



Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan

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Summary Of Registered Responses

As of September 28, 2018, 3:47 PM, this forum had:		Topic Start	Topic End
Attendees:	585	February 10, 2016, 6:33 PM	March 15, 2016, 11:07 AM
Registered Responses:	122		
Hours of Public Comment:	15.5		

QUESTION 1

1. What do you like best about the Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan?

Answered	106
Skipped	16

QUESTION 2

2. Is there anything that you think would improve the Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan?

Answered	107
Skipped	15

QUESTION 3

3. What considerations do you think should guide the District's implementation of this key component of the plan? (Enhancing our Natural and Cultural Heritage: Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek)

Answered	96
Skipped	26

QUESTION 4

4. What considerations do you think should guide the District's implementation of this key component of the plan? (Expanding Opportunities for Waterfront Activities: A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside

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Answered	109
Skipped	13

QUESTION 5

5. What considerations do you think should guide the District's implementation of this key component of the plan? (Strengthening the Long-Term Presence of the Arts: New Community Arts Buildings)

Answered	102
Skipped	20

QUESTION 6

6. What considerations do you think should guide the District's implementation of this key component of the plan? (Connecting People to and through the Waterfront: Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path)

Answered	105
Skipped	17

QUESTION 7

7. What considerations do you think should guide the District's implementation of this key component of the plan? (Linking the Waterfront to the Commercial Precinct: North-South Connections)

Answered	89
Skipped	33

QUESTION 8

8. What considerations do you think should guide the District's implementation of this key component of the plan? (Enlivening the Waterfront and Bringing People Together: Public Art, Special Events and Festivals)

Answered	98
Skipped	24

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QUESTION 9

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Answered	109
Skipped	13

QUESTION 10

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Answered	94
Skipped	28

QUESTION 11

11. Which three key components of the plan (as described above) do you think the District should implement first?

		%	Count
Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek		31.3%	36
A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro		28.7%	33
New Community Arts Buildings		23.5%	27
Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path		63.5%	73
Enhanced North-South Connections		18.3%	21
Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals		25.2%	29
Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions		31.3%	36
Increased Park Features		34.8%	40

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Answered	104
Skipped	18

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Individual Registered Responses

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February 10, 2016, 7:55 PM

Question 1

I like the fact that you have clearly established a cohesive plan that we can work towards. That there are areas designated to support all of the community activities that we hold dear.

Question 2

The removal of the boat launch with no plan as to its relocation is not acceptable. There is nowhere else besides Eagle Harbour to launch your boat. It is a very actively used launch by both residents and others. I use it to launch because of nearby parking that is designated and the safe access that it affords with the pier right there. If you want to relocate it, you need to provide an option and I can't think of another access point that has a pier, parking and is centrally located.

Question 3

Restoration of the estuary, while providing visual access for viewing seems like a good idea as described in the plan above

Question 4

Improved facility at the sailing club, allowing rentals, access for non motorized launching to the public and a seaside bistro would be great.

Question 5

If the Silk Purse and Music Box are removed, does this get offset by the renovation planned for the Ferry Building to increase its size? The Ferry building should get bigger if you are removing the other buildings. Public washrooms need to be accessible at this location as well, particularly if it is to be a destination zone.

Question 6

I do not have a problem with the current scenario of cars people and bikes. Everyone is pretty calm about sharing the space. I am an active pedestrian and I have had more scares from cyclists travelling far too quickly amongst pedestrians than I have had with cars. Pedestrians and cyclist do not mix well on the other parts of the West Van sea walk towards the mall for this very reason.

Question 7

14th and 17th are marked backwards above ***

Otherwise all good.

Question 8

Seating areas and access to washrooms and water are key facilities to support all of these wonderful events that happen here.

Question 9

I use the boat ramp, and it would be a loss to the community to see it go. Moving it to the other side of the Sailing club would give good access to parking and a bit more space for backing in and launching while still allowing proximity to the pier. However, you then have motorized boats travelling directly in front of the sailing club launch.

Question 10

It is a good mix now. Washroom facilities at 14th would be good as it is a long way between 17th and Ambleside if you are with small children or the elderly.

Question 11

- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals

Question 12

No response

John Seddon

February 11, 2016, 12:25 PM

Question 1

I do not like anything about it

Question 2

Do not move the Ferry Building - just restore it.
Do not build anything between the boat launching ramp and the house to the West of the Ferry Building. Keep Ferry Bldg. heritage status and do not add to it.

Question 3

An understanding that a majority of people who pass by the waterfront do not want it to be changed except as truly required i.e. necessary repairs.

Question 4

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Keep Ferry Building and Navy Jack house where they are and in good repair.
No new Sailing Club Bldg. & no bistro.
Also see reply to 3.

Question 5

All 'Arts' buildings should be located off the waterfront. Arts bldgs. do not need the view whereas people do! Bldgs. block view and view is most essential.

Question 6

The Spirit Trail and the Foreshore Path are good concepts but underground parking is too costly.

Question 7

People come to our waterfront to enjoy same and not to shop. Our merchants will not benefit from what you plan to construct.
No plaza at ends of 14th & 15th streets and forget about festival streets.
How can the construction of buildings 'enhance both physical and visual access to the water' as they only are impediments.

Question 8

The waterfront does not need enlivening. Who ever gave you that idea? Festivals are good but they do not need 'Arts' installations. If by 'public art' you mean outdoor art no building is required. If you mean indoor art it should be elsewhere. Don't try to improve on nature for you will fail every time.

Question 9

No water taxis or ferries. They will only fail as we have seen. Motorized boats have not been a problem so far but may be a menace to swimmers and non motorized boats.

Question 10

We do not need 'Increased Park Features' but we do need the park to be maintained in it's present state.
Use the areas to be emptied by demolition of houses for washrooms.
Plumbing and sewage disposal is present there.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek

Question 12

Re 11 none of the priorities are priorities except

preservation of John Lawson House.

Generally the plan which has been prepared is not one that I can sponsor or approve. Spend my money for other but necessary projects.

S Slater

February 11, 2016, 2:41 PM

Question 1

That we might have a chance to significantly change it before we repeat the "floral clock" mistake!

Question 2

You whole public input is backwards! Why are we talking about implementation when you have not demonstrated clear support for many of these elements?

We must have information to make decisions about the elements. There are no costs provided yet. That is crazy! Why should we support something we don't know the costs of? There has never been wide public support for commercial activities on the waterfront - certainly not a bistro or wine bar no matter how many times the mayor insists it is "necessary" so why on earth is it still being proposed?

Question 3

Dont 'consider" ANYTHING until you demonstrate clear public support for this component!

Authentically seeking and responding to public opinion is required. Don't pretend this has been done for 40 years. This has not yet been done or we would see questions like : "Do you support a bistro as part of a renovated or rebuilt Hollyburn Sailing Club? Yes. No, Don't know."

Question 4

Again - do not "consider" anything until clear public support for this component has been demonstrated. The last version of this plan was panned - especially the waterfront bistro aspect, so why are we still being served this dish?

The public desire is clear to NOT rebuilt the HSC. The needs of the members of the HSC should be paramount.. The public has expressed a desire to NOT have waterfront restaurant on their dime.

Question 5

Same thing - Don't "consider" anything until clear public support for this component has been demonstrated.

Citizens keep asking: "Why do arts have to be on the water? It seems a waste of valuable real-estate."

The John Lawson playground attracts more visitors than the Ferry Building, Music Box, Silk Purse, John Lawson Studio and Gertrude

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Lawson Museum COMBINED. While I am an artist and actually use these facilities, I know full well there is no real need for them to be on the waterfront UNLESS it is for cost savings basis and utilizing existing facilities. (i.e. Music Box, Silk Purse, etc.)

Question 6

Again - you must demonstrate full public support before you "consider" anything. We do not have adequate information yet to decide on any of these components. What are the COSTS? How many parking spots will be lost? How will the need for these spots be replaced? (enhanced transit? etc.) Where is the real information?

Question 7

Same thing - please give public FULL information to decide if they do or do not support this component which seems to be mere "concept" rather than a full fledged "plan" with data such as costs benefit analysis, etc.

Question 8

Again - where is the demonstrated public support for this? It sounds so motherhood and apple pie - and easy to say "that sounds nice..." but without real information (what will it cost? who will pay the performers? is an outdoor stage viable in a temperate rain forest?) we have another floral clock on our hands.

Harmony Arts is fine and dandy. The neighbours can live with a few weeks noise and disruption but full time? I don't think so.

Question 9

Please ask the question do you WANT this first before asking about the details.

If this is wanted then we can discuss vessels near public swimming areas, etc.

Question 10

This is the only component with clearly and consistently demonstrated public support. As said at a recent meeting and overwhelmingly supported: "We don't need to build attractions on the waterfront. The waterfront IS the attraction."

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Your survey is a farce. Please ask us WHAT we support or don't support instead of asking us when and how to implement. If these components are really supported - and have been for 40 years as the district says - you

should have no problem asking clear YES/NO questions such as "Do you support renovating/rebuilding the Hollyburn Sailing Club to include a bistro?"

Please follow the district Public Engagement Policy. It would be a refreshing change.

Alfred James

February 11, 2016, 3:29 PM

Question 1

The best thing about the plan is that there is still time to change it.

Question 2

As a general principle, I am against building new structures on open parkland. Once covered, parkland is rarely recovered. There are a number of older buildings in the vicinity of the waterfront that could be replaced, if we really need to have a new art gallery or bistro.

Question 3

This seems reasonable.

Question 4

If the replacement buildings are kept within the area currently occupied by the sailing club, and they are more attractive than the existing buildings, this would be acceptable.

Question 5

There is no justification for covering existing open parkland with new buildings, when there are so many existing buildings nearby that could be replaced.

Question 6

Seems like a good idea.

Question 7

More information required: What does a "plaza" consist of?

Question 8

I don't think that food trucks will improve the ambience of the waterfront - they often smell, and are always a source of litter.

Question 9

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No opinion about this.

Question 10

Sounds fine.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

The compulsory purchase of the existing buildings on the waterfront in order to create a waterfront park has placed a moral duty on the Council to preserve this land as open space.

Sander Heynemans

February 11, 2016, 5:40 PM

Question 1

retention of open spaces along the waterfront and a limit on commercial enterprise since they already struggle in the Ambleside area.

Question 2

permanent bandstand with proper seating... ie. amphitheatre style and more sanitary washroom facilities

Question 3

emphasis on the natural setting since cultural components shift over time and tend to be pushed by minor stakeholders with vested interests. Harmony Arts is successful since it is temporary and attracts a wide range of exhibitors. More important is the shifting nature of the residents ie. the none participation in our neighbourhoods of absentee landlords who contribute zipp !

Question 4

Sure ...let Cactus Club build/ sponsor a new restaurant and WV Sailing Club building !!! Manage our natural setting only !

Question 5

re: my previous comment .. Cactus Club could build at the end of the pier and include a gallery space !!! The present Ferry building is; cute, small and the shows tend to be a mixed bag. As an advocate/teacher in the Arts, I resent empty spaces or displays that are inconsequential and since North Van managed to get Gordon Smith, a West van resident for decades, I would not count on local talent to fill gallery space.

Question 6

.... about bloody time ! since I inquired a few years ago about a dedicated(in the plan, I was told) pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the Cap .river. I ride a lot and West Van. is way behind the times compared to North Van. when it comes to dedicated bicycle paths. The trail through Ambleside has at least 12 signs that read "DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH".... yet you dismissed the by-law officer that did a great job ticketing folks that had pooch off. Riding on Bellevue and Marine is very hazardous and the oldies, I'm 71, seem to forget that "dooring" a rider is an offence.

Question 7

.... Grosvenor site and the trashy buildings across from it ... are a perfect opportunity to connect Marine up to Clyde with an overpass thus creating a hub that can be developed between 13th and 15 th.

Question 8

..... check with Vancouver and their display at English Bay .. the extremely popular exhibit of the figures that is now a permanent tourist attraction .. part of a sculpture biennale ! I doubt that only local talent can contribute to the making of a permanent attraction.

Question 9

..... again... maybe Cactus Club or similar BIG player will develop a combo of boat launch restaurant etc .. check the scene under the Second Narrows bride .. Marine restaurant.boat repair/launch eyc.

Question 10

Dundarave to Ambleside along the seawall is a great success !!! I doubt that much time and energy needs to be spent on that corridor.

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

- 1) keep in mind the changing demographics vs the dynamic natural setting which is a constant
- 2) the longevity or lack of vested interests
- 3) the seawall trail from Dundarave to Ambleside attracts more people than any gas station along Marine Dr.
- 4) DEDICATED BICYCLE PATH and a DEDICATED BRIDGE ACROSS THE CAPILANO for pedestrians and bicycles
- 5) make enforcement signs that have consequences !

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February 11, 2016, 7:35 PM

Question 1

Keeping an affordable sailing club, storefront improvements and improved food services

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

Love the idea of improved sailing club - hope it remains affordable with a focus on families and young sailors.

Question 5

We love the Arts festival and improvements related to and Art Plaza are welcomed.

Question 6

We are all in favour of making argyle more pedestrian and bike friendly. On busy days - parking and traffic there is a disaster and dangerous at times for kids and others

Question 7

No response

Question 8

The more festivals, the better. Our family really appreciates the ability to enjoy arts, entertainment and the great food and beverage options that are provided (especially when executed as at harmony arts festival, salmon festivals - great food and sophisticated wine and beer options.). We meet so many friends and neighbors at these events and they make (and otherwise rather sleepy) west Vancouver feel so alive. So great for all ages.

Question 9

We don't have a motorized boat, but we love seeing the boats come and go and seeing them fish off shore. Please do ensure to explore an alternative to keep access relatively close by for motor boats

Question 10

No response

Question 11

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Question 12

Keep up the good work and let us know if you need an advocate!

Name not shown

February 11, 2016, 8:23 PM

Question 1

Removal of the junky houses and allowing for modernization.

Question 2

Commercial activities will drive animation. The sailing club is a nice historical use but consumes a significant amount of space with a very niche audience of users.

Question 3

the heritage value is based on use not place. the Jack Navy House can be move to wherever it makes the most sense rather than attempting to preserve its current siting

Question 4

this asset serves a tiny niche of people. I do not believe its preservation really enhances the waterfront for the entire community.

Question 5

The visual arts will be well served with the new gallery in North Vancouver. Youth and community music and performing arts could benefit from a regular program in an outdoor venue. Facilities to assist the bigger events that have happened in Ambleside should be built in. Short term festivals like harmony arts and a wine festival would be great.

Question 6

of course citizens want access to the waterfront for walking. Cycling is huge in and through West Vancouver. There should be a safe route from the Lionsgate all the way to Dunderave for high volumes of cyclists on

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weekends. See what Rio does on Sundays closing the waterfront road to all traffic except busses and they travel in two dedicated lanes leaving the other two, one for cyclists and one for pedestrians. the cycling lane proposed could be cyclist only on Sunday until 11:00am and if the route connected in to Bellevue avenue and then Marine drive could be one way westbound for buses and cars from 27th to Horseshoe Bay until 11:00am

Question 7

Sure but the programming has to be good and restaurants encouraged to be open.

Question 8

of course it will be seasonal and likely weekend focuses year round. A variety of programs that will require a multi year commitment to build consistency and reliable traffic. The permanent commercial operators in Dundarave and Ambleside must benefit.

Question 9

a motorized boat ramp has no place here. there is not adequate parking for trailers etc. Nix it.

Question 10

broad community appeal. Tennis, sailing and boat launches will find other locations rather than this premium real estate. Adequate commercial activity to serve the public need and generate tax base to help support the ongoing high level of maintenance required. How can it benefit the existing commercial operators so more survive and thrive.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

separate the sailing club and the Bistro. Clubs make lousy operators and will try to cater to their membership. Have a wide open proposal call.

Dave Way

February 11, 2016, 10:39 PM

Question 1

The plan to remove cars from Argyle Avenue. Improved seawalk along waterfront. Idea of scale, not letting development overwhelm the current character.

Question 2

Naturalization of the flora along there. Remove invasives and other nonnative plants, replant native species. Especially ones that will support wildlife. People love seeing bald eagles and herons and seals, but attracting other bird species and so on would be even better.

Question 3

I support this wholeheartedly. A shame the arts have to lose the studio, but it doesn't really have to be there. It could find another home. Find a way to make sure the Nature House is truly used by the public and by school groups. It would be a shame to invest in displays and renovations and then have it basically be empty most of the time.

Question 4

I support the right of the club to make final decisions on minimizing development. I am not in favour of a bistro. That can be done nearby at the Grosvenor development or elsewhere along Bellevue. Keep the waterfront simple, a reminder of a simpler time. That's what so many people come for, daily. They already come in huge numbers, you don't need a flashy venue to attract them. That just seems like a way to get more money out of people.

I don't support a boat rental outlet, for the reason mentioned by others already: this location is near fast currents and active shipping lanes. It is enough that the sailing club is using this location. But amateur members of the public, with dollars but no solid experience in a challenging environment like this could get into serious trouble. Are fatalities or accidents the kind of publicity West Van wants for its waterfront? The club should keep its boat ramp, but I have mixed feelings on the public boat ramp beside the club. I would say, if there will be renovations to the sailing club, find a way to push a walkway in front of the club and across any remaining boat ramp(s).

Any plans on those handful of houses who don't let that continue in front of their properties? (Why is that legal? Doesn't the public have a right to define whether a path should be possible in front of them?)

Question 5

I don't feel that strongly about this part of the plan. It seems to me that the arts don't HAVE to be based at the waterfront, whereas all the previous components do.

I understand the reasons for removing the silk purse and the music box.

Question 6

So, I'm not entirely clear on how this will be achieved. I didn't see specific mention of the removal of the houses between the Ferry Building and Millennium Park. Is this going to happen? And more green space added? I would then beg that you put more community gardens into the green space between the Foreshore Path and the Spirit Trail.

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Where does the Spirit Trail end? Navy Jack House? Because currently, cyclists have to stop at this point, when heading west.

