

NANAIMO REVITALIZATION & RECONCILIATION

100 Gordon Street

The Courtyard Marriott Hotel opened in March 2023. This 9-storey, 172-unit hotel is adjacent to the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.





1 Port Drive

The City of Nanaimo acquired the lands at 1 Port Drive from CP Rail in March 2013. The lands comprise 10.8 ha of land and water (26.7 acres), located in the downtown core. Work is underway to prepare the site for redevelopment as envisioned in the Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan.

100 Port Drive

A passenger terminal building at the Port of Nanaimo, includes the Hullo passenger ferry service, Helijet heliport and the cruise ship terminal.





Maffeo Sutton Park

Nanaimo's destination waterfront park has undergone recent improvements including a new inclusive playground and the Rotary Centennial Garden. Visitors are welcomed to the park and a historic village site by a traditional Welcome Pole by Snuneymuxw Master Carver Noel Brown.

1 Terminal avenue

A highly prominent waterfront property in downtown Nanaimo and traditional village site for the Snuneymuxw people, has now been returned to the Snuneymuxw First Nation as a measure of reconciliation and for its redevelopment potential.





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340 Campbell Street

A six-storey development featuring 162 rental units.





235 Wallace Street

A substantial rental housing development in Nanaimo's downtown core, eventually leading to a pair of six- storey towers containing 195 residential market rental units.

Fire Station #1

The official opening of Nanaimo's new Fire Station #1 was held in June 2023. The event featured the unveiling of a welcoming pole carved from red cedar by Snuneymuxw First Nation artist Noel Brown.





285 Prideaux Street

Opened in May 2024, the "Cornerstone" supportive housing building, which provides 51 new permanent homes with supports for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, was a collaborative effort by the City of Nanaimo and BC Housing.

Commercial Street Construction Project

The first phase of Design Commercial Project is underway. An iconic and historical street in downtown Nanaimo, Commercial Street will be updated with important infrastructure updates to municipal service assets and includes improvements to sidewalks, accessibility, and creating a dynamic and flexible event space to host non-vehicle events such as the Commercial Street Night Market.



The tour will conclude at Diana Krall Playa.



COURTYARD MARRIOTT, 100 GORDON STREET



A 9-storey, 172-unit hotel opened in March 2023. Located adjacent to the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (VICC), the Courtyard by Marriott Nanaimo is a collaborative effort between PEG Companies, the Snuneymuxw First Nation, City of Nanaimo, and other project partners.



The project was envisioned for over a decade to support the use of the VICC, with construction being completed in three years. The hotel has integrated site-specific Snuneymuxw art throughout its design including in its guest rooms and public spaces. "As the majority owner of the hotel, we celebrate the opportunity to share Snuneymuxw culture with visitors from all over the world while supporting the economic growth of our Nation and the local community," says Chief Mike Wyse. "By investing in Nanaimo's hospitality industry, we have created local jobs and established essential infrastructure that benefits a growing tourism sector."

Ay Lelum The Good House of Design was selected for the project. Featured Snuneymuxw artists include Joel Good, Dr. William Good, Sandra Moorhouse-Good, Aunalee Boyd-Good, Sophia Seward-Good and Thea Harris.



1 PORT DRIVE

In 2013 the City purchased 10.8ha (26.7 acres) of land and water from property from Canadian Pacific Railway. The area is bound by Snuneymuxw First Nation to the south, the Esplanade and Front Street to the West and Cameron Island to the North, with the eastern boundary extending into Nanaimo Harbour. Land ownership is mixed, with lands owned by Snuneymuxw, Nanaimo Port Authority, Seaspan, CP Rail and the City of Nanaimo.

Completed Work:

- · South Downtown Waterfront Initiative
- Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan
- Environmental & Geotechnical Studies
- Select Demolition
 (Derelict Docks, Seaspan Wharf and Legacy Buildings)
- Termination of Agreements
- Seaspan Right-of-Way Transfer Agreement (9.3 acres)
- Archaeological Studies
- Storm Sewer Realignment
- Team Tracks Licence Acquisition
- Front Street Extension

Current Use:

- Interim BC Transit Bus Terminal
- Interim Waterfront Walkway
- Hullo Ferry passenger pick up/drop off
- Evolve E-Bike station location

Opportunities:

There are approximately 4.1ha (10.1 acres) of land available for redevelopment. The City will continue discussions with Snuneymuxw First Nation, complete a rezoning and subdivision applications to have the vision of the Waterfront Master Plan be realized.

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MAFFEO SUTTON PARK



Maffeo Sutton Park is Nanaimo's signature park overlooking our world famous harbour. The park hosts many community events throughout the year.

The playground was redeveloped through a two-phased project and features mobility-friendly surfacing and inclusive amenities that focus on motor, cognitive and social skills through inclusive play. The playground features artwork from Snuneymuxw artist Noel Brown, depicting the story of the Coho salmon along the Millstone River.

