

**Neighbourhood Association Organizational Capacity Questionnaire
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Q. #1	Groups that responded and key contact person:		
GROUP	KEY CONTACT	POSITION	
Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	Jean Playdon	Chair	
Brechin Hill Community Association	John Dacombe	Director At Large	
Chase River Community Association	Mike Parker	Chair	
Cilaire Community Association	Jo Ann Shillington	Community Contact	
Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	June Bogle	Director/Executive Member	
Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Jim Goldsack	President	
Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Lucienne Siedlecki	Member of Interim Leadership Team	
Nanaimo Old City Association	Joy Adams Bauer	President	
Neighbours of Nob Hill Society	Tereza Bajan	President	
Newcastle Community Association	Karen Kuwica	President	
South End Community Association	Sydney Robertson	Chairperson	
Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	Barry Lyseng Gary Smart Sandra Sauer	Chair Communications Finance-Social	
Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Kevin Pistor	President	
Wellington Community Association	Sarah Dafoe	President	

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Q. #2	Is your neighbourhood association a registered non-profit society? If yes, when was it first registered as a society?		
	TOTAL - Yes	5	
	TOTAL - No	9	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	No	
	Chase River Community Association	No	
	Cilaire Community Association	No	
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	May 2000
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Nanaimo Old City Association	No	
	Neighbours of Nob Hill Society	Yes	2008
	Newcastle Community Association	No	
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Dec. 31, 1973
	South End Community Association	Yes	40 years ago???
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	No	Not registered as a non-profit society. Founded in 1999.
	Wellington Community Association	Yes	

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Q. #3	Does your association have an elected executive? If yes, what roles do you have (i.e. President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director At Large, etc.)? Please list your executive members and their positions.	
	TOTAL - Yes	11
	TOTAL - No	3
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes Dan Lines (Executive at Large) Michael Harrison (Executive at Large/Financial Co-sign) Michael Ribicic (Executive at Large, Park Project Lead) Gordon Halkett (Executive at Large, Park Project Fundraising) Wanda Thompson (Executive at Large, Treasurer, FB Admin) John Dacombe (Executive at Large, Membership Coordinator, FB Admin) Tina Livingstone (Executive at Large)
	Chase River Community Association	Yes Mike Parker (Chairperson) Shyla Young (Vice Chairperson) Linda Janes (Treasurer) Alison Cahill (Secretary) Wendy Garside (Membership) Dale Porter (Member at Large) Sam Whyte (Member at Large)
	Cilaire Community Association	No We meet when needed and canvas the neighbourhood when decisions need to be made.

Q. #3	Does your association have an elected executive? If yes, what roles do you have (i.e. President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director At Large, etc.)? Please list your executive members and their positions.		
Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Kylie Qussoren (Executive Member/Director) Amelia Mahony (Executive Member/Director) Chuck Easton (Executive Member) Claudia Boyce (Executive Member) Michael Mills (Executive Member) June Bogle (Executive Member/Director)	
Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Jim Goldsack (President) Grant Shaw (Director) Susan Knight (Director)	
Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	No	We formed a leadership team (4 of us) and haven't held a formal election yet. We intend to do so within the year.	
Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	Joy Adams Bauer (President) Ian Knipe (Vice-President) Diane Caldwell-Demon (Secretary) Barbara Schreiber (Treasurer) Anna Mosolov (Director) Eve Reinarz (Director)	
Neighbours of Nob Hill Society	Yes	Tereza Bajan (President) Brienne de Verteuil (Vice-President) Jacquie Howardson (Secretary) Brian Rice (Treasure)	
Newcastle Community Association	Yes	Karen Kuwica (President) Fred MacDonald (Secretary/Treasurer) Bonnie Stevenson (City Liaison) Rob Kelly (Business Liaison) Phil Morris (Director at Large) Peter Giovando (Director at Large)	

Q. #3	Does your association have an elected executive? If yes, what roles do you have (i.e. President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director At Large, etc.)? Please list your executive members and their positions.		
Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer 5 At Large members Each director heads or sits on other committees: Parks, Roads, City Liaison: Port of Nanaimo Liaison, NNN, Docks, Health, Emergency Preparedness	
South End Community Association	Yes	Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Recording Secretary Membership Secretary Directors at Large	
Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Elected in the last AGM. Barry Lyseng – Chair Gary Smart – Communications Sandra Sauer – Finance-Social Lynn Doan – Secretary (resigned/unfilled)	
Wellington Community Association	Yes	Sarah Dafoe (President) Sharon Preston (Vice President) Jessica Kaman (Secretary) David Murchie (Treasurer) Director at Large (Lana Fitzpatrick) Director at Large (Eric MaNiell)	

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Q. #4	Does the executive meet on a regular basis? If yes, how often?		
	TOTAL - Yes	11	
	TOTAL - No	3	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	Once per year
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	Monthly except in July, August and December
	Cilaire Community Association	Yes	As needed
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Monthly except in July and August
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Every 1-2 months
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	Monthly
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Yes	As needed
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	As needed (monthly or more)
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Monthly (except during pandemic)
	South End Community Association	Yes	Monthly

Q. #4	Does the executive meet on a regular basis? If yes, how often?		
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	No	SP has long periods with no urgent or neighbourhood-wide issues. AGM's are required at least every two years. Between AGM's the executive meet as issues arise (eg: ongoing PIP programmes (invasive plants, playgrounds), distribution of City referrals to SPNA/residents, assistance to resident led initiatives, and resident inquiries/requests for assistance).
	Wellington Community Association	Yes	Monthly

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Q. #5	How many active members are there in your association? Do you have a membership criteria? If yes, please elaborate.		
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	47	We do not have criteria for joining – all interested neighbours are welcome.
	Brechin Hill Community Association	172 email 162 facebook	172 email distribution members (some overlap), 162 Facebook members. Yes, members must live or own property or a business in the geographic boundaries of the community association.
	Chase River Community Association	33	33 active members as of Jan. 2020, which is the start of renewals for the year. This number will climb throughout the year. Yes, that residents live within the catchment area of our association. These boundaries are within the boundaries of the City.
	Cilaire Community Association	225 homes	We have approximately 225 homes in our subdivision. Basically we get together for community clean up projects and a yearly neighbourhood gathering in the Fall. No membership requirements.
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	175 households	No membership criteria.
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	179	About 179. No membership criteria.
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	90 attend 150 email	90 attended our meeting, about 150 people subscribed to our email list. Yes, you must live within the boundaries we have defined as our neighbourhood.
	Nanaimo Old City Association	54	54 paid up members. Must live within our boundaries and must pay the annual \$10 membership fee.

