

Ship Point Master Plan

Open House Feedback

Two open houses were held on Saturday, July 22 and Monday, July 24 to gather feedback about the preferred design concept for Ship Point. The following written feedback was received:

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE DRAFT DESIGN CONCEPT?

- Could we theme these reclaimed spaces, ie arts, food, west coast lifestyle – to create new hubs in the City?
- Looks great but any kayak access would need parking nearby.
- Amphitheater
- Public canoe/kayak access with s/t parking for such craft would be good
- Turning an eyesore into an asset :) Hurray!
- Like the bike way on Wharf St, we really need this
- Terraced building
- Like the idea of bike paths but when you live in James Bay getting anywhere in the City during construction is a huge frustration
- Permanent building & retail space
- Green space & slopes/terraces
- Very well integrated
- The blending of natural & built environments comes together well
- Children's play area - slide to be climbing app.
- Reduce vehicle access & parking
- I like mixed use building but it should compliment the interest of existing wall.
- The City & everyone who uses the City needs this!
- I like the inclusion of "business / vendors" etc. if this helps the economics and increases the safety of use ("eyes on the street")
- How about a "gondola" from Ship Point to Ogden Point!
- Heritage interpretation & public art
- Love new shore area near Flying Grill
- Overall very good concept & illustration. Let's get this done in the next 2-3yrs, not 20!
- Elegant design for mixed use. Great!
- Love the grand staircase idea!
- Just do it ASAP!
- Awesome!
- Love the design! And the view! Also the grand staircase!
- Very good to hear you will be tending to the water erosion at base of site & reinforcing or ensuring stability & safety.
- The view!
- I like the proposal. The trees along Wharf St should be very large growing deciduous trees.
- I like the stair case
- Thanks for inviting our input.
- I like it, including better access.
- I like the overall plan
 - o suggest that the # of parking spaces under building is a bit lights
 - o Multi phase implementation & multi use approach is very important
- I love it! Awesome thoughts, I like the grand staircase

- Very well thought out design... and amphitheatre for outdoor concert would be an added plus.
- Much better use of a high-value space
- There's a shortage of sunny patios in Victoria – make sure this one can seat lots because it's going to be popular!
- Like the Greening!
- Ramps are good. One needed close to visitor info centre.
- Granville Island & Folkfest Concept
- Don't spend \$\$ until you develop a better vision
- Textured walk ways for blind people
- Leave the alcove wall – love the rockwork
- Arthur Erikson inspired more formal amphitheater w/pink marble verticals = rosegold glow at sunset
- This plan is too sterile & concrete
- Maintain “working harbour” elements
- Appreciate the focus on festivals & events
- Love the idea of existing wharf extending into harbour w/steps. protect bottom of stairs with piers.
- Creating a more accessible & year round usage area is good to see
- Drop off places for seniors to partake
- Ferris Wheel
- I saw a “beach” area on the plan on far side of the space. I'd like to hear more about that. Usage etc. Beach?
- I love the flex spaces & pavilion ideas.
- Like the open access pavilion idea.
 - o A coffee shop too?
- Lot's of great ideas
- Where are the yurts?
- Do not build higher than Wharf St.
- Like better use and access public space
- Urban beach is awesome
- I appreciate the pavilion & hope it will be an interesting, multi-tenant building (ie Pike Place)
- I strongly support overall thrust of the design concept – keep it public.
- Love the terraced green space & naturalized amphitheater
 - o inviting
 - o practical
 - o lovely
- Do not infill water surface
- Good proposition but...
 - o Victoria needs to think bigger
- Is this the first of a series of reclaimed parking lots? I hope so!
- Beach area!
- Ample parking
- Terraced lawns
- Retain & add maximum covered parking
- Greenspace
- Grand staircase
- Green space
- Playground for kids & adults :)

