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Introduction

Nanaimo's Harbour is one of our city's greatest assets, and the existing waterfront walkway showcases its natural beauty. Many in the community have expressed a desire to expand the walkway and improve connections from existing trail and bike networks to the walkway.

Council has made a commitment to develop a plan that will outline how an extended waterfront walkway can be completed in a timely manner; as well as complete five small but important sections of the walkway in 2018-2019.

Previous Public Engagement to Date

One of the first steps in the Waterfront Walkway Trail Implementation Plan was to reach out to the community in order to better understand people's priorities, concerns and overall view of the project.

A project webpage was set up and can be accessed at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/WaterfrontWalkway

The webpage contains information about the project that has been, and will continue to be, updated as the project progresses. The webpage also contains a link to an interactive GIS storymap.

The City of Nanaimo held three public open houses in May 2017. The open houses were a drop in format, where people could learn about the goals of the project, talk to staff and then leave comments. In conjunction with the May Open House events, the City conducted the first public survey, which was available online and in hardcopy. Just over 1,900 people completed this survey.

In June 2017, the City hosted a design workshop at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre that was attended by over 25 community representatives. Invitees to the workshop included City Council, Snuneymuxw First Nation, Government agencies, Business Owners, Neighbourhood Associations, and Special Interest Groups. We obtained input on vision, route alignment, walkway treatments and design, priorities, and other items important to attendees. The public were able to attend after the workshop for information sharing and additional input.

In September 2017, the City hosted a second round of public open houses to present draft plans and details to ensure the material was consistent with the previous feedback received. Again, the open houses were a drop in format, where people could talk to staff and provide feedback.

The first open house was held on Thursday September 28th, at the Kin Hut in Departure Bay, between 2pm to 7pm. The second open house was held on Saturday September 30th, at the Nanaimo Lions Pavilion in Maffeo Sutton Park, between 10am to 4pm.

All the information presented and collected at the previous public engagement events are available on the project website.

Public Survey No. 3 Results

As part of the third open house, the City also distributed a third survey to residents. Again, the survey was available both online and in hardcopy, and a total 311 people responded to the survey. Of those who responded to the survey, 50% had participated in the first two surveys distributed in May and September 2017.

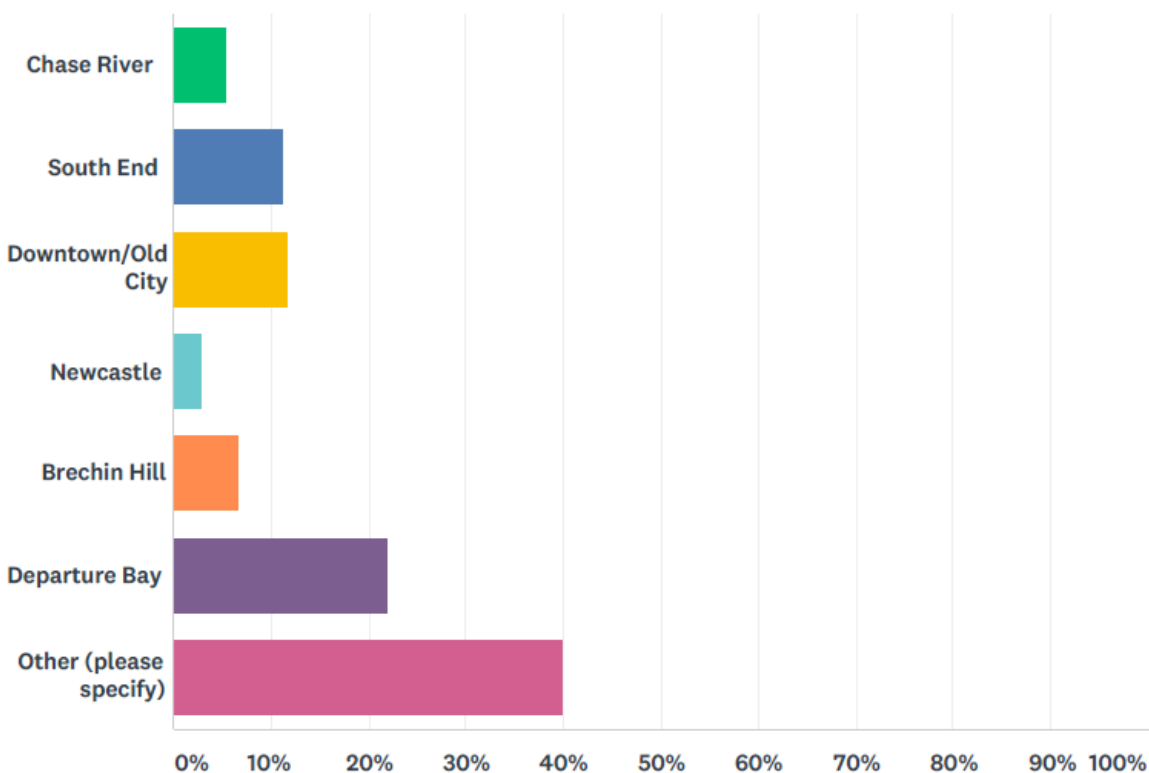
The following is a summary of the input provided by those who responded to the third Nanaimo Waterfront Walkway Implementation Survey. The feedback received will be used to finalize the design plans for the first two phases to come out of the implementation plan being:

1. Departure Bay: BC Ferries Departure Bay Ferry Terminal to Cilaire Neighbourhood
2. South Downtown Waterfront: BC Ferries Gabriola Ferry Terminal to Nanaimo Port Authority

Additional comments from certain questions can be found in Appendix A at the end of the this Survey Summary.

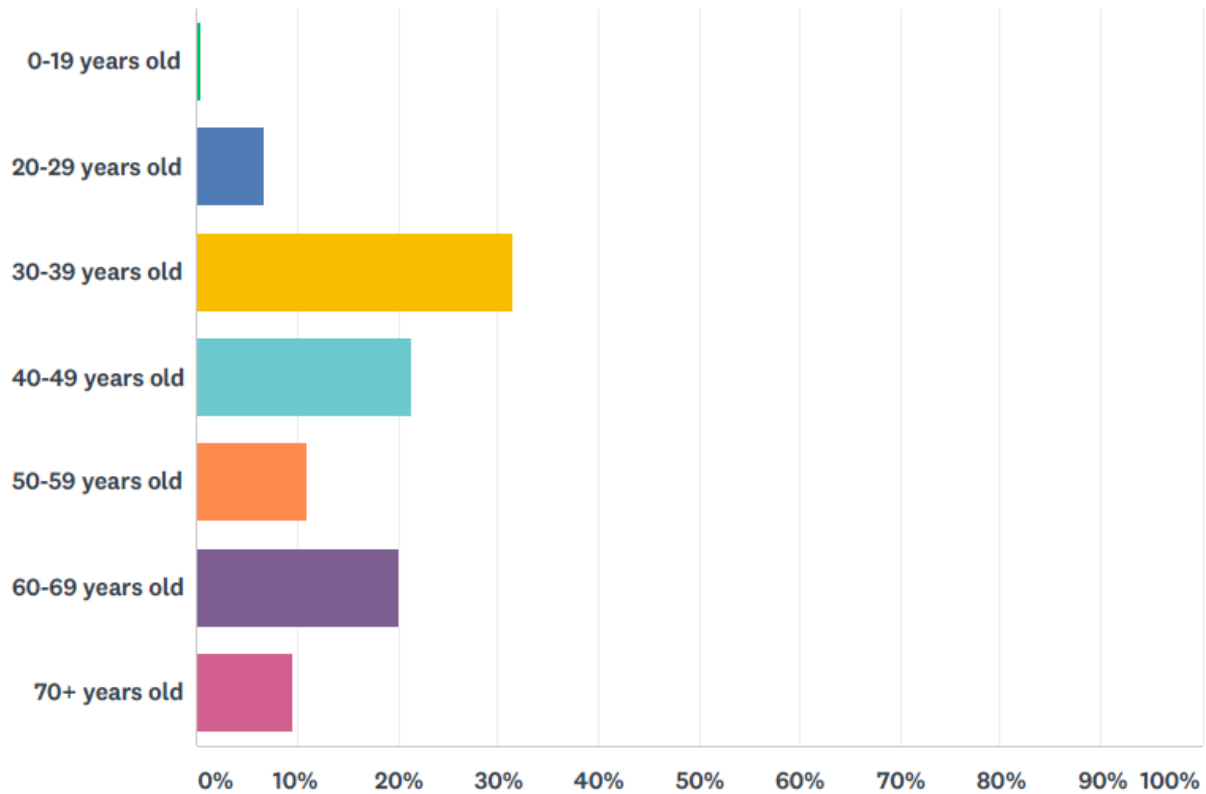
QUESTION 1: Where do you live?

Respondents were first asked to indicate where they live in order to better understand who responded to the survey and their relationship to the waterfront. As shown in below, 40% of respondents indicated that they live in “Other Nanaimo” and 22% identified that they live in Departure Bay. These results were similar to the September 2017 survey. Those who selected “other Nanaimo” were able to specify where, with responses including North Nanaimo, Hammond Bay, Harewood, the hospital area and Westwood Lake.



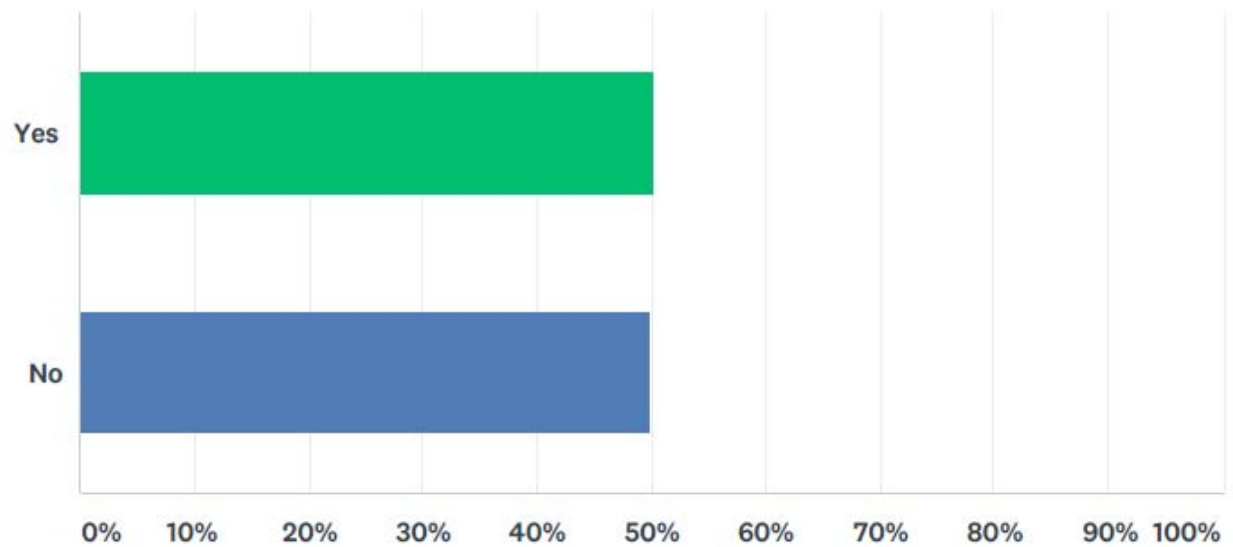
QUESTION 2: In which age group are you in?

