

South End Neighbourhood Plan

- Action Items-

- **Immediate** (to be initiated **within one year** of the plan's adoption)
- **Short Term** (to be completed **within 5 years** of the plan's adoption)
- **Ongoing** (to be initiated in the short term with no planned date of completion)

Open Space and Connectivity

Timeframe: Short Term

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| 4. | Work with the Nanaimo Port Authority and Snuneymuxw First Nation to explore the feasibility of establishing pedestrian access points from the neighbourhood to the waterfront along Milton, Farquhar, Sabiston, Needham, Robins and Woodhouse streets. |
| 5. | Initiate discussion to jointly design a new waterfront park, waterfront walkway, and public boat launch area with both the Nanaimo Port Authority and the Snuneymuxw First Nation as part of a plan for the future Assembly Wharf / CP Lands. |
| 6. | Initiate discussion with waterfront stakeholders to explore feasibility of extending a waterfront walk along the entire length of the neighbourhood. |
| 7. | Develop a promotional program which publicly recognizes home gardens and food self-sufficiency efforts in the neighbourhood. |
| 8. | Explore feasibility of amending the City's Animal Control Bylaw to allow resident-based bee keeping and limited livestock husbandry in the neighbourhood. |

Timeframe: Ongoing

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| 17. | Promote community gardens on park and open spaces lands under the City's Volunteer in Parks (VIP) Program as well as an interim use on privately owned, vacant lots, with particular focus on Nicol and Haliburton Streets. |
| 18. | Create more opportunities to sit in parks and along pedestrian walkways using environmentally friendly alternative designs and materials. |

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Transportation and Infrastructure

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| 19. | Use mobile Speed Reader Board on Victoria/Old Victoria, Nicol and Haliburton Streets, and in proximity to Bayview School to slow traffic speeds. |
| 20. | Focus enforcement of the 50 km/h vehicle speed limit on Victoria/Old Victoria, Nicol and Haliburton Streets, and 30 km/h in proximity to Bayview School. |
| 21. | Consider removal of Victoria Road, north of South Street, from the truck route designation. |

Timeframe: Short Term

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| 22. | Update the City’s Manual of Engineering Standards and Specifications for street construction in the neighbourhood to reflect street design concepts contained within this plan. |
| 23. | Work with the Provincial Government to evaluate possible pedestrian safety road design techniques for Nicol Street, including crosswalk points at key intersections. |
| 24. | Work with the Provincial Government to evaluate possible installation of bike triggered intersection lights along Nicol Street. |
| 25. | Work with the Provincial Government to evaluate feasibility of installing a pedestrian controlled flasher light at the intersection of Nicol Street and Farquhar Street, and pedestrian activated crosswalk buttons at the other intersections. |
| 26. | Evaluate vehicle traffic speeds and traffic intensity on Victoria Road to determine whether traffic calming solutions would be warranted. |
| 27. | Work with the Provincial Government to evaluate feasibility of installing a traffic light and directional signage for cycle routes through the neighbourhood at the intersection of Haliburton Road and the Island Highway. |
| 28. | Evaluate road and lane conditions in the plan area and adjust Five-Year Capital Plan where warranted. |
| 29. | Develop a long-term, phased lighting improvement plan for Haliburton Street and Victoria Road. |
| 30. | Work with RDN Transit Authority to evaluate feasibility of using smaller buses and more frequent bus service through neighbourhood. |
| 31. | Place neighbourhood gateway signage at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • east side of Island Highway, near the intersection of the Island Highway, Haliburton Street, and Old Victoria Road; and • near the intersection of Esplanade/Victoria Crescent with the Island Highway |

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| 43. | Support neighbourhood efforts to clean up and beautify neighbourhood lanes. |
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Social Enrichment and Culture