Question 7

No particular concerns, other than 'don't let business be a big factor south of Bellevue'.

Question 8

Don't let permanent businesses base themselves south of Bellevue. A stage in John Lawson seems to have little support other than in the music community, and would likely be empty much of the year. And has funding been earmarked for putting music in it, or is it just hoped that someone will pay to use it, or offer their services for free? Is there any data to believe such things?

Question 9

I support moving to only nonmotorized boat access to any remaining ramps. I am dubious about things like water taxis coming in to John Lawson but maybe if they were small operations and didn't ruin the landscape with extra structures.

I totally support reducing or banning fishing from the Ambleside pier (and all others). They are messy, smelly and dominate the space. I don't like taking my young son to that pier as there is fish and crab waste, debris, fishing line, and lots of gull poop. And a lot of cigarette smoke from the predominantly Asian fishermen there on most days.

Question 10

I like all of it. Small suggestions: bigger swingsets for larger kids at John Lawson and maybe Ambleside too. More community gardens in a number of places, with some interpretive signs to teach the public and engage them. A wider variety of recreational facilities, perhaps? But I suppose they don't actually have to be at the waterfront. And PLEASE fix the water supply to part of the new John Lawson children's park. It has been turned off for most of this last season.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

It has seemed, from commentary and emails about the 'consultation

process' that perhaps the Council has really made up their mind already and that theirs is a generally pro-business plan. Please genuinely listen to the very large contingent who are basically happy with a simple waterfront to walk and enjoy the natural scenery. We don't see the waterfront as something that has to be exploited financially, it is just a common public asset and an extraordinary one at that. Enhance what makes this waterfront unique, don't try to turn it into every glitzy looking stretch of beach. If it is full of unwanted expensive developments, people will not be happy, for generations. I want to take my kids to the same waterfront (visually) that I remember from my childhood. That matters more than being able to sit at a table and order a salad. Thanks.

Name not shown

February 12, 2016, 10:02 AM

Question 1

The current waterfront feels fractured and unplanned. I like that it will be improved, and that the walkways will not end, and start as they do now.

Question 2

Ambleside needs a waterside restaurant similar to the Beach House. Perhaps as was done in English Bay and Klits, the Concession building or a new building. Also, somehow the new plan should integrate Marine drive with the Waterfront, making it feel like a continuous and connected area, rather than two distinct parallel zones in one neighbourhood

Question 3

No additional feedback

Question 4

Ambleside desperately needs waterside dining, and a Bistro at the Sailing club would be great if it was open to public, but I suspect maybe too small

Question 5

No further comments

Question 6

Sounds just about perfect

Question 7

Very good plan

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Question 8

Ambleside is one of the most beautiful neighbourhoods in the Lower Mainland, and yet lacks a "fun factor". In theory this should liven it up, as long as events are actually planned for the spaces provided.

Question 9

Looking forward to easy kayak and paddleboard access. Great

Question 10

Looking forward to seeing this all come together

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- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

This is all great and Ambleside will be better when this is all implemented but it falls short of keeping locals in Ambleside for meals. When I have an out of town visitor, I will take them to a water view restaurant in Vancouver, or to Dundarave, because Ambleside is missing this element. Ambleside has the unique location where ships pass closeby, and go under the bridge. This would be such a draw, if a few restaurants and cafes could be located where they patrons could enjoy this. Instead we have to look at Marine drive or Park Royal mall. Having these restaurants and cafes generates a "vibe" that Ambleside is missing. I have to go to downtown or to Kits, when my neighbourhood could be BETTER than those areas if only we embraced it.

Name not shown

February 12, 2016, 1:37 PM

Question 1

Continuous waterfront walking path and green space for the public.

Question 2

Minimize daily commercial activity: restaurants, rentals, etc.

Question 3

No comment.

Question 4

Locate the Seaside Bistro at the existing concession stand further east at Ambleside Beach. Ensure Seaside Bistro is casual and affordable.

Question 5

No comment.

Question 6

No comment.

Question 7

Do not rent out the pier at John Lawson or the pier at Ambleside Beach. Keep them open for full-time public access.

Question 8

Ensure these events are to promote arts, crafts, and culture. Minimize commercialization of the initiative.

Question 9

For short-term boat moorage, ensure boats are well-maintained four-cycle engines to minimize exhaust and noise pollution. Short term boat moorage should be 2-3 hours at a time, but not overnight.

Question 10

No comment.

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
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Question 12

Minimize commercialization of the waterfront. It's there for people to enjoy nature (the ocean, the sandy beach, the trails) and relax.

Name not shown

February 12, 2016, 5:40 PM

Question 1

actual shoreline enhancement, -

Question 2

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Keep surface parking.. Argyle St. and surface Parking at John Lawson (planned to go underground - with new Art Gallery, not considered as part of this limited planning)

- for accessibility.. Our friend, K, who uses a walker, will have great difficulty accessing the waterfront.

Question 3

Good..

Question 4

So long as Concrete pouring is at a minimum - similar to existing building -

Bistro is a vague word. Are we talking a large sit-down restaurant, or a standup place for hot drinks and chips. Another failed restaurant is not needed.. Public washroom would be good addition.

Question 5

Minimize the concrete on rebuilding. Sea level rise will require some elevation on piles, no basement. Accessibility to these buildings is needed. Current idea of parking under the tennis court is quite ridiculous. Keep Argyle open, enhance Bellevue parking.

Question 6

Walking on the Spirit Trail is outright dangerous, because of high speed cyclists. I avoid the trail from 13th to Capilano R. The high speed cyclists often switch to Bellevue since they are slowed down on Argyle, by cars.

The Shoreline trail as it now goes along from 15th to 19th is attractive. Keep that going.

Question 7

14 and 17th Street Plazas great during good weather in the summer. But keep them open to regular commerce during the rest of the year (9 months)

Question 8

Cancel the Art Gallery at John Lawson... Bring Small Art shows into the 14th St. Silks Purse/Ferry Building.. Harmony Arts can continue its good work ..

Question 9

The main users of the Public ramp are not from W. Vanc. - but I do think an alternative site needs to be found...

- and if Argyle is kept open, my friend K can perhaps walk from that parking at the boat ramp to the new Silk Purse.??

Question 10

Build with wood, not concrete.. Generally, the work around John Lawson is very good..

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

The plan should consider the loss of parking at John Lawson, due to the new Art Gallery. This lack of intergrated planning is a huge weakness in West Vancouver.

P. M. Bretner

outside West Vancouver

February 12, 2016, 7:54 PM

Question 1

That the Hollyburn Sailing Club will remain and be enhanced. I just hope that the enhancement will be to the direct benefit of the Club.

Question 2

Providing more opportunities to interact with the ocean/waterfront. Boating, swimming, walking along the beach on the sand.

Question 3

I do not not want any enhancements that reduce the opportunity for the public to use and enjoy the beach...Sand is better than rip-rap.

Question 4

The Sailing Club should stay a sailing club..If it does not need to be on the waterfront, do not put it on the waterfront. A Bistro could be anywhere. A sailing club needs to be on the shoreline. Renting watercraft has been tried in the past an was not economically feasible. What has changed? Will WV subsidize the boat rental or restaurant operation? What will happen to the space for the 6 to 9 monts of the year when it does not operate? Giving the HSC more ground space for storage will increase membership and volunteer hours for them to operate the sailing school for the benefit of WV's citizens.

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Question 5

No response

Question 6

Putting a sidewalk between Capilano River and Dundarave Pier lessens the interaction people can have with the ocean. A sidewalk bordered by rip-rap prevents people from accessing the water and the beach. Are we only to view the water and not be able to interact with it?

Question 7

No response

Question 8

I have enjoyed the seasonal events that have occurred in the past. The current space provided for them is adequate.

Question 9

The public boat launch should remain until an alternate launching place is found. Removing the public boat launch reduces the opportunities to interact with the waterfront...No more salmon fishing in the mouth of the Capilano River for the residents of WV in small motorized boats. This reduces WV's residents ability to have a waterfront experience..Doesn't the WV flag have a boat in the middle of it? Why deny any trailer boat access to the water in WV?

Question 10

The removal of the public boat ramp reduces (ie, not increases) Park Features. More diversity, something for everyone, not just the walkers/bikers.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals

Question 12

The Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan must be accepted by a majority of West Vancouver residents. The best way to achieve this goal is to create a stakeholder panel, similar to the Upper Lands Study Working Group. . This will bring together the differing views of appropriate waterfront development in an open, public process where all views can be heard and discussed. Further, the subsequent array of potential visions created by this stakeholder panel needs, at a minimum, a conceptual evaluation including financial, environmental and social impacts before the public can truly make their recommendations to Council and decide

how to best implement the Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan.

Roy Morford

February 14, 2016, 7:38 AM

Question 1

More green space

Question 2

No commercial development

Question 3

Creek restoration and enhancement to improve/encourage salmon spawning

Question 4

I support anything which will make more waterfront activities available to West Vancouverites. I question the logic/logistics of combining those with the existing sailing club without disrupting club activities, especially youth sail training in the summer months.

Question 5

I support this provided it can also enhance/increase green space and waterfront accessibility.

Question 6

I support improvements to encourage walking, cycling and other similar activities (but keep the walkers and wheeled vehicles separate. Underground, below water level parking is beyond my comprehension.

Question 7

Cautiously optimistic. Be sure to obtain as much input as possible from existing Ambleside businesses.

Question 8

The Harmony Arts Festival is wonderful. I'm not sure I support a year long or even over extended festival.

Question 9

Moorage - no. Stop launching of motorized boats - yes. Combine boat launch ramps for club and private use - how will the owners of boats not stored at the sailing club access the ramp? Also, during the summer sail

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training, the young folks pretty well monopolise the ramp.

Question 10

The whole of the West Vancouver waterfront is a jewel and the envy I'm sure of other communities. As someone has already said, the waterfront is the attraction, don't spoil it by adding unnecessary or unsightly new "attractions".

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Think carefully before implementing any part of this plan. The waterfront belongs to the people not to the council.

Name not shown

February 14, 2016, 2:29 PM

Question 1

Focus on usefulness.

Question 2

Yes. Less waste of present facilities by needless replacement and preservation of heritage buildings. Anything new should stay away from generic design. We will lose the character of the community.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

We don't need more places to eat down there. And I'd hate to see a chain go in like in Kits and English Bay. Again, couldn't we do something different that preserves the unique character of West Van?

Question 5

Heritage designation for the Silk Purse is crucial. Modern arts plazas dot the Lower Mainland already. Surely we can do something else to this end.

Question 6

We have waited for Spirit Trail extensions for a long time. I hope increased parking is built into the very near future of the plan, and not sidelined to a

potential possibility.

Question 7

And parking!

Question 8

Keep smaller events in mind, rather than just large ones, because that is what keeps community engagement and activity going in the off-season. Think about school field trips, Scout groups, day-camp children... using these spaces, rather than just large concerts and Harmony Arts.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
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- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

Please try not to follow the example of other communities in modern architecture and chain restaurants. Try to do something that preserves West Van's history, definitely preserves the Silk Purse (even if you have to pick up the part that you preserve and move it.) and makes it distinctive.

Patrick Shannon

February 14, 2016, 2:37 PM

Question 1

Green space and no vehicles

Question 2

No restaurants or other businesses in green space - leave them on Bellevue and Marine Drive

Question 3

do not know

Question 4

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No seaside bistro -no commercial waterfront services -just access for personal watercraft such as canoes, kayaks and wave boards

Question 5

The architecture of the new buildings should reflect the history of West Vancouver -nothing too modern

Question 6

Keep pedestrians and bicycles apart -underground parking is better than taking up precious green space

Question 7

Good idea -no suggestions

Question 8

A permanent stage facility at John Lawson is a good idea - like idea of area for food trucks during special events -no food trucks at other times - we have lots of food facilities on Bellevue & Marine Drive

Question 9

Public access ramp is great idea - makes it easier to launch our canoes and kayaks

Question 10

Not sure how to answer this question

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Overall the plan has a lot of good features but this survey was very poorly designed. At no time did it ask me if there were features that our family wanted or features that we felt were not desirable -We are not sure how you are going to get any idea of what people are willing to support

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
February 14, 2016, 3:30 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

Leave the commercial waterfront areas and restaurant on the Bellevue street.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

Too bad that vehicle access to the boat ramp is being removed. Boat launch provided safe and affordable access for young families who cannot afford mooring or large boats.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

It would be nice to have separate access for bikers and roller boarders.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

people have been using the pier for fishing for decades. Not sure why it's being closed to fishing activities. Also, the public boat ramp is the only safe and affordable access for launching trailerable boats for young families and those who cannot afford mooring or large boats. District should consider alternate boat launches with safe access and parking for general public. Closing down access to the boat ramp without an alternative will dismiss the needs of a big group of people especially younger families with young children.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

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Question 12

No response

Gary Hiscox

February 14, 2016, 4:02 PM

Question 1

The open green areas and the pedestrian and bicycle routes through it.

Question 2

Less is more.....do not over develop the space rather leave as much flexibility as possible for change over time when that change is self evident.

Question 3

Restore the creek. Have little knowledge or view of Navy Jack Nature House but caution the Community not to create yet another entity for which there is little demand which uses sparse resources to maintain and operate.

Question 4

Again, caution over expenditures here. The sailing club is a cherished facility, I am not a member, was once when our children were growing up. Appreciate the sailing classes offered through the Rec Centre during the summer. Not sure what is driving the idea of a seaside bistro.....is the idea to copy the Jericho bistro. Does the sailing club want this facility since, again it will require resources and commitment to operate it. What is the impact on other eating facilities in Ambleside and on those yet to be created in the Grosvenor project.....as we all know Ambleside is the graveyard for restaurants and "more and newer" does not create demand. I do not support the use of municipal resources to create commercial entities and am not assured that rent will equate to capital outlay. The restaurant at Dunderave on the wayerfront is an example of a use which supports the retention of an historic building. This is not the case with the sailing club.

Question 5

I do not support this idea when there is a proposal out there for an arts centre to be operated by a non profit society on municipal land behind Fresh Street Market. It was wrong for Council to deliberately exclude this proposal from this plan since the ideas expressed here does or might duplicate those of the art centre. You are at risk here in duplicating and diluting the opportunity of an arts realm. This is a crucial factor since Ambleside revitalization might involve an "arfs" theme if done with commitment rather than lip service. This will require real commitment by

the community if Ambleside is to be revitalized, not as a Town Centre but as a local service area given the presence of Park Royal. The Silk Purse and Music Box, cultural groups were accomodated as an interim use in empty houses aquired by Council now inundated by storm surges in the winter. These buildings should be demolished, not renovated. The groups now seem to have become a liability where Council is expected to now provide new accomodation for them. This should not be expected. If these groups have legitimacy they should house themselves at their cost perhaps in rental space in Ambleside or the Grosvenor building or elsewhere, perhaps in the proposed arts centre referenced above. The uses currently in the ferry building might also be located in the proposed arts centre and the ferry building used as a bistro if such a facility is really needed.

Question 6

Agreed.

Question 7

Agreed but caution that thes spaces not be over developed thereby limiting there flexibility of use.....lets make these spaces as ambiguous as possible. Support the idea of festival streets and woud encourage the use of sidewalks and roadway at the same level so that car becomes an invader of what is a pedestrian realm such as that on Granville Island and in Kensington in London UK.

Question 8

Generally agree, but I do not think it wise to build a banstand no matter how "flexible" since this inevitably restricts uses in the park. Keep the space as ambiguous as possible. There is something quite charming about seeing stages built as at the Childrens Festival, the Folk Festival and of course Harmony Arts. A sense of the arrival of summer and the empty bandstand that is never used, avoided. Bandstands are very "Victorian".

Question 9

Generally agreed but surprised that the boat famp for fisher folk is not to be continued. Am aware of the big demand often by folks from outside West Van but perhaps this is the contribution to the region that the community might make alongside that to BC Ferries. Lets continue the boat ramp, accomodate what is needed and not slough it off to elsewhere.

Question 10

Yes, lets have lots of green space and lets not feel we have to overdevelop them. Let flexibility become the mantra.

Question 11

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Question 12

There seems to be a need that underlies the plan to want to overdevelop the park which has been acquired over time at an inordinant expense as a green space. Lets not incur more municipal expense and in in the process limit the parks use for opportunities yet to become obvious. There is no virtue in "tight fit functionalism", the need to have a prescribed use for all of the space. I am not against and support the idea of buildings in the park if they are needed and make sense. Lets keep this opportunity open for the future.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
February 14, 2016, 6:07 PM

Question 1

That the boat launch remains

Question 2

additional boat launching

Question 3

Salmon restoration projects and fishing information better accessibility for young families to launch watercraft

Question 4

proving these kind of projects can provide great family involvement in water craft instruction and water safety for all

Question 5

not so sure that the arts community need art buildings on waterfront the same advantages could be across the tracks

Question 6

better traffic transition for boat launching expediate the launching buy providing additional launching ramps with area's for larger boat and canoes kayaks and cartop boats eliminating line ups and avoiding pedestrian traffic interference

Question 7

avoid congestion at launch facility

Question 8

boating safety sailing instruction unitize the actual waterfront useage

Question 9

Boat launching ramp facility and family fishing water safety

Question 10

Boat launch improvement

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Fish cleaning station crab measuring devices at the dock

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
February 15, 2016, 8:38 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

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Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Do not agree with closure of a public ramp for small boats that has been in place for many years. Not reassured by statement that alternative locations would be explored.....

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

No response

Gary Ferrer

outside West Vancouver
February 15, 2016, 9:09 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

Expansion of any water related activities (including boat launching and fishing)

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Boat ramp should be a major consideration. Nothing near is adequate. Piers greatly add to the visual aesthetic, especially when locals can fish off them.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Boardwalks, piers and boat launches need to be more seriously weighted. The rest looks good.

