

Newcastle + Brechin Neighbourhood Plan

FINAL PUBLIC MEETING

After more than two years of public consultation and intense debate, our Neighbourhood Plan is being presented for a final public meeting just prior to adoption by City Council.

We HAVE won concessions over what was proposed by City Planning Department staff, but some issues remain, and there are still powerful forces lobbying to undo our efforts.

**We need your support to protect what we have achieved.
You do not have to speak, but your presence is very important support for the Plan!**

Please be there!

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011 at 7:00pm

Vancouver Island Conference Centre, in the Shaw Auditorium
80 Commercial Street (parking available underground)

**If you wish, you will have the opportunity to speak to any aspect of the plan
you like or with which you disagree.**

NOTES ABOUT THE FINAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. City Council has agreed to a height along the Waterfront of “up to 4 storeys above Stewart Avenue”, NOT the 8+ storeys recommended by City Planning staff.
2. Height above 4 storeys will be considered through a rezoning process where the proposed development is evaluated based on its merit, site suitability and placement on the site.
3. Unfortunately, the Plan still refers to increasing height where the “development provides additional amenities” but City Council has asked for a report from staff on what amenities are and how they are to be evaluated.

We believe, however, that this would still allow us to achieve our balanced approach to neighbourhood development without negatively impacting on our neighbourhood.

HOWEVER,

the bylaw which is the subject of this Public Hearing proposes to delete the following sentence from the Nanaimo Official Community Plan: “The height of buildings [along the waterfront] should not interfere with the view of the residents living above the Stewart Avenue corridor.”

We do not support this deletion and will be asking City Council to ensure that it remains in the Official Community Plan.

Please note the following regulations from the City of Nanaimo:

Written submissions may be sent to the City of Nanaimo, Community Safety & Development Division, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6. Electronic submissions (email) should be sent to public.hearing@nanaimo.ca, or submitted online at www.nanaimo.ca. These submissions must be received no later than 4:00 pm, 2011-MAY-05, to ensure their availability to Council at the public hearing.

Following the close of a public hearing, no further submissions or comments from the public or interested persons can be accepted by members of City Council, as established by provincial case law. This is necessary to ensure a fair public hearing process and provide a reasonable opportunity for people to respond.



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