

Utilities

Local levels of government provide water, sewer, landfill, and recycling services, while electricity is provided by BC Hydro, a provincial crown corporation. Natural gas distribution is provided by Terasen Gas, a private company.

BC Hydro – For detailed rate information, contact BC Hydro's Nanaimo office at 1-800-224-9376 (Customer Service).

Gas – Rates vary with consumption and usage classification. For more information about rates, contact the Nanaimo office of Terasen Gas at (250) 751-8300.

Garbage Disposal & Recycling – The City of Nanaimo provides weekly residential garbage collection and disposal services, and bi-weekly collection of certain recyclables.

Telephone/Telecommunications

Telus provides telephone communications infrastructure, with a main installation, sales and service group stationed in Nanaimo. Service rates vary on lines and individual equipment needs. For additional information, contact Telus at 1-888-811-2828.

Internet Access

Local companies that provide full Internet services, including world-wide web access, email, and web page design are NISA, Shaw Cable, and Telus Communications. They also provide Internet installation and training.

Transportation

Nanaimo has a modern and efficient transportation network, with 2 airports, 2 ferry terminals, a recently enhanced highway system, and a public transit system. The average commute time from the outer boundaries of the city to downtown is 15 minutes.

Air

The Nanaimo Airport, operated by the Nanaimo Airport Commission, is located 15 km south of the city, in Cassidy. For additional information, contact the airport at (250) 245-2157.

The Nanaimo Seaplane Terminal, operated by the Nanaimo Port Authority, provides facilities for seaplane flights from downtown Nanaimo. Regularly scheduled flights to downtown Vancouver and Vancouver International Airport are available through Baxter Air and Harbour Air. Flight time is 20 minutes.

Ferries

Regularly scheduled ferry service is available between Nanaimo and Vancouver. There are two primary ferry terminals in Nanaimo, operated by the British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. The Departure Bay terminal serves the Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay route, while the Duke Point terminal in the city's south end serves the Nanaimo to Tsawwassen route. Crossing time ranges from 1 hour 35 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the route. For more information, contact BC Ferries at 1-888-BCFERRY (223-3779). Website: www.bcferries.com

Public Transit

Public transit is provided by Nanaimo Transit with service between 6:40 am and 11:00 pm. Buses run every 15 minutes during peak hours, and every half-hour during off-peak times.

Major Financial Institutions

Bank Of Montreal www.bmo.com

Dickenson Branch

6908 North Island Hwy.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9V 1P6
(250) 390-5086

Terminal Park Branch

1533 Estevan Rd.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9S 3Y3
(250) 754-0564

Scotiabank www.scotiabank.ca

Main Branch

65 Commercial St.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5G3
(250) 716-2300

Nanaimo North Town Centre Branch

166-4750 Rutherford Rd.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 5S5
(250) 751-7700

Nored Plaza Branch

101-6750 N. Island Hwy.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9V 1S3
(250) 390-5975

Canadian Western Bank www.cwbank.com

Main Branch

101-6475 Metral Dr.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 2L9
(250) 390-0088

Canadian Imperial Bank Of Commerce www.cibc.ca

Port Place Branch

66-650 Terminal Ave.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5F2
(250) 716-2060

North Island Hwy. Branch

6570 North Island Hwy.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9V 1K8
(250) 756-3430

Country Club Branch

123-3200 North Island Hwy.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 1W1
(250) 756-3400

Royal Bank Of Canada www.rbc.com

Main Branch

205 Commercial St.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5G8
(250) 741-3500

Brooks Landing Branch

110-2000 Island Hwy. N.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9S 5W3
(250) 758-7381

Woodgrove Centre Branch

49-6631 North Island Hwy.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 4T7
(250) 390-4311

TD Canada Trust www.tdcanadatrust.com

Beaufort Branch
1588 Boundary Crescent
Nanaimo, B.C. V9S 4P1
(250) 716-2600

Terminal Park Plaza Branch
1-1150 Terminal Ave. N.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9S 5L6
(250) 754-7731

Longwood Station Branch
1-5777 Turner Road
Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6L8
(250) 390-1248

Business Development Bank Of Canada

500-6581 Aulds Rd.
Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6J6
(250) 754-0250

HSBC

101-6551 Aulds Road
Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6K2
(250) 390-0668

Coastal Community Credit Union www.cccu.ca

Head Office
21 - 13 Victoria Cr
Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5B9
(250) 741-3200