Larry Bergholz

outside West Vancouver
February 15, 2016, 10:57 AM

Question 1

enhanced piers

Question 2

A boat launch is a MUST

Question 3

We need a boat launch

Question 4

We need a boat launch

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Question 5

We need a boat launch

Question 6

We need a boat launch

Question 7

We need a boat launch

Question 8

We need a boat launch

Question 9

We need a boat launch

Question 10

We need a boat launch

Question 11

- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

We NEED a boat launch

Name not shown

February 15, 2016, 12:03 PM

Question 1

The continuous soft waterfront shoreline path. Retention of the community gardens. Reconfiguring the sailing club and making it more useful to the public.

Question 2

I think low key arts facilities clustered by the ferry building make sense programmatically and fit well with the heritage of the area but in reality the parking and sea level issues might make it a bad idea. I am concerned they will look obtrusive given the elevations needed to safeguard against floods. Maintaining some public parking in the area is essential for the elderly and young families.

Question 3

The creek design should contribute interest and play value to the adjacent playground and not illuminate needed picnic areas close to the play area.

Question 4

Expanded public use is great. There should be strict limits on boat storage - boats not actively used should not be warehoused on public property. Removing the public power boat launch without a replacement is problematic.

Question 5

Potential flooding of these facilities and access to them in terms of parking will be major considerations.

Question 6

People need continued access to parking close to community facilities including the playgrounds and arts facilities. Too long a walk between venues frequented by the very young or the very old would be a dis-service to these users.

Question 7

excellent urban design and creative traffic engineering will be essential.

Question 8

Hold the events but don't litter the parks with band stands or single use event spaces that look silly or empty when events aren't on- which is 99% of the year. Design the parks as parks first and event spaces second.

Question 9

As a principle I think waterfront parks should support water related recreational activities - art does not have to happen on the waterfront, but boating does.

Question 10

Design and build quality parks that are worthy of the investment in land and this incredible location. Spend some money on the actual parks.

Question 11

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Question 12

No response

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February 15, 2016, 1:58 PM

Question 1

The concept of something for everyone.

Question 2

It is unclear how close parking would be to things like the arts centre. People attending workshops for example need parking closeby given the equipment and supplies that need to be brought in.

Question 3

A replacement for the lost workshop space at John Lawson Park is essential. Would this be built into the new Arts Centre? Workshop facilities would ideally fit 20 people at any given time.

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Parking for workshops closeby, art workshop space, outdoor covered space or large rooms for pop-up art shows, secure covered spaces for artists to set up during festivals like Harmony Arts where work can be left securely for 3 or four days without large expense, or permanent spaces for pop open galleries alongside the pathways where the gallery get's folding up and secured at the end of the day and opens up in the morning to display the works, without having to rehang works each day. These could be rented out on a weekly or monthly basis.

Question 6

The expense to build a parking lot under the tennis courts would probably be prohibitive. Look at how much work and expense has gone into the Grosvenor site preparations!

Question 7

large covered plazas so that "the show can go on" even if it is raining! This will allow residents to come out and enjoy themselves more often and in effect extend the summer season. Large one or two day art exhibits and sales could be organized by non-profit organizations like the North Shore Artists Guild in these covered areas.

Question 8

With our aging demographics, we need to consider ease of mobility, parking closeby, things that older people can participate in easily (like art

classes), talks, etc.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Open spaces would be more enjoyable and used more often if there were large covered sections to get out of the sun or rain.

Question 11

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Question 12

We must bear in mind the aging demographics and keep any amenities accessible to that demographic. We also don't want to make the waterfront a playground for the rich. Accessible to everyone!

Name not shown

February 15, 2016, 2:12 PM

Question 1

I like the idea of using the space for the community and dedicating areas for arts and children.

Question 2

The area is extremely high traffic already in the summer, and specifically around the Ambleside pier by hollyburn sailing club. The plan describes bringing in boat rentals and increasing motorized boat traffic in an area that is for non-motorized activities like sailing, swimming, kayaking and paddleboarding. It looks like it will bring many potentially dangerous situations on the water. A solution may be to move boat rentals to john lawson or dundarave pier to spread out boat traffic.

Question 3

I don't think we need new buildings here, the old ones have heritage value and make a unique charming atmosphere.

Question 4

Sailing needs access to the water, a bistro does not. It would be better to upgrade the current concessions into restaurants. This is the only community area where kids and adults can participate in learning to

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sail/sailing.

As a sailor and member at hollyburn sailing club I think it's important give the public access to sailing and non- motorized activities while keeping this a priority over things like food/beverage. Jericho sailing centre does this well, by keeping sailing the centre focus yet also having access to a restaurant on the side. Many aspects of bringing in public traffic (that is not on the premises to sail) to a sailing centre can make it difficult to sail/learn to sail. Example: if there is heavy pedestrian traffic neat the boat year or ramp areas, sailors/kayakers can not easily access the water or prep boats. Another issue is safety and security: boats and equipment will be less secure with the increased traffic in an open boatyard. HSC has been at that location for 50 years and it would be a shame to see the sailing community take a downward turn with this revitalization. Another concern is that a seaside bistro could potentially become a simply a busy tourist attraction, bringing heavy congestion to the area, as there are few waterfront dining options (other than the beach house dundarave) with little benefits to residents/community members in west van who use these services. There are plenty of other locations (even Marine Dr.) for bistros, and it does not make sense to put one in the sailing club, if we are truly putting our residents and watersports priorities first.

Question 5

These buildings add to the character of the area, I'm not sure we need new ones and I like the way they are currently spread along the seawall. The 14th ave area by the ferry building gets quite busy already on weekends, so I can't imagine adding more buildings in that area would be necessary.

Question 6

I believe the area should focus more on bike traffic and making it easier to access without a vehicle. Get vehicle traffic away from that area, unless necessary for daycare, activity, equipment drop offs, etc. An underground parkade does not seem like a great idea as rising sea levels, flooding and king tides become more frequent. Parking over by the youth centre, closer to soccer fields may be better. There is so much congestion through ambleside and park royal and even over to capilano rd already, that encouraging more does not seem like a solution. We should avoid bringing the traffic congestion problems further west as it will clog up the area even more.

Question 7

Marine drive has little access to waterfront at the moment and this will help spread out traffic and pedestrians.

Question 8

Marine dr. needs more attention before building up the waterfront.

Question 9

A motorised boat ramp is needed. It is used quite frequently and will be required to be replaced. Removing it without adding a place in the area for boaters to access the water does not make sense. Water traffic should be considered, with lessons, ferries, rentals, swimming, crabbing and recreational users the area is quite small and these will need to be spread out.

Question 10

Vehicle and pedestrian traffic is increasing year over year in the area and amenities should be spread out along the area to prevent congestion. Give people options like bike paths to get there without cars.

Question 11

- Enhanced North-South Connections
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Less cars/traffic congestion, more bikes/walking access. More sailing/boating focus, less 'sailing bistro'.

Name not shown

February 15, 2016, 4:14 PM

Question 1

I like the integration of green space, the water and sites for various activities and the arts

Question 2

How is it going to pay for itself and its upkeep. We need to integrate all these nice to haves with a tax base that will pay for it all. It can't come out of our already high property taxes (not to mention the egregious asset levy!). We need a boutique hotel, high paying moorage/restaurants/shops

Question 3

Creating revenue and a tax base to pay for it

Question 4

All awesome....needs to be self sustaining and contribute to the tax base

Question 5

Yes, arts are an important part of the community but they have to be

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balanced with a tax base beyond property taxes that can sustain these costs of building and maintaining the new buildings over the long term

Question 6

Make it pay parking so it creates revenue to sustain the infrastructure. Give WVan residents cards that for say \$25-\$50/year they get unlimited parking and charge all those from other places, who come and enjoy the beautiful trails and parks we pay for, as much as it costs to park in downtown Vancouver

Question 7

Very important we generate more traffic for our commercial precinct.

Question 8

All great....should generate revenue by charging for their use so they can be maintained without higher property taxes

Question 9

Commercial marina for high end pleasure craft would generate revenue and given the location we could charge a premium price.

Question 10

Sounds great! If they are high valued they should be charged for accordingly so that they can be maintained for the long term

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
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- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

You have surely got my drift by now. I am all for this development and upgrade for our waterfront but the recent proposal for an asset levy to maintain West Van infrastructure tell me no one things the full cost of these new assets through the long term. Tess need to be self sustaining and not add to the tax burden of the district 's residents.

Hans Gray

outside West Vancouver
February 15, 2016, 7:56 PM

Question 1

Retention of park spaces and beefing up of the shoreline

Question 2

No increase in food vending except during special events.

Question 3

A replacement of Lawson Creek Studio before it is demolished

Question 4

I am not a member of the sailing club, but I do not think that a bistro at that location is a good idea, or is needed. Parking?

Question 5

Hopefully this will not block the view of the Burrard Inlet too much.

Question 6

The big issue here is the removal of the Argyle parking spaces. I see that the street will be safer without cars, but parking needs to remain close to the waterfront rather than concentrated in one place such as under the tennis courts which will be extremely expensive to construct and maintain.

Question 7

Maintain or improve visual access to the water.

Question 8

Not sure that a flexible stage/picnic shelter is needed for John Lawson Park.

Question 9

An alternative ramp should be a priority. Currently the nearest ramps are I believe Horseshoe Bay and Cates Park. A long stretch of water without trailered boat access.

Question 10

Ensure that the waterfront can be enjoyed by the most people possible.

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enhanced North-South Connections
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

It is an ambitious plan. I hope that as many stakeholders as possible can

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be mobilized to participate and have their concerns heard.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
February 16, 2016, 3:35 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

This is one of the few flat areas in West Van and thus a prime location for a all ages and abilities cycle path, providing both a viable alternative to driving in this area and an important connection/extension to other cycling infrastructure (Spirit Trail and Lions Gate bridge). For safety, the cycle path should be separated from pedestrian traffic where possible and must Not be collocated in the door zone of parked cars (see recent UBC research on cycle infrastructure safety)

Question 7

These linkages should provide safe all ages and abilities connections to West Vancouver's designated N-S cycle routes. For example separated cycle lanes on 13th to connect with Keith road, north of Marine.

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enhanced North-South Connections
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

No response

John Barker

February 16, 2016, 6:21 AM

Question 1

Nearly all of the recommendations. Fabulous! Time to move ideas to reality!

Question 2

More clarity on public amenities - when people arrive in the park area, you would like them to enjoy their time there - what about a restaurant or two (privately operated), coffee stations, snack bars, ample public washrooms, ample seating, picnic tables, more garbage cans (which are emptied frequently), strengthening the connection between useable beach and the shoreline. The latter point is about making the beach inviting to the public. Thanks to Shoreline Preservation work, one of the outcomes has been sandy/gravelly beaches where just a few years ago there was just cobble - i.e. unusable beach. We now need to encourage beach enjoyment by people - particularly youngsters.

Question 3

A nature centre is an absolute must. Nearly every community I have visited has some similar amenity about nature, natural history, geography, vegetation, animal life, etc. We have more to offer than many communities but we currently present our natural capital in a fragmented way. The nature house can bring all this together for public information, enjoyment and education.

The creation of a natural stream could be directed from the existing open box culvert on Lawson Creek through the park area to the west and then back to the existing estuary. This is quiet achievable. The present culvert could be retained to safely handle excess creek volume during periods of heavy flow.

Question 4

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Be respectful of a very successful operation at Hollyburn Sailing Club. Don't make changes that detract from the objectives that make Hollyburn Sailing Club a special place for members, including safety of families, protection of watercraft and the members' clubhouse and workshop. An adjoining restaurant is a great idea but please ensure this does not interfere with the traditional activities of the club.

Question 5

An Arts Plaza has superb appeal. Bringing this focus into one location is most beneficial for the public and hopefully for the artists. I would hope the synergy derived from creating this focus should be anticipated and embraced by the artists themselves.

Question 6

I believe an immediate objective and relatively easy to institute (at very little cost) is the removal of vehicle traffic from Argyle Avenue. The area at the east end from 13th to 14th Streets is a high risk zone. This obviously requires closure and perhaps re-location of the boat launch ramp (hopefully well away from Ambleside) to achieve a pedestrian and bicycle-only zone. It is in the long term interest of safety and the enjoyment of the public to close Argyle Avenue to motorized vehicle traffic. I expect you will receive many objections to this from the boating community, probably driven by the fact that this is free facility. Other boat launch ramps charge a fee for use and parking and offer proper and sufficient facilities for the purpose. I own a 17 foot boat which I trailer to boat launch ramps and I accept the fact that in keeping with the Ambleside rejuvenation, the ramp needs to be removed. However, key to me is finding a new location, which I hope the District, or in concert with other nearby landowners, could accommodate.

Question 7

Logical objective. No suggestions other than proceeding with that plan.

Question 8

Two valuable piers provide the strongest connection with the ocean for the public. Earlier in this survey I expressed my wish to better integrate the beach with the upland park area. This is especially true of the two piers. The public should be encouraged to enjoy the waterfront from these two amenities. It is one of the pleasures of spending time at Ambleside to walk out on either of these piers and look back at the majesty of the mountains, the broad expanse of park and beach, to look across Lions Gate Bridge at the thriving cosmopolitan city and Stanley Park and then turn and look to Point Grey, UBC and Vancouver Island beyond. What a site! It is unsurpassed in beauty. I feel Ambleside Pier should be available to be enjoyed by the public, not dominated by an everyday contingent of crab fisherman who have made this such an unwelcoming destination. Today you might walk down the pier, but who, of the public spends time there or takes a picnic lunch with them. It is

time to take back Ambleside Pier and make it an amenity for the whole community. I wish you could close this pier to fishing and crabbing.

Question 9

Keep the sailing club ramp for the non-motorized small craft used by sailing club members. Close the public ramp and close Argyle Avenue to vehicles. Work with Port Metro Vancouver or local First Nations to find a new boat launch location away from Ambleside. Perhaps there is a site under Lions Gate Bridge on the east side of the Capilano River. The present public ramp is ineffective and a liability at mid-to-low tides. There is very limited parking. The transition float which is accessed from pier is aground and unusable on anything less than a six foot tide. Closing this ramp is logical and in keeping with the objectives of the Waterfront Concept Plan. The ramp has outlived its purpose in the context of a revitalized Ambleside.

Question 10

The thinking that has gone into this Plan is remarkable. It covers a huge array of challenges and finally provides the community of a vision of what could be. Even smaller details are apparent and attempts to be sensitive to the wishes of smaller interest groups. You have done such a good job of accommodating the public at large. The remaining challenge, will be parking for those who wish to enjoy this revitalized Ambleside. I don't have the answers but we all know, if the plan is instituted, albeit over time, it will be a magnet to draw more and more people. The inconvenience of parking in front of residences, well up the hill, necessitating a long walk to the Park will not be appreciated. Just think of the Community Day experience which will probably occur during every weekend there is reasonably good weather. This has become apparent with the fabulously successful John Lawson playground. Unpopular as it may seem, it might be time for paid, metered parking.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Don't let 40 years of inaction continue. Be bold. We have an excellent Council and an incredibly talented staff at the District. The components of the plan are clearly the efforts of many good minds. It is so obviously a community-focused plan. You are doing the right thing consulting the public and some good ideas will come from this process. But please don't get bogged down trying to satisfy everybody. All that achieves is inertia. There's bound to be many small unsatisfied groups that will resist change and that has to be accepted in the big picture. It is always the case. My recommendation to everyone with decision power, please do your job - be decisive, keep the course with the Plan (or as it may become amended)

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and let's get going! These improvements could make this a diverse world-class park area that is not really that difficult to achieve. The main obstacle will be the attitude of those who cannot stand the thought of change. So be it. It is time to move forward on this incredible initiative.

Colin Thompson

outside West Vancouver

February 16, 2016, 10:49 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

A Public Boat ramp facility must be included in the re-design. Many people rely on this facility to access the harbor and excellent fishing areas.

Paul Hundal

February 16, 2016, 10:39 PM

Question 1

I like restoring public space on the waterfront by removing buildings being used exclusively by special interest groups such as Silk Purse and Music Box.

Question 2

You need to remove building at 1762 Argyle and restore Lawson Creek where building is. The Concept plan seems to still show the house next to Navy Jack house with the creek relocated around it. I support removing the building next to Navy Jack House.

Question 3

I completely support the above plan but was confused by concept drawing that seems to show the "Studios" building still there.

Question 4

I am the least enthusiastic about the changes in this part. I am opposed to removing the public boat launch or parking between 13th & 14th. I am opposed to the Bistro. There are plenty of restaurant opportunities on Bellevue and Marine.

Question 5

Please try to minimize footprint of the buildings here if the public supports building here. I don't. Arts buildings and "workshops" do not need to be on the waterfront. This is a waste of extremely valuable land that was paid for by the public to use as a waterfront PARK. Lets make it a park, not rows of buildings for special interest groups. I support keeping the Navy Jack House and Ferry Building because of their extreme heritage value. Also the sailing club is the one group that needs access to the water. All the other arts groups do not need prime waterfront for their exclusive use.

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Question 6

Ensuring enough space on the corridor for cyclists and pedestrians is needed to reduce conflict. That will always be a challenge but removal of buildings greatly enhances its viability. Continuous shoreline walk is very important as well.

Question 7

Connectivity with the business district is very important and part of that is safety for pedestrians. I have almost been killed crossing Bellevue at 17th and I've seen other close calls because there is a serious problem of drivers ignoring the stop signs there. Whatever you design must make these crossings safer than what they are. Maybe enforcement is the key but its not happening now even after the death of a pedestrian last year at that very intersection.

Question 8

I fully support the staging of many of the events that have been done there and removal of buildings proposed Music Box, etc. will greatly enhance your ability to stage events comfortably. Removing the house 2 years ago near 15th greatly improved the ability to stage events comfortably at the end of 15th Street and improved the park experience considerably as well.

Question 9

I would prefer that vehicle access remain between 13th and 14th as well as the public boat launch.

Question 10

Making the waterfront an open continuous park is what I always expected as the vision and continue to expect. Having the park broken up with buildings has been a poor use of public park space in my opinion. I am thrilled that this final vision gets it by removing all the private use buildings that have broken up the park like the Music Box, etc. However enhanced features can be white elephants that break up the park as well lets ensure that the features you are adding enhance rather than obstruct.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

I fully support all features of this plan except the proposal between 13th and 14th. I believe removal of the three buildings (Studios at 1762 Argyle, Music Box and Silk Purse) to open up the park to the public should be the

first priority.