- Like water access, accessible ramps, preservation of parking. Lawns & remediation of fill.
- Overall nice concept. Who will patrol the section to limit alcohol fueled parties? will efforts be made to avoid a "Tent City on the Harbour?" It will make the harbour more attractive to locals & visitors.
- Natural light (skylight) for parking area.
- Minimal commercial development
- Bike infrastructure
- Protected bike lanes on Wharf St.
- Amphitheater yes!
- More greenery and better pedestrian access.
- Adding to green space!
- Increased green space
- Bike lane good
- Ladysmith amphitheater
- Protected bike lane on Wharf
- Better Wharf St to Ship Point connections
- Glad to hear First Nations have been involved in all phases
- Fantastic improvement overall. Way more lively than current uses.
- Maintains working harbour aspects.
- Reduced area for parking
- Best part is lots of places to sit, gather, & hang out.
- Let's get rid of visible parked cars & yes to underground parking!
- Waterfront pedestrian access.
- Visitors wants good views
- Good work, press on quicky
- Great research and planning!
- Public draw/staircase
- Removal of parking = prioritizing people
- Staircase
- Protected bike lane
- Lucite shell for music etc.
- Keep & protect street views of Harbour
- Assume the design will be so successful it will attract hordes more pedestrians than you anticipate! Current infrastructure in Inner Harbour didn't - ie stairwell @ Visitor's Centre.
- About time! Like the update!

WHAT CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DRAFT DESIGN CONCEPT WOULD YOU SUGGEST?

- Would love a slide down the hill!
- moorage space for industry such as float companies, kayaking, restaurants, etc.
- Do not need a beach!
- NEF should guide all
- Losing parking spaces?
- No asphalt use boardwalks & large wood areas
- Please keep room for a public market or existing night market.
- Outdoor movie theatre! Year round!
- Make it a PARK for people not cars.
- First Nations given priority
- Maritime Museum
- Historical Engagement - a place where people can learn about the history of the site.
- Park space for activities for all ages
- Ocean nature house with some creatures in the tanks
- Respect for heritage
 - Maritime
 - First nations
 - Industrial
 - Wkg Harbour
- Not too sure what to think. Scale of design off (presenting area larger than it is). Pretty grand plans. Please scale back. No beach. Seems more for tourists than locals.
- Wear microphones the next time you present outside
- Look at this site in context with other large parking area to the North of Red Fish Blue Fish. By creating a 2 level parking structure here you eliminate the need for parking #'s on this site.
- Less parking (less cars)
- Clarity that "shared street" is truly that (signage, speed limit, $\leq 10\text{km/h}$ pavement treatments.
- No buses down here
- Open an "in harbour" swimming pool at the same time sewage plant opens
- Eliminate vehicle parking at south end
- Playground in the beach?
- I know the art gallery has decided to stay, but what a great opportunity to integrate the art gallery into this redesign.
- More inclusion, less exclusion!
- How about using the upper terraced areas for true public housing
 - the grand staircase can wind through like the Spanish Steps
- Attention to how transit riders will connect with space (ie wayfinding, crosswalks)
- Still too much parking/car access
- This is NOT the location to create a Sanay Beach. If we want to consider a water feature downtown then return Crystal Gardens to a swimming pool.
- Reduce parking - esp RV's. Use space for drop offs
- It would be great to discuss this development in conjunction with the vision for the enterprise Wharf site. Many of the suggestions for use could work in either location.

- Please improve sight lines for vehicles, bikes, pedestrians exiting area onto Wharf St.
- Don't throw huge \$\$\$ at subsidized parking spots - nothing about parking is "world class"
- Need a firm cost. No over runs like the blue bridge
- Can we find any way to "mute" noise?
- Open air fish market with grilling stations allowing vendors to compete for model - see Bergen Norway
- Picnic benches
- Parking is needed downtown
- Cost/Benefit analysis would be helpful. I hear a lot of \$ concern. But would like more info on increased revenue for City which could assist in paying for it. As well as DVBA approval?
- Less parking
- Dedicated venue for First Nations artists so they are not situated on the "Welcome to Victoria" sign.
- More public seating & handicap seating
- Implement mostly using City of Victoria Public Funds.
- Boardwalk through sand (for strollers, wheelchairs).
- Please ensure performances / activities on site respect neighbours. In my opinion there is far too much amplified noise / voices in Victoria.
- Market like Grandville Island
- Please watch budgeting
- Too much space for cars in present proposal.
- Replace with more area for pedestrians
- Keep road as narrow as possible & walkways as wide as possible - they look narrow in the renderings! Should be at least the width of 1 road lane
- Is there kayak loading & unloading space?
- Bike locks that actually work with U Locks (unlike Odeon Alley)
- Support for Harbour Pathway enhancement
- I hope you will include elevator access in the Pavillion Bldg. for those with disabilities to ensure they have equal access. Yjos has prevented people I've known from coming down here.
- Too much parking
- Elevation changes or barriers to shelter from the wind
- Enable kayak/canoe landing for private boats as well as rentals
- Water bottle refill stations
- Let's do like the Romans did 2000 years ago (public drinking waters)
- Less car parking!
- Need to ensure complimentary provincial parking lot improvements
- See organ as exists in Zadar Croatia?
- Off grid solar lighting
- This project has all of the similarities of present public money disasters in the CoV. Namely the Bridge and sewage treatment. The City has been wrong so many times before. There is lots of local CRD area programs CoV hasn't used with BETTER ideas these ones from people that know Inner Harbour the best. Stop the waste, go away!
- Maritime Museum site
- Less car parking
- More bike parking
- More bike stalls
- Strong, high quality bike locks
- More bike parking

