



## Ship Point Master Plan Engagement Summary August 2017

From Saturday July 22 to Thursday August 3, the public was invited to provide feedback on the design concept design for Ship Point. The concept, founded on the Harbour Vitality Principles 2014, was developed through focused consultation with adjacent landowners, neighbours and user groups.

In order to gather feedback on the concept, the City hosted two open houses and issued an online survey. More than 300 people attended the open houses and 147 survey responses were received. We also received 8 emails with feedback on the concept. The open house notes, survey report and redacted emails can be viewed at [victoria.ca/shippoint](http://victoria.ca/shippoint).



### What We Heard

In general, there was a high level of support for the concept. Along with verbal feedback in support at the open houses, the comments and survey responses reflected a high level of support in general and with specific components. Many people responded that the attractive design and use of space will draw more people to Ship Point. In particular, there was a high level of support for the grand staircase, shoreline improvements, improved pedestrian access and terraced green space. Many people expressed support for the reconfiguration of surface parking and inclusion of underground parking.

There were also many suggestions for changes or improvements to the design concept. Parking was the issue that drew the most comments with a very mixed response to the approach and quantity of parking proposed. At the open house, there was a high level of support for removing the remaining surface parking. However, through the survey, many respondents wanted an increase in the amount of underground parking. There was also mixed response to the urban beach. While some respondents liked the idea of an urban beach, there were many who recommended removing it from the concept. Other recommended improvements included more bike parking, space for a kayak launch, improved accessibility for wheelchairs, addition of cultural components including the Maritime Museum, First Nations history museum and more public art. There was an interest in seeing more play areas for kids, more public washrooms, more seating areas and a greater focus on the pedestrian orientation.



### Next Steps

This feedback will be used to refine the design concept, which will be presented to Council in September. Staff will then develop the detailed design concept, implementation approach, and funding strategy.