Q. #5	How many active members are there in your association? Do you have a membership criteria? If yes, please elaborate.		
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	24	24 active members. Members must be residing or own property or a business in Nob Hill area.
	Newcastle Community Association	40	About 40. Must live or own a business or be a non-resident owner in Newcastle boundaries.
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	150	150 paid members. Open to any resident, renter or property owner of Protection Island.
	South End Community Association	10	Currently very low - 10 (We haven't given reminders to renew memberships.) Usually about 40. Previously much larger - all of Highview Terrace strata were members.
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	428	As of March 2020, 428 street addresses are on SPNA's membership email list, including some in the adjacent non-active Hammond Bay Residents Association (HBNA) area, out of approximately 700 street addresses in SP. Members are given the option to actively participate in all/no issue, and to opt in/out of receiving emails on a variety of topics (eg: general updates, City referrals, PIP invasive plants, PIP playgrounds, Block Watch/crime alerts, lost/found, wildlife alerts, emergency updates and appeals). For example, currently 49 choose to receive RCMP News releases, and 53 choose to receive PIP invasive plant work party notices. No membership criteria. Open to all, regardless of occupancy, owner/renter, business, government office, long-time resident/new arrival. Efforts are made to drop off a SPNA brochure to any new occupant/address, welcoming their membership and participation.

Q. #5	How many active members are there in your association? Do you have a membership criteria? If yes, please elaborate.		
	Wellington Community Association		<p>No current membership list other than the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Membership criteria: any person who resides in the Wellington neighbourhood or supports the Society's Vision Statements and Objectives, who is 19 years of age or older and pays the annual dues.</p>

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Q. #6	Does the association have a neighbourhood contact list beyond your membership list? If yes, how many contacts are listed? Are there any local business contacts?		
	TOTAL - Yes	8	
	TOTAL - No	6	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	BHCA has a list of neighbourhood stakeholder contacts, including various City staff, council members, B.C. Ferries, MOTI, local business owners and churches.
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	313. Some of these residents have their own community-based businesses or have home based businesses.
	Cilaire Community Association	No	
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Yes	179, including local business contacts.
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	About 140, but no business contacts.
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	No	We run a social media group page that includes 269 members at present to reach out to the broader community that are not members of the Society. Information on meetings is posted on the social media site, as well as door-to-door annual mailings.
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	Block Watch contacts and Business contacts.
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Mailing list for all properties and residents (renters and owners). Emergency Preparedness committee is completing a telephone tree for emergency information in case of disaster.

Q. #6	Does the association have a neighbourhood contact list beyond your membership list? If yes, how many contacts are listed? Are there any local business contacts?		
	South End Community Association	Yes	approx 80. No business contacts, though many are on a contact list for donations to the Miners' Picnic.
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	Yes	<p>There are three contacts that are beyond our membership who we contact as issues warrant:</p> <p>The Pacific Biological Station (PBS). A major employer in Nanaimo, a major neighbourhood landowner, and a valued/historical part of SP. PBS's Facility Manager engages SPNA/residents on road safety, invasive plants, and view preservation of neighbouring properties. PBS administration encourages employees to engage SPNA/residents.</p> <p>Century Holdings (CH). A major landowner of undeveloped zoned land in SP. CH's CEO/consultancy team pro-actively engages SPNA/residents during their conceptual plan development, subdivision/rezoning approvals, and have been very responsive to resident concerns/suggestions. Correspondence continues as issues warrant.</p> <p>Lifestyle Fitness (LF). SP's only commercial zoned property. SPNA/residents update LF's manager as issues warrant.</p>
	Wellington Community Association	No	

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Q. #7	Does the association have an annual or lifetime membership fee? If yes, what is the fee rate?		
	TOTAL - Yes	8	
	TOTAL - No	6	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	No	An annual fee of \$5 was waived as of 2019, as no significant funds had been spent for more than 5 years.
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	Annual fee is \$10.00 per year.
	Cilaire Community Association	No	
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Yes	179, including local business contacts
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	Annual fee is \$10.00
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Yes	The annual membership is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family in the same household. Directors may choose to waive the fees.
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	Biannual \$20/business. \$10/individual. \$5/fixed income or senior
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Annual fee is \$10.00
	South End Community Association	Yes	\$5 per year
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	No	No membership fee. AGM attendance donation is suggested but not required. Current account is approx. \$200 (used for AGM costs, brochure printing).
	Wellington Community Association	Yes	Annual fee is due November 1 or each calendar year

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Q. #8	Does the general membership meet on a regular basis? If yes, how often?		
	TOTAL - Yes	10	
	TOTAL - No	4	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	Once a year
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	Monthly except in July, August and December
	Cilaire Community Association	No	Meet as needed
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Semi-annually
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	No	Meet as needed
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Yes	So far we have had one meeting
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	Once a year
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	No	As needed
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	Monthly
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Once a year and as needed. We have held special general meetings if warranted
	South End Community Association	Yes	Monthly

Q. #8	Does the general membership meet on a regular basis? If yes, how often?		
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	Yes	AGMs are, as required, at least every two years/usually every year. Meetings other than AGMs are held as issues arise and warrant. SP has long periods with no urgent or neighbourhood wide issues. SPNA executive do not initiate calls of action on specific issues, so it is left for residents to step forward to lead on special issues (eg: invasive plants, playgrounds, road safety, opposition/support of development applications), and organize meetings as they deem necessary. SPNA supports them with access to email contact lists.
	Wellington Community Association	Yes	Monthly

