

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Advancing quality of life for all - City celebrates National Public Works Week**

*Community invited to tour of public works yard*

#### **Summary**

On Wednesday, May 22, the City of Nanaimo's Public Works department will host more than 400 grade four and five students, and 200 members of the public, to highlight Public Works Week.

A student-only session will take place earlier in the day which will feature interactive stations in the public works yard. Public Works staff will engage students in learning about road maintenance, water distribution, solid waste, recycling and more.

Staff will open the Yard for 45-minute public tours between 3 and 5 p.m. Small groups will be guided through a number of stations and parts of the Public Works Yard. Interactive and educational information on how staff respond to weather events and maintain above and below ground infrastructure will provide a glimpse of what is needed to operate and maintain city services.

Open house tours are free, but registration is required to ensure enough tour guides are available. To register, search "Public Works Day" in the Parks, Recreation and Culture registration system at [recreation.nanaimo.ca](http://recreation.nanaimo.ca) or call 250-756-5200.

*Strategic Link:* Provision of affordable and sustainable utility services is critical to the livability of a community. See how Public Works makes land use, planning, and capital investment decisions with a long term life cycle asset management perspective for the design, maintenance, and renewal of servicing infrastructure, including natural assets.

#### **Key Points**

- In honour of Public Works Week, the community is invited to register to attend a free open house at Public Works on Wednesday, May 22 from 3 to 5 p.m.
- National Public Works Week runs from May 19-25 and this year's theme is "Advancing Quality of Life for All."
- Along with tours, students are invited to submit artwork for next year's T-shirt design.

#### **Quotes**

"Public Works Week is an opportunity for us to showcase the vital role that our department plays in maintaining the infrastructure that keeps our city running smoothly. By engaging students and the public in interactive learning experiences, we hope to inspire the next generation of stewards for our community's well-being and sustainability."

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