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| 44. | Encourage local residents to participate in the City’s graffiti removal program. |
| 45. | Create and distribute information brochure on City’s nuisance and unsightly properties regulations to neighbourhood residents. |
| 46. | Create and implement a Neighbourhood Cleanup Program that may include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publicly recognizes well maintained properties and encourages pride of ownership; • targets derelict or unkempt properties for community cleanup efforts; and • creates voluntary external repaint initiative for residences and businesses located along the eastern side of Nicol Street, with priority given to the section between Milton and Farquhar Streets. |
| 47. | Install way finding signage along Nicol Street for key points of interest or locations in and around the neighbourhood. |

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| 48. | Repair or replace landscaping and fencing along the eastern edge of Nicol Street. |
| 49. | Expand the street banner program along Nicol Street. |
| 50. | Create a strategy for stabilizing and revitalizing vacant properties that may include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a property monitoring system; • a comprehensive approach to nuisance enforcement and property maintenance requirements such as found in the International Property Maintenance Code; and/or • a mechanism for the City to facilitate property acquisition and use. |
| 51. | Work with the South End Community Association to assign names to lanes in plan area. |
| 52. | Work with South End Community Association and local pub owners to develop Good Neighbour Agreements to lessen negative impacts on surrounding residential areas. |
| 53. | The South End Community Association will work with the Provincial Government and local child care providers to evaluate the supply and demand for child care services within the neighbourhood and determine the need for additional resources. |
| 54. | Setup formal liaison between South End Community Association, the Snyneymuxw First Nation, School District #68 and the City for purposes of communication and partnership on servicing, security, community building, planning and arts/culture initiatives in the neighbourhood. |
| 55. | Erect community notice boards at Deverill Square and Knowles Park. |
| 56. | Work with the Provincial Government and Snuneymuxw First Nation to develop a co-management agreement for Petroglyph Park. |
| 57. | Explore feasibility of adapting an existing School District #68 owned building to be used as a recreational, educational and social gathering place in the neighbourhood. |

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| 63. | Plant boulevard trees along Nicol Street, Haliburton Street, and Victoria Road, as well as along Crace Street, Esplanade, Irwin Street, Milton Street, Needham Street and View Street. |
| 64. | Place public art in neighbourhood parks and open spaces in cooperation with the South End Community Association and Snuneymuxw First Nation. |
| 65. | The South End Community Association, with City of Nanaimo support, will conduct a resident survey every three years to gauge resident satisfaction and to aid in issue and solution identification. |

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Environmental Protection and Enhancement

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| 67. | Work with the South End Community Association to map the neighbourhood’s environmental features and the status of any monitoring/restoration programs by means of the City’s online Environmental atlas. |
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| 74. | Consider providing complimentary garbage tags annually for use under the South End Community Association’s Art Bin program. |
| 75. | Lessen the impacts of industry on surrounding residential areas by means of “good neighbour agreements”, bylaw enforcement, improved buildings and landscape design, and improved property maintenance. |
| 76. | Complete periodic measurement of neighbourhood’s percent of permeable surface and tree canopy areas to monitor change in these rates. |
| 79. | Target neighbourhood for energy efficiency retrofit and green technology incentive programs for homes and businesses. |
| 80. | Work with South End Community Association to promote Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program in the neighbourhood. |
| 81. | Hold periodic lectures and educational sessions promoting environmental and climate change awareness, and practical actions that can be taken to improve the neighbourhood’s “green” profile. |

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Economic Development

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| 84. | Consider amending the City’s Development Parking Regulations Bylaw by lowering the multiple family residential on-site parking requirements for properties identified as Mixed-Use Corridor on Map 1: Neighbourhood Land Use to match the requirements for Schedule C, Area #3 found in the downtown core. |
| 85. | Initiate business education campaign to promote creation of home based businesses in the neighbourhood. |
| 86. | Increase the City’s Heritage Home Grant Program budget specifically targeting heritage building rehabilitation in the South End. |
| 87. | Initiate media promotion campaign for South End. |

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| 88. | Work with the Provincial Government to promote community economic development, employment and skill training efforts in the neighbourhood. |
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