Bowen Rd. Branch
2350 Labieux Rd.
Nanaimo, BC V9T 3M6
(250) 758-2711

Gabriola Branch
8-377 Barry Pt. Rd.
Gabriola Island, BC
(250) 247-8521

Harbourfront Plaza
111-59 Wharf St.
Nanaimo, BC V9R 2X3
(250) 754-3111

Hammond Bay Branch
6365 Hammond Bay
Nanaimo, BC V9T 5Y1
(250) 390-4312

Southgate Branch
111-50 Tenth St.
Nanaimo, BC V9R 6L1
(250) 741-1233

Coast Capital Savings Credit Union www.iscu.com

6581 Aulds Rd.
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J6
(888) 517-7000

Island Savings Credit Union

97-6631 Island Hwy. N.
Nanaimo, BC V9T 4T7
(250) 390-7070

Trust Companies

Royal Trust

246-6631 Island Hwy. N.
(Woodgrove Centre)
(250)390-5827

Climate

Nanaimo boasts one of the mildest and sunniest climates in Canada, experiencing close to 1850 hours of sunshine annually. The city is protected from Pacific weather systems by the range of mountains which run the length of Vancouver Island. Nanaimo's climate is also moderated by the Strait of Georgia.

The region's range of moderate precipitation makes it the ideal place for year round recreational pursuits. You can swim, sunbathe, and ski all in a matter of months!

Average Daily High Temperatures

January	5.8 C - 42.5 F
February	8.4 C - 47.0 F
March	10.7 C - 51.3 F
April	13.8 C - 56.9 F
May	17.7 C - 64.0 F
June	20.9 C - 69.9 F
July	24.0 C - 75.2 F
August	24.2 C - 75.6 F
September	20.6 C - 69.0 F
October	14.7 C - 58.5 F
November	9.1 C - 48.4 F
December	6.1 C - 43.0 F

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rain	13.18	18.11	10.8	5.96	4.69	3.94	2.43	3	4.4	10.06	17.95	17.02
Snow	30.5	15	8.2	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0.07	8.6	29.7

(Precipitation In Centimeters)

For current weather conditions visit:

www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/city/pages/bc-20_metric_e.html

For more climate statistics visit:

www.theweathernetwork.com/index.php?product=statistics&pagecontent=C02094

Motor Vehicle Licensing and Insurance

For New Residents

Driver's License

If you are new to British Columbia and drive a vehicle, you need to obtain a BC driver's license within 90 days after moving here. This can be done at the Service BC Government Agents Office located at 460 Selby Street in Nanaimo.

New residents who hold a Canadian, American, Austrian, German, Swiss, Japanese, or South Korean license can usually complete their license exchange the same day, provided they bring all necessary documents.

Visit: http://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/moving-bc/licences-from#Variables_fraq

Note to students: If you normally reside out-of-province but are attending a recognized BC educational institution, you can continue using your valid non-BC driver's license.

Automobile Insurance

All motorists in BC must carry basic automobile insurance. For residents, it is provided through the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's (ICBC) Basic Autoplan. For more information:

<http://www.icbc.com/insurance/>

Address Changes

If your address has changed, your driver's license and insurance policy will both have to be updated. You must let ICBC know within 10 days of moving.

Note that the procedures for changing the address on your driver's license and your insurance policy are not the same.

Driver's License

1. Online: <https://www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca/>
2. Phone: 1.866.775.0011
3. In person: Service BC Government Agents Office, 460 Selby Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 2R7, Telephone 250.741.3636

Automobile Insurance

You will need to visit an Autoplan broker in person to change you address on your policy.

For a list of Autoplan brokers, visit: <http://www.icbc.com/autoplan/broker>

Churches & Other Places of Worship

Church Organizations

Bethlehem Retreat Centre
2371 Arbot Rd., Nanaimo (250) 754-3254

Hope Lutheran Church (Elcic)
2174 Departure Bay Rd., Nanaimo
(250) 758-1232

House of Bread
2329 Arbot Rd, Nanaimo (250) 753-1763

Nanaimo Chinese Alliance Church
1609 Meredith Rd., Nanaimo (250) 758-8110

Neighborhood Church
4951 Rutherford Rd., Nanaimo (250) 758-2242

The Salvation Army
505-8th St., Nanaimo (250) 753-8834

Anglican

St. James Anglican Church
2150 Departure Bay Rd., Nanaimo
(250) 758-7911

St. Paul's Anglican Church
100 Chapel St., Nanaimo (250) 753-2523

St. Philips By The Sea Anglican Church
7113 Lantzville Rd., Lantzville (250) 390-3641

