

## **Downtown**

### **Cridge Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Camping
- Used by young children belonging to the church
- Lawn bowling
- Public open space

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- Make Cridge Park all public space. Do not need lawn bowling in prime location next to downtown. It could be anywhere.

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **Bastion Square**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

- This area is really a park
- The architecture is more inviting than Centennial Square
- There is access to different areas
- The area is open to waterfront

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- Open up-connections

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **Centennial Square**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Gathering place for protests
- Summer entertainment
- Resting under shady trees
- As a gathering place
- Social issues

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

- Knot garden
- Fountain
- Trees

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing / improving this park?**

- Do not remove the knot garden or trees
- Open up-improve connections
- Knot garden needs to be more visible
- Add a children's playground

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing the park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **Alleys/ Walkways**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Alley by Bastion Square is not level coming

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- 2.) What makes it special?
  - 3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?
  
  - 4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?
  
  - 5.) Other information:
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### **Johnson Street Bridge Head Area**

- 1.) How is the park actually used?
    - Not user friendly
    - Social issues
    - a.) How could it be used better?
  
  - 2.) What makes it special?
    - Native plant garden area
  
  - 3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?
  
  - 4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?
  
  - 5.) Other information:
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### **View Street**

- 1.) How is the park actually used?
  - a.) How could it be used better?

**2.) What makes it special?**

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- Linear park with work out stations times two
- Daylight sink hole times two

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **Reeson Park**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Lots of people hangout
- Social issues

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **Water Front Causeway: Johnson Bridge & Empress Lawns**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- Car parks
- Gathering place for events
- Parking lot- "green belt land"

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- Would be good to be able to walk all around the waterfront (Laurel Point, Songhees, and the Upper Harbour)
- Need greenway along water's edge that is connected to Victoria's West side and be able to park in the Rock Bay area

**2.) What makes it special?**

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- Relocate all marine traffic to Ogden Point
- Make the parking lots parks
- Do not build anything above street level to protect views
- Complete walkway under Johnson Bridge

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **North of Johnson Bridge**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

- As a kayak take-off point

**a.) How could it be used better?**

- Would be good to walk all around the waterfront (Laurel Point, Songhees, and Upper Harbour places)

**2.) What makes it special?**

- There is a interest mix of industry and others

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- More public space needed on the waterfront at Rock Bay and Ellice Point
- Need shoreline walkway south of Point Ellice House

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **Government Street**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- A European style mall. It seems to work in Europe
  - perhaps try it a day at a time

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **Langley Street**

**1.) How is the park actually used?**

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2.) What makes it special?**

**3.) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- Develop this useless street into a Bastion Square type area

**4.) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5.) Other information:**

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## **Rotherham Site**

**1) How is the park actually used?**

**a.) How could it be used better?**

**2) What makes it special?**

**3) Are there any ideas for enhancing/ improving this park?**

- Develop a piazza
- Put parking underground. Put a street level market on top

**4) Are there any obstacles to accessing this park? If so what are they?**

**5) Other information:**

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## **Downtown**

**General comments about what makes parks special:**

- Vancouver Street – like because of fabulous trees. This could be even more park like
- Coziness
- Urbaneness
- Seating areas
- Views
- Chance to meet other citizen's
- Closed streets
- Serenity
- Leafy streets along Government Street between Humboldt and Yates

**Current unmet park/open space needs in your community?**

- Not enough friendly meeting places
- Need places to sit x 2

- Chess boards x 3
- Café style seating
- Places for delight
- Food carts x 2
- Speakers corner
- Downtown basket ball
- Family friendly summer programming (sports/activities)
- Neighbourhood parks accessible to moms and little kids with benches and play equipment within stroller walking from residential areas
- Urban agriculture – demonstrating the real thing
- Water gardens
- Agritourism – and markets (e.g. Pike place at Fisherman's Wharf)
- Waterfront market and food markets (e.g. Moss Street)
- Off leash areas for dogs, but not if it can't be safe from cars
- Chinese garden
- Family friendly playground especially north of Downtown
- We need a downtown public food market with main focus on fresh produce and other food items (not arts and crafts.) Two possibilities are: 1.) Crystal gardens 2.) The empty lot across from John's Diner in parkade (several floors for underground parking with the market on street level.
- Public recreating of space in downtown core (e.g. Street hockey/ basketball)

### **Future needs:**

- More urban squares with elevation changes to look down on activity
- Spots for markets/ food stalls
- Open spaces for a variety of uses – parks/sports
- Determine specific goals need based on trends and population growth now and in the future
- Shortage of gardens need substitutions
- Pedestrian only streets
- Wider paths for car alternative transportation: pedestrian, bikes, scooters
- Less car noise
- Maintain green space and walkways as density goes up downtown
- Public open space areas for people to gather and recreate d.t.
- More mini parks- even a few square yards with seats and bike racks and a few hardy plants
- Green tunnels like along the courthouse in Vancouver (on one side at least) – trees close together on a narrow sidewalk
- More large ramps rather than staircases can be things of beauty and more functional
- More connecting bike trails
- Pocket parks – do more with less
- Parks to cater to older population (fitness)
- Off leash areas for dogs

### **Obstacles to accessing parks:**

- Traffic is a problem
- Not enough people

- Parks are for people not cars
- CPTED
- Lack of things to do once you are at a park
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**Ideas for acquiring new parks or enhancing existing ones:**

- View street Linear Park with workout stations
- Daylight sink hole
- Need park in North part of downtown
- More boulevard trees generally
- Amenity Bonus- trade park space for increased density
- Restrict car space to create people space
- Include a continuous public waterfront all around the harbour interspersed with pocket parks to link with the Gorge Waterfront Park
- Make it so people go into a park, not drive by it
- Fountains
- Statues
- Make more family friendly
- Improve:
  - Furniture
  - Benches
  - Fountains
  - Maintenance
  - Dog walking area
  - ID existing mid-block walkways
  - Suggest creating more green space walkways connecting parks
  - More public activity/ play areas (e.g. Outdoor basketball courts/benches)
  - Basket ball courts
  - Waterfront walkway with bridge over Rock Bay
  - Chinese public garden
  - Develop internal parking courtyard area between Johnson and Yates ( 500 block) into a restaurant/ café area
  - Work with developer –DCCs
  - Park space rather than “ant”
  - Tax incentive to estates (e.g. Individual leaves homes to City for eventual pocket parks
  - Do we have a trust fund system- bequeath \$ to city to be used for land acquisition only
  - Trade off
  - Preserve views with view corridors
  - Get rid of parks that are not working (knot garden)
  - If we have room for walkways include room for bike ways
  - Food vending- ice cream or hot dog vendor
  - Create more sitting spots
  - Consider turning parking lots into parks.

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