

TRUSTEE LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee McKay

Mayor's Leaders' Table

The most recent Mayor's Leaders' Table was held on September 24, 2021. At this meeting, the three working groups, Donut Economic Philosophy, Infrastructure Ask, and Youth Attraction and Retention reported out on the work they undertook in recent months.

- Donut Economic Philosophy, report delivered by Kim Smythe.
 - Group held 3 meetings that contemplated the following:
 - What would it look like for other organizations in the City of Nanaimo to align with the Donut Economic Philosophy?
 - How do we engage with partners and stakeholders to discuss the Donut Economy?
 - How will the Donut Economy be considered through acts of Truth and Reconciliation?
 - Is there a way to provide opportunities within the private sector to encourage alignment to the principles?
 - How should non-profits be engaged in this work?
 - To be successful, there needs to be broad uptake to support these ideals.
- Infrastructure Ask, report delivered by Donna Hais (I participate in this working group).
 - Group held 3 meetings that worked to consider:
 - What is our working group's purpose?
 - Prepare an inventory of infrastructure asks and needs over the next 10 years, by sector and project, accounting not just for municipal services but those of other public and private sector providers (this is directly from the CoN Economic Development Strategy).
 - Identified a list of organizations who we would like to receive information from regarding their infrastructure plans.
 - Identified 4 broad criteria with which to assess priorities to an infrastructure ask to council.
 - Addresses Reimagine Nanaimo goals
 - Provides long-term impact
 - Addresses a multitude of needs
 - Would be likely to have widespread support
 - Upcoming work will include the creation of a narrowing criteria to apply following the application of the broad criteria for infrastructure considerations.
 - In addition to the larger infrastructure ask to council, the working group will identify potential short, medium, and long-term infrastructure considerations for funding by council.
- Youth Attraction and Retention, report delivered by Keith Wilson.
 - Group held 2 meetings to discuss the following:
 - Reviewed Canadian research on 5 topics
 - Community Engagement
 - Economy and Employment
 - Education

- Housing
- Recreation and Lifestyle
- Created sub-committee working groups based on youth age categories:
 - 15-18
 - 19-24
 - 25-34
- Request from the working group for education stakeholders to participate in this group.
 - VIU agreed to attend
 - SD68 agreed to attend

Councillor Armstrong requested information from committee on how to attract family physicians to the region. Mayor's table recommended a presentation to City Council in this regard.

Grace Neilsen, Tillicum Lelum, requested that the Mayor's Table support City Council to consider the needs and plans of smaller developers.

Signey Madden United Way CVI, Kim Smythe Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, and Deborah Hollins Nanaimo Family Life presented a request to the Mayor's table which extends to City of Nanaimo Council to consider how the CoN supports the non-profit service providers in Nanaimo. They would like to identify the depth of the non-profit sector and the level of services that are provided within the city to understand and support this service sector in the city.

My next meeting will be with the working group on October 3, 2021, which will include a Reimagine Nanaimo briefing, so that the committee can consider how to align infrastructure asks to the Reimagine Nanaimo plans.

The next Mayor's Leaders' Table is scheduled for December 4, 2021.

Next Steps:

- Request trustees participate in Reimagine Nanaimo zoom workshop on October 5, 2021.
- Assignment of Superintendent Saywell to the Youth Attraction and Retention working group and sub-committee.
 - I am permitted to delegate my role in this sub-committee to a staff person. Superintendent Saywell is best positioned to speak on my behalf with regard to youth aged 15-18 and their needs as well as the level of risk that many of our students face, particularly related to children in care and those who are aging out of care.