St. Philip's-Cedar Anglican Church
1797 Cedar Rd., Nanaimo (250) 722-3455

Apostolic

Harewood Community Church
8A-501 6th St., Nanaimo (250) 753-1656

Nanaimo Full Gospel Assembly
4900 Hammond Bay Rd., Nanaimo
(250) 758-0134

Baptist

Departure Bay Baptist Church
3510 Departure Bay Rd., Nanaimo
(250) 758-9334

First Baptist Church
1650 Waddington Rd., Nanaimo (250) 753-0241

Hammond Bay Baptist Church
4960 Hammond Bay Rd., Nanaimo
(250) 758-1813

Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church
486B Franklyn St., Nanaimo (250) 716-7283

Catholic

St. Peter's Roman Catholic
301 Machleary St., Nanaimo (250) 753-3570

Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre Society
6234 Spartan St., Nanaimo (250) 390-2442

Our Lady Of Good Council
4334 Jingle Pot Rd., Nanaimo (250) 758-3430

St. Michaels Parish
4017 Victoria Ave., Nanaimo (250) 758-4714

Christian Church

Church of Jesus
617-280 Cypress St., Nanaimo (250) 741-0841

Christian & Missionary Alliance

Alliance Church
1609 Meredith Ave., Nanaimo (250) 758-7912

Christian Reformed Church

Christ Community Church
2221 Bowen Rd., Nanaimo (250) 758-1513

Christian Science

Christian Science Society
20 Chapel St., Nanaimo (250) 753-8036

Church of the Nazarene

Church Of The Nazarene www.nanaimonazarene.com
2150 Departure Bay Rd., Nanaimo
(250) 585-5553

Foursquare Gospel Church

Maranatha Four Square Gospel
6553 Portsmouth Rd., Nanaimo (250) 390-2152

Gospel

Wakesiah Road Gospel Chapel
170 Wakesiah Ave., Nanaimo (250) 753-4641

Jehovah's Witnesses

Jehovah's Witnesses Assembly Hall
1724 Vowels Rd. (250) 245-7681

Oceanside & Pleasant Valley Kingdom Hall
6011 Doumont Rd. (250) 390-2555

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
2114 Meredith Rd., Nanaimo (250) 729-9066

Lutheran

Hope Lutheran Church
2174 Departure Bay Rd, Nanaimo
(250) 758-1232

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
394 Shepherd Ave., Nanaimo (250) 754-9082

Mennonite Brethren

Neighborhood Church
4951 Rutherford Rd., Nanaimo (250) 758-2242

Non-Denominational

Church Of Christ
1720 Meredith Ave., Nanaimo (250) 758-9412

Gabriola Fellowship Church
775 North Rd., Gabriola Island (250) 247-9181

Jubilee Christian Centre
8A-6421 Applecross Rd., Nanaimo
(250) 716-0330

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

Evangelistic Tabernacle Pentecostal Assemblies
Of Canada
1300 Princess Royal, Nanaimo (250) 753-0258

Native Victory Chapel
471 Irwin St., Nanaimo (250) 754-7866

Presbyterian Church In Canada

St. Andrew's Presbyterian
4235 Departure Bay Rd., Nanaimo
(250) 758-2676

Seventh-Day Adventist

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
2400 Highland Blvd., Nanaimo (250) 758-1334

Sikh

Gurdwara Sahib Miri Piri Darbar
305 Prideaux St., Nanaimo (250) 716-1313

Sikh Temple
328 3rd St., Nanaimo (250) 754-5516

Unitarian

Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo
1-595 Townsite Rd., Nanaimo (250) 755-1215