Respondents were asked to indicate which age group they fall into, with more than half of respondents (53%) are between 30 and 49 years old. Respondents 19 and younger made up the smallest percentage of respondents at 0.32%, followed by those between 20 and 29 years old (6.77%).

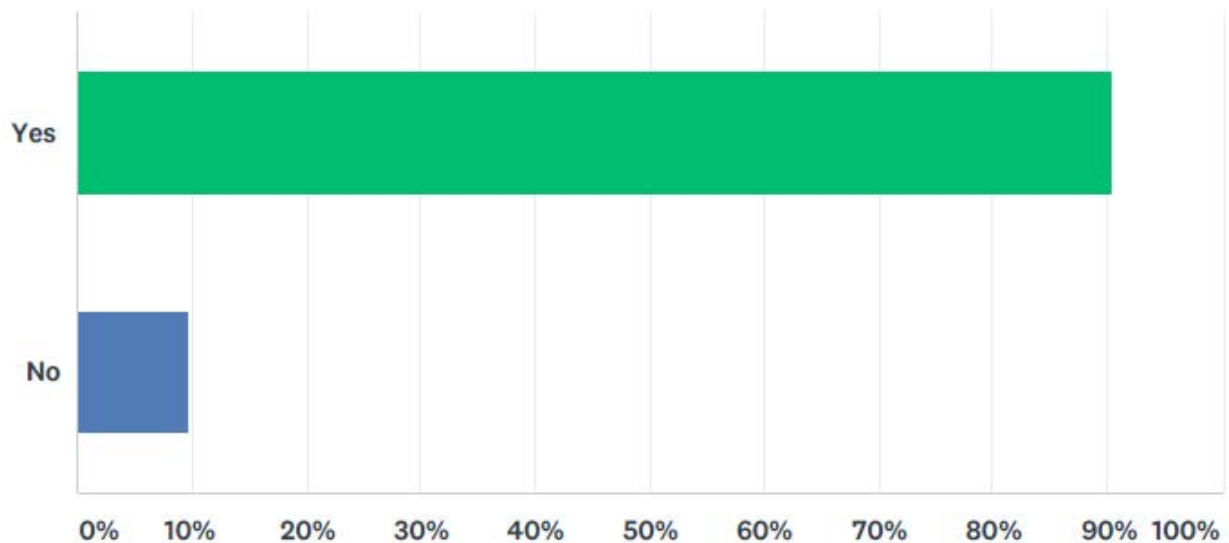


QUESTION 3: Did you participate in the 2017 Nanaimo Waterfront Walkway Implementation surveys?

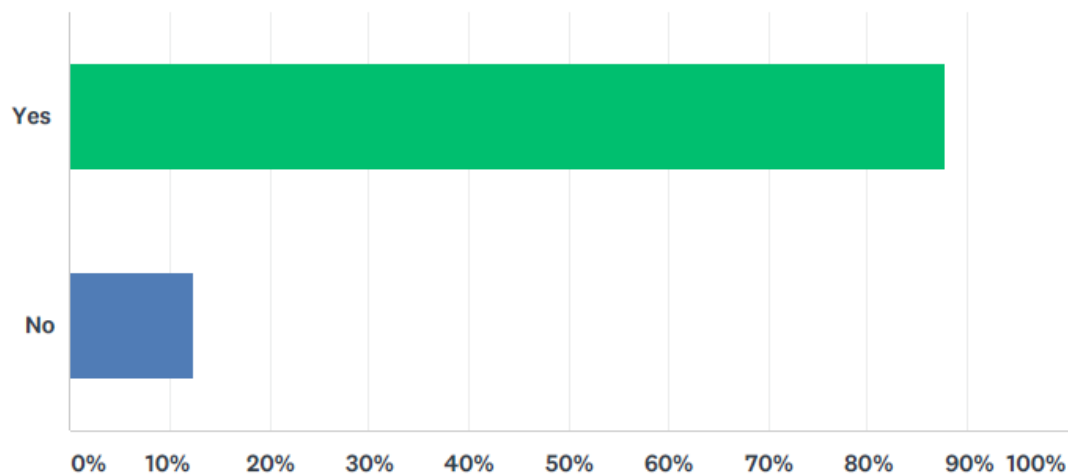
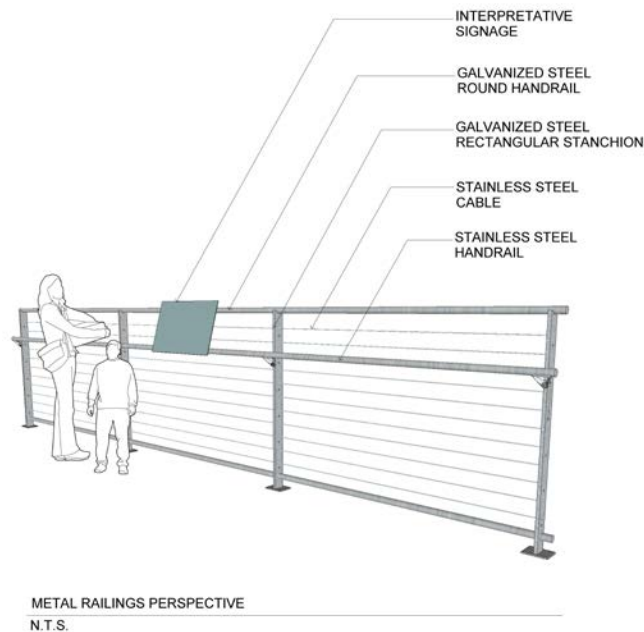
Survey participants were asked if they had been a part of any of our previous waterfront walkway open houses. The results show a split of 50% for each.



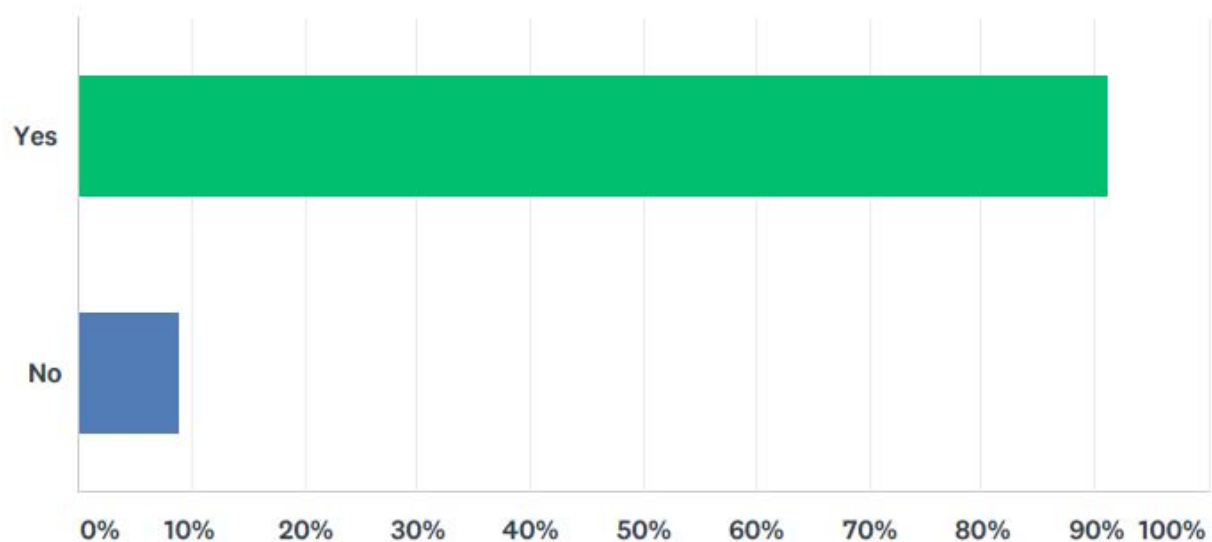
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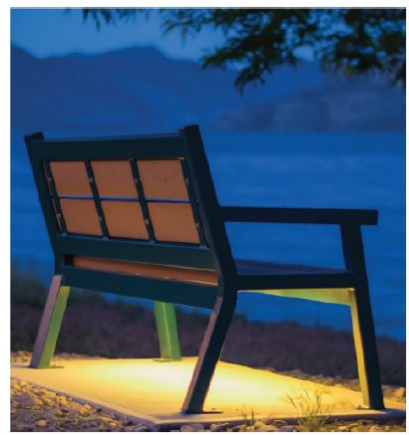
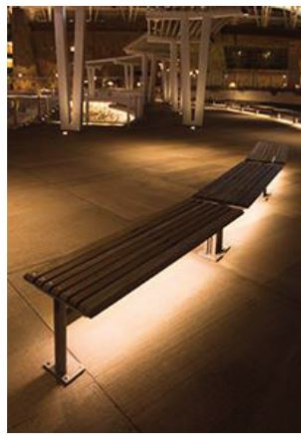
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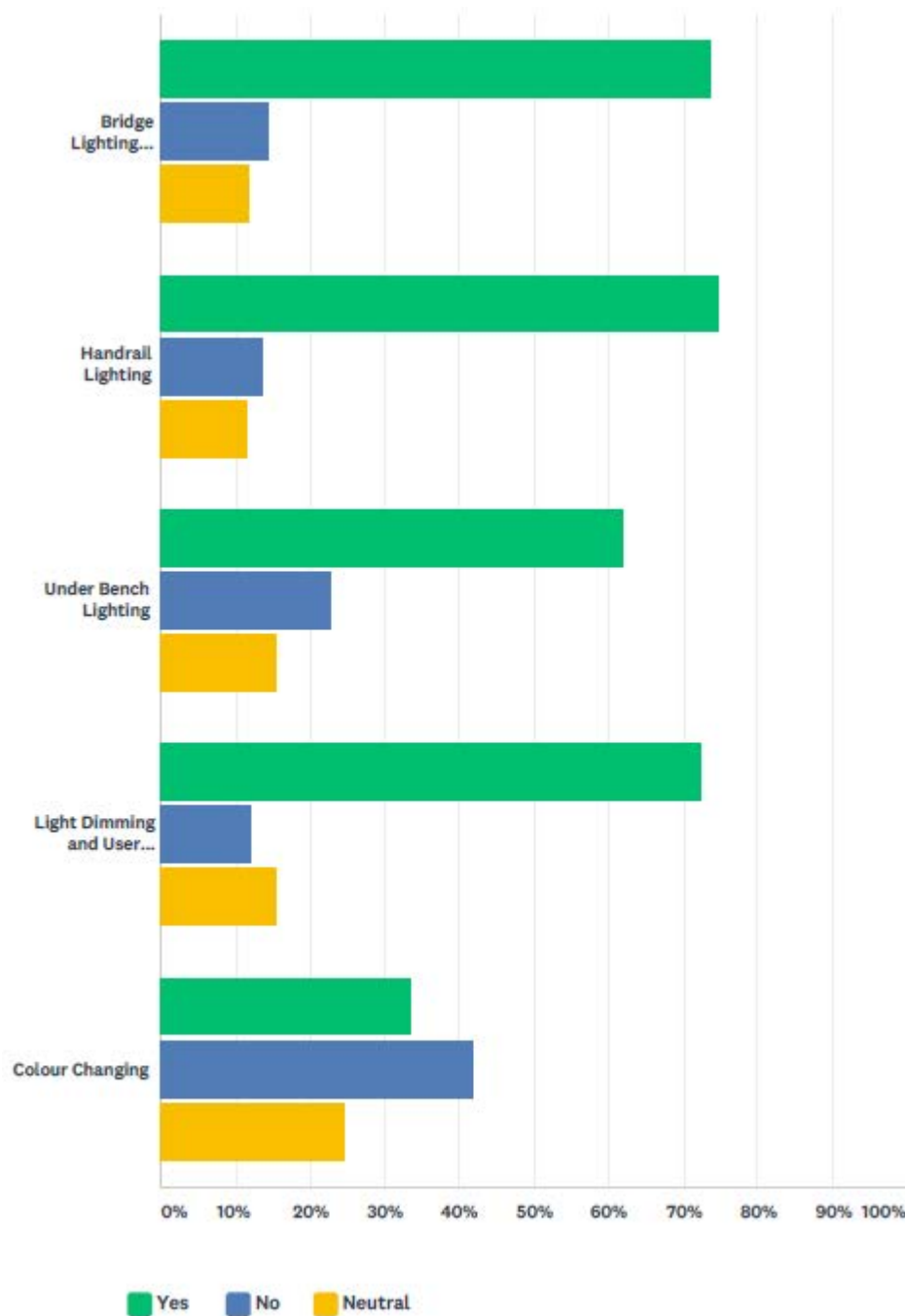


