



Help Shape the New Johnson Street Bridge Public Realm Spaces

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VICTORIA, BC — With the new Johnson Street Bridge set to open next year, work continues with the community around what the revitalized areas adjacent to the bridge will look like, and how they can be better utilized. New design concepts are available for public feedback, that show how different the new plaza spaces could look and how they could be used with more opportunities for people to view the harbour, experience performances, or take part in recreation activities.

Results of a recent workshop suggested amenities include a desire for a small boat dock, arts and culture performance opportunities either during the day or in the evening, public washrooms, and public art including stand-alone pieces or art incorporated into furnishings or signage. Interpretive signage and viewing binoculars looking towards the Inner Harbour were also mentioned as desired amenities for the plaza areas. Participants also noted a desire to see plazas designed to offer flexible space for events and programming and to reflect a sense of place and history.

An open house will be hosted to share results of the stakeholder workshop, collect feedback from residents, and identify preferences for the public realm areas around the new bridge.

- **Date:** Wednesday June 1, 2016
- **Location:** The 407 – 100 - 407 Swift Street (Mermaids Wharf)
- **Time:** 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

An [online survey](#) is also available and all feedback collected will help shape the new public plaza spaces that will be constructed in 2018 in the area the current Johnson Street Bridge occupies.

In late 2015, the City hosted a design workshop involving more than 25 people representing a variety of stakeholder groups. Using plan view drawings of the bridge site, participants worked together to discuss current design challenges as well as opportunities around use of space, connectivity, accessibility, and opportunities for art and placemaking. Input from the workshop was used to produce two concept plans for re-envisioned designs of the public spaces.

The replacement of the Johnson Street Bridge presents an opportunity to revitalize and create new public space on both sides of the new bridge and improve connectivity for people who walk and cycle through the area.

For the latest information on the project, visit www.JohnsonStreetBridge.com

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