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Q. #9	Are minutes kept for executive and general membership meetings?		
	TOTAL - Yes	11	
	TOTAL - No	3	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	
	Cilaire Community Association	No	
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Yes	
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	They are posted on our website once the Board approves them.
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Yes	
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Posted on bulletin boards and on PINA website
	South End Community Association	Yes	
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Yes for AGMs. Unknown by SPNA for residents meeting regarding special issues. If received, SPNA forwards any resident led meeting minutes to the wider membership.
	Wellington Community Association	Yes	

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Q. #10	Does the association hold an annual general meeting (AGM)? If yes, when is the next anticipated AGM?		
	TOTAL - Yes	12	
	TOTAL - No	2	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	April 2020 (this will be re-assessed and possibly postponed in light of Coronavirus)
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	January
	Cilaire Community Association	No	
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	April 2020
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Yes	September or October 2020
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Yes	January 2021
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	Third Monday in October 2020
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Yes	April or May 2020
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	We are new and expect to hold our first one in the first quarter of 2021
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Usually in June (postponed by pandemic)
	South End Community Association	Yes	December 2020

Q. #10	Does the association hold an annual general meeting (AGM)? If yes, when is the next anticipated AGM?		
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	Yes	<p>SPNA is required to hold an AGM every two years.</p> <p>The AGM scheduled for 12-4pm, Saturday, March 30, 2020 at Kin Hut, Departure Bay has been cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Tentatively re-scheduled for 12-4pm, Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Kin Hut, Departure Bay. (addendum - July 28, 2020: Due to continuing Covid restrictions Sept 19, 2020 AGM has been cancelled. SPNA will email members updates on issues and enquiry as to preference on how to hold election of executive.)</p>
	Wellington Community Association	Yes	Next one will be March 2021

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Q. #11	Does the association maintain a webpage or Facebook page? If yes, do you know how frequently it is viewed?		
	TOTAL - Yes	10	
	TOTAL - No	4	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	Facebook Page: @brechinhillcommunityassociation, average of 1 post per day, 100 views per day.
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	2 Facebook pages, 1 for paid members and the other for residents in our area.
	Cilaire Community Association	No	
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	We have both a webpage and Facebook page but are unaware of frequency viewed.
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Don't know viewing numbers, but it is active beyond just the executive postings.
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	Don't know how frequently it is viewed.
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Yes	it's a community public FaceBook group that is not limited to members or residents of the neighbourhood. It is for any community members to share any community-oriented news or questions, not just for Society information.
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	Daily
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Website
	South End Community Association	Yes	50 - 300 views per month.

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	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Wellington Community Association	Yes	Facebook page

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Q. #12	Does the association send out a newsletter or other periodic updates related to the activities of the group? If yes, how often?		
	TOTAL - Yes	12	
	TOTAL - No	2	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Periodically, as needed, to keep members informed.
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	Periodic community updates and news about City activities and consultations are sent to the group via email and Facebook.
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	Monthly via the 2 Facebook pages giving details about upcoming meetings, events and information by the City or other groups.
	Cilaire Community Association	No	
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	2-3 times a year
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Via email when required
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Yes	No more than once a month unless it is needed.
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	We send e-blasts to our contact list and update our website. Depend's on what's going on in the neighbourhood. On average, maybe once every couple of months.
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Yes	When needed to the membership
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	Agenda for monthly meeting and other communication as needed.
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Annual newsletter and other advisories (email, bulletin boards, website posts) as needed.

Q. #12	Does the association send out a newsletter or other periodic updates related to the activities of the group? If yes, how often?		
	South End Community Association	Yes	We've sent out flyers for specific issues (either by mail or by hand), like COVID or litter pickups.
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	Yes	No newsletter is sent out. Updates are sent out as issues arise and warrant. SP has long periods with no urgent or neighbourhood-wide issues.
	Wellington Community Association	No	

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Q. #13	Does the association host community-based social events (i.e. picnics, fairs, block parties, etc.)? If yes, please list some recent examples of such events?		
	TOTAL - Yes	9	
	TOTAL - No	5	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	No	Not yet, although we hope to in the future.
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	The last event was a meet and greet/beer and burger in Fall, 2017.
	Chase River Community Association	No	We are working on developing an annual community event.
	Cilaire Community Association	Yes	Neighbourhood gathering in the Fall.
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Children's Halloween Party, December beach bonfire, Easter scavenger hunt. We have planned to do an outdoor summer movie night as well.
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	No	
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Yes	We are in the planning stages of a neighbourhood day event.
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	Held an "Urban Farm Faire" in Pawson Park from 2011 to 2016. Held a block party on Elizabeth Street in 2018. Held a series of "Friday Night Feel Good Movies" at St. Andrew's United Church in 2017 and 2018.
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Yes	In the past the Neighbours of Nob Hill Society has helped organize pot-luck block parties and Christmas Caroling.
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	We hope to when social distancing is over but before the Association was formalized we hosted two separate events.