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QUESTION 7: The elevated walkway is being designed to include pole mounted LED lighting for user safety and comfort, similar to what was installed during the recent Departure Bay Seawall improvements. Consideration is also being given to include feature lighting to highlight specific features and add architectural elements to the walkway. The images below show examples of different feature lighting being considered: Do you support additional feature lighting such as:





There was support for Bridge Lighting, Handrail Lighting, Under Bench Lighting and Light Dimming and User Sensors. 41% of respondents said No to Colour Changing Lighting.

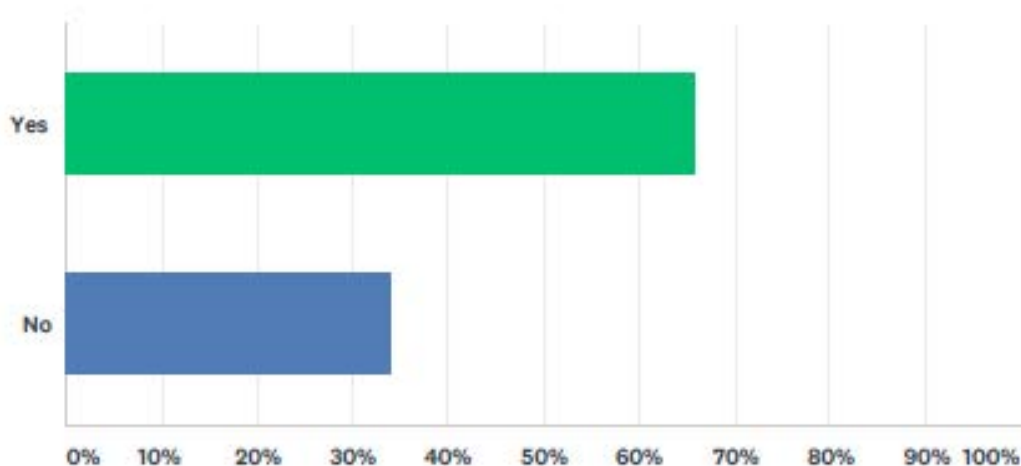
QUESTION 8: Amenities to be included along this section are: lighting, public art, benches, waste receptacles, pet waste stations and interpretive signage. Are there other amenities that you would like to see that have not been considered above?

A variety of amenities have been identified along the proposed walkway, including beach access, fishing and crabbing areas, boat ramps, interpretive signage, trail connections and viewpoints. Other amenities, such as benches, trash cans, water fountains, signage, washrooms and pet waste stations will be appropriately spaced along the walkway.

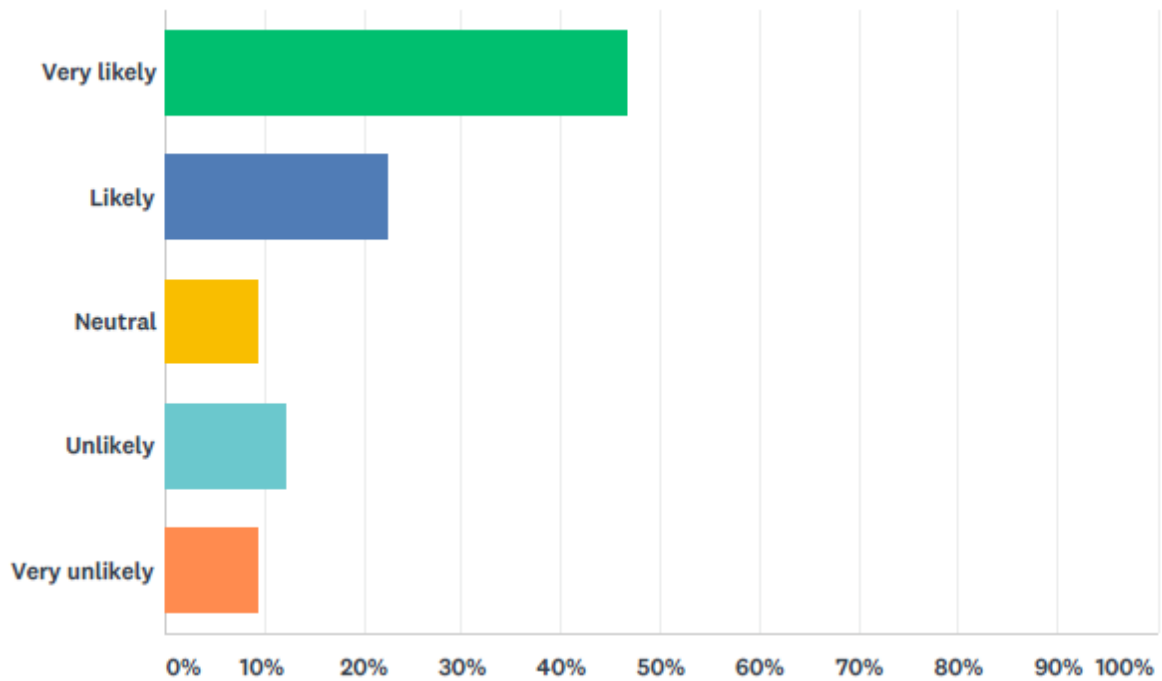
Survey participants were asked if there are any other amenities they would like to see that have not already been considered. In total 121 suggestions were given. Providing opportunities for vendors, including coffee shops, restaurants, food carts and souvenir shops, among others was the most popular suggestion. The table below shows the suggestions with at least 8 mentions.

Section	# of Mentions	Section	# of Mentions
Water Fountains	28	Washrooms	36
Vendors	14	Beach Access/Access Points	8
Garbage/Recycling Cans	8	Emergency Phones/Features	8

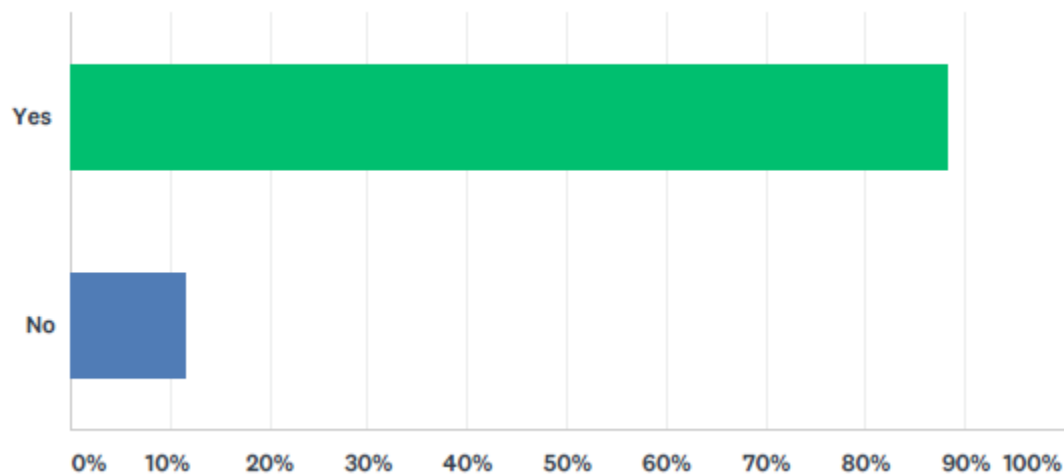
QUESTION 9: Our consultant has developed a concept to upgrade the existing gravel trail from White Eagle Terrace. The concept includes retaining walls, several sets of stairs and new handrails. The estimated cost to complete these upgrades is between \$300,000 - \$500,000. Would you like to see the existing White Eagle Trail upgraded?