David Reinboth

February 17, 2016, 11:22 AM

Question 1

Creating open space for public enjoyment particularly dedicated walking and playing areas.

Question 2

Green space development including garden beds and shrubbery that capitalize on the long growing season in Vancouver. Utilize colour provided by Mother Nature to maximize visual impact.

Question 3

The District should keep an eye on de-cluttering the waterfront. I like the proposed role for the Navy Jack House. I would recommend not relocating the Lawson Creek Studios to another area on the waterfront.

Question 4

I do not support adding a bistro to the waterfront. It is completely unnecessary and there are many fine restaurants a short walk away in Ambleside. I would support the inclusion of Food Trucks in the Plan so variety, opportunity and reasonable prices are available to the public using the waterfront. I like the flexibility this provides versus adding a structure like a bistro. Keep in mind that a bistro will be used by a few while Food Trucks can be used by many!

Question 5

I do not agree that a new Community Arts Building is necessary or should be part of the waterfront plan. I believe that transportable public art venues are the way to go; this allows for multi-purposed space that can be set up and taken down versus putting up a permanent building. This will also significantly reduce the cost of the waterfront plan. Council should place emphasis on removing as much built in structure as possible from the waterfront.

Question 6

I endorse this proposal as maximizing walking and cycling opportunities allow for maximum enjoyment of this area by the public. I'm not sure about the underground parking lot...will it be susceptible to flooding? Secured underground parking is preferable to surface parking provided break-ins don't become an issue.

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Question 7

I agree with all the proposed elements except the plazas. I would want to understand what the plazas look like from a structural perspective. I would not support built up structure.

Question 8

I oppose the concept and structure attached to a Community Arts Building. Other than that, the waterfront will be a great area to host special events, festivals, concerts, etc.

Question 9

While I do not see any necessity for a Community Arts building on the waterfront, I do see an obvious need for boat launch ramps on the waterfront. The current space seems to work well and I'm not sure where else Council can place a public ramp on the shore line running from Dundarave through Ambleside without carrying out highly invasive construction. Council should revisit the idea of closing the current public boat ramp.

Question 10

I feel that the above list works well provided that list is not expanded after the consultation process is closed. I am particularly interested in seating availability and garbage containers.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
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Question 12

Please don't build up this magnificent space with "permanent structure". Maximize open space and natural beauty for enjoyment by children, adults and the elderly be they residents of West Van or visitors.

Maurice Castonguay

outside West Vancouver
February 18, 2016, 8:25 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

It would be nice to see the boat launch kept with or without parking.

Recreational boaters don't really have any other access to the West Van shoreline. I'm happy to park my trailer further away and walk back to the launch if needed.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

A public boat launch should be part of this if the existing one is to be shut down.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

I would like to see access to the water for boaters with trailers. I understand that the existing ramp may be closed. I see a boat ramp for non-motorized craft. There should still be a ramp for boats with motors.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

Pls keep the boat launch open. Okay, I feel like I made my point. Thank you.

Name not shown

February 19, 2016, 11:47 AM

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Question 1

So much time and thought has been given to this undertaking, and I appreciate it. In my opinion, the plan has just the right "mix" - something for everyone.

Question 2

A small boutique-style "destination" hotel, and a fine-dining restaurant.

Question 3

I agree with your idea / reasoning for this heritage building.

Question 4

I am so happy that the Hollyburn Sailing Club will continue to exist in its current location. It would be nice if some of the Clubhouse space could be rented to the public - for events, parties, etc.

Question 5

I am happy that so much emphasis is being placed on "strengthening" our arts buildings, and our arts community.

Question 6

I think we will need underground parking to accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and cyclists.

Question 7

A great idea - the Ambleside commercial area needs help. It is "out of the way" and feels unconnected.

Question 8

Perfect concept!

Question 9

Would a ferry from 14th Street to Vancouver ever be considered - or not feasible? Would take so much pressure off the Lions Gate Bridge.

Question 10

I think you have thought of everything - I commend you.

Question 11

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Question 12

I think it is an ambitious, but definitely "doable". A small hotel for our out of town guests would be great - so people do not have to stay in NV or downtown. So strange that WV does not have a hotel. It would be a destination for many travellers and bring much-needed dollars into our community, particularly for restaurants and retail shops. I look forward to this project getting off the ground as soon as possible. Thank you.

Name not shown

February 19, 2016, 5:43 PM

Question 1

The green spaces

Question 2

Less development. Fewer places to spend money, buy food etc. all of which take away from the rural atmosphere. I do not want anything too commercial. If I wanted Kits beach or English Bay I would live there.

Question 3

No comment

Question 4

Not too large or trashy. There is something folksy about the current building. I do not want something that looks like 'new money'. Keep it small.

Question 5

No comment

Question 6

Many people seem to use the boat launch is it kind to close it?

Question 7

Keep the plazas small and the green areas large

Question 8

Make sure that any structures such as stages are only there when festivals are on. Most of the year it is enjoyable to have the open green space.

Question 9

Just do not make it too 'commercial' looking. We are not English Bay and

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do not want to be. The residents need to come first not money making opportunities.

Question 10

Keep it low keyed. Do not have ice creams readily available that is not helpful to families.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

Just to make sure that it is a place of relax enjoyment not somewhere to spend money.

Nicholas Lauga

outside West Vancouver
February 24, 2016, 1:31 PM

Question 1

New View Points

Question 2

The plan does not physically separated bike lanes, with access to the waterfront like Vancouver.

Question 3

Bike access to the waterfront

Question 4

Make sure it is open to the public

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Bikes need access to the waterfront, similar to the Stanley park seawall. Bikes should never share space with pedestrians that is dangerous. Pedestrians and Bikes should always be physically separated.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Bike access to waterfront.

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals

Question 12

No response

Christine Ballantine

February 24, 2016, 3:20 PM

Question 1

Keep it as a GREEN PARK! This is why people visit it. People can then create their own entertainment.

Question 2

Remove all structures. Leave only the needed amenity wash rooms at John Lawson Park. Leave the Ferry Building, Navy Jack House and the Hollyburn Sailing Club plus the boat ramps and piers.

Question 3

I agree with this but, NO art buildings on the waterfront.

Question 4

Leave Hollyburn Sailing Club alone! It is managed perfectly capably as is.

NO Seaside Bistro!!!

The concession in Ambleside Park could be made more seaside attractive and quaint, instead of its present utilitarian image! Parking is also more readily available there too.

Question 5

Art buildings are a liability on the waterfront with rising tides, the damp,

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etc. THEY DO NOT NEED VIEWS OF THE WATER, only walls to hang works. The Ferry Building is quite sufficient!
Art buildings can go anywhere but, NEVER ON THE WATERFRONT!

Question 6

This is fine.
But, keep the path away from the waters edge, to the immediate west side of the Ferry Building, as is presently. This will give more peace and necessary quiet for those sitting or lying sunning at the waterside on the grassy area. (Several disabled have quite frequently been observed to use this area.)
Loop the path around to the north side of the Ferry Building past the front entrance.

Question 7

People know where the waterfront is!
NO paved plazas or banners! Keep as natural and tidy as possible. Less is more!
Lining these streets with flower planters and trees would be more park like!

Question 8

This is a natural seaside PARK, not an amusement centre!
The two week Harmony Arts is quite enough. NO permanent staging! It would only invite vandalism and cost money to maintain.
Food trucks are a smelly eyesore, create take away garbage and draw business away from the permanent food outlets who contribute far more to Municipal taxes. People are needed to support these businesses. Do not draw away from them!
Forget the "Arts Plaza" at 14th St. with the paving, the new spaces for festivals and special events! The set up on the Summer weekends on the grass is far more relaxing and pleasant. One can sit on the grass beside the working artist, observe and talk to them.

Question 9

Keep BOTH the boat ramps! They are particularly necessary in case of EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS!
Limit the present monopoly fishing on Ambleside pier to make it more usable for everyone.
NO moorage at these piers, use only for brief passenger drop off and pick up emergencies!

Question 10

Agree with this for the most part.
For year round activity, add a designed seniors exercise area with a small amount of appropriate fixed equipment. (There is a large apartment bound senior resident population in the area!)

For the above reason, add a small attractively fenced enclosure for anyone to practice dog agility with weave poles, small jumps, etc. This would promote both interest and healthy exercise for people and discipline training for dogs. Interesting fun for spectators to watch too!
These two ideas would create peaceful, alternate, healthy reasons for shut ins to enjoy the park. Allow some spaces for people to sit with their dogs at the ocean side, for dogs are companions too! (Many people and small dogs cannot walk that far to the easterly dog park.)

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek

Question 12

Parks should NOT be used for revenue raising! They are a respite from the urban surroundings and must be kept that way. A natural playground for the imagination and natural forms of play and relaxation. An escape from the maddening crowds! A place of peaceful serenity for the mind to unwind. This area is a natural gift. PLEASE DO NOT RUIN IT WITH ANY BUILDING STRUCTURES OR HARD SURFACES!

Name not shown

February 24, 2016, 8:01 PM

Question 1

maintaining green space and beach front.
restricting new buildings and commercialization in park area.
removing/relocating silk purse&Lawson creek studio to more suitable location

Question 2

Reducing vehicle traffic
Safer pedestrian path by sailing club and elsewhere rather than shared with cars and parking spaces

Question 3

Restoring Navy jack house to its original appearance and heritage value

Question 4

Mating sailing club.
Maintaining boat launch and pier at foot of 14th
Restricting/limiting fishing from Pier

Question 5

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Move them both to a new flood protected area or better still bulldoze them and build a new facility for them... Neither have any heritage value

Question 6

Underground parking is preferable to street level. A general principle should be to eliminate shared pedestrian and vehicular traffic .

Question 7

Any future commercial/residential development should be predicated on the requirement that developers provide additional free public parking at their expense e.g. Grosvenor. and restricting building height and size in keeping with the neighbourhood character and heritage!

Question 8

Special events and festivals have enjoyed over all public approval and should continue and be supported.

Question 9

The boat ramp for motorized watercraft is well utilized but should be relocated nearby to a more suitable location to avoid the unnecessary congestion.

Question 10

A combined bistro and sailing club facility would likely be well received but maintaining the hotdog kiosk provides a certain appeal for younger families

Question 11

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- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

No response

Name not shown

February 24, 2016, 10:05 PM

Question 1

I like the added walking space, the more green the better. Less cars is great but it would also be great to have better bike access.

Question 2

I don't really think a Bistro is needed in the new sailing club. Why not bring in food trucks and have people eat outdoors and enjoy the park. If there is a Bistro, keep it very minimal. Also, there is already a restaurant down at Dundarave.

Question 3

Yeah good idea.

Question 4

As I mentioned above, I don't really see the need for a Bistro here. If there is, keep it small. I am also a bit concerned about boat storage and safety with sailboats around the public. There should probably still be a gated area for boat storage which joins to the boat launch.

Also, as the public motorized boat launch has been removed, the council should make it a top priority to find another place close by where the public can launch boats. As an active user of the park, you definitely see how busy the current public boat launch is. I understand the safety issues with all the cars/trucks/trailers, but you can't just take something like this away without finding another location. There isn't another public boat launch that I know of in West Vancouver...

Question 5

Yeah good idea. This is also a great location for food trucks

Question 6

Yeah, great idea

Question 7

Good idea. This is a great spot for a farmers market

Question 8

Don't go too overboard here. People come for the park. Make sure there is enough green space and the park doesn't feel commercial

Question 9

As I mentioned above, taking out the public boat ramp and giving no replacement is very short sighted. This needs to be high on the priority list as it is used a lot.

I like the addition of short term moorage on the docks. If done right, this will encourage people to come y on their boats to meet friends or come for events. Do not add commercial boat moorage here

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Question 10

All good stuff

Question 11

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Question 12

- Overall I like the plan.
- Don't make the area too commercial
- Sailing club doesn't really "need" a bistro
- There needs to be a replacement option for the public boat launch

Eric Deis

outside West Vancouver
February 24, 2016, 10:46 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

Having a public boat ramp with vehicle access.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

Ensure ease of access for boat ramp for users with car-top small craft and kayaks. It is dangerous to launch these crafts anywhere but from a ramp.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

I car-top my kayak and launch it every week at the public boat ramp. I am too old and it is too heavy to transport long distances. The current setup is perfect. How am I suppose to get my kayak to the boat ramp if there is no parking or vehicle access? Where am I suppose to park? Will you carry my kayak to the ramp for me?

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Ensure that the public boat ramp has vehicle access. I car-top my kayak and the existing parking is perfect. It allows me to easily unload, put on my wetsuit and launch. It would give me a heart-attack to have to transport it from a far way parking lot.

Charles Rod Day

February 25, 2016, 11:51 AM

Question 1

It is generally a good plan which preserves the waterfront for public use

Question 2

I don't think we need a restaurant or cafe on the waterfront, not in the Sailing Club or elsewhere. I don't think we should eliminate the boat launching facility which serves many people.

Question 3

I am okay with this.

Question 4

It is probably all right to upgrade the club building and sailing facilities but I am not in favour of a bistro.

Question 5

I am in favour of expanding arts facilities but I don't want more buildings on the waterfront, certainly not large ones anyway. It might be okay to

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build a modest sized gallery (3,000 square feet) to the west of the Ferry Building preferably on the site of the last two houses to be acquired.

Question 6

I agree with the pathways and trails, though I am not certain we should eliminate parking on Argyle, at least until we have parking elsewhere. It might be expensive to build parking under the tennis courts. Perhaps this would be a good site for an art gallery plus parking, with tennis courts on top of the building.

Question 7

It is fine to link the waterfront to the commercial area, but I hope we don't overdo it with features that clutter the landscape and block views of the water.

Question 8

In theory this is fine, but I fear that we may organize so many facilities and events that the park is overwhelmed. We might do damage by loving it too much. I am particularly worried about the so-called arts plaza at the foot of 14th Street. Okay, but don't over do it.

Question 9

The enhanced piers would be expensive to build and could lead to crowding. Short-term boat mooring must not be allowed to gradually become a marina. Closing Argyle to traffic and closing the present boat launching ramp are pretty dubious propositions.

Question 10

The best thing about this plan is that it preserves the waterfront and makes some improvements in terms of facilities and community access. But let us not overdo it; people like the waterfront the way it is right now. We don't need to spend a lot of money and upset the public with too many changes. A gradual and cautious approach is in order. Generally this is a good plan.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Generally this is a good plan, but if it were implemented completely, and too quickly, it could be expensive and upset the public. As people like the waterfront and the park the way it is, there is no hurry to move ahead except to make some modest improvements.

Phil Aldrich

February 25, 2016, 1:27 PM

Question 1

I think the variety of experiences for the public is the best feature. Clearly the biggest hurdle for the success of the plan is overcoming the blockage provided by the railway which limits access to only several points, especially if parking is removed from Argyle.

Question 2

I think removing the parking is a mistake. This will make it more difficult for the public to bring picnic materials, kayaks, paddle boards, etc. to the shore. There are many examples where controlled traffic and available parking enhances the use of public areas. This would not be the same issue if the railway was not there, but it is and is not going to move.

Question 3

Navy Jack Nature House needs to be integrated with the natural site on the west end in order to function properly for nature interpretation.

Question 4

Automobile access to the area will be vital in order to move boats in and out of the area. If the beach area in front is to be enhanced for swimming, there is a potential conflict with the dock area when power boats arrive and leave the area.

Question 5

The original planning for an artists village concept seems to have gradually disappeared throughout this process. Now it is entirely unclear what the concept for an arts presence is supposed to be. The original concept was for an open series of specialized spaces that would function as artist studios, complete with equipment appropriate for different mediums, i.e. pottery, glass blowing, metal work, etc. The key to its success was to make these studios accessible to the public so they could quiz working artists and hopefully be inspired to participate themselves. Younger and other amateur audiences would be encouraged to participate through mentorship from participating professional artists. Gallery space would be part of the mix. The success of this concept requires a critical mass of these spaces in concentrated area in the park and adjacency to outdoor display areas and the Ferry Building, but with enough porosity to keep access to the beach area available for both artists and the public. The style of these spaces was to draw from the original cottages along the waterfront so as to provide the same inspirational views artists now enjoy in Gertrude Lawson House, presently located too far from the "Artists Plaza" area to gain from the potential juxtaposition of these special spaces.

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Question 6

Completing the Spirit Trail is a great idea, but the loss of vehicle access and parking on the inside of the railway makes accessibility to the park and beach very difficult for anyone having to carry anything. The present situation along Argyle with parking and pedestrian mixed seems to work fine without major conflicts. I don't understand why this needs to change when there are so many negatives.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

The Opportunities for Public Art should be closer to the Arts Plaza if that place is to house space for artists to connect with the public.

Question 9

In order to function as a launching area for small boats, regardless of whether trailers are allowed or now, reasonable access to cars will be vital. Users will have to load and unload watercraft in order and carrying stuff any distance will make this task onerous.

Question 10

See comments earlier.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- New Community Arts Buildings

Question 12

See comments earlier.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver

February 25, 2016, 7:06 PM

Question 1

Park waterfront and walk/bike pathways

Question 2

It should be part of the principles that walking and biking have their own separate spaces so both types of users can enjoy the waterfront and be

safe.

Question 3

Best possible restoration of Lawson Creek

Question 4

Expand the club's boat storage capacity and keep boats safe. I have unsuccessfully tried to join the club but they are completely full (in terms of dinghies) and have been for many years. As a result I had to join Jericho Sailing Club in Vancouver, which has a much larger footprint and greater boat storage capacity. I support public access, bistro with liquor license, and boat rentals at Hollyburn Sailing Club. The changes should not be at the expense of club members' boat storage which is already tight.

Question 5

Keep the new buildings small and fitting in with the park space. It would be better to have the community arts buildings outside the park, on the north side of Bellevue.