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	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Park clean-up work parties (with Lions Club). Several groups operate in this capacity: Lions Club: pancake breakfasts, other (bathtub race day). Museum – featured displays, Polar Bear Swim, Garden Tours, Community Garden, Fall Fair, Bake sales, Plant sale.
	South End Community Association	Yes	Miners' Heritage Picnic Litter Pickups Tree Planting Parties Burns Suppers My Street Hallowe'en Block Parties Mad Hatter's Tea Parties
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	No	SPNA executive does not initiate community-based events. SPNA executive encourages resident members who choose to lead on specific issues (eg: invasive plants, playgrounds) to use the SPNA emailing list for notification of PIP work parties and related social events benefiting SP. SPNA executive encourage residents to attend resident led initiatives, and PBS open houses/events.
	Wellington Community Association	No	

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Q. #14	How does the association engage with its neighbourhood for input prior to responding to City development referrals such as rezoning, OCP amendment, and development permits) – (e.g. email notice, newsletter, developer meeting, developer open house, regular neighbourhood meeting, etc.)? Please provide details about your process.	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	We send out questionnaires to the neighbourhood to garner input. The residences without an email address on file receive hand-delivered questionnaires. This has proven very effective. We use both email and newsletters to keep our neighbours informed.
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Residents are asked for feedback vial email distribution list and Facebook page. Executive members also analyze and review referrals from the City against the neighbourhood plan. All feedback is compiled in a response sent on behalf of the association. Responses to City referrals are shared via Facebook and email.
	Chase River Community Association	We solicit the opinion of all residents who attend our monthly meeting regarding all City development referrals. We also request that developers come to our meetings to present information about their project and allow residents to comment or ask questions. When these meetings occur we also invite City planning staff to attend as well. After the developer leaves we hold a Q&A session and then a vote on if do or don't support the project.
	Cilaire Community Association	No response.
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	We have used all the above mentioned methods to connect with the membership, regarding items relating to our neighbourhood.
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Send out email when required.

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	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	We have only recently formed and this is how we have communicated with our neighbourhood so far: 1) door to door canvassing to get email addresses/add people to Facebook group; 2) general meeting at Randerson Ridge Elementary; 3) monthly email and fairly regular Facebook updates.
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Our most recent example was the application to amend the OCP for a development at 388 Machleary Street. We held a number of public meetings; emailed updates to our contacts; regularly updated our website; delivered fliers door-to-door in the neighbourhood; conducted a survey on the details of the proposed development to gauge the opinion of residents; stayed in touch with the developer and made presentations to City Council. Our typical process is to share information (about development and building permits) from City planning staff with our Board of Directors. Only substantial proposed developments are shared with our membership and posted on our website (e.g. most recently, the Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society proposed development on Prideaux Street).
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Information is discussed amongst the Board members, some information/discussion shared with members at general meetings. It really depends on the topic.
	Newcastle Community Association	Emails to membership inviting input. Social media posts. Information on monthly meeting agenda and open discussion at the meeting. Forming a development committee for developments that will have a greater impact on the community.
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Rezoning is not common on island properties. The association will support neighbours of any property seeking changes, will support meetings with City officials, but will likely not choose sides or take a position unless community outcry was overwhelming.

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	South End Community Association	Discussion at General Meetings The agenda is emailed to all contacts and posed on our Facebook page, and Shared to the What's Up In The South End Facebook group.
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	<p>SPNA takes different approaches depending on the context. (For City referrals regarding private property development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon receipt, SPNA Communications person, may/may not contact the Chair to provide context/a brief introduction (eg: SPNA will clarify for residents that some City referrals do not allow for public input. SPNA, nonetheless, encourages residents to share any input.) • City referral is sent to all email addresses who choose to receive these emails, asking for comment back to SPNA executive, and/or directly to Staff/Council. This is done regardless of whether or not the City's process calls for public input. SPNA executive do not censor or advise against residents contacting Staff/Council on any matter. • SPNA executive summarize responses in a return email to members/Staff/Council. <p>SPNA, as an executive, do not state a position, pro or con, on any private property issue, if the required process is followed. SPNA executive endeavour to monitor that the process prescribed by the City/Province of the applicant is followed and update membership if not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPNA executive will include any resident suggestion/question, pro or con, expressed in a civil manner, in its reply to Staff/Council, and/or encourage residents to contact Staff/Council directly. • SPNA will assist any resident, pro-or con, to solicit the opinion of fellow members, and encourage the lead resident(s) to make their position known to the Staff/Council.

Q. #14	<p>How does the association engage with its neighbourhood for input prior to responding to City development referrals such as rezoning, OCP amendment, and development permits) – (e.g. email notice, newsletter, developer meeting, developer open house, regular neighbourhood meeting, etc.)? Please provide details about your process.</p>	
	<p>Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association (continued)</p>	<p>(For referrals regarding OCP amendments, public road right-of-way and land)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon receipt SPNA executive may ask to meet Staff to better understand background. This may be City’s designated Staff/SP liaison person, or any Staff deemed appropriate. • Upon receipt of answers to questions in that meeting, SPNA executive send out notice, and any valuable context, to all email addresses, asking for comment back to SPNA executive, and/or directly to Staff/Council. • Upon receiving comments, SPNA executive summarize responses in return email to members/Staff/Council. SPNA executive, may state a position, pro or con, and/or lay out the positive/negative impacts of proposed changes to property owners, and/or public land/right-of-ways. • SPNA, as an executive, do not initiate further action. SPNA encourages resident(s) to take the lead on any specific issue, pro or con. SPNA will make its email address list available to resident(s) wishing to lead the wider membership in discussions or action. SPNA executive endeavour to monitor that the prescribed process is followed by the City/Province/applicant and update membership if not. • SPNA executive encourages residents to update SPNA and wider membership on discussions with Staff/Council.

Q. #14	<p>How does the association engage with its neighbourhood for input prior to responding to City development referrals such as rezoning, OCP amendment, and development permits) – (e.g. email notice, newsletter, developer meeting, developer open house, regular neighbourhood meeting, etc.)? Please provide details about your process.</p>	
	<p>Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association (continued)</p>	<p>(For resident requests/referrals)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As SPNA, as an executive, do not initiate actions on issues, SPNA waits for referrals/requests by residents. This is based on SPNA’s executive’s experience and belief that issues in the neighbourhood, and resident interest to take action on those issues, grow organically from residents needs and wants, and not from issues conceived or driven by an executive. • Upon receiving a complaint/query/request from a resident either by phone/drop-in/email, SPNA executive will ask the resident for all possible details. • If it regards an issue between residents, they are told to resolve between themselves, and/or directed to the appropriate City/Provincial authority. • If it regards an issue between a resident and public land/right-of-way, they are asked to meet on site to clarify details. SPNA executive may direct the resident to the appropriate City/Provincial authority, or if agreed upon, have SPNA executive take the lead in inquiring about the situation and/or work with Staff on a solution. • SPNA encourages any resident to take the lead on any specific issue. SPNA will make its email list available for notifications and updates, conducted in a civil manner with the wider membership, and/or Staff/Council.
	<p>Wellington Community Association</p>	<p>Facebook posts, discussions at monthly meeting, word of mouth in community.</p>