- Need for alternate parking elsewhere downtown to replace lost spaces.
- Bring the people to the water. How do you cross the road barrier?
- Big, safe feeding crosswalks at all the key connection points.
- No cars. Drop off area only.
- Lose the beach. Not a good idea just from a safety perspective - needles, etc.
- Car areas when parking not in effect should be taxis or drop off/pick up only.
- NO BEACH
- Include a place to launch kayaks and canoes.
- No parking
- There is no free space on this side of the harbour to launch kayaks.
- Elevator and/or shorter switchbacks for wheelchair users.
- Tie this into affordable housing!
 - Funds from any developers - affordable housing projects?
 - In keeping with the waterfront / industrial history - container homes?? Small & affordable
- Separated pedestrian path
- Still too much car parking. hide or underground most of it. Restrict to service or mostly drop off.
- "Urban beach" seems a bit goofy
- Make sure it can withstand at least 2m of sea level rise by 2050 and 5m by 2100
- Grand staircase is cool BUT add a row of flower bed capability down the middle.
- Maritime History / Culture
 - A link to this is missing & critical
 - Something in pavilion
- Still looks like a giant parking lot - disappointed
- Love the design but please remember to find alternate location for lost parking - businesses need to succeed if they are located downtown
- Turn pavilion into maritime / whale museum - look at Auckland waterfront.
- Waterpark for kids like in Uptown
- The old wall should not be hidden from view
- Like the open feel but spots of shade (trees, umbrellas) will be needed. Also windbreaks.
- Be bolder and eliminate all surface parking.
- Can we just build a parkade somewhere else to recapture lost spaces?
- Stop bus parking
- Make speed limit very low
- Would like to see less parking, but need to allow access for vehicles & equipment for festival / event set up.
- Amenities on the pier should still allow for events like Swiftsure to use it ie large tent on the pier.
- No permanent parking at south end. Limiting parking to only commercial pick-up and drop off.
- Splash park for kids like a fountain.
- No urban beach near float planes.
- Add architecturally interesting garden / landscaping to the green space (ie Chicago, Toronto lakeshore).
- Water zone for kids like a fountain or something
- In the quiet winter season put up temporary heated shelter for homeless.
- Incentivize the museum redevelopment
- Put in a bunch of parking to make up for what is lost here and elsewhere.
- "Shared" roadway dominates change to cul de sac at north end.

