

# Public Engagement Summary of Comments

## Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan - Summary of Public Engagement Comments

On 21-JUN-2017, the City hosted an Open House to gather public feedback on options for the Port Drive Waterfront Master Plan. Those who attended could leave comments using 'sticky notes' on the Open House boards, or by filling out a survey. There was also an online survey available on the City's website for three weeks. The topics listed below are the primary themes that emerged from these public engagement activities. In addition to this summary, all of the survey comments have been posted on the City's website.

**Q 1. The proposed access network for the Port Drive waterfront includes a number of new cycling, pedestrian and vehicle access routes into the site, including a roundabout on Front Street and an extension of the waterfront walkway. Do you have any comments on the proposed access network?**

Response	# of Responses
General support for walking and cycle access / limited vehicle access	52
Support for waterfront walkway	32
General support for concept and/or roundabout	24
Provide water access/ boat launch/ include Protection Island	18
Focus on a complete network	14

**Q 2. Locating a transit exchange on the waterfront is a key consideration of the Master Plan process and two options to achieve this have been presented. Which option, if any, do you prefer as transit exchange location at 1 Port Drive?**

Response	# of Responses
Integrated on street	178
Alternative On site	131
Do not support	107

**Q 3. Do you have any comments on the proposed land uses?**

Response	# of Responses
Support for Ocean Discovery Centre / tourist attraction	70
Support for a mix of uses, especially public (e.g. farmers market)	51
No light industrial	31
Increase public access to waterfront	26
Support for a variety of residential types	25

**Q. 4 All of the concepts presented include some residential opportunities. What type and form of residential development, if any, is appropriate for this area?**

Response	# of Responses
Mixed-use/mixed tenure (e.g. ground floor commercial, affordable units, units for families, etc.)	
Condominiums	85
High density / Bring people downtown	39
4-8 storey mid-rise	16
Preserve views/ height away from waterfront	19

**Q. 5 Do you support locating the Ocean Discovery Centre on the Port Drive waterfront?**

Response	# of Responses
Yes	278
At Waterfront	219
At Front Street	59
No	33
Comments provided / Need more information	73

**Q. 6 All the proposed land use concepts include public space along with a mix of other types of uses (medium-high density residential, light industrial, mixed-use, etc.). Do you have any input on what you would like to have included in the public realm?**

Response	# of Responses
Amenities (e.g. Granville Island style market; restaurants, farmers market)	85
Green / park space	60
No Industrial	24
Walkways	20
Boat launch/ water access	16

**Q. 7 The changing climate will be a key consideration for any waterfront planning process. The Master Plan process has identified some strategies to deal with the anticipated rise in Nanaimo's sea level. Do you have any additional comments on the proposed strategies?**

Response	# of Responses
Support strategy approach	8
Use renewables, energy efficient materials and green building / walkway design	8
Plan for higher sea level rise	6
Parking above sea level	3

**Q. 8 The Port Drive Master Plan Process is guided by five principles that resulted from the South Downtown Waterfront Initiative. Based on the site information and concepts presented, do you have any feedback on how the proposed options do or do not reflect the Guiding Principles?**

Response	# of Responses
Need more information on Guiding Principles	14
Generally agree proposals meet Principles	12
Work with / Respect the SFN	11
Support for working harbour / Include connection to Protection Island	9

**Q 9. Thanks again for filling out our survey! Do you have any final comments?**

Response	# of Responses
Do it right	17
Connect to all transportation modes (e.g. fast ferry; passenger rail, etc.)	15
Include amenities	14
Ensure water access / include Protection Island	11
Work with First Nations	4