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PART 1 - ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Q. #15	Does a representative(s) of your association attend Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network meetings (held three times a year in February, June and October)? If yes, how often?		
	TOTAL - Yes	13	
	TOTAL - No	1	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	Yes	
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Yes	A BHCA rep. attends most NNN meetings.
	Chase River Community Association	Yes	Every time the meetings are held.
	Cilaire Community Association	Yes	At least twice a year.
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Yes	3 times a year.
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Yes	3 times a year.
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Yes	2 times so far with 4 members in attendance.
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Yes	We typically have a representative at each Network meeting.
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	Yes	Regularly.
	Newcastle Community Association	Yes	All meetings. We have an executive position to ensure attendance at NNN.
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	Yes	We have been sending a rep. for the past 5 years now.
	South End Community Association	Yes	Almost every meeting.
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	Yes	Three times a year. SPNA Chiar has been NNN Recording Secretary since 2017.
	Wellington Community Association	No	

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PART 2 - GENERAL

Q. #16	What is the most positive change you have seen over the last ten years in your neighbourhood?	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	More community involvement.
	Brechin Hill Community Association	The development of the Newcastle-Brechin Neighbourhood Plan (2011) which halted potential construction of 28 story towers along Newcastle Channel, which would have changed the character of the community, and blocked public access to the channel.
	Chase River Community Association	More people are becoming involved in their City. My goal has been to enlighten and engage residents to ensure they know what is happening in their area, community and City. To ensure that they are aware they have a voice during Council, public hearing, development meetings and many more opportunities. Allowing residents to voice their opinion or concerns about developments or projects within the City. Also trying to get residents to understand and become engaged in the OCP review for this year. We have also brought in guest speakers regarding crime, forest fires, conservation officers and other topic areas brought forward by residents. This again enlightens residents by giving them more information for their area.
	Cilaire Community Association	The replacement of the dilapidated planter on Montrose Avenue.
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	More neighbourhood enhancing commercial businesses (Drip, Kebaps, Heavy D's Barber Shop).
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	No response.
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	We haven't been here 10 years, but since moving in and starting the association, we've noticed more people know each other, people take part in community activities.

Q. #16	What is the most positive change you have seen over the last ten years in your neighbourhood?	
	Nanaimo Old City Association	Pride in ownership. The Old City is seen as a very desirable area in which to live.
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	40% decrease in problematic boarding houses. Increased interest in the Nob Hill area. Proposed traffic calming measures, new streetscapes, and 7-11 closing.
	Newcastle Community Association	<p>Several answers from various executive members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Forming an active Community Association and Block Watch. 2) Getting to know neighbours. 3) Working towards developing a strong sense of community belonging and pride. 4) Interests from residents and developers to relocate to, renovate, invest or build in the area. 5) This is an old and established neighbourhood. It is probably the most dense neighbourhood in the City in terms of units per hectare and infill development that fits with the intent of the neighbourhood plan and the character of the neighbourhood is certainly welcoming. The lack of significant change (other than the introduction of 250 Terminal) is probably its most redeeming positive feature. 6) Ironically, the most positive change has actually been in response to negative government action. When the Province decided to buy property without consultation at 250 Terminal to erect Newcastle Place, the community came alive and organized to protect and defend itself. A healthy segment of the community now feels empowered and able to promote the best interests of the community at a time when Newcastle is on the verge of being overrun.
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	<p>Prevented privatization of Downtown Marina (Boat Basin). Improved relationship with Port of Nanaimo, and City of Nanaimo.</p> <p>Road work and dust suppression (annual).</p> <p>New stairs for Pirates Park.</p> <p>New playground equipment at Pirates Park.</p> <p>New Fire Engine at Station #7.</p> <p>Recent approval for Gallows Point dock and ramp repairs.</p>

Q. #16	What is the most positive change you have seen over the last ten years in your neighbourhood?	
	South End Community Association	Deverill Square Park improvements Food Forest Community meeting space at Coastland
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	<p>(Based on SPNA executive long-term observation, 1998 – present):</p> <p>The most positive change seen in the last ten years is a growing sense of connection between sub-areas of the neighbourhood.</p> <p>The original trigger for the formation of the SPNA was residents wanting to build on the aspirations laid out for Stephenson Point Rd (SPRd) in the OCP’s Rocky Point/Hammond Bay/Stephenson Point (RP/HB/SP) Neighbourhood Plan of 2001. This tended to focus SPNA’s attention on SPRd, its safety issues, and the adjoining Planta Park and Cottle Creek riparian area.</p> <p>Over the last ten years, development elsewhere in the neighbourhood has encouraged residents to take interest in areas beyond their immediate residence/street (eg: Residents unsuccessful in securing a playground site east of HBRd, assisted in playground development and Cottle Creek riparian area maintenance west of HBRd), OR (eg: SPRd residents, unable to satisfy the aspirations set for SPRd in the RP/HB/SP Neighbourhood Plan, supported Miller’s Farm Dr/Linley Rd residents in successfully reversing City’s requirement of Golden Oaks developer to re-route traffic through inadequately designed existing streets).</p> <p>SPNA’s experience is that residents’ sense of connectivity grows organically out of urgent shared issues confronting SP, rather than from an executive driven initiative. Road safety on HBRd/SPRd/ Nottingham appears to be such an issue in the future.</p>