United Church of Canada

Brechin United Church
1998 Estevan Rd., Nanaimo (250) 754-9212

Gabriola United Church
2600 South Rd., Gabriola Island
(250) 247-8633

St. Andrews United Church
311 Fitzwilliam St., Nanaimo (250) 753-1924

Trinity United Church
6234 Spartan Rd., Nanaimo (250) 390-2513

United Pentecostal

World of Pentecost Church
3606 Allsop Rd., Nanaimo (250) 756-7926

Schools (District #68) www.sd68.bc.ca

Secondary	Phone	Address
Cedar Community Secondary	(250) 740-2033	1640 MacMillan Rd.
Dover Bay Secondary	(250) 756-4595	6135 McGirr Rd.
Five Acres Secondary	(250) 754-5341	897 Harbour View St.
John Barsby Secondary	(250) 753-8211	550 7th St.
Ladysmith Secondary	(250) 245-3043	710 - 6th Ave. Ladysmith, BC
*Nanaimo District Secondary	(250) 740-2000	355 Wakesiah Ave.
Northfield Secondary	(250) 758-2222	2249 Northfield Rd.
Wellington Secondary	(250) 758-9191	3135 Mexicana Rd.
Woodlands Secondary	(250) 753-2271	1270 Strathmore St.
Elementary		
Bayview School	(250) 754-3231	140 View St.
Brechin School	(250) 754-7523	510 Millstone Ave.
Chase River School	(250) 754-6983	1503 Cranberry
Cilaire School	(250) 758-7941	25 Cilaire
Cinnabar Valley	(250) 716-1030	1800 Richardson Rd.
Coal Tye	(250) 729-0450	2280 Sun Valley Dr.
*Davis Rd. School	(250) 245-7187	444 Parkhill Terr., Ladysmith, BC
Departure Bay School	(250) 758-6541	3004 Departure Bay
Dufferin Cres. School	(250) 740-3500	1111 Dufferin Cres.
Fairview School	(250) 753-3418	205 Howard St.
Forest Park School	(250) 758-6892	2050 Latimer
Frank J Ney School	(250) 729-8045	5301 Williamson Rd.
Gabriola Elem. School	(250) 247-9342	680 North Rd., Gabriola Island, BC
Georgia Ave. School	(250) 753-1044	625 Georgia
*Ecole Hammond Bay School	(250) 758-5711	1025 Morningside
Ladysmith Inter. School	(250) 245-3351	317 French St., Ladysmith, BC
Ladysmith Primary School	(250) 245-3912	510 6th Ave., Ladysmith, BC
McGirr Rd. School	(250) 758-8946	6199 McGirr
Mt. Benson School	(250) 758-1536	4355 Jingle Pot
Mountain View School	(250) 753-2831	2480 E. Wellington
North Cedar School	(250) 722-2722	2215 Gould Rd.
North Oyster School	(250) 245-3330	13470 Cedar, Ladysmith, BC
Park Avenue School	(250) 754-5591	395 8th St.
*Ecole Pauline Haarer School	(250) 754-2722	400 Campbell St.
Pleasant Valley School	(250) 390-4027	6201 Dunbar
*Ecole Quarterway School	(250) 754-6845	1632 Bowen Rd.
Randerson Ridge School	(250) 758-5076	6021 Nelson Rd.
Rock City School	(250) 758-2434	3741 Departure Bay
Rutherford Community	(250) 758-5331	5840 Hammond Bay
Seaview School	(250) 390-4022	7000 Lantzville Rd. Lantzville, BC
South Wellington School	(250) 754-2873	1536 Morden St.
Uplands Park School	(250) 758-2533	3821 Stronach
Woodbank School	(250) 722-3644	1984 Woodbank

*= schools with French immersion

School Board Office	(250) 754-5521	395 Wakesiah Ave. Nanaimo, V9R 3K6
Resource Center	(250) 754-5521	420 Selby St.
Library Services	(250) 754-5521	420 Selby St.

Nanaimo Independent Schools

Name of School	Phone	Address	Website
Aspengrove School	(250) 390-2201	7660 Clark Dr.	www.aspengroveschool.ca
Christian Life Academy	(250) 756-7926	3606 Allsop Rd.	
Nanaimo Christian School	(250) 754-4512	198 Holland Road	www.nanaimochristianschool.ca
Nanaimo Montessori	(250) 753-0649	945 Waddington Rd.	www.nanaimomontessorischool.org

Housing and Accommodations

For a list of hotels/motels contact Tourism British Columbia at 1-800-435-5622 or online at www.hellobc.com

Extended and Long Stays – The Painted Turtle Guesthouse, 121 Bastion St., Nanaimo.
 Phone (250) 753-4432 or www.paintedturtle.ca

Rental Directories:

Places 4 Rent – Nanaimo www.places4rent.com

24/7 Apartments for Rent – Nanaimo www.247apartments.com

Widsten Property Management Inc www.islandrent.ca

Rental Management – Coast Realty Group Ltd., 4200 Island Hwy. N., Nanaimo.