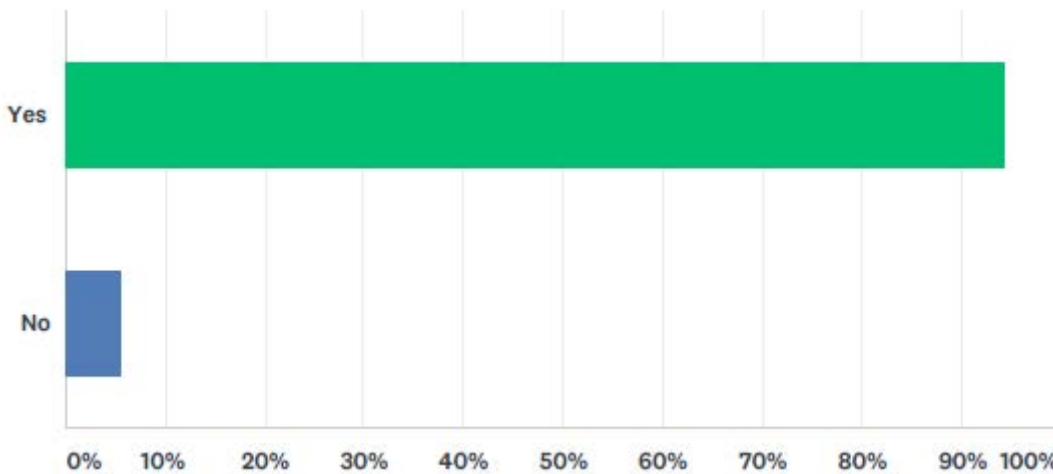
QUESTION 10: How likely are you, or members of your household, to use the BC Ferries (Departure Bay Terminal) to White Eagle Terrace section of the Waterfront Walkway?



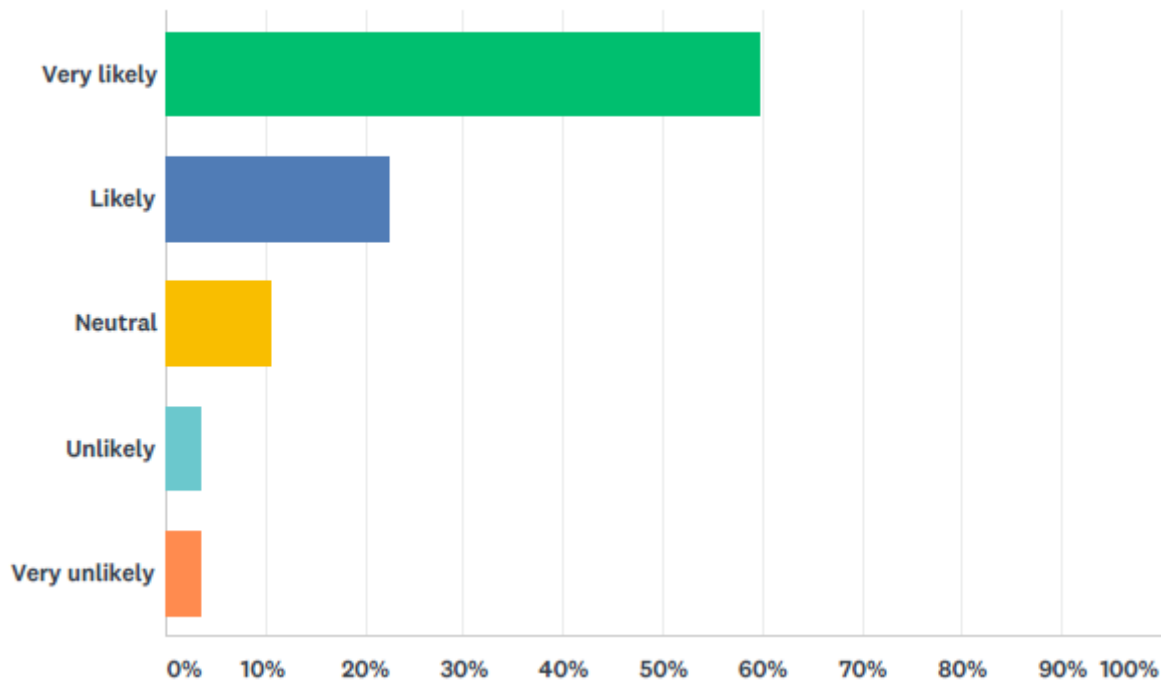
QUESTION 11: An interim walkway is being considered in the South Downtown Waterfront until such time as future redevelopment takes place. This includes a 7.0m wide asphalt surface with lighting, benches, planters and waste receptacles. The image below shows how the 7.0m wide interim walkway could look. Do you support the interim walkway concept as shown below?



QUESTION 12: The City is investigating the use of solar lights along with section as a pilot project. If feasible, would you support solar lighting along this section?



QUESTION 13: How likely are you, or members of your household, to use the 1 Port Drive Interim Walkway once constructed?



APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

There should be regularly accessible areas of shade.

Although not too sure how high this and I'd high, then no.

So happy to see wheels and feet separated completely. I have had numerous incidents with bikes around Maffeo Sutton Park and Swy-A-Lana where it is one lane and bikes aren't supposed to be

It depends on the section, some sections that may be appropriate such as south of downtown while others it may be less suitable such as the departure bay section. I am concerned that the walkway design will have negative effects on the shoreline and park in the Departure Bay section. If those effects can be affordably mitigated then I am supportive but if they can't I would rather the design be altered to a more suitable idea rather than try to force an unsuitable idea to work through sheer momentum of the proposal.

The middle section appears to clash with the bike and walking sections.

Can any wheeled vehicle use the upper ramp? Scooter, bicycle, roller blades, wheel chair etc.? I'm assuming the answer is yes, like it is on the Sea Wall in Vancouver, but just checking.

It's a very average concept. Nothing particularly special.

The separation of recreational cyclists and pedestrians is a necessity. Far too frequently, one group is unaware of the other, creating the possibilities of accidents.

I like the separation between pedestrian and cyclists. It will be great/safe for people who want to commute via cycling to work downtown from The Bay area and beyond.

This would be a wonderful thing for everyone.

It seems too high. Unnecessarily high.

Expand to departure bay beach

Cannot easily/safely access both sides. A bike lane via painted strip is reasonable no need to reinvent the wheel and it will be better for all.

Just flat; more functional

However, if the cost could be reduced by having only one level, bikes and pedestrians on the same level, I think we Nanaimo-ites could handle that. Most multi use paths I have been on are one level and it works very well. However, if the costs are similar, the two-level walkway concept is great.

I'm not sure about the elevation part of it - lots of dogs won't walk across raised surfaces & small children will want to climb the railings. I'm also not sure it's wide enough if you can't step off the path to get around large family

groups, strollers etc. Also if it's raised you will only be able to join or get off at certain points, so you have to walk the whole distance. I do like the separation of bikes & pedestrians though.

As long as the pedestrian walkway is next to the ocean, so can stop & watch & take photos.

Great design. Will improve walkways for both groups.

Less transverse lines on the cycling side, otherwise it will be a bumpy ride

For the most yes but the cycling side needs to have defined lanes for each direction for safety

It would be nice to be able to access the beach/ocean from the walkway at appropriate locations. Perhaps ramps down to the beach?

100%

It looks great with pedestrians having there separate walk area

I hope for lots of garbage cans because people are slobs.

Should be more clearly delineated for bike Lanes and directions of travel for both.

surface of walkway should be "joint friendly" ie. not concrete; textured metal (with holes) is also uncomfortable for walking/running and can be a safety hazard with some footwear soles; wooden boardwalk is unsafe in rainy, icy cold weather and the nails can be a tripping hazard.

Its very ugly

I prefer to see a beach level walkway. A seawall is less expensive and will be integrated into the natural look of Departure Bay. The home owners located near the Departure Bay beach do not have ownership of the beach. A proper seawall will inspire healthy living for tax payers and possibly increase tourism in Nanaimo.

I was very impressed with the elevated walkway in Sooke and thought this would be the best way to handle the section from BC Ferries along the Cilaire cliffs. I support this concept 100%!

Did anyone in planning give us price on walkers only on the walkway? The walkway would (for walkers) only be for walkers. The cost to folks along Newcastle channel would a lot less!

but only because the creek exits here. The elevated 21 foot wide road should not be everywhere, just over the creeks.

An elevated walkway would be a great addition. Walking above the water is wonderful feeling.

Please get it built - the naysayers will disappear once it's done - what a boost for tourism and locals.

This design works well given the nature of the shore. It also will give a real sense of being on the water. I love it!

Excellent IDEA!!!

Too expensive I think.

Very nice!

Please fully consider future impacts on walkway of rising sea level and storm surges (eg. Stanley Park damage in storms) suggest consult oceanographers not just engineers.

You always advertise too late. Ad in today's paper - which is delivered late eve.

The proposed 7m width is far too wide. Typical City residential streets (including vehicles) are not always this wide. Share the road!

yes absolutely!!!

Super!

It's beautiful. Public access to this industrial, commercial area (as well as residential) will only draw more visitors and make their visit more memorable.

Nice, but likely most expensive option. Also, long elevated sections have safety concerns.

make a temporary "ending/viewpoint" so people can look out and so we don't look like abruptly ending "and ran out"

Honestly I'm not sure what I think of it. We live in Cilaire and spend many hours on the beach between White Eagle and the ferry. I feel like a walkway directly above the beach is going to take away so much of the useable beach area. Right now it is so natural and beautiful. I fully support a walking trail but I'm unsure about this style.

I like the division for cyclists and pedestrians

They have one in Manhattan on the West side, Great Concept

Please make this happen.

good to separate cyclists and pedestrians !!! much safer

It would be great if the design allowed for some dedicated space for art from the yearly public art program to be installed.

Is it wide enough to support 2 couples walking past each other in opposite directions?

nice to keep cyclists and pedestrians separate. Had several close calls. Cyclists ride when it says no bikes. Need more and bigger signage.

Add painted bikes/pedestrians on ground like on Seawall

There is a great beach at the bottom of Beach Estates Park. I have been walking this beach for 24 years with my grandkids and dog, as I noted at previous open forums with the elevated design will we will no longer be able to easily access the beach to walk the beach and have an unobstructed view of the bay. I strongly recommend that the trail be at grade with a gentle slope down to the beach. There is not a lot of wave action in this section and the level grade should work fine. With the elevated walkway the beach will be only accessible by somehow getting under the elevated walkway, this is not a good use of our natural beauty.

It is so very needed, and will be a jewel in our city's crown.

Important that the actual shore can still be accessed via stairs or ramps.

Please make sure you put in lots of benches. That will be a long walk. Also, put in access points where possible. Thanks

However I find this looks quite industrial. Hopefully there is a way to develop a more natural look. I don't think large scale public art is necessary - the view is art in no need of embellishment.

Love it, one concern would be that the pedestrian side could feel a bit narrow with all the furniture located on their side?

I think it will be too expensive to build.

make it nice. This is the cheapest amenity that the city can build for the public to use. build it with steel and concrete topping. And it is going to be there a very long time. The newest walkway piece in front of that hotel marina is very poorly built. The light aluminum structure is just going to get damaged.