Question 6

I strongly support the closure of Argyle to cars. Limited space on the waterfront should be for people, not for cars. There will never be enough parking space near the beach on sunny weekends. Visitors should be encouraged to walk, bike or use transit to the Ambleside. Handicapped parking spots should be provided at several locations.

Question 7

Safe east-west passage on the Spirit Trail should be provided, including during events (i.e. no closures to biking).

Question 8

Limit public art. I visit the Ambleside waterfront for the ocean, the beach and green spaces, not for man-made art. Art would be better located along Bellevue and Marine Drive to make the built environment more interesting.

Question 9

Closure of the ramp for motorized boats is a good idea. Consider an electric winch on the combined non-motorized ramp at the club to allow launching and retrieving sailing dinghies that are a heavier (such as 14-16') and by less strong people, including seniors. Fishing should be banned at the piers. I support providing some short-term moorage at the piers.

Question 10

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Include spaces near the beach with native plants. I support community gardens at the edge of the park (away from the waterfront).

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

Please provide separate Spirit Trail paths for biking and walking, like on the Seawall in Vancouver and on the Spirit Trail at Harbourside in the City of North Vancouver.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
February 25, 2016, 7:39 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

A free boat launch replacing the existing one that generations have enjoyed for many years. The only location that makes launching a small boat and fishing within a few feet possible and not dangerous.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

A free boat launch replacing the existing one that generations have enjoyed for many years. The only location that makes launching a small boat and fishing within a few feet possible and not dangerous.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

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Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

A free boat launch replacing the existing one that generations have enjoyed for many years. The only location that makes launching a small boat and fishing within a few feet possible and not dangerous.

Graham Nicholls

February 25, 2016, 7:53 PM

Question 1

Removal of existing structures and general opening up, rationalization and making the area more natural

Question 2

Be cautious about new permanent structures, focus on working with the natural environment and simple, flexible features that align with public parks and open spaces.

Question 3

Seems like a good idea providing Navy Jack's use allows for it to be open to the public. Strong support for restoration of Lawson Creek, which also provides an opportunity for education.

Question 4

In principle, public waterfront should not be used for commercial purposes such as a restaurant. Particularly when they would probably need to be heavily subsidized (consider the value of the land and the cost of the new building), and would draw business away from Ambleside. There are plenty of places to eat and drink a short distance away and their use should be facilitated through this plan. As for the Sailing Club building, is there a pressing need to rebuild or replace it? It is hard to

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respond without knowing what the cost would be.

Question 5

Any new community arts buildings on the waterfront should be used for public purposes only such as display, education and events, and not as artists' studios. Also concerned about creating a concrete plaza, if that is the idea. Should try to keep it as natural as possible.

Question 6

Agree with closing Argyle to vehicles. This will greatly enhance the waterfront as a natural area and address a serious safety issue. But first there will need to be a comprehensive parking plan.

Question 7

Good approach, the two areas should complement and support each other.

Question 8

Focus on temporary, flexible structures for special events, no need for permanent structures.

Question 9

Not sure there is demand for moorage and water taxis that would justify the cost of the enhancements. Agree with reducing fishing activities. Strongly agree with removal of the boat launch for motorized boats.

Question 10

People use parks to enjoy the views, open spaces and natural surroundings. Preserving and enhancing these qualities should be the priority, therefore urge caution about installing hardscapes and too many permanent structures.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

No response

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
February 25, 2016, 8:13 PM

Question 1

Makes waterfront for people, not cars

Question 2

Get rid of close waterfront parking - people cruise fruitless to get these prime parking spots, wait for others to leave, and impede everyone else while doing so.

Question 3

family orientation

Question 4

make this a walk up, not a drive up, facility

Question 5

make this a walk up, not drive up, facility

Question 6

closing Argyle to vehicles is the most important part of this plan - all the way to 13th street

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

motorized boat trailers need not have put-in anywhere that has busy foot traffic. Getting rid of it in this location is a good idea.

Question 10

family-friendly cycling along the full length, not forcing kids to dodge cars and dogs

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

No response

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Norma Gibson

February 26, 2016, 7:44 AM

Question 1

This should read best or least??? least is too much building.

Question 2

Removal of some of the buildings

Question 3

Priorities e.g. clearing all the buildings and all the houses ie creating a clean slate an then working from there to see what needs and should be added

Question 4

Keep it green. There is no need to build and expand for people will find there own uses on the green spaces. The idea of washrooms at the sailing club for the public is good since that would avoid placing them at or near the Ferry building

Question 5

Why does the arts community have to be at the waterfront? Keep the waterfront green which is what people want - see the 3,500 + signatures which each individual signed.

Question 6

Consider places for picnics, parties, benches for coffee, etc. and bike paths separate from walking paths.

Question 7

People will find their way to the waterfront paths for walking and relaxing - keep it green. There does not have to be permanent enhancements such as pictured above except perhaps at special times of the year. ie the August arts festival- keep it green

Question 8

The temporary stage at August arts festival time is enough. I am against a permanent stage at John Lawson - cost and noise not needed.

Question 9

If you increase the activity of the boat ramp you will discourage or eliminate fishing at the pier which is a lovely activity for those interested whereas boats bring noise and pollution.

Question 10

Do not try to incorporate too much "stuff" to the plan some os which will create a "hookey" atmosphere. All these added activities will be costly and this is not needed. It is a beautiful location and site and does not need much to make it beautiful and welcoming

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

Keep the plan simple and remember to think "GREEN" minimize or eliminate building and people will come to the waterway and walks

Name not shown

February 26, 2016, 8:02 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

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No response

Question 9

Before any consideration is given to closing access the public boat launch at Ambleside and alternate launch location should be located and in use before doing so. I use this launch about 10 times per year and it has great proximity to prime salmon fishing areas along the west van shoreline. I invested a lot of money into my boat and one major factor in doing so is that this launch is in existence. If money is a concern I wouldn't mind even paying for its use.

Very sad to see this discussed. And now that I've seen it will be vocalizing an opposition to this possible plan any chance that is given.

Looks like I just missed out on one yesterday

See you at the next one :)

Kind regards,
Bryant

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Please leave the boat launch where it is!

Neil Winkelmann

February 26, 2016, 9:22 AM

Question 1

The removal of motorised traffic and parking from south of the railway.

Question 2

I'd ensure all cycling routes are separated from pedestrians.

I'd close Bellvue between 13th and 14th permanently to motorised traffic. Sell or lease it to the condo developers to use as access and/or green space between the condo and railway tracks. The road doesn't go anywhere that can't be easily accessed from Marine Drive.

Question 3

No view.

Question 4

Ensure transparency in all commercial arrangements.

Question 5

I fully support this but don't otherwise have a view on specific considerations.

Question 6

Separate bikes and pedestrians. This is my most important suggestion. Shared-use paths are a nightmare for both cyclists and pedestrians.

Question 7

No view.

Question 8

Ensure commercial interest don't override our general rights to quiet enjoyment of the area.

Question 9

Would be nice to see a cafe or restaurant actually on a pier.

Question 10

No view.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

Good luck.

Rick Morrison

outside West Vancouver

February 26, 2016, 12:26 PM

Question 1

Improved access and park area

Question 2

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I use the ambleside boat launch during the summer and would really hate to see it removed. There are no other free alternatives on the north shore. The current location is not ideal but is the only launch in the west vancouver area. Can the boat launch be relocated as opposed to eliminated?

Question 3

No response

Question 4

For me, boat access to the local waters is key. this is not addressed in the plan

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Keep the boat ramp as it is the only public access to the local waters in this area.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

No response

Name not shown

February 26, 2016, 1:40 PM

Question 1

The combination of great water activities with arts & culture, and nature.

Question 2

I would like to see a bigger focus on food services. 1 waterfront bistro seems like not very much. People need to be able to gather and enjoy a meal in a beautiful setting without having to endure long wait lists or having to book weeks in advance. There are so many examples of great waterfronts in cities around the world (like Sydney harbour, to name one) and they all feature lots of great food establishments. This is the biggest missing piece of the puzzle for Ambleside.

Question 3

This is a great plan and the only consideration should be to allow enough parking for visitors to this centre. Presumably there will be school tours so there will need to be somewhere for bus drop-offs/pick-ups and parking, without disrupting the regular parking in the area.

Question 4

Allow the bistro component to be enjoyed by anyone, and not just those patrons using the sailing club.

Question 5

This is a great plan and it makes so much sense to have all the art facilities in one place. Perhaps consult some prominent local artists and architects when designing this area so that it is truly reflective of the arts that are so valued in this community, as well as the yearly needs of the Harmony Arts Festival and how they can be incorporated into this event.

Question 6

I think moving the parking to under the tennis courts is a great idea. Closing Argyle to vehicles will allow many other uses of this space, including Harmony Arts, and perhaps the farmer's market, and a food truck festival.

Question 7

Make sure there is adequate signage linking the business area and the beachfront with its new services. An easy access walkway to the food & beverage outlets on the water is key.

Question 8

Due to our climate, perhaps find a way to provide some covered areas in

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front of any stages and food outlets so that events will be well attended, rain or shine.

Question 9

No response

Question 10

The park features are already great so any additions will just make them even better. Please consider lots of garbage receptacles to accommodate increased traffic, and allow some areas where dogs can be part of the festivities. The dog walk fence on the seawall between Ambleside & Dundarave does not work as it cuts off access between owners and dogs, which makes it much more difficult for the owners to control their pets. Dogs on leash are always safer than dogs off leash, even if you separate them from the people. It's also impossible for owners to clean up after their dogs with the fence there, so it becomes a big mess that other dogs then step in. Please allow dogs to remain on leash in parts of the park!

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

Please consider which restaurant operators you give the opportunity to when filling the bistro/restaurant spaces, and don't just give it to the highest bidder. There are some large companies in this city that have very deep pockets, but do not provide the best product. If we want to preserve the unique village charm of our neighbourhood it would be more suitable to consider a smaller, independent operator that has a quality product. Consider areas like Steveston and White Rock as examples of this. Chains are sometimes a necessary entity, but they just don't belong on the most prime real estate.

Name not shown

February 26, 2016, 4:08 PM

Question 1

Boat/kayak/paddleboard rentals.

Question 2

Additional moorage near the sailing club will make it too busy for young people in sail boats.

Question 3

The Nature House is a great idea. Make this a priority.

Question 4

Include rental of kayaks and paddleboards.

Question 5

Public access to community arts buildings

Question 6

More bike racks!

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Keep marine traffic away from the sailing club.
Plan for a lot of amateurs on paddleboards around the boat rental.

Question 10

Parking will be an issue if parking spaces are lost. There's not enough parking for businesses in Ambleside already!

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

No response

Paul Giesbrecht

February 27, 2016, 2:45 AM

Question 1

Commercial activity components

Question 2

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more and enhanced commercial activity and considerations for additional and distinct long-term parking so the creation of the waterfront as "destination" does not detract from commercial retail tenants in Ambleside who already struggle with parking for retail especially during busy summer months and festivals.

Question 3

looks good as proposed.

Question 4

The commercial opportunities will be a key component to creating a "destination" of the waterfront, especially to attract people throughout the year.

Question 5

Consideration should be given to making this arts space an all-year long destination and consideration for a wide range of arts related activities such as plays, fashion shows, music etc.

Question 6

Parking is of huge importance. People using the waterfront and trails/paths should have more designated parking, especially longer term, so as not to detract from parking in retail areas of Ambleside.

Question 7

Enhancements should also be made to 15th street as this is a major artery into the Ambleside commercial area. Signage directing/promoting the Ambleside retail areas should be provided in the waterfront plan.

Question 8

It will be important to make sure there are considerations to make some of these spaces all-weather. Think of Christmas markets, etc that are now so popular. There are few spaces in Ambleside provide for activities to take place at all times of the year.

Question 9

Considerations for ferry service capabilities are important and are key to maximizing Ambleside's potential to become a destination and for tourism benefit.

Question 10

Again, some covered space would be nice.

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Enhanced North-South Connections
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals

Question 12

No response

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver

February 27, 2016, 8:53 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

More washrooms, spaced out.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Create an unobstructed walk with Sea-views.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

The Boat public boat ramp is a valuable feature for small craft, say up to 16 ft. watercraft. The fishing is right out in front and easy access for small boats. in past we have launched early, tides permitting and leave around noon. Parking in the beach area lot is not a problem. Willing to pay for this service. Re-location of the ramp would be a necessity to give vehicle

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access with as little pedestrian crossing as possible, what about to the east, closer to the river? My family and I have fished this area for nearly 50 years.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Looking forward to the finished product.

Kevin Brash

outside West Vancouver
February 27, 2016, 10:37 AM

Question 1

A seawall that runs next to the beach the entire way

Question 2

boat ramps for small craft motor boats with a wharf run by the district

Question 3

no comment

Question 4

no comment

Question 5

equitable access

Question 6

no comment

Question 7

no comment

Question 8

no comment

Question 9

I disagree that the public boat ramp should be removed. The district should continue to provide a place for small craft to launch. I enjoy fishing off of West Vancouver.

Question 10

no comment

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

no comment

Name not shown

February 27, 2016, 3:01 PM

Question 1

Continuous waterfront access for pedestrians, joggers and cyclists.

Question 2

A replacement ramp for public use by cars with boat trailers, and a designated day use parking space for 8 - 10 cars with trailers.

Question 3

Ensure that alternative space is provided for the functions currently taking place in Lawson Creek Studio, before demolishing Lawson Creek Studio.

Question 4

This concept is excellent. A sailing club, bistro, washrooms and rental facilities go well together. However, there will continue to be a need for a public boat launching ramp on the Ambleside waterfront for private boats and accompanying parking.

Question 5

Key considerations are that new buildings be safe from sea level rise and storm surges. Music Box and Silk Purse are charming but they must go.

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Similarly modest buildings would be OK, but consider renovating Klee Wyck for art studios. Studio space is also available in the Community Centre. No need for a grand art gallery on the waterfront. Additional paved area would be handy for Harmony Arts Festival.

Question 6

Continuing the Spirit Trail is long overdue BUT loss of parking along Argyle is problematic. Placing parking under the tennis courts at 13th is a bad idea because of security and flooding risks, and also the waste of money recently spent upgrading the sub-surface of the tennis courts. Suggestion: Take up some of the Ambleside playing field surface for parking, during festival events at least. Suggestion: Acquire the private parking lot on the south side of 1500-block Bellevue and perhaps build a small parkade there.

Question 7

The north-south connectors exist already, so the enhancements are not as critical as other components of the plan. But they are a nice idea, except for Marine Plaza (see Piers and Boat Ramp).

Question 8

Flexible spaces for festivals and special events are great ideas. More paving around the Ferry building is a good idea. Seasonal food trucks during festivals and special events are a much better idea than permanent restaurants on the waterfront. We have the Boat House in Dundarave and there will be the bistro at the Sailing Club, and existing eateries on Bellevue and Marine Drive.

Question 9

Alternative locations for a public boat launching ramp for small boats on trailers must be in the Ambleside area for people who wish to fish off the mouth of the Capilano River. Most of these boats are too small to travel from existing ramps at Cates Park or Horseshoe Bay. Suggestion: Build the ramp at the foot of 13th Street, next to the run-off outfall and provide 8 - 10 long parking spots in the large Ambleside parking lot. It would be acceptable to charge a fee and have it staffed by a person from the boat rental facility. Hours to be set based on need.

Question 10

Totally agree that continuous waterfront access is a highly valued amenity. Removal of the remaining houses on Argyle is much to be desired.

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- New Community Arts Buildings

- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

1. The plan should include a replacement for lost parking on Argyle because, when you make an area more attractive, more people will come, and more parking will be needed.
2. We are a seaside community, and access to places for fishing should be maintained. The fishing pier at the foot of 14th Street needs to be cleaned of bird droppings more often, and pigeons prevented from nesting, if it is to be used for recreational events.

Name not shown

February 28, 2016, 4:59 PM

Question 1

Natural beach environment

Question 2

more discussion with the community
don't hurry this through

Question 3

keep it natural

Question 4

use Ambleside Park more
it's grossly underused and perfect for
restaurants food trucks and rentals

Question 5

these buildings don't belong on expensive waterfront land
why not in Ambleside Park, or on Marine, Clyde, etc.?

Question 6

old people and parents with kids, need parking near the waterfront, so don't eliminate parking...there's not enough already..just ask the merchants

Question 7

There is no evidence yet, that these events help the longer term merchants, in fact food trucks etc. compete poorly
Ambleside Park is a better place for large events
You must promote it to get people to go there, but it is so much more airy

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and pretty, than cramming people into the 3 blocks of Argyle, which gets very unattractive, noisy, and unfitting to the beautiful waterfront

Question 8

move festival events further east into Ambleside Park's vast empty spaces

Question 9

where will people park to take water taxis and ferries?
who will police and provide security for moorage?
we don't need more boats coming and going
let us enjoy the beaches and swimming with minimal boats!

Question 10

where will people park?
how will it be policed if Argyle is closed to traffic?
there is a lot of night time mischief on the beach there...fires, drugs and alcohol to name a few

Question 11

- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

this plan must take into account the serious lack of parking in Ambleside. The merchants need help to compete with Park Royal, and all the waterfront in the world won't help them without ample parking..and very few will use underground parking..especially way over at 13th....take out some buildings on Bellevue and replace the parking that Grosvenor has eliminated..no one will want to park under that building either

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
February 29, 2016, 11:52 AM

Question 1

lots of space

Question 2

There is talk of a reduced boat ramp?? This is just plain wrong for an area with such a rich boating, marine history and an existing ramp that is not being upgraded or replaced.

Question 3

Boating, fishing is part of our culture with zero being presented in a way that anyone could take seriously.

Question 4

Move the maritime museum here and consider more self propelled boating features at this site that goes beyond sailing.

Question 5

I believe this should be more oriented towards the grassroots and minimized towards additional arts buildings.

Question 6

Factor in more, dedicated parking for boat trailers, etc.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Consider heritage boat building, restoration as a staple.

