
STRONG TOWNS NANAIMO

Introduction, goals, and short / long-term objectives.

Summary and Members

Strong Towns Nanaimo advocates for a new, financially resilient, sustainable, and equitable approach to urban planning and development.

- **Citizens advocating for:**
 - Affordable housing (30% of income or less)
 - Socially and economically productive spaces
 - Reliably consistent public transit networks
 - Safer, accessible streets for everyone
- Members include citizens, activists, planners, and local professionals.
- We are **not affiliated** with developers.
- We are a **grassroots** organization.



What is a “Strong Town”?

Characterized by productive land use, wise infrastructure investment, incremental building, planning that prioritizes people instead of cars, and sustainable bottom-up decision-making.

- Promote **inclusive, mixed-use** zoning
- Reduce **low-density** suburban sprawl
- Invest in **transportation** infrastructure:
 - **Safer** pedestrian sidewalks
 - **Protected** bike lanes & paths
 - **Accessible, timely** public transit
- Build **vibrant, accessible** public spaces
- Oppose auto-oriented development



Strong Towns Nanaimo's Core Tenets

We advocate for affordable housing reform, safer streets, and shifting away from auto-oriented urban development in Nanaimo. Our city is currently *inequitable* and *fundamentally unaffordable*.

- 1. Oppose Auto-Oriented Development Patterns**
 - Nanaimo has subsidized car owners for decades
- 2. Educate Public on Safe Street Design; Advocate for Complete Streets**
 - Nanaimo is rife with expensive, wide, and unsafe streets
 - Such streets endanger drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists
- 3. Promote Community Housing and Land for Community Benefit**
 - Increase community-owned buildings, parcels, and accessible public spaces
- 4. Advocate for Increased Public Transit Investment**
 - Public transportation infrastructure creates prosperity within a community

“Everyone deserves to live in an **affordable,
equitable, and **financially secure** city.**

Decades of auto-oriented, sprawling development have left their mark on Nanaimo, leading to expensive housing, unproductive urban spaces, and unsafe streets.

Together, we can advocate for a city built around people, not automobiles.”

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