Q. #16	What is the most positive change you have seen over the last ten years in your neighbourhood?	
	Wellington Community Association	<p>1) Improvements to Highway 19A between Bowen Road and Mostar Road that include better drainage, bus stops and a wider path between the highway and Long Lake so that pedestrians and bicyclists can walk safely along the lakeside between Norwell and Wills Road.</p> <p>2) Improvements to the path down to Long Lake adjacent to the Memory Care building to make it wheel chair accessible and connected to Lakeview Park.</p> <p>3) Improvements to parts of Lakeview Park between Wills Road and the Long Lake Heights subdivision.</p> <p>4) Installation of a table and 2 chairs near the entrance to Loudon Park, funded by the City Builders Committee's Community Vitality Grant.</p>

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Q. #17	What are your top three priorities for change in your neighbourhoods (can be physical, social or environmental)?	
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	1) Traffic Issues 2) Safety Concerns due to increase crime in the area and poor street lighting 3) Lack of adequate sidewalks.
	Brechin Hill Community Association	1) reducing crime and creating a safer neighbourhood 2) Barney Moriez Park improvements 3) Strengthening active transportation infrastructure, residential density and mixed-use amenities to make the neighbourhood a safe, self-sufficient and inviting hum for all ages.
	Chase River Community Association	All of the above within our area. Traffic concerns are the most frequent concern that residents bring up at our community meetings. There needs to be another reliable access out of the Cinnabar Valley area and residents want this access to be built soon. They are tired of hearing the City has a plan or they need to study the matter and then nothing happens except for more residential development. More development leads to more vehicles on Extension Road and thus more delays. The Sandstone Development if it occurs as planned will bring a significant change to our area. It will lead to a significant changes in our area that will effect residents over the proposed build out of 20 years. The development will effect residents in so many ways that many residents can't even imagine or don't want to know until the development starts.
	Cilaire Community Association	Physical clean up.

Q. #17	What are your top three priorities for change in your neighbourhoods (can be physical, social or environmental)?	
	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association: 1) Improvements to pedestrian and cyclist safety (i.e. crosswalks on Departure Bay Road at top of Woodstream Park stairs, speed slowing measures on both Departure Bay Road and Bay Street. 2) Continued salmon health improvements on Departure Creek.
	Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	No response.
	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	1) Road/Pedestrian safety 2) Development 3) Property crime
	Nanaimo Old City Association	In no particular order: 1) more affordable housing options 2) the expansion of a thriving local business community 3) more active transportation (increased numbers of cyclists and pedestrians and decreased numbers of vehicles) with the goal of addressing the climate crisis.
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	We and our surrounding neighbourhoods of NOCA and SECA currently have a large number of social service providers where we've reached the tipping-point as it negatively impacts our neighbourhood. The fallout from these services include street-level sex trade traffic, johns, discarded drug/sex trade paraphernalia (condoms, needles, garbage, clothes), open air drug dealing and using, smoking and injecting, increased vehicle traffic – looking for drugs and sex. Decreased residents' feeling of safety and security. Loss of sense of place and pride in our community – everyday erosion of pride in our City. Old City design guidelines not followed or implemented by new developments. Top priority is for the City of Nanaimo to utilize existing tools to create a safe and healthy environment for Nob Hill residents, for instance utilize bylaws and RCMP. Very little reports of sightings of RCMP bicycle team which was a great addition to the neighbourhood. Footprints Security of several years ago – another great and supportive tool for the Neighbours of Nob Hill.

Q. #17	What are your top three priorities for change in your neighbourhoods (can be physical, social or environmental)?	
	Newcastle Community Association	<p>Several answers from various executive members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community building and neighbourhood. involvement to reduce transient and criminal activity 2) Traffic calming on Stewart Avenue – crosswalks with flashing lights. 3) BC Housing at 250 Terminal Avenue – ATCO trailers removed and a new complex or development built on existing site, and designed and managed in a way that considers ALL neighbours. Distribute social and supportive housing to more neighbourhoods. 4) Mitigate social issues surrounding 250 Terminal and adjacent motels being used for short-term housing. 5) Ensure the establishment of a neighbourhood association which is responsive to the community. 6) Implement recommendations in the 2011 Newcastle Brechin Neighbourhood Plan related to traffic calming Stewart Avenue. 7) Keep contacting Provincial and City officials and advocating for our neighbourhood. 8) Work at keeping my property attractive and well maintained to show that we care about where we live. 9) Be involved in the activities that will protect and improve the neighbourhood. 10) Ending the “temporary” status of B.C. Housing Newcastle Place, and rezoning the land in a manner that the community can sustain. 11) Restoring a healthy, sustainable balance of residential/commercial life in our seaside community.
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Management Plan for our island “forests” (parks) and trees. 2) Keep working to establish guaranteed public access to and from Protection Island and City of Nanaimo – currently, access is through privately owned ferry or privately controlled marinas. We need the City to assume responsibility for guaranteed rights of acces to this unique Nanaimo neighbourhood. 3) Improved dust suppression on island roads due to longer dry periods. 4) Repair to tennis court surface (B-ball, Pickle Ball, Hockey increased) and possibly add another court for recreational demand.

Q. #17	What are your top three priorities for change in your neighbourhoods (can be physical, social or environmental)?	
	South End Community Association	Terminal-Nicol Re-Imagined Community Centre/Neighbourhood House Pedestrian transportation - bus shelters, sidewalks, signs, benches
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	In the November 2018 City led Neighbourhood Engagement Workshop with the new Council, residents of SPNA (and inactive HBNA area) identified the top three priorities for change in the neighbourhood as: 1) road safety, 2) road safety, and 3) road safety. This includes: 1) HBRd, which everyone shares, 2) roads around Cottle Creek and McKinnon playgrounds, and 3) aspirations for SP Rd, first identified in the RP/HB/SP Neighbourhood Plan of 2001.
	Wellington Community Association	1) Loudon Park – over utilization by private interest groups; poor vehicle circulation and lack of parking; safety concerns including access to lakeside trail, poor lighting and security. 2) Island Highway/Norwell Drive intersection – evaluate safety and design of intersection, possible advance green and/or left hand turning lane, possible addition of sidewalks and bike lane. 3) Community events – Wellington Hall under-utilized for community social events and commerce.