Question 9

I believe they should have two separate boat ramps, and upgraded moorage. This should include ensuring small motorized craft are included.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

I am hoping that sanity prevails and that this is seriously looked at. It appears seriously flawed, through some misguided efforts.

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February 29, 2016, 12:24 PM

Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan

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Question 1

Increased park space and finally the removal of municipal owned homes on Argyle.

Question 2

Elimination of the cars on the Spirit Trail between 13th Street and 16th Street. This is a safety hazard for all pedestrians.

Question 3

Climate Change needs to be taken into consideration on the Navy Jack house; it is too low with rising sea water levels & more severe Winter Storms.

Why did you spend so much money restoring Lawson Studio since this plan shows it demolished?

Question 4

I attended 3 presentations; the ADRA meeting only permitted the Sailing Club Commodore to speak; he clearly wants a closed door club; NO RENTAL BOATS. Mayor Smith said the Beachhouse waterfront restaurant brings in \$400,000 per year to WV; this facility only brings in \$2400 per year. Currently this is an exclusive PRIVATE CLUB. Taxpayers deserve better returns for our properties.

I prefer more green space in this area; open to all the public; not fenced off.

Question 5

I am in agreement here; the Ferry Building needs to be raised up one metre; I think you currently are seeking a grant to assist with this project. The open space to the west needs to be preserved with any additional arts building located on the land currently occupied by the last house on Argyle (Most Easterly)

Consult the arts for proper building utilization; it may be cheaper to build new rather than trying to adapt an existing building.

Question 6

We need a continuous foreshore path from Ambleside Park all the way to Dunderave Pier. This needs to happen soon.

The Spirit Trail currently does not exist between 13th Street and 18th Street. Argyle is currently a ROADWAY; not a SPIRIT TRAIL!

Question 7

I agree with the concept.

Question 8

The Harmony Arts Festival is a wonderful event; the closure of Argyle for

the 10 days is a non issue. Thus we should have more smaller festivals on Summer Weekends where Argyle is similarly closed off to encourage more people to walk and cycle on the SPIRIT Trail. Seasonal food trucks could then be parked on Argyle, not in the green space of the park. I would like to see a summer seasonal bike rental kiosk somewhere in the area. Cycling east from here into North Vancouver along a proper Spirit Trail offers safe cycling to beginners and children.

Question 9

The current motorized boat launch ramp is very unsafe for pedestrians walking on the Spirit Trail; backing up long vehicles is a problem. We are seeing an increase in non-motorized canoes and paddle boards along our waterfront. Cars still need to be eliminated on the Spirit Trail for safety reasons so I assume these vessels will be carried over to the launch ramp.

I talked at length to Parks Staff at the Open Houses about adding floats to the Existing piers. This will NOT work without huge BREAKWATER construction. Climate Change and more severe winter storms will make these floats a huge maintenance expense.

Question 10

More green space is highly desirable along the waterfront. More benches and picnic tables need to be added.

Parking needs to be addressed; pay parking should be added to the Ambleside Park area to encourage the use of Transit that is very close with good service.

More shops are open Sundays to make ends meet. Parking time restrictions in Ambleside need to be seven days per week; not excluding Sunday as done now.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Your feedback form is too Long.

Name not shown

February 29, 2016, 1:00 PM

Question 1

Looks very appealing

Question 2

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Please do not remove the boat launch! There are so many boaters that use this daily during the summer. I personally use it everyday then and without it I would not be able to fish and enjoy the water in front of Ambleside.

Question 3

Very happy to see daylighting of Lawson creek as this is very important to the restoration of fish stocks in the area.

Question 4

I think this could be a benefit IF YOU DO NOT REMOVE THE EXISTING PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH. I cannot say this enough, please don't remove it.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

Build it around the boat launch so it can stay!

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Why doesn't some of this new space get saved for the boat launch? Also we don't really need more festivals.

Question 9

If this is done it is a must that the public boat launch is relocated nearby. Where else will we launch our boats? There is no where else nearby... Going into vancouver wouldn't be feasible and deep cove is to far for smaller boats. Please Please Please keep or relocate this boat ramp for motorized boats, or figure out something with the sailing club to allow for launch of motorized boats with no fee.

Question 10

Very happy with what is currently there

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Do not get rid of this boat ramp it means a lot to many of us.Thanks

Mark Fletcher

February 29, 2016, 1:39 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

As a resident and employee of the district of west Vancouver I think that expanding the piers for short term moorage is a great idea and an area where west Vancouver can really expand. It would really help with the waterfront feel of the community. On the same token the ambleside boat launch is the only launch within 20 minutes drive and even longer by boat so removing that would greatly limit west van residents access the to the water. Unless another motorized boat launch is added I feel it would be a travesty to lose our only boat launch.

Question 10

These are great areas already and can only get better

Question 11

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- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Overall I am impressed with the plan but will be very upset if the ambleside boat launch is removed without having a new launch already in place

Name not shown

February 29, 2016, 2:35 PM

Question 1

Bistro

Question 2

More restaurants

Question 3

No response

Question 4

More restaurants would be great. Need more of a draw to this area.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

As long as the centre ie. 15th st is also connected

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals

Question 12

Hurry!

Name not shown

March 1, 2016, 9:18 AM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

Keep the boat launch area. Do NOT remove this ... or upgrade and relocate it somewhere in the Ambleside/Dundarave area, perhaps incorporating it slightly closer to the Hollyburn Sailing Club.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

We do NOT need MORE of anything in Ambleside/Dundarave ... keep the quaint seaside atmosphere we have already. That is why we like it here ... we like small not BIG! Less vehicle traffic, less congestion ... we like the waterfront for what it is ... THE WATERFRONT. It does not need to be a strip of business ventures.

Question 5

No response

Question 6

If you want to CONNECT people to the Waterfront and have access to the water, then KEEP the boat launch ... DO NOT remove this. it is used by many citizens of the North Shore (including WEST VAN). Not all of us have a yacht at a yacht club. Some of us enjoy outings in car topper and smaller boats we pull on a trailer.

Question 7

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Keep commercial in the current commercial zones (Marine Drive, Bellevue) ... keep the waterfront what it is WATERFRONT. WE do not need excessive commercial congestion (and resulting garbage/litter) on or near our waterfront. Keep the BOAT RAMP OPEN and accessible for the public!

Question 8

People are already TOGETHER ... taking strolls along the waterfront from Ambleside to Dundarave. We do not need added congestion/traffic in this area. We enjoy the waterfront now, just the way it is. DO NOT remove the boat ramp from Ambleside. Keep this open to the public or move slightly to the east and incorporate next to the Hollyburn sailing club. Not everyone in West Van owns a yacht at a club, some have trailered or car topper boats and make frequent use of the boat ramp. Keep the water accessible for all members of the West Van community!

Question 9

KEEP THE BOAT RAMP OPEN! Do NOT remove this important and popular feature. Many members of the West Van community use this ramp frequently. Not all West Van residents own a yacht that is moored at a private club. Some of us use car toppers and trailered smaller boats and use the boat ramp as access to the waterway. DO NOT CLOSE THE BOAT RAMP!

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Do NOT close the BOAT RAMP. Keep this open for members of the West Van community who use car topper or trailered boats. Not everyone in West Van owns a yacht moored at a private club. Some of us use trailered smaller boats or car toppers and use the boat ramp in Ambleside frequently as this is our access to the waterway. Thank you!

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
March 1, 2016, 9:27 AM

Question 1

That the land is being kept for public use.

Question 2

More parking reserved near but not on the beach.

Question 3

Main consideration should be to the estuary. In so doing, accommodating people and buildings should be secondary.

Question 4

There are plenty of restaurants nearby. There are also public washrooms nearby. The sailing club should be kept to water sports only. The club already does an excellent job at making these sports available to the public in a safe way. I would strongly urge the city to defer to their expertise as to any changes to the club and its services.

Question 5

I do not think water front is where a new building should go. Let's keep the land and view clear from as many man made structures as possible. This is the best way to support the arts!!

A building of this nature is better in the city near where people live and shop.

Question 6

Fostering walking and cycling is excellent. Per my previous comment, parking should not be at the waterfront, but nearby to ensure everyone can come and enjoy the park.

Question 7

Provided the park and waterfront are reserved for nature and people to come enjoy it, enhancing the commercial areas nearby is a reasonable related venture. However, drawing more people in to the area without providing support for transportation - parking and metro would be a mistake. It would be great to see more efforts made to deal with issues of congestion over any new buildings or visual improvements.

Question 8

As mentioned already, I would like to re-emphasize that congestion is an issue that needs priority treatment. Once cannot hold events like these without providing infrastructure to handle it Also, any events at the water front should be to support water based activities and wild life. Most of the events proposed, as far as I have seen and heard, would be better held at other parks.

Question 9

The sailing club hosts the sailing school, racing, and other water events.

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Merging their use with general public non-scheduled use would be a big mistake. It is great to hear of promoting non-motorized boating use, but the two ramps should be maintained to ensure safety and good access for all who seek to enjoy the water.

Regarding the mooring and taxi service, this would be motorized use and would be better suited away from the immediate area of non-motorized boats. For example, setting up such an option down by Dundarave would make more sense and not produce the congestion and related issues of the proposed plan.

Question 10

Keeping commercialization away is key to meet this objective. It is a water front park. Let people connect to and enjoy nature. Have new buildings - community centre, restaurants, parking - created in commercial areas not in the park.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

I trust that the input from those who actively use and support the water front will be taken seriously. I would like to know what the leaders of the Hollyburn Sailing Club are recommending and have their ideas tabled for review!

Name not shown

March 1, 2016, 11:38 AM

Question 1

The wide variety of opportunities for the public to enjoy the area, including removal of the boat ramp which currently restricts safe use of a prime section of waterfront.

Question 2

Parking is already a problem so, before trying to attract even more people to the area, develop a plan for more and safer parking.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

Don't overbuild; keep it simple and modest. Most of the proposed

enhancements might be fine if they aren't overdone. However, the bistro will just take business away from other, unsubsidized Ambleside cafes and restaurants.

Question 5

Removing those old buildings is a good idea. The replacements should be modest and in keeping with the scale of the ferry building, and should only be used for purposes that are primarily public (i.e., not private artists' studios for a small 'club').

Question 6

Access and safety are prime considerations. Angle parking on Argyle is particularly dangerous due to lack of visibility; could it be changed to parallel as a compromise between safety and access? In order to better distribute the limited parking, it is time to introduce pay parking on Bellevue and in John Lawson and Ambleside parking lots. As other small communities, such as White Rock and Lions Bay have found, providing both free amenities and free parking for visitors is not sustainable.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Keep the event spaces and amenities flexible, to serve a range of future needs.

Question 9

Improving public access by reducing pier fishing and eliminating the boat ramp would be excellent. Boat trailers take up a lot of valuable space when parked and create a safety risk when in use. There are several safe places to launch boats on the north shore, so WV taxpayers do not need to build another one for a small group of (largely non-resident) users. The direct and opportunity costs are too high.

Question 10

To maximize accessibility, provide more seating so that people of all ages can comfortably spend time in the parks. Some shelter from sun and rain would be good, as long as the seating is designed to discourage overnight occupancy.

Question 11

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Question 12

No response

- Enhanced North-South Connections
- Increased Park Features

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver

March 1, 2016, 1:19 PM

Question 1

the beach expansion is a good idea.

Question 2

keeping the boat launch is critical to this park. no other good options are available for this area. specially during the salmon season.

Question 3

Restoration of Lawson Creek

Question 4

the boat launch needs to stay!

Question 5

n/a

Question 6

n/a

Question 7

n/a

Question 8

n/a

Question 9

The boat launch need to be available for motorized crafts.

Question 10

n/a

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

the boat launch needs to be bigger and better, NOT smaller.

Heather Drugge

outside West Vancouver

March 1, 2016, 5:23 PM

Question 1

I think Ambleside is one of the best parks on the North Shore. It has evolved to accommodate many different users and as it grows because we are buying the housing on the waterfront will become an even larger public asset. I am very much in favor of the plans to restore habitat for fish at Lawson Creek and in the small bay to the east of the Ambleside pier.

Question 2

I wonder if there are opportunities to increase access to the foreshore west of 14th? Is there anyway to increase the beach?

Question 3

All of this part of the plan is great. I think repurposing Navy Jack house for Natural heritage in particular is a great idea.

Question 4

If West Van would like to pay for a new waterfront sports facility, that would be great. Any new building should be built with a minimum foot print to make that space available for people to access the ocean. That bay to the east of the pier is the only place where it is "safe" to launch and retrieve small craft and should be reserved for that use. A bistro would be nice, but maybe not at that location - unless it could fit into the existing space without displacing room at the sailing club for actual water-based activities. Suggest the bistro go in above the existing concession and change rooms to the east. in this location, views will no be impacted by a taller structure.

Question 5

Not sure what to say. I like the Ferry building and its intimate feeling. The waterfront should primarily be kept for waterfront use. Won't there be another gallery further to the west? Maybe we should group arts altogether, but not at the pier.

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Question 6

I like the spirit trail and use it regularly as a cyclist and as a pedestrian. Closing Argyle to cars is a good idea. Right now between 13th and 14th I find that area dangerous. Cars, bikes, pedestrians and dogs all have to co-exist. For the most part they do, but it would greatly improve the experience by removing parking and moving cars. The path from 13th to 17th needs to clearly separate people walking from people cycling. The two groups move at significantly different speeds and this portion of the path, as well as the area close to Park Royal is very busy. Mixing dogs with people riding bikes is not safe. The portion of the Spirit Trail at Harbourside Park in North Van is a great example of a separated path.

If the foreshore trail means installing rip rap anywhere there is beach, i am not in favor unless there are significant environmental reasons. The

Question 7

No response

Question 8

I like public art and would like to see more of this. Stage should be impermanent since most of the year it would sit idle.

Question 9

West Van should not close the ramp until a suitable alternate location has been selected and is up and running. Improving the pier here may not be feasible given that West Vancouver is on a lee shore. Very heavy waves during westerly winds can rip docks apart easily. That said, for safety reasons it would be nice to provide temporary dock space. Because the swimming beach at Ambleside is adjacent to the pier, I would choose the pier at John Lawson for this upgrade.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

No response

Susan Patricia Bowles
March 1, 2016, 5:51 PM

Question 1

We need to improve upon WV's waterfront, the crown jewel of West Vancouver, and capitalize on its innate value to the community. Adding a modern, attractive upscale bistro, as they did with Watermark in Vanier Park, is a must. Over time, extending the Spirit Trail for cyclists and reducing parking, will improve the waterfront experience. Consolidating the arts experience into one modern facility just makes sense. And getting rid of motor boats and all of the attendant boat launching and washing will improve the seawall walk and experience.

Question 2

I think that taking away 90 parking spots will be problematic. I suggest doing it in stages, giving handicapped parallel parking spaces, and eventually creating a parking lot under the tennis courts will mitigate the loss of parking overall.

Question 3

I am presuming that the new facility will be used for educational purposes for elementary and high school students in West Van.

Question 4

I am 100% supportive of this initiative. It will make the seawall experience much more enjoyable for residents and visitors. When I look at other examples of where this has been successfully achieved, I can see how much value (economic, aesthetic and social) it will bring to Ambleside.

Question 5

This is a no brainer. Consolidating the arts experience into a new building will attract more users and widen the variety of programs it can deliver.

Question 6

As I said earlier, this is a good idea, but one that probably needs to be phased. I suggest allowing handicapped parking (parallel) initially and for sure, building a parking lot under the tennis courts, to alleviate the loss of 90 parking spots.

Question 7

This must be linked to the planning around Ambleside's businesses on Marine Drive. We need to attract more retail that is unique (by unique I mean retail that isn't found in Park Royal) in order to improve the commercial experience. Probably a good idea to look at Granville Island and other similar waterfront settings for retail. If we encourage people to walk up 14th and 17th, there has to be a commercial experience that is positive for residents and visitors.

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Question 8

The English Bay sculpture is distinctive and draws a lot of visitors. We might look at bring sculptures and innovative visual arts projects into the public arts areas as they did in Vancouver. The seasonal food trucks have not been successful to date. I think we need choices that are interesting and tasty (like the ones in downtown Vancouver).

Question 9

This is a good idea. I find the current boat ramp beside the sailing club quite disruptive. It interrupts the overall continuity of a seawall walk for sure. I would be happy if we could relocate the motor boat ramp somewhere other than on the seawall and just stick with the sailing.

Question 10

These parks play a major role in the community's waterfront experience, particularly for families picnicking in the summer. Sometimes the garbage cans are overflowing...but otherwise these open green spaces should remain as they are, in my opinion. I would not want to encroach on these spaces with any other amenities.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- New Community Arts Buildings

Question 12

Just that we must maintain and enhance the waterfront, just as we must look after all of the other important assets in WV.

Name not shown

March 1, 2016, 10:56 PM

Question 1

It's really a question of what I like the least - including proposed changes to the existing Hollyburn Sailing Club and the cost to taxpayers to try improve something that doesn't need much in the way of improvement.

Question 2

Less is more. Keep the focus on open, green park space and enhancing the natural foreshore; NOT on commercial activities, hardscaping and new buildings.

Question 3

A nature centre sounds all well and fine, but is there a demonstrated need for this, or are there better uses? As someone else cautioned, be careful about creating another entity for which there is little demand and which uses resources to maintain and operate.

Question 4

I am not a member of the HSC, but I appreciate the tremendous value they provide to the community by offering accessible and affordable opportunities for families and youth to sail. Providing members with a place to store a small boat or kayak is a great amenity, particularly for the many apartment dwellers in the neighbourhood. HSC's success is dependent upon volunteer help from their membership. If people are not able to store their watercraft it will be detrimental to membership and the volunteer support they provide to maintain the Club. A new facility is not necessary and will do more harm than good. Why sink money into tearing down something that works so well to replace with a fancy new structure? It's a complete waste of money. We don't need a restaurant/bistro here, there are many other dining options in Ambleside and how will this impact existing restaurants? If a bistro is a must, then put it over the concession stand in Ambleside Park.

