

Ocean Discovery Centre – Nanaimo Press Release – January 5, 2018

Nanaimo Deep Discovery Association is excited to announce our proposed Ocean Discovery Centre (ODC) is an agenda item for the City of Nanaimo's council meeting on January 8, 2018. "Our objective is to have council pass a motion that the ODC will be part of 1 Port Drive redevelopment plans providing the NDDA secures funding." Tim Tessier, NDDA Vice President.

Over the past 18 months, the not for profit Nanaimo Deep Discovery Association (NDDA) have been working hard to raise public awareness and secure a site location for the Ocean Discovery Centre.

The ODC has been featured on Shaw Community TV and advertised extensively thru the generous support of Nanaimo News Bulletin, Nanaimo News Now, and WAVE & WOLF Radio. Community events include the Dragon Boat Festival, the Marine Festival Parade, and Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

The NDDA site advisory group has had numerous meetings with City staff to work thru the logistics and feasibility for an Ocean Discovery Centre site on Port Drive. We are now ready to have our report presented to Council.

During each of our events we have asked for community support and "99% of the people that we have spoken with or whom have learned about the ODC have committed their support for the project, one individual said he will support the ODC when he sees the money."

There is an often overlooked connection with our Oceans. The inventions and contributions of British Columbia's sub-sea industry have changed diving, deep-sea exploration and ocean commerce around the world. The Ocean Discovery Centre will encourage a greater connection with Earths environment and positively impact people's perception and understanding of how we interact with our oceans.

The Ocean Discovery Centre will be an entertaining and educational destination for local residents and tourists alike where each visit is guaranteed to provide a new and ultimate discovery of what is under the surface of the sea!

The NDDA has met with corporate, private, federal and provincial sources for grants to be invested in Nanaimo and received positive feedback. The question to the NDDA has been, is the City of Nanaimo committed?

We invite the public to attend at 4:30PM on Monday, January 8th at the Shaw Auditorium in the Nanaimo Conference Centre.

For further information, please contact Tim Tessier @ 250 713 3978

Visit www.ndda.ca for more and exciting details of the ODC