



Citizen Advisory Committee

Governance Matters Get Engaged! Saanich Governance Review

During the November 15, 2014, municipal election, 88% of those who voted in Saanich indicated support for a community-based review of the governance structure and policies within Saanich and its partnerships within the Region.

In response, the Governance Review Citizen Advisory Committee (GRCAC) was established by Council to conduct an independent review and report back in fall 2017. One of the primary objectives of this volunteer committee is to consult broadly with the community to obtain a diversity of feedback.

Numerous opportunities are available for the public and stakeholders to provide input:

- **Launch of formal engagement** – formal engagement gets underway on Thursday, February 9 with a media event to launch the process.
- **“Coffee Chats”, focus groups and community meetings** – from February to May, the GRCAC will be out in the community meeting with individuals and groups, continuing a process that began informally in November.
- **Written submissions** – an email address has been set up to receive written submissions and questions, at saanichgovernancereview@shaw.ca
- **Online survey** – a public survey will be available on the Saanich website beginning March 1 and running through to the end of May.
- **Public meetings** – four public meetings will be convened to allow opportunities for broader discussion. These have been designed to accommodate as many residents as possible, with two different formats, and both daytime and evening sessions available on weekdays and weekends. Dates and locations are:

| Date | Time | Meeting Format | Location |
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| Wed. April 12 | 7 – 9 pm | Workshop | Cedar Hill Golf Course Clubhouse |
| Sat. April 22 | 1 – 3 pm | Workshop | Gordon Head Recreation Centre |
| Sat. May 6 | 1 – 3 pm | Town Hall Dialogue | Location to be determined |
| Wed. May 17 | 7 – 9 pm | Town Hall Dialogue | Saanich Commonwealth Place |

The public engagement phase will conclude at the end of May. All information collected will be compiled and assessed over the summer, with the final report presented to Council in October.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the regular meetings of the GRCAC, held the last Wednesday of each month. Schedules, agendas, and minutes are published on the Saanich website. Meetings are held in the Kirby Room, Saanich Police Station, 760 Vernon Avenue.

Further information on the review and the GRCAC is available at: saanich.ca/governancereview