There are enough public washrooms already (Ambleside park at the concession stand and by the tennis courts/playing fields, as well as at John Lawson park, also I imagine there will be washrooms in the new Grosvenor building.)

Watercraft rentals for the general public who will be launching directly into a busy, commercial waterway sounds problematic.

Question 5

Why not wait until the Silk Purse and Music Box actually succumb to sea level rise? It's got to be more cost effective to throw some sandbags down a couple times a year when a king tide is expected, or to raise these building up a bit, rather than tear down and build anew. I do NOT support new structures near the Ferry Building. Consider repurposing Navy Jack or some of the existing homes on Argyle. And what about CAAD? Aren't they proposing to build a consolidated arts facility? The arts don't have to be on the waterfront.

Question 6

I do NOT support the construction of underground parking beneath the tennis courts. Considering the water table, wouldn't this be a very expensive undertaking? It will also result in the loss of the lovely, old trees on 13th near the tennis courts. The parking structure will not create more parking, merely replace parking that you plan to eliminate from Argyle.

Question 7

I don't see how this will link the waterfront to the commercial district. The waterfront is already a great draw, we don't need to create themed

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plazas. Commercial enterprise should not be a key consideration - what's important is the protection of open, green park space for the enjoyment of all. The Business Association might consider running a shuttle between Dunderave, Ambleside and even Park Royal if they want to enhance connections.

Question 8

I do NOT support a permanent stage in John Lawson park. It's an unnecessary expense that will take up valuable park space. While I don't mind the entertainment that occurs with Harmony Arts and the Coho Festival, I'm not keen on bringing in more festivals and special events. The amplified music and PA systems that accompany these festivals is wearing for residents who live in the area and can't get away from the noise - we deserve some quiet time too! Let's focus on nature, outdoors and open park space rather than festivals. Someone else suggested to keep smaller events in mind, such as school field trips, Scout groups, etc. I agree with that. Personally, I'm not a fan of the food trucks.

Question 9

There used to be a boat ramp under the Lions Gate bridge - maybe see about putting one there?
I don't want boat moorage to impact the swimming beach (including beach closures due to pollution), or to interfere with the Hollyburn Sailing Club's sailing lessons.

Question 10

Our waterfront parks are already wonderful and highly used. They don't require increased park features (other than maybe adding swing sets for bigger kids/adults).

Question 11

No response

Question 12

What we have here is one plan and we're being asked how and when to implement the details rather than what we want or don't want. Why was a working group (similar to the Upper Lands Working group) not established to consult on the waterfront?
Also, there is no mention of what any of these proposed changes will cost. Some ideas, such as a new sailing club, restaurant and underground parking will be very expensive. New facilities will require ongoing maintenance and upkeep, yet we don't have the funds to maintain existing assets, hence the levy proposed in the the new budget. How prudent is it to keep spending?

Ron Howard

outside West Vancouver

March 2, 2016, 2:53 PM

Question 1

I like that WV is trying to revitalize that waterfront

Question 2

More grass.

Question 3

I think that that no commercial businesses should be a part of the water front and that it becomes an extension of a park.

Question 4

A Bistro does not belong on the waterfront but if this is on the plan, a business plan should determine the potential success. There is presently no parking for this type of thing and restaurants can easily be used 500ft away.

Question 5

strengthen water usage an public enjoyment of the water to include access to he water.

Question 6

As many people bike the sprit trail, biking provisions should be made on bellvue creating less of a safety issue for pedestrians.

Question 7

festival street should be on marine and not running North South. Less concrete as a plaza and more green grass is sustainable.

Question 8

speak with stake holders that hold events there. identify them and there wishes. seasonal food truck are acceptable. No food services permanent.

Question 9

I'm in favor of anyone that want to use and access the water. WV should be promoting the water front and usage.

Question 10

remove the arts plaza from this concept. Arts can place things on easles.

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keep the area as natural as possible with grass, planters, gardens, beach access.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Please remove the Bistro idea from this plan. It should not contain any commercial businesses. Beautify the Hollyburn sailing club grounds/area and don't add more concrete to the area with Plazas. promote access to the waterfront.

Bill McAllister

March 2, 2016, 4:24 PM

Question 1

It includes something for everybody.

Question 2

More detail re Arts Plaza

Question 3

The removal of Lawson Creek Studios will not affect the planned work of the Lawson Creek Estuary which is now expected to be routed through the park to the west.

Question 4

Be sure to include good launching facilities for motorized and non motorized vessels.

Question 5

the Ferry Building is much too small for present needs. It should be expanded AS WELL AS creating other arts facilities.

Question 6

Don't close Argyle to parking until adequate other parking has been created and put into use. Most of the rest of the plan can proceed without a solution to the parking dilemma.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

The Ambleside pier is presently a site used mostly by non residents for illegal fishing activity, particularly undersized crabs. all the piers should be closed to fishing AND THE CLOSURE SHOULD BE ENFORCED. The present launching ramp for motorized vessels should not be closed until a new one is in operation. (I am not a boat owner - this is a matter of fairness and consideration for all users of the waterfront.)

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

It would be unfair to take away facilities presently in place with only vague ideas about replacement. Any facility to be preplaced (such as parking, motorized launching ramps, for example) should remain in place and in use and until a replacement is in place and ready for use.

David Rahn

March 2, 2016, 4:29 PM

Question 1

The Sailing club is retained - good show!

Question 2

Keep and enhance the boat launch area. Crucial for all salmon fishermen.

Eliminate the "arts cluster" near the ferry building, leave the space open.

Question 3

Navy Jack House is not very important to me architecturally except as a site for a nature display. The creek already looks very "enhanced" , maybe hands off for a while and let it grow a bit wild

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Question 4

A resounding yes to the Sailing Club (and boat launch). No to the seaside bistro. We are trying to support business in our two villages and the landlords who make them possible -- stop competing with them

Question 5

Right idea, wrong place. Art does not need or benefit from a waterfront location. Do it somewhere else and leave this space open around the Ferry building.

Question 6

The mix of people and cars has worked just fine for a long time, but some change is inevitable. On the plus side, what we have now offers good access to those with limited mobility.

Question 7

This seems like a rehash designed to create another talking point. We already close the streets when warranted, let's get on with it.

Question 8

All of these events already take place very successfully, what's new?

Question 9

Horrible. We need the boat ramp for trailers!!! This will be an election issue.

Question 10

Ambleside Park needs much better structures/washroom/change rooms etc. to make it welcoming.

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Real access to the water has been given short shrift in this plan. We are losing the ability to approach and use the water in all types of craft, and that is a very retrograde move. We want more access not less.

Name not shown

March 2, 2016, 6:56 PM

Question 1

Creating meeting places (small coffee ,tea shops with outdoor seating) maybe the odd food truck on the weekends and linking the Spirit trail. Benches in the park

Art venues

Question 2

Please ,oh please keep the Heritage Ferry building and implement the earlier and now totally ignored ,proposed plans for renovation and additions ,we have the space!

Why is not addressed in the new plan, disappointed.

Question 3

Yes, restauration of Lawson creek important.But what constitutes a nature house?

We need another waterfront restaurant besides the Beachhouse at Dundarave,bringing in tax revenue.

Question 4

Absolutely improve the facilities as mentioned above.

Rentals good, public washrooms needed.

Rentals of kayaks and canoes great idea.

Bistro another way of getting people together

Question 5

Agreed the unattractive music box needs to be removed and probably the Silkpurse as well,for physical reasons.

But please then concentrate on the space around and at the Ferry building .

Restore Ferry building and enlarge ferry building space,promote art and craft .do we than really need a new community building?

Question 6

Complete spirit trail and foreshore path absolutely.

Remove parking from Argyle ,but leave a section for disabled parking near ferry building to make it accessible for everyone

Question 7

All sounds good but we need parking.

Parking lot at John Lawson ,perfect place for well designed 2 or even 3 story garage it is at the back of Fresh foods and not disturbing anyone's view!

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Question 8

Not too many special events needed, let the space speak for itself, keep it peaceful, enjoy the vistas and the quiet.
Do not try to make it into a waterfront fairground
Harmony is great. We all love it but once a year is enough.

Question 9

Good idea, but find a space to launch motorized boats.
Let the people fish off the pier.
Again do not change this into a fairground.

Question 10

,good beach access ,picnicking facilities.unobstructed walking, separate bike lanes please.

Congratulations with completing this immense job.
This is one of our prime assets, let's tread lightly and with respect. let the space speak for itself, create venues for our large community of artists to express themselves and put their stamp on our community.

Solve the parking problem

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
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- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Again, would like to see the Ferry building fixed and improved as per earlier plan (a priority) and create an art ,craft and music related space in the same area.
More parking for the disabled and yes more parking!

Simon Gabriel

March 2, 2016, 9:51 PM

Question 1

Hard to find a "best" in this situation. The waterfront belongs to us all and should be left as a natural area - devoid of businesses and the like.

Question 2

return to the roots of West Vancouver - a seaside community living with and by the sea in harmony , in a natural setting - not complicated by human involvement in terms of needless structures .

Question 3

Restore the creek but leave the house alone.
Nature has been bombarded by we humans for a very long time - a little correction may be necessary for it to rekindle itself - but mans structures are an item "en passant",.

Question 4

sailing club and opportunity for physical activity will be good. a seaside bistro is a mistake.

Question 5

Leave well enough alone - the Ferry building is great , small enough to be personal not large enough to start costing a fortune as the years roll on..

Question 6

Walking is an essential part of living . whatever it takes - keep the foreshore for walkers .

Question 7

Whats there is good - dont mess with an already good connection .

Question 8

We already have the Harmony Arts Festival - well presented - well attended - and a joy for the time it is on. If we try to stage more and more events and festivals it will dwindle in its importance and die .

Question 9

waste of money .

Question 10

The park is already a good space - well used , includes things like BBQs and plenty of space for multiple family enjoyment . enhancement sounds like another way of spending money needlessly.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

I am hoping that Council will listen and detect that the publics view of the Ambleside waterfront is different to that of the originators of this plan.

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Name not shown

March 3, 2016, 12:23 PM

Question 1

Access to waterfront and additional parks

Question 2

Increase in number of retail galleries and restaurants

Question 3

Navy Jack House should be a lower priority

Question 4

Assuring that the sailing (should be all watercraft) is for general use and not just the private sailing club

Question 5

Building should be high priority and designed to fit in with the overall concept with a maximum height of say 2 stories

Question 6

Both should be a high priority

Question 7

High priority

Question 8

High priority

Question 9

Piers should not be used for fishing. Most fishermen today are non-residents of West Van and many do not obey fishing laws as to size and sex of fish

Question 10

Coordinate everything and start the implementation of the plan NOW

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals

Question 12

No response

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver

March 3, 2016, 9:34 PM

Question 1

The openness of the area and the improvements to existing buildings

Question 2

allow for 3 hour parking
more benches to sit
rest areas that are protected from the elements

Question 3

If the Lawson creek studios have to go the city has to plan to create another studio. I am an artist and have taken many workshops there and would like to have a place to do so in the area.

Question 4

great idea

Question 5

good idea ensure new building area has more square footage for shows and sales

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

make sure we do not remove any of the large trees and plant more greenery otherwise it will look like a concrete amusement park

Question 9

good idea, limit the time for loading and off loading and make them park outside the area not on site

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Question 10

plantings should allow to screen some of the open spaces.
Picnic tables should be in one area and allow for green space. LIMIT PICNICS TO A MAXIMUM number of people i have seen parties of families that take 1/4 of the area with bbqs and music that is not correct

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

I like the plan and congratulate you on the thinking process..one area that has not been addressed that i see every year getting worst is the use of the picnic areas by large groups and families and not been somewhat regulated. there are families of 12 people + that basically take over and camp in the area with tents bbqs chairs music etc for the whole day There has to be a guideline of how to use the space and maybe a restriction of how many tables/space people can take to allow more people to enjoy the space and not just a few..

Name not shown

March 4, 2016, 6:40 AM

Question 1

Underground parked under tennis courts. Increased day moorage , ferry and water taxi access at pier at 14th.

Restaurant on the two lots on the waterfront is a great idea! It's useable by the public year round, unlike many of the proposed suggestions, and will bring more life to the area.

Like the seasonal farmers market.

arts plaza at 14th.

Question 2

Keep the sailing club, but modernize and improve so the building and facility can be more accessible and useful to the public, like they do at Jericho Sailing center.

Where you have the slips located on the 14th pier, offers no protection from wind and waves, rendering it possibly unusable in windy or wavy weather. Put slips back further into the bay for more protection.

Combine sailing club launch ramp with public access to ramp. That way,

public access to launching facilities is maintained, using less waterfront space.

We don't need intermittent view points on the waterfront. If one is on the waterfront, you have the view, combined with the two piers.

It is ludicrous to remove the angled car parking on Argyle. There is limited enough parking in Ambleside as it is, and the reality is people still use cars. If you remove it, you will create parking chaos in Ambleside.

It is not necessary to have a dedicated Spirit trail restricted to bike and pedestrian traffic through ambleside at the expense of auto traffic on Bellevue. One of the areas of conflict is riders coming off the spirit trail heading west, particularly through the Farmer's Market. Address that conflict, but keep in mind that serious cyclists can easily ride on Marine Drive.

Question 3

Not for profit educational nature center???? I don't think it will be actually used to the potential of the space. Why not make it more accessible open to multi use. It's awfully beautiful and valuable space to be used in such a low intensity way. Why remove the studio buildings? The fish will be fine. We want reasons and space for people to come to the waterfront, not to remove them.

Question 4

Maintain and expand the use of this sailing club as proposed. Good idea. The site is underutilized right now. Combine the two ramps into one good one, and maintain public access to ramp. Larger building on site would intensify possible uses of the site, including rentable areas in the building with a great view. Provide an area for kitchen in the building to provide catering options for rental area.

Question 5

Arts creates a great atmosphere, but remember it isn't a daily draw to the area.

Question 6

See comments in 1. Removing angled parking on Argyle is a poor idea, and will create parking chaos in Ambleside. Everybody seems to muddle through now.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

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No response

Question 9

As shown, the day moorage at the piers will not be sufficiently protected to be useable in common weather conditions, rendering it unusable. Great idea, that needs some input from mariners (I'd be happy to contribute). See previous comments regarding ramp. Combine the two existing ramps, but maintain public access to maintain water front activity.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

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Question 12

Remember that arts isn't a daily draw to the area. Let's put a restaurant on the water and maintain car parking on Argyle.

Amanah Triggs

March 4, 2016, 2:04 PM

Question 1

As the Director of Dramaworks, currently in situe at Lawson Creek Studio, I see potential for a beautiful and thriving Community area in this proposal.....provided that there is a fully active and visible place for Performing Arts within your statement of Community Arts area. Our school is once again thriving and growing since our move from KleeWyck to Lawson Creek and the young folk and parents of West Vancouver are fully supportive and in praise of our involvement with the Community. The Harbourfront Centre for all Arts in Toronto comes to mind where a wonderful centre for the public is remarkable. With the beauty and ambience of the West Vancouver shoreline and environment this Concept has great potential.....Amanah, Director of Dramaworks

Question 2

A small theatre space incorporated into the Drama School would allow for frequent events by the students, involving public throughout the year and especially during festival weeks.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

As I have stated....the Theatre Arts School, Dramaworks, has growing potential for expansion if there is space allowed for stage performance year round, costume and scenery space and admin/office space. Many adults have expressed interest for classes. Should we have the space properly allocated, Dramaworks would be willing to expand into a full time school....Amanah, Director of Dramaworks

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

The presence of Dramaworks...Theatre Arts for the young, (expanded possibly into a full-time school), with appropriate performance space as well as our current costume/scenery/office depts, would establish a vital centre for the enrichment of skills for our young and adults alike as well as being a source of continuous entertainment throughout the year...Amanah, Director of Dramaworks

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

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Question 12

No response

Name not shown

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March 4, 2016, 6:08 PM

Question 1

There is some recognition of the uniqueness of the Ambleside waterfront as an unrivaled environmental asset for the residents of West Vancouver and our guests, and that preserving and enhancing its natural qualities and the experiences that they provide should be a priority of the Plan...however, I believe it should be THE priority of the Plan. Elements of the Plan that detract rather than reinforce the unique land/sea experiences that the waterfront park provides should be removed from the Plan.

Question 2

I would not add concrete or "built structure" attractions...they are not needed...the attraction of the waterfront IS the waterfront. Improve the walking, cycling, non-invasive boating, swimming, playgrounds, picnicking experiences. Permanent art galleries and theaters are very important cultural activities but they do not have a natural place on the waterfront...however, public art and statues (as at English Bay) can enhance the outdoor experience. Gardens and carefully selected regional plants and tree species can capitalize on and enhance the unique land/water park experience. I would not remove the Silk Purse and Music Room, two high-character examples of a previous time...they can be modestly upgraded, easily raised, and protected from sea level rise at much lower cost than removing and replacing them...and their built footprint is minimal and hardly invasive. Also, I would not create commercial activities (like Seaside Bistros) on public waterfront land that would compete with the Ambleside commercial community. Finally, I would include the capital and operating costs of the proposed initiatives in the Plan, along with the costs of possible alternatives.

Question 3

I think the idea of an educational Nature House might be a fine use of the facility. However, I think you need to demonstrate to the community that there is a reasonable demand for that use and present the costs of developing and maintaining the facility for that use. Restoring Lawson Creek is a priority.

Question 4

The HSC is a long established fixture at its location on the waterfront, providing a very valuable and cost effective opportunity for young and old to learn and enjoy boating activities. It has a minimal built footprint, "eeks" West Van character, and is maintained with the volunteer labour of its members. It should not be put in a position that will increase its costs or its operating systems. While I am an advocate of seaside dining in the right circumstances and at the right locations, I do not support "enhancing" the HSC and changing its operation and environment to provide a Seaside Bistro at that location. What happened to Grosvenor's

sales pitch assuring a seaside dining experience in their development? Are we now to have two seaside restaurants within 100' of each other?

