's term.

Nanaimo residents with a passion for our community's health and a willingness to volunteer are encouraged to apply. The team of successful applicants will reflect a broad cross-section of our community and each member will be appointed on the basis of their individual availability, experience and expertise and not as a formal representative of any particular organization. Applicants must have no conflict of interest with Council or the committee and its purpose.

Applications for the Public Safety Committee can be submitted to the Legislative Services Department by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023. A fillable form and a PDF version are available on the City's website:

[Public Safety Committee Appointment Application Form \(PDF\)](#)

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*Strategic Link:* The new Public Safety Committee reflects Council's commitment to addressing social, health and public safety challenges.

#### Key Points

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## Quotes

"The safety and well-being of our city is so much more than a hot topic; there are genuine issues that need to be addressed and new concerns that arise quickly. Everyone, from families at home to our vulnerable and unhoused population, need to feel safe in our community. Thank you in advance to everyone who applies to be on the committee; your willingness to help is a part of what makes Nanaimo great!"

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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