Phone (250) 758-7653 www.coastrealty.com

Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society www.nahs.ca

Nanaimo District Senior Citizens' Housing Development Society www.ndschds.org

Multiple Listing Service – Canada www.mls.ca

Vancouver Island Real Estate Board www.vireb.com

New Real Estate Developments - www.1stview.ca/c6-Nanaimo-Vancouver-Island-BC/

Health Care in British Columbia

Health Insurance BC Website

Use this site to search for information, fill out forms online, download applications and find contact information: <http://www.hibc.gov.bc.ca/>

For specific information on medical and healthcare benefits in BC, visit:

<http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/benefits.html>

For Residents new to BC

If you are a new resident in BC, you will need to apply for:

Medical Services Plan (MSP)

The MSP provides health care coverage for all residents of BC. It covers the cost of medically required services provided by physicians and supplementary health care practitioners, laboratory services and diagnostic procedures. All residents of BC must enroll with MSP.

When does coverage begin?

New residents or persons re-establishing residence in BC are eligible for coverage after completing a waiting period that normally consists of the balance of the month of arrival plus two months.

You should apply for MSP coverage immediately after arriving in BC, rather than at the end of the waiting period, to allow time for your application to be processed.

Coverage during the waiting period

New residents from other parts of Canada should maintain coverage with their former medical plan during the waiting period. New or returning residents arriving from outside Canada should contact a private insurance company for coverage during this period.

For more details, visit: <http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/eligible.html>

Fair PharmaCare

PharmaCare provides financial assistance to British Columbia residents for eligible prescription drugs and designated medical supplies. Further information on this program can be found at: <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/plani/faq/planifaqindex.html>

Health and Community

Nanaimo Regional General Hospital

Nanaimo Regional is the largest hospital north of Victoria on Vancouver Island. It provides primary hospital services to the residents in the Nanaimo/Parksville/Qualicum region, and secondary referral services for the 250,000 living north of Victoria.

The 409 bed hospital has a medical/dental staff of approximately 250. Services include medicine, surgery, maternity, pediatrics, intensive care, rehabilitation and psychiatry, as well as a 150 bed Extended Care Unit. Outpatient services are provided in the medical laboratory, radiology, CT scanning, diabetic counseling, pacemaker programming and endoscopy, among many others.

For more information, please contact: Nanaimo Regional General Hospital
1200 Dufferin Crescent
Nanaimo, BC V9S 2B7 (250) 754-2141

Medical Clinics

Caledonia Medical Surgical Clinic 340 Campbell Street	(250) 753-3202
Cline Medical Centre 233 Prideaux Street	(250) 753-3030
Family Practice Clinic 2778-104th Street	(250) 758-1711
Medical Arts Centre 30-650 Terminal Avenue	(250) 753-3431
Southgate Medical Office 1151 Lawlor Street	(250) 754-3218
Sow's Ear Medical Clinic 7186 Lantzville Road	(250) 390-4542
Wellington Medical Clinic 1651 Boundary Crescent	(250) 740-2100

Other Health Services

Central Vancouver Island Health Unit 1655 Grant Avenue	(250) 755-6200
Provincial Ambulance Services 1981 Wilfert Road	(250) 758-8121
Nursing/Homemaker Nanaimo & District Home Support Association 528 Wentworth Street	(250) 754-3351

Shopping Malls

Beban Plaza
2220 Bowen Road
Anchor Tenants: Central Drugs, Quality Foods, Landlubbers Pub

Brooks Landing
2000 N. Island Highway
Anchor Tenants: Fairway Grocer, Royal Bank, Staples, Home Hardware, Shanghai City Restaurant

Country Club Mall www.countryclubcentre.com
3200 Island Highway
Anchor Tenants: Save On Foods, Liquor Store, CIBC, Future Shop

Dickinson Crossing
6900 Island Highway North
Anchor Tenants: Canadian Tire, Dairy Queen, Nesbitt Burns, KFC-Taco Bell

Nanaimo North Town Centre www.nanaimonorth.com
4750 Rutherford Road
Anchor Tenants: Zellers, Sears, Galaxy Theatres, London Drugs

Nanaimo Public Market
1840 Stewart Avenue
Anchor Tenants: Miller's Landing Pub, Beefeaters Restaurant

