

# DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

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**SUBJECT: AMENITY CONTRIBUTION POLICY**

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## 1. POLICY INTENT

This amenity contribution policy for residential rezoning applications serves as a guideline for staff and development applicants in preparing an amenity contribution package with their rezoning applications. Because changes in zoning can create significant increases in the value of land and because subsequent development can increase the demand for community services and amenities, the District wishes to have developments make contributions to the amenities within the District of North Saanich.

This policy is a guideline and not prescriptive. It sets out desired targets for amenity contributions and the type of amenities that would be funded by the contributions in North Saanich. Council may ask for more or for less than the target depending on the specifics of an application including, for example, any on-site amenities or actual amenities provided by a developer, extraordinary servicing costs faced by an application, changing economic conditions.

As a general guideline, the provision of services (roads, sewers, water), charity contributions by a developer, and amenities provided outside of North Saanich, would not be considered an amenity under this policy.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINE

The following contributions are a guideline for staff and developers to work towards:

Single family lots	\$16,000 for each additional lot
Townhouse/patio homes	\$ 9,500 for each unit
Apartments	\$ 8,000 for each unit

### 3. AMENITY CATEGORIES

Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establishment of a permanent site for a District farmers' market</li> <li>- Development of community gardens and agriculture parks</li> <li>- Funding for agricultural programs</li> </ul>
Affordable and special needs housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acquisition of land for affordable housing for 3<sup>rd</sup> party to develop (i.e. CRD, Kiwanis Society, Habitat for Humanity)</li> <li>- Upgrading of existing housing stock (i.e. Kiwanis Village)</li> <li>- Seniors and special needs housing</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stream restoration</li> <li>- Rehabilitation of fish habitats</li> <li>- Protection of endangered species</li> <li>- Continuation of the Scoter Trail seawall</li> <li>- Joint project with Sidney, VAA, Sidney Anglers, Peninsula Streams to remove contaminated sediment from Reay Creek pond</li> <li>- Installation of public information kiosks and signs at strategic points at Shoal Harbour</li> <li>- Restoration projects on Ten Ten Creek and Tseycum Creek</li> <li>- Beach cleaning and restoration projects</li> </ul>
Cultural and Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- District heritage resources and programs</li> <li>- Sidney Museum and Archives</li> <li>- Sidney/North Saanich Library materials and facilities</li> <li>- Public art</li> <li>- Shoal Harbour natural heritage preservation</li> <li>- Identification of historical place names pre- and post-contact</li> </ul>
Parks and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parks and trails development</li> <li>- Renovation and/or expansion of recreational facilities</li> <li>- Development of marine recreation facilities (i.e. new beach accesses, public dock or pier)</li> <li>- Cycle lanes and cycle paths</li> <li>- Other projects identified in the Parks Development Plan</li> </ul>
Municipal Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child care facilities</li> <li>- Municipal hall upgrades</li> <li>- Other municipal facilities (Fire Department and RCMP)</li> </ul>
Other Non-Municipal Amenities/Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dunsmuir Lodge</li> <li>- McTavish Elementary School</li> </ul>