In 2021, a Welcome Pole by Noel Brown was installed to mark the area of the historic village site of the Snuneymuxw people, at the mouth of the Millstone River. Snuneymuxw art honours the natural world as the ultimate source of knowledge, wellness, and renewal.

The next project planned for the park is the replacement of the washroom building with an improved washroom and amenity facility for event hosting.







1 TERMINAL AVENUE

1 Terminal Avenue is a 2.67ha site that was formerly a hotel and other businesses. This location was recently the subject of a rezoning application by a private owner and developer. As a historic Sxwayxum Village Site protected under the 1854 treaty, it was acquired in 2024 for return to the Snuneymuxw First Nations for redevelopment. Demolition is currently underway.









340 CAMPBELL STREET

340 Campbell Street is a six-storey, mixed-use building with 163 residential rental units, including 15 live-work units at the street level. When completed, the building will feature views of downtown Nanaimo and the harbour, a generous outdoor amenity area for residents and an active and engaging street presence along Wallace Street and Campbell Street. This project was also approved through the City's Downtown Revitalization Tax Exemption Program.





235 WALLACE STREET

Known as "Telus Living", 235 Wallace Street is a mixed-use development near the City's vibrant Old City Quarter comprised of a 7-storey building and a 6-storey building, with a combined total of 195 residential rental units and one commercial retail unit. When completed, the buildings will form a striking and prominent feature in the City skyline with views toward downtown Nanaimo and the harbour, a courtyard and generous outdoor amenities for residents, as well as a public terrace with art overlooking Wallace Street. This project was also approved through the City's Downtown Revitalization Tax Exemption Program.





285 PRIDEAUX STREET

The site at 285 Prideaux Street has undergone significant changes over the years. Historically, it housed a community health facility, constructed under a cost-sharing agreement between the federal, provincial, and municipal governments on land provided by the City. The Province occupied the facility from October 1957 until May 1980, when they relocated to a new premises. After the health unit staff vacated the building in 1980, the City implemented a leasing strategy targeting community service-based tenants. Since then, the Community Services Building has served various functions, including hosting a breakfast meal program and operating as a COVID-19 emergency response center.

In 2019, the City of Nanaimo and BC Housing signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop new housing on six sites in the city, ensuring that Nanaimo's most vulnerable residents have access to much-needed housing. As part of this agreement, the City issued a 60-year nominal lease with BC Housing in 2021 for the development of supportive housing. Cornerstone officially welcomed its first residents in May 2024.

Cornerstone, operated by the Connective Support Society, provides 51 supportive housing units for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The facility offers 24/7 support services, including complex care, mental health and wellness programs, a meal program, life and employment skills training, and positive social activities.









FIRE STATION 1

The new, \$20-million, three-storey, 23,000-sqaure-foot Nanaimo Fire Rescue Station No. 1 began construction in July 2020 with a grand opening in June 2023.

The whole first floor is designated for operations. The living quarters, the kitchen, the officers' office, the gymnasium, and the decon area are all built around the trucks, so when a call goes off, the firefighters are as close to the trucks as possible.

NFR's fire and loss prevention division, planning and some other operations work on the second floor of the building.

The third floor of the building is home to Nanaimo's Emergency Operations Centre. One of the critical functions of the new fire hall is to remain operational and respond to emergencies should a disaster, such as a major earthquake, strike the Nanaimo region and cause wide-spread damage. There is a generator and all the things to support communications and power during a large-scale emergency.







Welcome pole carved from red cedar by Snuneymuxw First Nation artist Noel Brown





COMMERCIAL STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Downtown is the heart of Nanaimo. It is the traditional meeting place, commercial centre and transportation hub for our community. Commercial Street was recognized as one of the Great Places in Canada due to its mix of historical buildings and lively commercial activity.

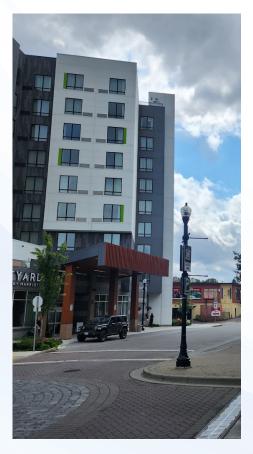
The City has made significant investments in Commercial Street over the past 15 years with the construction of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, securing the new Marriot Hotel and acquiring key redevelopment sites at Commercial and Terminal Ave.











COMMERCIAL STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

In 2022, the community came together through the Design Commercial process to reimagine Commercial Street and its adjacent plazas as vibrant, walkable, and inclusive spaces where community life happens. It's envisioned as a space where we sip coffee in streetside cafes, find colourful displays inviting us into businesses, and come together to celebrate. The community's vision is now becoming reality! Phase 1 of Commercial Street upgrades began in fall 2024.

The Design Commercial project seeks to refresh and revitalize the street by removing barriers to mobility, creating a flexible event-ready space, and promoting a thriving and creative downtown. The action plan will incorporate the needs of local businesses and enhance opportunities for community events. Features such as public art, surface finishes, street trees and lighting will be reviewed through this process.