Love the fact that cyclists are off the walkway.

As a biker and a dog owner the physical separation between lanes seems unnecessary. In that picture there is not enough space for all but the best socialized dogs to pass each other. Leaving lanes demarcated but not physically separated allows dog owners to duck into the bike lane to pass without issue, making the walkway more enjoyable for all.

Least intrusive, and provides safe and enjoyable walking, running and cycling routes

This section of trail will be very expensive to build and was chosen by a very small number of people that participated in the 2017 survey. Upgrade what we already have before expanding.

Add some fixed binoculars looking out to the ocean

The sooner this gets built - the better!

I can't wait

It looks so huge. Can the walkway be exactly like the sea wall in Vancouver?

I do think that linking the sections from one end of the city to the other is a critical planning piece

Too expensive

It is important to include cycling as well as foot traffic

Seating with a back is important.

I originally supported the version of this plan that was on the ground rather than elevated, but it probably makes more sense to spend on a design that will last longer. Has this design been chosen? I didn't see any updates from the City discussing this.

Please have the walking side closest to the water for scenery as people will want to take pictures over the rail and would interfere with cyclist if the walkers have to cross their path.

Not clear why this needs to be elevated. Can there just be a physical barrier to separate the two instead of the elevated platform? Looks too industrial. Like a highway overpass instead of a walkway along the harbour.

Yes I would support a design similar to this, but we're only being shown one design and I wonder what the other options are

I support the elevated walkway, but I think it should be the last section to be built. People will be able to walk from Cilaire to the ferries, and then the walkway ends. The walkway should be built out from the downtown towards the two ends, not disjointed bits and pieces here and there.

Could the bike side a bit more narrow and the people side be a bit wider? The benches and garbage cans take up space on the people side which makes the useable space a bit less. What side does a mobility scooter use?

QUESTION: Several railing options were reviewed that would provide safety for both pedestrians and cyclists, and also maximize viewing opportunities for persons of all ages and abilities. The image below shows the current design concept for a metal railing system that uses horizontal stainless-steel cables to provide fall protection while allowing for maximum visibility of the surrounding landscape. Do you support the railing concept as shown above?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Modern design

As long as an adult can see over the railing

Maybe but I don't know what other options there are. It is not the worst aesthetic but it is a very harsh look to it and if it could be softened up a bit that would improve the overall look.

Too high. It is like a cage

It seems unnecessary - takes away from the beauty- it's too safe

I would prefer to see some wood worked in. Have a west coast, Island feel. This looks cold and sterile.

The railings are too high

Too. High.

Over complicating things and reinventing the wheel. Use the same kind used in the other areas of the walkway downtown.

Should be high so kids can't fall over

As long as the cables are not flexible in such a way that little bodies could move them to squeeze through.

I noticed there were benches incorporated into the previous illustration. When seated at the benches, will these railings impeded the view? On multiple occasions, I have experienced railings that are widest right at eye level when seated and it is very unpleasant.

Worried kids will still climb on the steel cables to access the handrail.

Steel cables are not suitable for young children or animals.

Looks cold

Great for young children!

My only concern is that toddlers could slip through the bottom section between the wire cables. I'm not sure what the distance between the cables is? Another option to ensure safety would be to have the bottom 1/3 be solid.

Well it's ugly, but also effective. No huge concerns, but it would be nice if the entire walkway were cohesive (This design does not match the railings at the existing waterfront).

I like the minimalism of the cables. Does it need to be so high? It looks like the railing is 5 feet tall.

Looks higher than I would have thought

cables need to be fairly thick; overly thin cables would be unsafe - a possible cutting hazard in the event of falls, etc.

Visibility for adults and children a very important element.

Carefully source your stainless steel inferior quality will not last.

This design completely fulfills its practical purpose while being as unobtrusive as possible.

Beautiful!

Looks affordable and will last a long time.

Do either of these rails block ones view when sitting on a bench? (eg. seawall at Maffeo Sutton Park - rails are right in line of vision) Can they be lowered or adjusted in height - lower rungs should be close enough together to protect little children.

I like this design concept.

white curved inwards

Cable is flexible and can be easily squeezed thru by little children, lower parts should be firm steel.

Not given as a choice. What else could we be choosing? Yes/No is a bit abrupt.

looks a little severe looking - perhaps less institutional looking

High enough to contain cyclists?

Some of the others are also very interesting.

Absolutely, safety first and the natural beauty is enhanced not stolen.

I prefer the lighter looking design that curves in slightly at the top

Lower cables should be close together.

sort of - bit abrupt make railing so people can comfortably lean on some part and gaze at view

Looks too high

Would of been nice for it to have a more natural look and feel But anything made with wood would be costly to maintain I can live with this design

Cables are not visually appealing

I thought railings with horizontal cables were not to code because a child could climb them and possibly fall over the top railing?

Part of the beauty of the sea wall is the LACK of high fencing along it or that it's so low it's nearly invisible. Although there is a cable which allows for better viewing, the suggested structure is quite high which leaves it with a 'non-natural' barrier and looking too 'industrialized' rather than 'natural', open and welcoming.

Where benches are located try to ensure metal railing is not in immediate eye range, maybe place benches on raised platform

Top should lean in towards deck. Safer for kids while lowering rail height

Ideally it would be lower in overall height.

too high

Any wood? Too high.

Make sure it's not too tall. Seems to be adult shoulder high in the photo. Only needs to be a bit above hip height.

Just make sure that short man, with his tiny head, can't get it stuck in the cable barrier.

To tall, standard height for leaning on and enjoying the view, this interrupts sight line. Railings to building code would be best

too many cables. Feels like a cage. Guard rails on existing walkways are fine.

Excellent!

I support this cable railing concept, provided that it is safe for children and others walking on the path, won't rust, and will not pose any hazards for wildlife, e.g., birds

Seems to high.

Don't make it overly high. Its nice to see the scenery and to take pictures without obstructions.

The cable is ugly. Will loosen up, people will tie things to it, put relationship padlocks on it etc.

the railing doesn't matter much. make it vandal proof and strong. someone may mess with the cables or steal them for scrape metal.

Round railings don't hold liquid, and wash off with rain.

Was maintenance cost considered?

clean looking yet secure. Only concern might be the silly trend of putting padlocks on as a "memento" by well meaning but ignorant people, with costs of removing.

Choosing something with the least amount of maintenance required helps over time to make sure that the trail system does not end up looking junky when hard times may hit

Horizontal cables invite young children to climb.

As long as it would prevent someone from falling.

the handrail seems a bit high - would be ideal for it not to interfere with the view when sitting on a bench. The railing shown in the lighting question (top left) with wood accent is more clean looking than this railing (just a comment).

Should have some sort of protection against children climbing the cables like a ladder.

What were the other options or top two alternatives? Had to provide feedback on options when only one choice is provided.

Again, yes I would support this design, but we have not been shown any other options

Either get rid of the handrail, or make the handrail the top of the barrier. Seems unnecessary and a waste of metal to have both.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Esthetically boring.

I think it's a good design but a bad spot to place it. Not overlooking the ferry . How about somewhere nice?

It is a very harsh aesthetic with far too much concrete and steel, not in keeping with our cities spirit as a welcoming community. it needs to be softened up before it progresses.

No thanks to public art. Not the place for it.

Not enough design consideration.

I think there could be a longer boardwalk viewing point with more seating. Because of ferries, sea planes and general water habitat - this will be very popular to sit. Perhaps also having a small hut or something with washrooms and a pop up shop for ice cream, coffee or vending machines would be enjoyed.

I like it.

I'd like to see some shade incorporated into some of these designs, whether achieved through potted plants/trees or man made canopies. It looks like it the sun could get very intense on this walkway and it's a healthy/pleasant option to take a break in the shade.

Two benches may not be enough for people to enjoy the pause!

PLEASE allow public access to the beach at this location! It would be such a shame to miss out on all that this beach has to offer.

Amazing

Excellent idea

I'm ambivalent about this one. Looks like a nice view of the ferries. I suppose it's good so long as it's not costly.

This can be done with a seawall concept.

I think the current residents (animals and birds) are in for a rude shock when we all "view" them, but yes, a good idea...more benches than two though.

The ferry terminal is an important link for Vancouver Island and Nanaimo in particular. Most visitors arrive via ferry and a walkway to view the terminal would be interesting, educational and scenic!

Everyone enjoys watching the ferries.

Yes BC Ferries are a beautiful and essential part of Nanaimo's landscape.

Nice!

I'm amazed that there is money for this extravagant project. It is very futuristic, but \$\$\$\$

Great idea.

Please take popular trees

Yes – Yes

benches look great!!

Love it!

Maybe - How would one get to this section? It won't connect with anything easily - accessed for some time so I don't know who would use it. I live nearby but can't see myself parking across access to the Dep. Bay Terminal to get there. Nor am I likely to go down the steep trail by the church to get there. It looks to be next to useless for years!!

Viewpoint OK - but do not support long elevated sections as noted earlier.

less angular, more "informal/sculptural" seating would be good

except for the horizontal cables

Does the walkway need to be elevated above water? Is this the most economical option? Could a pathway be an option?

Perhaps add in some space for public art from the yearly city program.

It will give a feeling of being on the water.

look at vancouver's walkway intersection where people are crossing over into on coming bikes. not a good idea

Would like to see more seating options

Picnic tables as well

Beautiful

I prefer a grade level walkway with a bridge over the creek to prevent loss of beach access and views.

This former salmon creek is used by wildlife, including birds and waterfowl such as herons, gulls, mergansers, geese, crows, oyster catchers, kingfishers etc. and by marine mammals like otters, sea lions, harbour seals, and also

raccoons, cougars, squirrels etc. It is important that this sensitive habitat be considered and the natural flow of the creek be preserved or rehabilitated from it's post-industrial state.

You need more viewpoints than this.

view points and jut outs with benches are a good idea.

Love it.

Viewpoint feature is an excellent idea, but might be better located further to the West with unobstructed (beyond ferry dock facility) views of Departure Bay. A second smaller viewpoint near Northfield Ck estuary would be supported provided it is within budget.

I like the idea of benches along the the entire boardwalk if possible.

doesn't blend with the scenery. looks intrusive.

Can the walkway be like he seawall amd not like this huge bridge?

This does not blend in with the natural environment. Consider havinginf the viewpoint be more of a faux natural rock bluff

Think it could be larger with more seating.

Cool !

Needs to have lots of seating.

Now that we see how it would look in the setting, it would be nice to have a design that blends in with the environment a little better. This is a concrete looking looking structure and, as mentioned in the description, the seawall is an opportunity to connect with nature and the seawall should reflect that. It would be nice to see some other options that the City has come up with.