- Make Wharf St. Pavilion roof an extended platform: viewing / gathering / food trucks.
- Terraced areas - use soft landscaping as much as possible. Add "hard" elements as dictated by use. If possible, use flexible surface, ie cobbles, instead of pavement.
- Concern that the harbour ferries will not be able to access the stop at harbour air. At this time there is not enough room to get by the planes & boat to get to our assigned stop. Suggest change of locations of ferry stop to the floating island.
- Eliminate float plane air pollution, very bad smells every 30mins all day long
- Relocate urban beach - great idea, wrong location for sucking float plane fumes.
- Waterfront view is impeded by parked cars
 - Only underground parking
- Cycling/pedestrian infrastructure - consider how busy the Goose has become - sometimes hard to navigate bike among pedestrians
- Put a kayak launch down through naturalized shoreline area.
- Urban beach maybe better as a creative flex kids play area with water feature in a maritime motif?
- Water feature
- Create small stage at base of main central staircase. Maybe bump out shoreline edge to incorporate, this would create some traffic calming too.
- Maybe a kids play area?
- create stage areas for buskers and impromptu performers. Not all events are scheduled.
- Forget the beach! Too busy and not clean enough for children.
- Maritime museum would be great here.
- Use the street and underground parking that will solve the parking issue.
- Execution - maybe get a new City Engineer.
 - Already have hired them, 30 years of botched projects - arena, bridge, sewer....
- Include adult equipment in playground areas
- More small boat facilitated
- Organic market year round!
- Playground & coffee shop
- Play area for kids
- Pavilion roof should be level with street, accessible to pedestrians
 - Food trucks, origami art
- Green space maximized
- Accessible parking and walk areas
- Totems, native art, relief masks for example.
- Keep parking and case use to a minimum
- Polluting bush planes don't fit with a green future.
- Need more underground parking: there are 75 cars parking today.
- Public washroom
- Add lots of interactive seating elements like at Olympic Village
- More life needed- pub, restaurant
- Interactive areas - spots where kids can be entertained
- More effort to design area to draw in pedestrians and extend urban grid.
- Too noisy for a beach.
- Give us more underground parking
- Water drinking fountains and public restrooms
- Kids water or playground
- Not a beach! Not a good idea!

- Less surface parking
- 1. Finish the Blue Bridge. 2. Finish the Sewer Works. 3. Then do this better
- Drivers will not share roadway. Will threaten to kill pedestrians.
- Ensure accessibility for people with strollers and wheelchairs.
- Parking should be free on weekends and evenings like other City parkades.
- Replace Urban Beach with natural plants. Return part of waterfront eco - system.
- More public washrooms
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- Better lighting - it's very dark at night.
- Change vegetation in park. Too many places for people to hide. It's scary at night.
- Need good public washrooms.
- How about an ongoing lottery to aid in funding.
- Too much space for cars - eliminate parking on the plaza and don't allow drive throughs. One exit/entrance is enough
- Looks like most of the festival seating is on pavement.
- Change odd "beach" area with no water access to a grass/picnic/playground area
- Need better transit access
- Beach area not needed especially next to airport.
- Sorry but I think the same idea is a bad one. Think of our windstorms. Think of access for people with disabilities - very hard to walk on sand.
- Too much non event parking in the southern part facing the ampitheater. Reduce to encourage walkers, bikers, & transit users.
- Is there anyway to counteract the diesel smell?
- Ensure or improve special needs parking / drop-off access.
- Nice but the plan need more vision and boldness. This is a perfect place for a new magnificent performing arts centre.
- Shield parking view from Wharf St. to keep aesthetic. Add shade trees between parking lot rows.
- Places for people to sit, relax, read, etc.
- Public art space?
- Brisbane south bank example.
- Kids park?
- Our aging population and the handicapped ones need more parking spaces than 30. You will be shutting us out. Please allow for more.
- Slope grass portion of terraces to prevent camping.
- More / better parking.
- Handicap access / Empress
- Needs tables & chairs for picnics.
- Lighting/security during winter
- Please include lots of shade for festival audiences.
- The expanse of lawn is nice, but what about on a winter day? More sheltered places needed.
- More opportunity for restaurants/beer gardens/patios
- How about having umbrellas like in Centennial Square?
- Kids park would be better than a beach
- Pavilion should be for vendor stalls & exhibitions, not permanent building
- Take reference from Brisbane downtown Riverside walk and Southbank
- Plan for maintenance - our sidewalks are filthy. Walk Douglas, Pandora to Fort!
- Include a kids waterpark in the beach access

- Too bad about all of the non event parking.
- This needs to be a full time public space.
- My #1 concern in Victoria is affordability of living here. Would like to see this plan somehow connected to that principle. Fancy-ing up this area is likely to further increase housing in the core. We need affordable housing options even in areas like downtown.
- Activate “parking” area (non-festival)
 - Small retail along grass areas
- More clear access for bikes
 - include in strategies - multi modal (surprisingly absent)
- Please pay much more deserved attention to the operational requests of the existing infrastructure
 - DFW refresh
 - Painting benches