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Q. #18 What role do you feel a neighbourhood association should play in your area (choose all that apply)? **Community Builder, Community Advocate, Community Networker, Development Referral Coordinator, Social Organizer, Liaison to City, Monitor Progress of Neighbourhood Plan, All of the Above, Other.**

Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	Community builder, community advocate, community networker, development referral coordinator, liaison to City.
Brechin Hill Community Association	Community builder, community advocate, community networker, development referral coordinator, liaison to the City, monitor progress of neighbourhood plan, crime awareness.
Chase River Community Association	All of the above. Get residents engaged is the goal in all of these tasks and many more will make our community and the City a better place.
Cilaire Community Association	Community builder, community advocate, social organizer, liaison to City. We are a very small group that just want to help the City be aware of a few small needs to help us maintain the cleanliness of our neighbourhood. Also we are happy to help out with keeping our boulevards weeded.
Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	All of the above.
Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association	Community builder, community advocate, community networker, development referral coordinator, liaison to City, monitor progress of neighbourhood plan.
Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Community builder, community advocate, community networker, development referral coordinator, social organizer, monitor progress of neighbourhood plan.
Nanaimo Old City Association	All of the above is ideal. However, it depends on the capacity of the association. This will take time to do well.

Q. #18	What role do you feel a neighbourhood association should play in your area (choose all that apply)? Community Builder, Community Advocate, Community Networker, Development Referral Coordinator, Social Organizer, Liaison to City, Monitor Progress of Neighbourhood Plan, All of the Above, Other.	
	Neighbours of Nob Hill	All of the above. Sharing general information with the community.
	Newcastle Community Association	All of the above. Be a leader and advocate for all issues that affect living in Newcastle.
	Protection Island Neighbourhood Association	All of the above. Liaison with Port of Nanaimo (marine access).
	South End Community Association	Community builder, community advocate, community networker, development referral coordinator (asking members for input on development), applications shared by the City, social organizer, liaison to City, monitor progress of neighbourhood plan (if one exists in your area). All of the above

Q. #18	What role do you feel a neighbourhood association should play in your area (choose all that apply)? Community Builder, Community Advocate, Community Networker, Development Referral Coordinator, Social Organizer, Liaison to City, Monitor Progress of Neighbourhood Plan, All of the Above, Other.	
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association	<p>SPNA is open to considering any role requested by residents. SPNA, as executive, do not initiate or advocate any particular role. If SPNA executive feel ill equipped to undertake any particular request, we encourage any resident to take the lead on a specific issue. SPNA assists residents to engage the wider membership through SPNA's email contact list, or to contact Staff/Council directly or through SPNA.</p> <p>The roles listed below are what SPNA has undertaken to date since its founding in 1999. We are unclear how Staff define all the categories listed, so we have added our own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community builder. Defined by SPNA as assisting resident with resident's idea or initiative for new element in neighbourhood. • Community advocate. Defined by SPNA as assisting in advocating resident opinions on existing issues to City and others. • Community networker. Defined by SPNA as sharing contacts or information with members. • Development Referral Coordinator. Defined by SPNA as not so much a coordinator, but as facilitator of members input on development applications. • Liaison to City. Defined by SPNA as representing residents when requested to seek answers.

Q. #18	What role do you feel a neighbourhood association should play in your area (choose all that apply)? Community Builder, Community Advocate, Community Networker, Development Referral Coordinator, Social Organizer, Liaison to City, Monitor Progress of Neighbourhood Plan, All of the Above, Other.	
	Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor of Neighbourhood Plan. This has not necessarily been requested by residents. The RH/HB/SP Neighbourhood Plan was done in 2002, out of many long-time resident's memory or new resident's knowledge. The committee/resident's final draft plan submitted in 2002 after years of intensive collaboration with residents was edited by Senior Staff/Staff so as to not cover items mandated by the OCP Neighbourhood Plan process, or include items deemed to be important to residents. A compromise request by residents/Plan Committee to have these items, including their rationale, recorded in an appendix in the Final Staff-edited Plan was denied. Since then, SPNA has seen one of its roles to remind/inform residents old and new of those items, their rationale, and to give context to issues being discussed today with both residents/Staff.
	Wellington Community Association	All of the above.

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Q. #19	Which statement do you agree with (please check one)? Why?	
	<p>A. The City should formally recognize and support neighbourhood associations based on a set of clear organizational criteria (e.g. registered as a non-profit society, regular meetings, an elected executive, a membership structure, etc.).</p> <p>B. The City should recognize and support neighbourhood associations regardless of their organizational capacity.</p>	
	Statement A	8
	Statement B	5
	Ambivalent	1
	Bradley Street Neighbourhood Association	Statement B, not all neighbourhood associations are large enough to warrant the forming of a non-profit society. Neighbourhood associations provide valuable firsthand information and suggestions from our citizens which may not have been identified by the City.
	Brechin Hill Community Association	Statement A, while neighbourhood associations with no or very few members (i.e. Newcastle, Dover) should not be recognized by the City, most Nanaimo associations do not have the capacity or community involvement to become registered non-profit societies. If you require neighbourhood associations to become non-profit societies, many of them will either refuse or close. Neighbourhood associations exist for the benefit of neighbourhoods and their residents, not for the City government. We are not creatures of the City government.