Can it be bigger?

QUESTION: The elevated walkway is being designed to include pole mounted LED lighting for user safety and comfort, similar to what was installed during the recent Departure Bay Seawall improvements. Consideration is also being given to include feature lighting to highlight specific features and add architectural elements to the walkway. The images below show examples of different feature lighting being considered: Do you support additional feature lighting such as:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Im for anything that wouldn't cause a problem with light pollution.

I like the top left concept and the under bench lighting. Lighting should be warm light not the cold blue lighting.

colour changing only if it doesn't increase the overall lighting cost.

It's good as long as it's not too bright that it takes away from viewing.

We experienced user sensors in Victoria and didn't like them. It's nice to be able to see well what's ahead of you. handrails lighting might be too bright at night... colour changing sounds great but I hope it's not too expensive...

Please do not over use lighting.

Safety should be the biggest consideration. Colour changing option is gimmicky.

Increases the safety and usability of the walkway

Lighting is important for safety of course but too much is expensive and adds to the light pollution. LEDs are pretty bright.. maybe too bright?

Natural, consistent lighting feels safest and most environmentally friendly.

Please do not select the bright white LEDs and blast the walkway with artificial daylight. The more natural golden LEDs are far more welcoming.

The bridge lighting seems to illuminate the walkway better than the handrail lighting.

I think minimal lighting would be suitable for safety but nothing overboard as it would be increased costs and maintenance

Solar powered

Bright lights to increase safety at night/early morning would be ideal for commuters.

The lighting in the top left photo is my favourite

Consistent lighting is important for safety of all users.

I'm all for lighting for safety and ease of use but beyond that just seems like a waste of power to me.

Colour changing is a great way to support various causes see the empire State building, CN tower

Under Bench Lighting - over bench lighting would be more useful and safer Light Dimming & User Sensors - if this helps cut energy costs Colour Changing - unnecessary expense Please give light features a number or some form of identification, so when they malfunction it's easy for members of the public to alert the city about the problem and its exact location.

Will the light standards also house CCT cameras to improve safety? Washrooms??? Parking in Departure Bay? Parking in Cilaire.

It will be amazing!

Go cheap? If initial cost exceeds budget people will get upset.

we have been eager to see progress, can't wait.

Bridge Lighting - not necessary Handrail Lighting - overkill and impact on marine life Under Bench & Light Dimming Lighting - if improves energy efficiency Colour Changing Lighting - may not be easy for elders to see Please investigate and consider motion sensing lighting to conserve energy and reduce impact on marine life in surrounding waters (eg. shading/positioning of lights). Try to minimize light falling on ocean many marine species are negatively impacted by artificial lights (eg. juvenile salmon and rerring are attracted to artificial lights and then preyed upon by fish and birds).

Have you been here at night? It is really well lit already by BC Ferries! We walk there at night in winter!

Handrail Lighting - make vision harder at night for people with glare problems Under Bench Lighting - not enough light Colour Changing - useless (likes first photo)

Lighting visible from water side makes it difficult and interferes with marine navigations. Indirect lighting is preferred.

Bridge Lighting - subtle Handrail Lighting - down lighting - indirect/hidden source Colour Changing coloured, possibly but not changing

Ensure lighting for safety. In the winter waterfront is great as it is always light BUT try to cut down on light pollution too. Non essential lighting, such as from the water side, is purely aesthetic and not a good use of funds.

The more the better. Safety and keeping the space clean and clear should be a priority

Colour changing would be great! Rainbow for Pride (maybe it is available?!) or at least red and white for Christmas and Canada Day or Valentines Day

Solar power panels

Need to consider that it is not too bright for residences in the area, taking away from natural evening/ night landscapes

The fencing and lighting with the wood in the example above looks more natural and has a better west coast feel to it rather than the all steel fencing illustration above which is modern but cold looking. Coloured lights could look cool under benches or as an accent colour rather than a fully coloured bridge.

Please don't install anything to glaring (like some of the very blue coloured LEDs available).

The top left image would be ideal, but I don't really see it as an option on the yes/no/neutral question.

Please have lights because it will hopefully cut down on potential crime as well as allow evening users

Bridge lighting visible from the water would look festive but I wonder if it would create too much light pollution for waterbirds?

It's going to be remote and quite a distance for emergency crews to get to anyone whether police or fire so needs to be well lit to deter would be assaulters or muggers. Plus enough light so fire dept can see where patients are. I would suggest emerg phones strategically placed direct to 911

Allow nature to be enjoyed without turning it into a theme park. West coast not Hong Kong.

Be mindful of light pollution and its effects on animals and habitat. As nice as it may look to us, it may have detrimental effects.

Fairy lights in nearby trees would look nice

Keep light to a minimum to reduce light pollution!!

solar powered would be my preference

Lighting should not be distracting to local neighbourhoods, or confusing for mariners. It should be as energy efficient as possible, eg, solar powered. If LED is used, it should be soft lighting, not bright white. Lighting should not be distracting or harmful to any birds or wildlife (bats?).

I have always loved walkways in evenings, so absolutely support maximum lighting that doesn't have other overriding negative impacts. Let's make this safe and usable even after dark.

Can the lights be dimmed late at night when no one is using the walkway? Reduce light spillage for marine environment please.

just some nice safe lighting designed properly. I have heard of issues with the new led lights being too bright. so as long as they are a softer color light that is shielded and not too bright that would be good.

There is already too much light pollution and given this walkway assumed (by me) to be in important animal habitat I'd like to see lighting kept to the minimum required for safety. I agree the concepts look nice but I'm not sure they're environmentally responsible design.

Only concern w/b any possible impact from lighting on marine life?

reduce light pollution as much as possible.

Keep it simple and utilitarian. Long term maintenance becomes more of an issue the more you add. Keep the lighting subdued and simple to simulate peaceful and serene nature

Waste of money

Solar, solar, solar

I never considered lighting needs but safety is important. I think if the lights dimmed overnight then residents would be fine with it.

I think the blue tunnel looking picture is of a lighted bridge? I don't particularly like this design, too bright as long as it's not at eye level for us short people. no one likes to be blinded

Not a comment of feature lighting, but I liked how the barriers in these pictures don't have both a handrail and then a wall that extends higher than the railing. Do this!

QUESTION: Our consultant has developed a concept to upgrade the existing gravel trail from White Eagle Terrace. The concept includes retaining walls, several sets of stairs and new handrails. The estimated cost to complete these upgrades is between \$300,000 - \$500,000. Would you like to see the existing White Eagle Trail upgraded?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

not for that kind of cost, too expensive to spend to improve access for one neighborhood.

the only reason I say no is that particular trail is limited to use by local residents for such a high cost. Who will actually park on that street to use that particular trail other than residents that may complain of increased traffic?

Could they connect the very end of that street to the existing trail to the left, for less cost? It looks like it is a shorter distance.

Don't waste too much time - get the trail to Departure Bay. Spend resources on that piece.

Any improvements to our outdoor recreation areas should be done. We could be known for our beautiful natural areas rather than just malls and housing developments.

That's a lot of expense that isn't for all walkway users; just the people on White Eagle

Not a priority- and that should be driven by local community users

I like trails looking more natural

Is there places to park?

We would use beach estates trail from our location more often.

It's not clear from the photo whether the upgrades are for both trails or only the one that connects directly to White Eagle terrace. I would support upgrades to the Beach Estates section as it is used by the general public more than the trail that connects to White Eagle terrace (which would only benefit residents of the Cilaire subdivision).

Question 10 does not provide a comment section but I would like to specify that once the path is completed all the way to departure bay beach we will be very likely to use it for family bike rides. The section currently being built it too short and is not well enough connected to maffeo sutton for a decent length ride currently

Would be nice, but it's also not terrible as is.

Most will do out and back. Why isn't this just going past Claire ? Makes sense to do it at same time financially.

Please do not install a metal walkway (with holes) similar to that installed in Beach Estates Park - it is very uncomfortable and potentially unsafe (see comment on Page 2)

Only "Beach Estates" parking is the church - no parking on White Eagle now will need way more parking in Departure Bay when Asteris is rebuilt.

upgrading the access point will ensure safe use.

More access points means more trail use.

Great idea.

Not familiar enough with this trail to comment.

I would like to see the walkway extended prior to a trail for one neighbourhood.

seems like unnecessary addition, I expect most people will start and end at ends of trail/walkway, rather than climb cliff trail. Use this money to provide additional upgrades to parking for vehicles at both ends (eventually)

Keep same trail

It will cost more than that. There is a huge piece of the bank falling in.

Would be great to have fewer stairs going to White Eagle Terrace! (as few as possible)

I haven't walked this trail yet but I will! Can it be cycled??

stairs and lighting and handrails, not sure retaining walls needed.

It will allow access for everyone (handicapped, seniors, etc.) Along with the upgrade should be lighting to prevent accidents.

Maybe - looks like best (easiest) access IF there is parking available.

Why not extend the trail to Beach Estates Park Trail - would there be \$\$ savings?

could it be done and avoid stairs - just slopes? - for h/c access

I walk this trail with my two young kids several times a week. I hate that the cliff just drops down with no railing. The projected costs are too much for the number of people using that trail and I actually access the trail frequently. Not for that price! I understand infrastructure is expensive, however that seems like an extremely high price for an existing trail that is quite short. Also, what about the trail access off beach drive?

Honestly, would rather spend the money in downtown Nanaimo and getting rid of the homeless/street people problems down there than another walkway. I work down there and it's gotten progressively worse this past year. Priority is to get it to departure bay. Very few will use it if it's only going to white terrace. As a cyclist I'm extremely excited to have an alternate route to going up and over that big hill along the busy road. Use the money for the sea wall first

there is nothing wrong with gravel -it works well and is low maintenance. i would rather see money be put into another section, like connecting more parts in the south end.

I'd rather see the money used to install trails that don't already exist.

It is something to consider for later but not a priority.

The trees are always falling down and is a hazard. Also ensuring that there is plenty of garbage cans around to minimize littering

You forgot a zero

never been there. Never heard of it. Don't know.

Upgrade Beach Estates Park before the gravel trail from White Eagle

Only if it's part of the full trail to Departure Bay, although if it creates some positive acceptance for the Ferries to Dept. Bay by the NIMBYs in Cilaire and becomes an attitude adjustment bridge, I can see it as being a good investment.

It works towards linking a waterfront walking space from downtown Nanaimo almost to Departure Bay

This map is missing a connecting trail from Beach Drive to Northfield creek. This set of stairs and trail is used extensively by current users of the Beach Estate and Brechin Hill neighbourhoods. A portion of this set of stairs was rebuilt recently, although several 'flights' remain substandard, not to code and have no railings. This access is a critical access point for many users, and creates walking circuits between the shore and neighbourhoods. This access point must be maintained.