Port Place Shopping Centre www.portplaceshopping.com
650 S. Terminal Avenue
Anchor Tenants: Thrifty Foods, London Drugs, Liquor Store, Fields, Wendy's

Terminal Park
1533 Estevan Road
Anchor Tenants: Save On Foods, Liquor Store, Bank of Montreal, Burger King

Terminal Park North
777 Poplar Street
Anchor Tenants: Nanaimo News Bulletin, Academy of Learning, Canadian Cancer Society

University Village
530-5th Street
Anchor Tenants: Value Village, Quality Foods, Shoppers Drug Mart

Woodgrove Centre www.woodgrovecentre.com
6631 N. Island Hwy
Anchor Tenants: The Bay, GAP, Toys 'R' Us, Avalon Cinemas, Wal-Mart

Media Listing

Newspapers

Business Examiner
777 Poplar St.
Nanaimo, BC V9S 2H7
Phone: (250) 754-8344
Website: www.businessexaminer.net

Nanaimo Daily News & Harbour City Star
2575 Suite B1, McCullough Rd.
Nanaimo, BC V9S 5W5
Phone: (250) 729-4200
Website: www.nanaimodailynews.com

Nanaimo News Bulletin
777B Poplar St.
Nanaimo, BC V9S 2H7
Phone: (250) 753-3707
Website: www.nanaimobulletin.com

(Daily News by subscription)
(Harbour Star delivered free to all homes)
(Nanaimo News Bulletin delivered free to all homes)

Radio Stations

Central Island Broadcasting www.islandradio.bc.ca

CHWF (The Wolf) 106.9 FM
4550 Wellington Rd.
Nanaimo, BC V9T 2H3
Phone: (250) 758-1131
Website: www.1069thewolf.com

CKWV (The Wave) 102.3 FM
4550 Wellington Rd.
Nanaimo, BC V9T 2H3
Phone: (250) 758-1131
Website: www.1023thewave.com

Television Stations

Shaw Cable Systems (BC) Ltd.
4316 Boban Dr.
Nanaimo, BC V9T 5V9
Phone: (250) 760-1999
Website: www.shaw.ca

'A' British Columbia
1420 Broad St.
Victoria, BC V8W 2B1
Phone: (250) 381-2484
Website: www.atv.ca/victoria/

CH News
2A-2575 McCullough Rd
Nanaimo, BC V9S 5W5
Phone: (250) 729-3874
Website: www.canada.com

Public Golf Courses www.golfvancouverisland.ca

Cottonwood Golf Course 1975 Haslam Rd, Cassidy	(250) 245-5157 Website: www.cottonwoodgolfcourse.com
Eagle Quest Golf Centre 1601 Thatcher Rd, Nanaimo	(250) 754-1325 Website: www.eaglequestgolf.com
Fairwinds Golf Course Ltd. 3730 Fairwinds Drive, Nanoose Bay	(250) 468-7666 Website: www.fairwinds.ca
Gabriola Golf & Country Club 825 South Rd., Gabrila Island	(250) 247-8822 Website: www.gabriolagolf.com/
Morningstar Golf Course Ltd. 525 Lowry's Parks, Parksville	(250) 248-8161 Website:
Nanaimo Golf & Country Club 2800 Highland Blvd., Nanaimo	(250) 758-6332 Website: www.nanaimogolfclub.ca
Pheasant Glen Golf Resort 1025 Qualicum Rd, Qualicum Beach	1-877-407-4653 Website: www.pheasantglen.com
Pryde Vista Golf Course 155 Pryde St., Nanaimo	(250) 753-6188
Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf 115 W. Crescent, Qualicum Beach	(250) 752-6312 Website: www.golfqualicum.ca
Winchelsea View Golf Course Ltd. 7655 Harby Rd. West, Lantzville	(250) 390-3934 Pro Shop (250) 390-2274 Office

Vancouver Island Regional Libraries www.virl.bc.ca

Regional Headquarters
6250 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5N3
Telephone: (250) 758-4697

Nanaimo Harbourfront Branch
90 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5G4
Telephone: (250) 753-1154

Wellington Branch
3032 Barons Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 4B5
Telephone: (250) 758-5544

Branch Information
Recorded information on the hours of the two branches
Telephone: (250) 754-1449

Nanaimo Ice Centre

The new 7,900 square metre (85,000 sq. ft.) multiplex includes two NHL regulation size ice surfaces, each with seating for 500 spectators. The Nanaimo Ice Centre also includes three meeting rooms and a multi-purpose room.