<p>Q. #19</p>	<p>Which statement do you agree with (please check one)? Why?</p> <p>A. The City should formally recognize and support neighbourhood associations based on a set of clear organizational criteria (e.g. registered as a non-profit society, regular meetings, an elected executive, a membership structure, etc.).</p> <p>B. The City should recognize and support neighbourhood associations regardless of their organizational capacity.</p>	
	<p>Chase River Community Association</p>	<p>Statement A, no need to register the association as a non-profit society. Need to ensure the association speaks for the whole group, not just a small group. Our association listens to all the feedback provided by residents some of which may lead to challenges or discussion. We then vote on the subject and that decision is sent to the City. We may not always agree with each other, but discussion is also important. Each association needs to meet the needs of the residents for that area. How they that is up to them, but they need to ensure that all voices are heard and not just on a particular topic or concern. Keep them involved!</p>
	<p>Cilaire Community Association</p>	<p>Statement B.</p>
	<p>Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association</p>	<p>Statement A.</p>
	<p>Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association</p>	<p>Statement B.</p>
	<p>Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association</p>	<p>Statement B (see supplemental statement regarding City of Nanaimo Consultation on Neighbourhood Networks).</p>
	<p>Nanaimo Old City Association</p>	<p>Statement A. There should be some type of criteria. However, the neighbourhood associations should be involved in determining that criteria (e.g. membership structure, boundaries).</p>

<p>Q. #19</p>	<p>Which statement do you agree with (please check one)? Why?</p> <p>A. The City should formally recognize and support neighbourhood associations based on a set of clear organizational criteria (e.g. registered as a non-profit society, regular meetings, an elected executive, a membership structure, etc.).</p> <p>B. The City should recognize and support neighbourhood associations regardless of their organizational capacity.</p>	
	<p>Neighbours of Nob Hill</p>	<p>Statement A. First and foremost, it's important to define what constitutes a neighbourhood association and what fair representation of the neighbourhood looks like. A "one-man pony show" while it doesn't represent a neighbourhood, indicates a need for guidelines and yet it represents that someone sees a need for information sharing and community development. Is the City going to provide director's insurance if it decides to use only registered societies? Or provide an alderman? Training on the rules? The problem is that it would be hard to get directors if people are worried about liability; who has the experience, training, etc. to run meetings efficiently and within the constructs of the B.C. Societies Act? It can be difficult to get membership if there is no big problem facing them – feast or famine – people come out when they are directly affected and when they aren't there's lack of interest. It could be a mix of both. We feel it's important that criteria is put in place, and no neighbourhood association should be based on a single issue. They must be holistic, inclusive and remember the focus is neighbourhood concerns as a whole.</p>
	<p>Newcastle Community Association</p>	<p>Statement A. Neighbourhood associations need to be credible both in the eyes of their residents as well as the City. While they do not necessarily have to be registered as a non-profit society, there should be minimum standards imposed on their organization such as a membership structure, an annual general meeting which elects an executive, and a means of regularly updating residents.</p>
	<p>Protection Island Neighbourhood Association</p>	<p>Statement A. Along with this recognition should come some financial support for fixed costs: registration fees, website fees, printing costs, rental fees for meetings.</p>

<p>Q. #19</p>	<p>Which statement do you agree with (please check one)? Why?</p> <p>A. The City should formally recognize and support neighbourhood associations based on a set of clear organizational criteria (e.g. registered as a non-profit society, regular meetings, an elected executive, a membership structure, etc.).</p> <p>B. The City should recognize and support neighbourhood associations regardless of their organizational capacity.</p>	
	<p>South End Community Association</p>	<p>Statement A: The City should formally recognize and support neighbourhood associations based on a set of clear organizational criteria (e.g. registered as a non-profit society, regular meetings, an elected executive, a membership structure, etc.). Unanimous agreement of our Executive.</p>
	<p>Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association</p>	<p>(Based on SPNA archives/executive opinion/experience): To gauge how to go forward, executive reviewed SPNA’s archives for what ‘organizational criteria’ has/has not been successful in collaboration with City in the past. SPNA executive concluded it is ambivalent on whether the City should/should not formally recognize and support neighbourhood associations (NA’s). Since its founding in 1999, SPNA experienced varying degrees of success in collaboration with three different groups within City (Council, Senior Staff-Policy, and Staff). We are unable to attribute, nor had any Staff/Council attribute the degrees of success to SPNA’s ‘organizational criteria’. SPNA from 1999 onward, has no record of receiving a resident complaint/question/ suggestion to change the existing ‘organizational criteria’, nor had any Staff/Council forward us any complaint/question/ suggestion by Staff/Council/resident. SPNA has not observed that the ‘organizational capacities’ used by other NA’s has made a discernable difference in collaboration with City. We look forward to hearing and learning from others experience. SPNA’s experience, to date, is that the degrees of success have been attributable to the ‘organizational criteria’ of Council/Staff (eg: departmental organization, expertise, allocated manpower, budgets, priorities, etc).</p>

<p>Q. #19</p>	<p>Which statement do you agree with (please check one)? Why?</p> <p>A. The City should formally recognize and support neighbourhood associations based on a set of clear organizational criteria (e.g. registered as a non-profit society, regular meetings, an elected executive, a membership structure, etc.).</p> <p>B. The City should recognize and support neighbourhood associations regardless of their organizational capacity.</p>	
	<p>Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association (continued)</p>	<p>Looking back since its founding in 1999, SPNA can not say with certainty that any issue would have been furthered/resolved/resolved faster by Councils formal recognition of neighbourhood associations. In regard to the 'organizational criteria' mentioned, SPNA executive has discussed these over the years. Registration as a non-profit society, and regular meetings was deemed onerous or irrelevant in the context of SP, which has long periods with no urgent or neighbourhood-wide issues. If required by Council, it is likely the SPNA would disband. Just as likely, as a consequence, it would be replaced by residents organizing themselves organically, more or less as they do now through the SPNA, to voice their opinions about issues in their neighbourhood. A new system of updating residents, administered by the City would be required, with easily identified and designated Staff to handle multiple enquiries. Alternatively, all the present functions that Council/Staff may associate with SPNA, along with the smaller 'neighbourly' functions may continue as is. SPNA never having sought Council/Staff's recognition, may simply proceed to do what it has always done, which is try to facilitate resident concerns/problems to some sort of resolution.</p> <p>Thank you for this outreach. We look forward to hearing and learning from other's experiences.</p>
	<p>Wellington Community Association</p>	<p>Statement B. Every individual and organization should be recognized and supported, regardless of their organizational criteria or capacity. Equal opportunity for anyone/group attempting to become involved in community growth and building.</p>