



PORT DRIVE WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE – 2018-MAR-28

Summary of Comments (* = multiple similar comments)

General Comments:

- Creative a lively downtown with shops, parks, attractions etc. on the waterfront *****
- Support for no parking on waterfront
- Work with First Nations ***
- Good objectives
- Maximize opportunities for waterfront access
- Washroom facilities needed *****
- Busy working harbour may limit tourism opportunities
- It would be better to have the entire south downtown planned together and developed under the guidance of a separate corporation

Land Use:

- Glad residential parking will be underground
- Would like area to transition away from industrial in the future *****
- Agree with stores on bottom of residential buildings
- More public activity near the waterfront
- Increase the density, save our forests by putting more people in the downtown
- Mid-rise should not exceed 6 storeys *****
- Opposed to 15 storeys on waterfront *****
- If there is density allowed, require community amenities
- More stepped buildings
- Put Ocean Discovery Centre/ Special Mixed Use area on waterfront ***
- Remain flexible on the zoning of the southwest corner
- Would like to see development similar to Park Royal Shopping Centre in West Vancouver

Transportation & Mobility:

- Bike path should be separated from roadway
- Road should be kept narrow for safety (one lane each way)
- Move transit exchange to downtown (on-street is fine) instead of Prideaux **
- Would have liked to have the off-street transit hub
- If Gabriola Ferry moves, then create contiguous route along water



- Need for additional boat access
- Would be nice for transit area to be covered with full information available
- What will happen to ferry queue on Front Street once roundabout is constructed?
- City should consider using existing rail tracks for light rail network
- More marine access for Protection Island residents

Parks, Trails & Open Space:

- Allow for an open air market ****
- Incorporate public dock for non-motorized boats, e.g. kayak launch ****
- Maximize green space, make it an oasis in the city ***
- Make it different from Maffeo-Sutton Park and Diana Krall Plaza (no concrete plazas)
- Make sure there are cafes on the waterfront to draw people
- Make sure there is green space along the walkway
- Plant green spaces right away – make the new area people friendly
- Public access walkway should be explicit in policies
- Ensure more space on seawall for public art/performances

Ecological Stewardship & Restoration:

- Glad residential parking will be underground & serve an ecological purpose
- Avoid “hard edge” solutions to foreshore resiliency
- Glad this is being considered
- Consider solar access panels
- Concern that the fill will not be stable enough to develop on top of, or else expensive

Climate Resiliency:

- Support proposed solutions
- Detailed design for walkway before parcelization to make sure that there is enough room given to achieve the proposed walkway elevation.