This seems expensive and maybe only benefits pedestrians, not cyclists, strollers etc. Is the intention to create more access to the trail? Consider those users too when prioritizing upgrades.

Will there be any improvements for parking on White Eagle? I can see locals not wanting if there is a whole bunch of cars parked in front of their homes all the time (thinking like road down to pipers lagoon)

Majority of users will not take this trail. They can pay for it themselves.

but make sure the costs are negotiated properly. the construction and consultant fees are way too high and nobody protects the tax payer by keeping these costs down with proper negotiation / bidding of fees and services.

Nanaimo has the best trails and anything to keep our city and area getting better in every way suits me. We need to beautify our gem more and more.

Just continue a trail from White Eagle Terrace Road to connect directly with existing Beach Estates trail.

Only 1 chance to do things right.

There is already access. Unless this is necessary to connect with southern section of walkway on Stewart Ave

I like the gravel trail. Keep the new trail as natural as possible.

Its fine

Unnecessary spending and interruption to the shoreline

I'm not familiar with this trail, so can't comment on this one.

There is no comment box for question 10 - we will be likely to use it if it is connected to the existing Departure Bay walkway or Battersea Rd. If it is not connected to a longer walkway, we're less likely to use it since we'd rather walk directly on the beach and this is a pretty short section

there is no parking at the end of white eagle terrace and the trail doesn't get much use. upgrade the trail when walkway is extended past white eagle terrace to departure bay, depending on costs.

Stairs don't make it sound very accessible.

QUESTION: An interim walkway is being considered in the South Downtown Waterfront until such time as future redevelopment takes place. This includes a 7.0m wide asphalt surface with lighting, benches, planters and waste receptacles. The image below shows how the 7.0m wide interim walkway could look. Do you support the interim walkway concept as shown below?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The look is fine, I'm more concerned that it would cost significantly more.

Please don't spend our money here.

Save the cost of interim building and put that money towards the final build. That's how I would spend my personal money, being very frugal

Yes I support it but please have a designer come up with the final plans. It's only then that this project will go from average and utilitarian to something spectacular and designed for the future.

As long as bikes stay to one side

Nothing until consensus is reached with the Snuneymuxw around any plans for this area.

I think other sections of the walkway, specifically connecting departure bay to the ferries, should be a priority. If the south end section may be redeveloped in the near future, it feels like a waste of money.

Leave that for later when you know how the surrounding area will be developed to maximize cost/benefit.

Fantastic proposal. Please proceed with this!!

Better than nothing! Some painted lines would be useful indicating “wheels” and “walking.”

There should be painting on the asphalt separating pedestrians and bikes and different lanes for bikes in each direction

separation from bicycles, skate boards .

Only if the walkway has a specific area for cycling. Should be clearly marked on the walkway.

Please include physical separation between walkers and cyclists. - Thank you for the asphalt (not concrete/metal/wooden boardwalk, etc.) - A public washroom is needed in the South Downtown Waterfront section 21 feet is just way too wide - only elevate to cross creeks etc. - make skateboards welcome where bicycles are, roller blades, etc.

Extending the waterfront walkway even an interim design would be appreciated and well used. We enjoy the existing walkway regularly and look forward to a longer path.

Creating nice access for everyone, including cruise ships is critical.

Yes let's get people moving on this route.

with paint line separating cyclists please.

divided cycle lane

Please don't stop there!

Better than nothing

Why not wait for development of the area, include in DCC Bylaw and construct in conjunction with the development (funded by DCC's)? There are other priorities to consider in the meantime.

Could there be a "boulevard" between the traffic/bicycles and walkway

Is it really interim? Or will it just be left as is. The south end of Nanaimo seems to be less of a priority

Only if it can be utilized/recycled once it's usefulness is over, rather than getting torn up and thrown away.

Put the priority on completing the section to departure bay!

Wait for redevelopment.

bikes, dogs, people not good combo just look at current waterfront walkway with all of the above it is a complete nightmare. road bikes racing by elder people add a dog and everyone on the ground.

Just wait until actual development is available. Don't put money into something that you know will have to be ripped up or changed in the near future.

Build it once to save funds.

Again, bathrooms! Somewhere! Not the portable kind. They are awful.

As long as there's great and frequent bike/pedestrian separation signage!!!

I do not support this because it does not create a contiguous waterfront pathway. It makes more sense to connect all portions of the existing path between Maffeo Sutton and the Departure Bay Ferry terminal along Newcastle Channel, than to create another section of walkway that connects to nothing. Also, anything built here will likely be removed for future development.

but do it as cheap as possible with city staff. don't hire some contractor to over bid it and run up the costs. use some gravel and have a reasonable budget of like \$8,000. this is temporary.

Cost for interim walkway? Duration of interim? If only a year, leave as is and put \$\$ towards final south walkway.

Just make sure bike lanes are well marked to make sure they stay on their side and not "wander" where they want to. I realize that this would not stop any one but might be a good influencer.

Need bike lane separation.

Can't you design something more natural without planters and using native plants and foliage

Yes I like this concept so much better than the huge cement bridge concept. Please do not build that large thing.

needs pet waste stations

prefer the separated walkway

Probably a good idea to have a separate bike lane. Cyclists on the existing walkway often get grumpy at people walking in the "bike lane"

build it once, not twice.

Hopefully the interim walkway is relatively inexpensive compared to doing it properly, otherwise just do it right the first time. I believe that building this walkway will promote redevelopment. This is the key section of the walkway in my opinion.

At the Open House on this week it was not presented as an interim walkway. Need to make it permanent

QUESTION: The City is investigating the use of solar lights along with section as a pilot project. If feasible, would you support solar lighting along this section?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

My only concern with solar lighting is durability

Conditional yes - if the costs will be recuperated within 10 years from the savings, and ongoing maintenance/end of lifetime costs/replacement isn't significantly higher.

Yes yes yes!!!

Most definitely should switch to solar energy

I would not use this walkway unless Discontent City has been removed

would it work in the winter, with short days and long nights

Great idea! Go Green!

Please please do - good role modeling

Good idea and good place to pilot. Congeivity (sea exposure) is major consideration, but results could be applied to BC Ferry/Departure Bay walkway as well.

Of course!!

Not with existing technology. LED power consumption (wired) is more reliable and equitable for long term currently in my opinion.

Would rather see environmentally friendly products used. This walkway should be a showcase for the environment. But definitely But also need some LED that always work

if it is economically feasible

If you build it then yes it is worth an attempt.

Same comment as previous regarding potential light pollution

Keep to a minimum!! Light pollution!!

solar lights are over priced and need batteries. they are not really that green. new led lights use hardly any power.

keep it simple

Anything that looks great.

Always consider renewable energy options in all future developments.

There needs to be a common look at feel for all lighting used on the entire trail.

We have many dull days in the winter months

only if it works

Consider Carmanah lighting based in Victoria

QUESTION: Do you have any additional comments you would like to share with us?

We are very excited to see this project get underway! We love walking the waterfront...it is our very favourite place in Nanaimo.

environmental impacts are a very important aspect of the departure bay section. Will there still be beach access at northfield creek area of the departure bay section? That should be a part of the design

FINALLY! we have such a beautiful water front! When we moved here in 2003 and were walking along the existing waterfront paths we thought it looked just like Vancouver but with fewer people and couldn't believe that it wasn't

used that much or highlighted as a destination. This will be a great addition for visitors and possibly increase the number of people who move here. That's a double-edged sword though :)

I don't support these two projects. My family would use neither. Surely there are other places to spend tax payer's money. :-(

Please get architectural and urban design input.

I think waiting to do a complete walkway rather than an intern walkway would be best save the money and do it right the first time.

I think the city should set the example of banning plastic bags, straws, and implement better take out food biodegradable options. We are a coastal community and therefore need to be stewards in protecting our ocean/waterfront. It would be wonderful if the businesses along the walkway and for that matter downtown join together to create a vibe of oneness between modernization and nature. And please let us celebrate our aboriginal culture. Art and history. Such a great opportunity to share with tourists and new residents to Nanaimo.

I am very appreciative of the concept as outlined! A wonderful addition to the city, allowing access to our incredible natural beauty, and opportunities for healthy activities. Well done!

Very excited about this awesome development

I can hardly wait.

Please build all the seawall extensions, and do it soon. Don't overthink it!

I really hope to keep the water front looking as natural as possible. Not all cement & sterile. Also think it's unnecessary to have to build barriers so people can get along. Are people really being run to the ground by cyclists? No. Just everyone move around each other.

I'm so excited for this project, love walking downtown on the harbour front, can't come soon enough

Keep up the good work, nice to see the positive forward momentum in this...

It's great to have garbage cans and doggie bags along the walkway but it's just as important to ensure that the garbage is emptied on a regular basis and that the doggies bag dispensers aren't empty....full garbage cans and empty bag dispensers in other areas of the city constantly...improvement needed. I go to Wheatcroft Park on a daily basis (Lagoon Road) and recently some people took it upon themselves to pick up garbage at the park, however the large filled bag sat beside the full garbage can for over three days, slowly being picked at by animals and distributed all over the beach.

Please do not begin on South downtown waterfront until relations and a plan is built in partnership with the Snuneymuxw.

Would use walkway if to departure bay beach. Live on bay street not Cilaire so it is useless to me

Please do more surveys before you make decisions on public works stuff. Thank you.

Three cheers for this project - one of the best changes that could possibly take place in Nanaimo. Let's make it something to cherish for generations to come.

So glad we are moving ahead with this plan - a step towards making Nanaimo a world class city for residents and visitors. Thanks!

Build the departure bay side first and get rid of the tent city on the port side before building over there

This is an excellent project that highlights one of our most popular tourist and locals attractions. Very glad to hear this project is going to happen. Positive for Nanaimo.

Will this connect with the new waterfront walkway at departure Bay beach?

Stop with so much public engagement sessions and just make things happen. So many great ideas little actioning of items! Ditch the red tape and get some things moving forward!

Connecting the departure bay section to downtown should be the primary goal. Thanks.

I think young families and people my age are purchasing homes in the south end for its affordability and walkability. I feel the south end needs far more attention to make it a family friendly place as well as a nice place for tourists and development. Departure bay is already beautiful and already had an upgrade not too long ago along their waterfront. The south end is crying for a facelift, especially since my husband and I as well as all my other friends and neighbors in the south end are revitalize the residential homes. When I have visitors from out of town the downtown walkway is the first place I take them. I avoid a lot of other areas when I'm with them so it doesn't sour their opinion of the south end. Please upgrade the south end! That would be amazing

Whatever it takes make it go to dep bay beach and finally connect the north!