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre features B.C.'s largest wave pool, play lagoon, 3 waterslides (B.C.'s highest), and lazy river, 1 and 3 meter diving boards, and 50 meter, 8 lane pool. Other amenities include a sauna, steam room, and hot tub. For more information contact (250) 755-4484.

Port Theatre www.porttheatre.com

An 804-seat theatre on the breathtaking waterfront in downtown Nanaimo. The Port Theatre opened in September of 1998. The theatre is a focal point for residents and visitors alike, offering a broad range of cultural events designed to meet many diverse interests and needs. Programs involve local groups as well as touring attractions and provide access to events for families, seniors, youths and adults, thereby enriching the overall quality of life in the region.

Nanaimo District Museum www.nanaimomuseum.ca

Nanaimo District Museum, situated on the waterfront in the heart of downtown, brings history to life with its fascinating depictions of early coastal living on Vancouver Island, from European, Chinese and First Nations' perspectives. Visitors can explore the coal mining exhibit, learn about native life through personal reflections, hands-on exhibits and audio-visual presentations. Discover what's made Nanaimo tick in the post-coal mining era. The Museum is located in Piper's Park, which is also home to a miner's cottage, a restored 1890s locomotive, reproductions of native carvings in stone and more. The Museum is also the guardian of the only remaining, original Hudson's Bay Company Bastion left in North America, and it turned an amazing 150 years old in 2003.

The Ultimate Nanaimo Bar Recipe

No trip to Nanaimo would be complete without sampling the city's famous chocolaty delight, appropriately named the "NANAIMO BAR". True aficionados can sample several unique creations from the city's bakeries, and enjoy a happy dilemma - deciding which bar is tastiest!

According to local legend, a Nanaimo housewife entered her recipe for chocolate squares in a magazine contest about 45 years ago. In a burst of civic pride, she chose to dub her entry "Nanaimo Bars". The prize winning bars have since become the city's tastiest export. In 1986, the Mayor, in conjunction with Harbour Park Mall, held a contest to find the Ultimate "Nanaimo Bar". The winner - of almost 100 entries – was dessert maker supreme, Joyce Hardcastle.

Bottom Layer

1/2 c. unsalted butter (European style cultured)
1/4 c. sugar
5 tbsp. cocoa
1 egg beaten
1- 3/4 c. graham wafer crumbs
1/2 c. finely chopped almonds
1 c. coconut

Melt first 3 ingredients in top of double boiler. Add egg and stir to cook and thicken, Remove from heat. Stir in crumbs, coconut and nuts. Press firmly into an ungreased 8x8 pan.

Second Layer

1/2 c. unsalted butter
2 tbsp. and 2 tsp. cream
2 tbsp. vanilla custard powder
2c. icing sugar

Cream butter, cream, custard powder and icing sugar together well. Beat until light. Spread over bottom layer.

Third Layer

4 sq. semi-sweet chocolate (1 oz. each)
2 tbsp. unsalted butter

Melt chocolate and butter over low heat. Cool. When cool, but still liquid, pour over second layer and chill in refrigerator.



Starting up a business in Nanaimo

Thinking of moving to Nanaimo to start a business? Check out these websites.

BC Business Registry www.bcbusinessregistry.ca
City of Nanaimo www.nanaimo.ca
Community Futures Development Corporation www.cfnanaimo.org
Small Business BC www.smallbusinessbc.ca

Links to Other Useful Websites

1st View www.1stview.ca/c6-Nanaimo-Vancouver-Island-BC/
BC Auto Insurance www.icbc.com/insurance/insura_getsta_howbuy_moving2.asp
BC Ferries www.bcferries.com
Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island www.vi.bbb.org
City of Nanaimo www.nanaimo.ca
College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC www.cpsbc.ca/cps
Medical Services Plan www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/eligible.html
Nanaimo Airport www.nanaimoairport.com/
Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors Newsletter (under Other Publications and Forms)
www.nanaimo.ca/EN/main/departments/parks-recreation-culture/PublicationsAndForms.html
Real Estate Listings www.mls.ca
Regional District of Nanaimo www.rdn.bc.ca
School District #68 www.sd68.bc.ca
Tourism Association of Vancouver Island www.islands.bc.ca
Tourism Nanaimo www.tourismnanaimo.com
Vancouver Island Health Authority www.viha.ca
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