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Erickson said the latest  
research shows that people  
suffering from addiction  
issues fall into two catego-  
ries – drug abusers and those  
who have the disease of  
addiction.

“Most people who are  
drunk can stop any time they  
want to,” he said. “People  
who are chemically-depend-  
ent, they can’t stop. We can  
now diagnose clinically the  
difference between people  
making bad choices and  
people who have the brain  
disease.”

Erickson, a paid consultant  
for the Betty Ford Center  
and author of two books,  
has spoken to about 80,000  
professionals and people in  
recovery since 1998.

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## ■ DOWNTOWN

# DNP managing director ready for new challenge

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George Hanson has left the  
partnership.

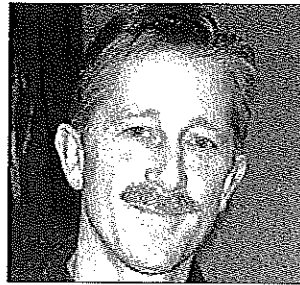
After seven years as man-  
aging director of the Down-  
town Nanaimo Partnership  
Society, Hanson is moving  
on in his career to work as  
Development Manager for  
InSight Developments.

Hanson said it's time to  
take on another challenge.  
He said the DNP has a strong  
foundation and will continue  
to see growth in the coming  
years.

“I think it's onwards and  
upwards for downtown,” said  
Hanson.

Diane Brennan, Nanaimo  
city councillor and vice-  
president of the DNP, said  
Hanson will be missed.

“If you were to take a  
snapshot of Commercial  
Street and then another of the  
Old City Quarter in 2000,  
you would have a way differ-  
ent picture than today,” she  
said. “He's been the catalyst  
to bringing new businesses  
downtown. George was a pri-



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[downtown revitalization].  
I'm not sure we would have  
had the same result if we  
hadn't had George.”

Since 2001, when Han-  
son was hired to spearhead  
downtown revitalization, the  
DNP received 10 provincial  
awards, 21 commercial heri-  
tage buildings were renovat-  
ed with grants from the DNP

and downtown saw a net  
increase of 120 businesses, a  
25-per cent increase in jobs  
and millions of dollars in  
new construction.

“It's just the beginning, but  
it's a really solid beginning,”  
said Brennan.

She said on top of attract-  
ing new business and revital-  
ization of buildings, Hanson  
was also involved in increas-  
ing the number of residents  
downtown and making it  
safer with increased security  
measures.

Brennan said Hanson  
leaves the DNP in two  
months and the executive  
will be looking for some-  
one who can maintain the  
momentum, as well as tackle  
homelessness and safety  
issues in the downtown core.

Eric McLean, president of  
the Old City Quarter Asso-  
ciation, said Hanson's suc-  
cess lies in his organizational  
skills and his ability to bring  
people together.

“He's just been the glue  
that has held everything  
together,” said McLean.