Get on with it and with planning extensions of both.

This waterfront walkway is going to be a dream come true for me whenever it is finally completed. I only hope we don't break the bank.

Very excited to see this project started. It will really make a difference.

To ensure that the cyclists and pedestrians portions of the trail are clearly marked. Looks great

Nanaimo's waterfront walkway is perhaps our most important asset for community health and enjoyment, and for attracting tourists and many types of economic development. - This is one of our top priority city projects (in addition to affordable housing, reducing homelessness) - Thank you for all your hard work on this!

We may not use the proposed Downtown interim walkway. I prefer to have a seawall all around Departure Bay up to the salmon biological station.

A city that cannot protect its citizens from aggressive activists who are permitted - even enabled - by city admin to occupy and pollute public spaces, who threaten downtown businesses, and who create health and safety hazards on a significant scale, is seriously misguided if it thinks spending millions on an elaborate walkway will enhance the quality of life in Nanaimo. If you want to convince people to return to the downtown area for business and recreation, first make it a safe place - walkway or no walkway - then fix all the roads that connect us, then maybe we'll be interested in glamour projects. But not before.

A place to walk on 9th between Bruce and Howard please. Big hill, big ditch, bus can hardly make the corner. Just a bit of asphalt on one side (not asking for a 21ft wide walkway LOL)

Please prioritize the Departure Bay to downtown walkway!

Looking forward to the extensions as it is a great place to walk and bring visitors to show off the city.

Build it! Don't let the nimbys stop this. We need a comprehensive waterfront walkway.

I use and thoroughly enjoy the current waterfront walkway. I am thrilled by this plan and look forward to walking and even biking this marvelous addition to my home, Nanaimo.

Good work. I really appreciate the work! So do my kids and future grandkids!

Engineering design should allow for upgrades for rising sea level eg. sectional walkway, which could be raised on support post extensions. Otherwise Nanaimo may be rebuilding the entire walkway in 10-15 years.

Get all sections built ASAP!

Let's do it! And let's continue the plan to extend this walkway. Let's get the Port Authority thinking about cruise ship clients and their first impressions of Nanaimo.

I am glad that you going to start this section ASAP. Now is the time to get as much infrastructure as possible in place before the area is redeveloped.

Bicycle ramps on the side of stairs! Check with Edmonton for plans. These ramps are for pushing your bike so you don't have to bump it up and down each step. The problem I see is that these don't go far enough. They need to be connected to the existing waterfront walkway system and beyond. Amenities like these make people want to live here!

It's a beginning but it seems a risky expense, given how long it will take to complete and the effect of different people in office over the years.

Some thought and discussion should be initiated on how to fund this initiative that is fair to all concerned, ie. some combination of City expenditures and development cost charges along with senior government grants (Gas Tax, Infrastructure Grants, etc.)

seating area at waterfront corners would be nice with a couple of shade trees at each - cross paths for shortcuts
Keep Going! Looking forward to the walkway extensions.

I am thrilled that this is finally coming together. The waterfront is our gem and we have not used it to it's full potential.

This is a waste of civic dollars. My taxes went up 10.1% in 2017 and compounded on that I further 8.3% this year in 2018. The city needs to stop wasting money on non-necessary projects stick to water, sewer, and roads.
I am bothered by the fact that the walkway will end at White Eagle right now. It makes way more sense to connect it to Departure Bay Beach right away. I fear that Cilaire neighborhood is just going to end up with alot more people wandering around who have no reason to be there. Seems a bizarre section to focus on right away. There is no real purpose to it as I do not feel that Cilaire residents really need a "express route" to the ferry. Other people don't need to be wandering through our neighborhood for no reason.

Waterfront is the best part and the future of tourism for Nanaimo.

This is a good step forward. Currently Nanaimo doesn't have a great first impression to newcomers. They tend to just pass through We have so much potential

Just build the finished product- forget the interims

There should be access to the walkway from beach drive road (where there is a current trail leading to departure bay), beach estates trail, as well as white eagle rd. in Cilaire. There has been no mention of a beach drive access point.

I hope that more restaurants (NOT ice cream shops, we have enough of these) and souvenir type shops will be allowed to open up along this walkway for locals and tourists. Be more like Port Alberni and Victoria. Have a reason to go downtown other than just going for a long walk.

Extension of the walkway to Departure Bay park is a critical way of connecting the north residential density in an environmentally friendly way to the downtown. It would enhance the economic success of the downtown core to have a more concrete connection to the North Nanaimo/Hammond Bay community. The health benefits of at >10km path for community members and the marketing opportunities for walking/running races/markets are endless.

Complete the trail to departure bay first because it will be used the most. That section will serve as a important commuter route as well as a recreational walkway.

We have a beautiful downtown that was once voted best street in Canada. There is so much potential and I fully support initiatives to revitalize and gentrify this area.

Please do this walkway ASAP We love walking by the waterfront and use the current small stretch all the time !!! The sooner the better !!

I think this is a positive step for the City of Nanaimo.

I am pleased to hear that you're considering a temporary south end walkway. I think this will be much appreciated by a community that doesn't have much access to the waterfront due to the industrial activities that have been there. I'd like to see as long a stretch as possible and a safe/pleasant walk to the ferry terminal from downtown.

I am so excited to be able to run here if this goes through- the current sea wall is not long enough

The project is exciting. The waterfront should belong to all, will enhance the city for residents and visitors alike and will help connect us to the ocean. I believe it will be well used and a legacy for the future.

Looking forward to completion of the project from Departure Bay to the Nanaimo Estuary.

figure out how you intend to keep walking members of the public safe from the bikes

This looks wonderful to me! Great job in presenting the future walkway!

With property taxes spiralling higher, consider cancelling.

There are multiple places downtown that need fixing, rebuilt, or to be torn down. The middle of downtown is a giant hole from that fire and when people visit out city they think we had a natural disaster that we could never recover from. When family comes to visit from out of town, they make fun of our city. Our downtown looks like poverty, people need low income housing and there are way to many large empty buildings with boards on the windows. I am ashamed of the town i was born and grew up in and the management that has ruined it. Anyone who thinks we need to spend money and resources on a walk way when we have basic needs not being met is either gaining something financially from this project, or is clueless on the current state of this city and how people have lost respect for city planners. I am very disappointed in this decision and hope that it does not go through.

Very excited for the waterfront walkway expansion!

Consuction to start as soon as possible.

Thanks for offering a survey.

Thank you for all the hard work on this project it will really be a jewel for Nanaimo

Excellent project and a great asset to our community. I would like strict regulation of bikes, blades, and dogs. A "Walkway" is for people to WALK; individuals, couples, young, and old, citizens, visitors. The bikes, blades, boards, dogs are distractions, and potential liabilities.

keep light pollution to a minimum.

I would love to help promote it.

I am assuming that the design of the walkway takes into account the rising sea levels that are occurring and what they are projected to be in the following decades.

The lack of bathrooms is a real problem, particularly for children and seniors. Do something well thought out, please.

Love our waterfront and would like to see it expanded

Thanks for your work to date. Let's get 'er done!

I believe the walkway will contribute to a growing economy in Nanaimo that has been needed for a long time. It promotes younger families to come to Nanaimo as well as encourage people of all abilities to build a stronger sense of community.

PLEASE reconsider the elevated design for Beach Estates Park area. An elevated walkway will ruin the current beach access and view.

Excellent presentation and material so far

Let it start today!

This is an opportunity to enhance Nanaimo's connection to its fundamental identity as a harbor city. The pathway can be an attraction for residents and tourists, and be an important economic driver. But, it is non-sensical to continue to build non-contiguous sections of the pathway, leaving users stranded at multiple points along the harbour, with no options to continue their walk or journey, and no ability to walk from the ferry to downtown. There aren't even options to walk on a sidewalk in some cases. We need a contiguous path!!

We just want it to get done :)

Please get this project started. I think it would give Nanaimo something to be really proud about!

one key thing would be to make sure that the whole trail feels very safe. right from opening. if there are bad stories of persons feeling unsafe or if someone is assaulted then it will not be worth it. make it safe and make sure people use it all hours. the more people the safer it will be. but even the south end has to be as safe as the north end of the trail. Ultimately it will require more policing as this is added real estate for the RCMP to deal with. Overall I think an expanded trail system especially the waterfront is a great idea. Apparently waterfront walkways are the number one amenity that citizens and tourists like. So for a relatively low cost compared to an event centre for example you would be expanding Nanaimo's biggest attraction; 'The Waterfront'.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. In answering questions, it would be helpful to have quick links to some more info. For example in asking if someone supports a given design feature, quick note on where to read about alternatives considered and maybe why that one was selected above others. I'm sure the background docs are posted but lots of people taking a survey won't have gone through those. Even just a note on what pages of which report covered that. So excited to see the waterfront sections being developed. I can't wait to bike the whole thing one day soon! This is a great priority for Nanaimo!

Love the idea

Thank you so much for information and for working on these projects

Why do you have two expensive sections being built that go NOWHERE when the central section along Newcastle Channel still has massive disconnected sections? Whatever happened to “quick wins”? This is possibly the biggest defeat snatched from the jaws of victory of this entire Council mandate.

The walkway MUST be a safe place for residents and visitors to use. That requires a firm commitment by the local RCMP or private security to ensure transient folks do not look at this as an opportunity to sleep, use drugs or commit other personal and property crimes.

Thrilled to see this worthy project among all the chaos of the last few years. Thank you!

I would support a ground level walkway with lookout rather than an elevated walkway.

It's past time to upgrade our waterfront. Nanaimo is lacking in this area Imo.

If the construction of the interim walkway disrupts the illegal campers and moves them out, then I'm All for it! What will surface be under the raised walkways? Suggest large rocks or boulders to discourage campers living under it.

Given the current tent city situation I don't think the south downtown waterfront walkway should be a priority

Just get the darn thing built - once done all the nay sayers will disappear as the usage will increase day by day. This will be a great addition to this city which desperately needs things like this.

Reduce light pollution and environmental impact as much as possible. Use a walkway structure that blends in with the scenery. Have signage that talks about the native plants and animals in the area. Have signage that talks about the history of the area. In favour of separated bike and walking lanes. Have trail be wheelchair accessible.

I think that the elements presented are more “modern” than classic and I would like to see consideration given to design that stands the test of time and won't fall into disrepair or look old and junky in a matter of years.

Consider wheelchair and stroller access at entrance and exit points along the route

I could not get the yellow dots to work.

The Whole project will be a wonderful amenity for the city. We fully support it.

Looking forward to seeing this excellent project begin!

Can't wait for these ! Good job ??