Question 5

Public art can have a very important place in an Ambleside Waterfront Park...(English Bay statues; the log/driftwood structures along the WV sea-wall and other outdoor art) can bring a man-made contribution that can integrate very well with the natural seaside surroundings. Buildings/indoor galleries housing art exhibitions gain nothing by being on the waterfront but rather detract from the natural experience...their needs (white walls and artificial light) are inconsistent with the amenities that the waterfront provides..locate them elsewhere away from the waterfront.

Question 6

I think enhancing the walking, jogging and cycling experience safely for all is a priority. I like the Foreshore Path extension to connect at the beach with the existing path. I am against moving Argyle parking to an underground lot below the tennis court...you need a better technical solution. Also, I would consider channeling cyclists on to Bellevue at 13th rather than Argyle...I would think that street could be made safe for both cyclists and cars

Question 7

I don't see the relationship between a range of plazas and north-south connection to the commercial area...you seem to have two plazas attached to the Festival Streets. The connection needs to be 365 days/year but we only do a few festivals/year. How does this concept create reasons for users of the waterfront to continue their Waterfront Park experience by exploring the Ambleside shops and services? Encouraging and facilitating a linkage between waterfront users and Ambleside commerce is very important but I don't see how this does it.

Question 8

Special events and Festivals (going back to the May Day celebrations and Carnivals at Ambleside Park) are certainly enjoyed by residents and regional populations and are a part of the Ambleside Heritage...they must continue and they must be managed to maximize benefits...to both the direct participants and to the commercial facilities in Ambleside. However, they should not be overdone or they will lose appeal and they will reduce the livability for residents who share the area. I have heard that the Plan is proposing a permanent stage at John Lawson Park but it is not obvious in the above information...if it is part of the Plan, it should be removed. It is an unnecessary, built-structure permanent intrusion in the natural park...as a temporary structure during events it works, but not a permanent intrusion that will remain unused for the vast majority of the year. Public art is a welcome addition but not additional, new permanent art buildings.

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Question 9

Regarding the boat ramps, finding another location for a public motorized boat ramp is desirable. Regarding a non-motorized boat ramp, for me the key is that the District resolves this issue with the Hollyburn Sailing Club recognizing fully that the HSC, supported by many WV families, may not be interested in having the Club moved. The piers should be enhanced as required to facilitate their inclusion in festivals and events however, I am not convinced that they should be renovated to accommodate short-term moorage (moorage of what...size of craft, motorized or not, how many moorages)? Regarding a ferry/water taxi service...this is not a Lions Gate traffic reduction strategy...the crafts would be primarily tourist related, seasonal, and would have to be fairly large to be economical. I do not want a lot of motorized activity near our beaches and shoreline. Regarding fishing on the piers, I think it should be eliminated as it is very messy and, reportedly, often illegal and it is not being managed and controlled.

Question 10

What the Waterfront Park needs is more of the same...increased green space; natural material walkways; natural material sitting areas; managed picnic areas; a public washroom between 13th and 17th; educational public (not private) gardens with indigenous flowers, trees and shrubs; public art; family spaces. Create close relationships to the natural sea environment.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enhanced North-South Connections
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

The attraction, beauty and the amenity value of the Ambleside Waterfront is the natural waterfront. It should be protected and its natural park-like qualities enhanced with gardens and green space, minimally intrusive family recreation facilities, valuable heritage, and public art for the enjoyment of all. Now that we have purchased almost all of the houses on the shore, this is possible and we do not need to add new built attractions to obtain the value that the scarce, accessible waterfront is naturally offering in our unique sub-urban environment. This is the vision should guide the finalization and implementation of the Ambleside Waterfront Plan...not one with concrete and new, built, cultural and commercial "attractions".

Wayne OBrien

outside West Vancouver
March 4, 2016, 6:21 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Immediate restoration of the Ferry Building Gallery on its current site, and expansion.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

Set a time line. Set priorities ie Ferry Building Gallery restoration first.

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings

Question 12

Repair the Ferry Building Gallery and proceed with expansion.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
March 4, 2016, 6:37 PM

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Question 1

That the area is being kept for public use

Question 2

Keep the boat launch in it's current location or find an suitable alternate location before removing it

Question 3

Ensure there is a strong educational component

Question 4

Support the current waterfront activities by not closing the current public boat launch.

Question 5

The arts location should be located where the Music Box is currently. There is no need for it to be relocated to the Foot of 14th street. The size of the Art Plaza in the plan is too large.

Question 6

As with the seawall west of 19th keep the bikes north of the railway tracks. No need for bikes on the Spirit Trail.

Question 7

Festivals should be kept to Ambleside Park. Given the other uses of this area there is not enough space for this type of use.

Question 8

As in #7 I believe this is not the right place for large events. The area between the railway and the shoreline is not suitable for this use.

Question 9

Need to keep a public boat launch for motorized craft. Given the weather and tides that the short term moorage could be subject to serious damage unless a breakwater is built.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

As stated above the District needs to come up with a solution to how to provide a public boat launch.

Name not shown

March 4, 2016, 9:36 PM

Question 1

Enhancement potential for local house values

Question 2

Commitment to institute a water taxi or ferry service to downtown and Kitsilano, with a connecting ferry back and forth to Dunderave Pier. Also a small branch library would be a great addition.

Question 3

no comment

Question 4

stand up paddle boarding please and pleasure paddling boats for kids

Question 5

stick a branch library in the community arts building

Question 6

consider a dedicated hover board lane (great PR for WestVan; will be a first in Canada and show that we are a cutting edge community catering to youth as well as old folk)

Question 7

defibrillators every hundred meters, or so

Question 8

a Henry Moore sculpture would be a great addition; and a Douglas Coupland modern version of the same, as long as that is not considered too derivative (but I have every faith in Doug). Plus an old fashioned bandstand where the West Vancouver Youth Band can perform with state of the art speakers built in.

Question 9

as mentioned before, public access is critical and valuable; please think of a connection to Dunderave, maybe even Horseshoe Bay

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Question 10

love the tennis court idea

remember also that pickleball is increasing in popularity so a dedicated court.

sadly there is insufficient space for a cricket or baseball pitch

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Good job guys and gals; please implement asap

Koichi Shimoda

March 6, 2016, 12:23 PM

Question 1

The ability of our diverse community to enjoy access to and activities on the shoreline, beach and ocean.

Question 2

Greater parking areas for automobiles within 5 to 10 minutes walking distance to access the Ambleside Waterfront.

Question 3

Does the configuration and space of the Navy Jack Nature House sufficient to met present and expected future needs? Can the Lawson Creek be fully restored to accomodate migrating salmon and/or other species?

Question 4

Logistics how to move equipment in and out of the Saling Club. Sufficient additional parking for patrons accessing the Seaside Bistro, especially in the summer months when parking is at a premium.

Question 5

Do patrons of the arts really need a formal art centre in the Ambleside Waterfront? Is there a better location for an art centre. Is not the present method of putting out art pieces in the open air a better fit for Ambleside?

Question 6

Access points to the waterfront from Ambleside dog walk to Dunderave Beachhouse for emergencies and sufficient parking especially during events.

Question 7

Facilities are created taking into consideration potential for flooding due to climate warming and/or high tides with high winds. Including ensuring that electrical lines are waterproofed along with diesel back-up above ground maybe even on the roof of buildings to protected them from flooding if they are put in the basement.

Question 8

Great idea but proper execution and selection critical - and not to do too much too soon. Access, parking, crowd control and crime have to be properly addressed and budgeted for - for example does the special event or festivals pay for the extra policing and other emergency services.

Question 9

Access to water activities critical to successful utilisation of the waterfront but lifeguards and emergency services need to be increased in number and coverage of a wider waterfront along with more activities and number of water users such as kayak rentals and users.

Question 10

The Ambleside Waterfront need park space, facilities and activities. But proper and sufficient access, transportation and parking will enhance the usability and enjoyment of the Ambleside Waterfront parks, beaches, ocean, water activities, special events, art&culture and festivals.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enhanced North-South Connections
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Ambleside Waterfront from the Dog Walk to John Lawson Creek is one of the most valuable community assets. In addition it can attract people to West Vancouver. But to enhance their enjoyment and for better use of all we need better access and transportation including more parking.

Name not shown

March 6, 2016, 6:54 PM

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Question 1

That after 40 years there is a plan to act

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Support existing proposal

Question 4

Strongly support an enhanced sailing club facility and seaside bistro.

Question 5

The impact to district budget for construction, maintenance and operating

Question 6

exercise = healthy vibrant community

Question 7

Great idea

Question 8

strongly support this component

Question 9

strongly support this component of the plan. we want boaters to be able to park and visit

Question 10

cost both capital and operating

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Let's get it done.

Andrew Shearon

March 6, 2016, 7:20 PM

Question 1

The different themes used to organize the waterfront.

Question 2

Extend the bike path beyond what is planned and closer to the shoreline.

Question 3

Good as planned

Question 4

Keep sailing club secured to prevent thief and damage from the public

Question 5

Good as planned

Question 6

Extend and improve bike access to the shoreline

Question 7

Limit parking to the area

Question 8

Good as planned

Question 9

Keep the ramp for sailing club and create another one for public use

Question 10

Good as planned

Question 11

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Question 12

Limit parking in the area

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Name not shown

March 6, 2016, 7:20 PM

Question 1

I like that it includes a sailing club

Question 2

The "enhanced pier" will interfere with the sailing club operations, as will the so-called "shoreline protection enhancements which appear to ring the area currently used by all coaches to train sailors. This area is ideal as current and waves are weaker here, and it is contained and easy to monitor. Once closed off with rocky obstacles it will become hazardous to kayakers, sailors and paddle boarders alike. "Protecting the shoreline" would also create a hideous outcrop instead of the beautiful seascape West Vancouver currently enjoys.

Question 3

Idk much about the navy Jack house, but make sure to add historical elements so people understand how he made his living shilling gravel and get a sense of life here back then. Shouldn't just be a house with plants in it.

Question 4

HSC is small and cramped. Want a new building? It needs more land. I agree the current clubhouse leaves something to be desired but a newer, larger one would be far worse if constructed on the same property. Every inch of HSC is in use, and that is the way it should be. That space is needed for learn-to-sail boats, co-op boats, motor boats (for coaches), race-team boats, member boats, member kayaks and boat dollies. The property should be expanded at least as much as the ground area of the new clubhouse compared to the old, any less space than there is currently would cripple operations. Also, it is a SAILING CLUB so keep it about SAILING. Anything extra (bar, restaurant, increased public accessibility, etc.) should take a backseat to the sailing club's primary function of being a sailing club. We don't need another RVYC in WV

Question 5

This isn't that important to me

Question 6

More parking is a bad idea. Why so you need parking for a walking path? The whole point is NOT to be in a car. Cars clutter, congest and detract from the waterfront area. Infrastructure for people and bikes is a good idea, for cars is a bad one.

Question 7

Lots of these words sound nice but leave me with no understanding of what an "arts" or "kids" plaza might be like. If you're making a "kids" plaza include a convenient way of getting around it for people trying to have a nice stroll and not be mobbed by four year olds

Question 8

Keep the trees, keep the nature. We live here for the forests, the mountains and the ocean not for the concerts. Compromise any of the above three key components of this community and you are doing more harm than good

Question 9

Very bad idea to get rid of a boat ramp. The public ramp by the pier is absolutely essential to get boats out of the water in rough weather, I have seen limbs crunched between boats and the concrete of HSC's boat ramp on stormy days. I repeat: THE PUBLIC MOTOR BOAT RAMP IS AN ESSENTIAL SAFETY CONSIDERATION TO BOAT OPERATION IN THE AMBLESIDE AREA. It is simply impossible to land boats on HSC's ramp in even moderately rough weather. Furthermore, during summertime when people go boating most frequently there is often a line-up at the public ramp. Combining this with traffic from HSC would result in back-ups literally hours long (as many as 50 boats from HSC may need to land at once), preventing summer sailors from getting on land in time and creating headaches for coaches and public users alike.

Question 10

The current waterfront should be preserved to the maximum extent possible

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

Please preserve HSC. I have over a decade's worth of summers at that club learning, volunteering and finally coaching. It offers an incredible experience that helps young kids get over their fear of the ocean and learn to enjoy spending time outside on the water. It gives them an appreciation of the great outdoors and especially the coastal city in which they live. Any change which compromises the ability of HSC to function as an instructive sailing facility would be a devastating blow to West Vancouver's culture and community future.

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Name not shown

March 6, 2016, 7:53 PM

Question 1

Art component - I like section: "Arts and culture are a character-defining element of the waterfront, with public art features used to animate green spaces and link different portions of the Seawalk"

Question 2

Remove circular / traffic circle at the end of 13th street. Instead of food services at the "enhanced" sailing club focus on existing food services infrastructure - existing concession building near the beach; no point in spending money for new building when there is already good and operational facility.

Question 3

I like it.

Question 4

Not sure what public washrooms have to do with Sailing Club? Same with the Seaside Bistro? HSC is a place where youth get their sailing training and bringing any alcoholic beverages to the same building is not appropriate. Rental is a good idea but it not necessarily need to be same facility as Club. There is enough space at the waterfront to create space for rental. Worth noting that rental will operate at best scenario June to mid Sep so perhaps temporary/ portable facility will be much more practical and economical.

Question 5

Like the idea

Question 6

I think it will be expensive exercise which will not improve bike commuting very much - it is crowded area and bikers must ride slowly regardless, not point to spend so much money for another strip of asphalt

Question 7

no comments

Question 8

ok

Question 9

making ramps "non motorized" does not imply that one of them must be removed. Again - why to spend money to remove or change useful and operational infrastructure. Leave ramps where they are.

Question 10

ok

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

HSC is a part of Ambleside- West Vancouver heritage, provides important sailing skills for youth, is affordable for members. Expensive "enhancements" proposed for the Club will cost tons of taxpayers money and will reduce affordability of club membership.

I'm very much against idea of Marine Plaze at the south end of 13th street. It will be costly exercise with no actual benefit for pedestrian, bikers and general public.

Generally speaking plan appears to be expensive and rather focusing on improving view for future residents of Grosvenor, than actually improving waterfront access for the general public.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver

March 6, 2016, 7:54 PM

Question 1

kid's plaza

Question 2

so many things need improvement

Question 3

provide as much physical access to the creek side as possible

Question 4

a bar is not an appropriate enhancement of a family oriented activity center

there are so many better locations

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Question 5

is an indoor arts building an appropriate use of waterfront? it could go anywhere

Question 6

yes, a continuous path is important, but it need not be rigid in it location
more emphasis on cycle path - extend, extend

Question 7

adequate and useful parking is essential for full use of the plazas

Question 8

to reiterate - parking

Question 9

motorized boats must go
physical issues must be paramount for success - shelter from wind,
waves and water depth

Question 10

utilize the waterfront for water related activity, but the gardens can be anywhere

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

this proposal has not been created in a manner best benefiting WV residents, they merit a better process based on best practices of contemporary planning

Alex Ferguson

March 6, 2016, 7:58 PM

Question 1

Extended pier

Question 2

Fishing access

Question 3

Preserving scarce habitat

Question 4

*Preserving the unique nature and character of the HSC.
*Consultation with the members of HSC is the key.

Question 5

Representing local artists would enhance opportunities of local talent.

Question 6

More trails like this would be a valued addition.

Question 7

Recreation and commercial activities should be kept separate.

Question 8

A bandstand would be a positive addition.

Question 9

A larger ramp would help and access for non motorized vehicles should be restricted.

Question 10

Improving the cycle path would be useful.

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

Improving the waterfront should take into consideration the wishes of HSC and it's members.

Anthony Rader

outside West Vancouver

March 6, 2016, 8:01 PM

Question 1

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I like the idea of the continuous walkway and keeping things in a natural state with beach restoration and preservation.

Question 2

John Lawson has washrooms as does Ambleside. Perhaps something in between.

Question 3

Depends. I'm not familiar with the original Navy Jack home but I do seem 'modernized'. Is the plan to restore it to its original state?

Question 4

Answers a previous question about washrooms. This sounds very much like the Jericho Sailing Club, which is a good idea. Of course there is a question of where HSC begins and the public ends. HSC is a club and as such members have been able to use it for private gatherings and the like. Being a member I would have concerns about this.

Question 5

Putting it all in one place seems efficient, but you may lose the 'quaintness' of the smaller buildings. Maybe they can be moved into a larger complex that keeps the ambience.

Question 6

Well, you will need to build a lot of parking although I can see why you would want to close Argyle to cars for safety reasons. However I don't think under the tennis courts will provide enough space unless you plan to go down several layers. It is difficult to find parking as it is in the summer, especially on the weekends. You have all these bistros etc. and then exclude transport to them in the high season you may have a problem.

Question 7

no comment

Question 8

Great.

Question 9

Sounds like the motorized boats and trailers are out. Doesn't sound like they will be in again in the foreseeable future. Perhaps this should be part of the plan. Even if there were a charge for ramp use, it would be better than nothing. There aren't too many places to do this and these people are part of the public too.

Question 10

Nothing to add. This area is obviously an attraction for West Vancouver. Many times when the kids were young we'd go pick up some treats at a local coffee shop and head to the beach parks there. It was an ideal family and friends gathering place. Enhancing it would be a good thing.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Pretty much said it. Concerns over parking for the area, loss of the power boat ramp and as an HSC member, wonder how this arrangement will affect the day to day life of the club. Thank you for allowing my input.

Name not shown

March 6, 2016, 9:07 PM

Question 1

Open waterfront with linked pathway from ambleside to Seawall.

Question 2

You need a washroom around the 14th st area. Sorry but you do.

Question 3

Cost of operating/maintaining this building. Maybe it needs removal as well and open the area up for day lighting the creek and incorporate an area for nature talks or education of proper conservation of salmon bearing streams.

Question 4

Improved building with space that public groups can use for meetings or events. No Bistro is required. Plenty of these on Marine Dr.

Question 5

Ferry Building is most suitable for art displays indoor and outdoor when season allows. Needs a public washroom in area. Maybe go with green design washroom with as much local artistic flair as desired.

Question 6

Traffic / Pedestrian Congestion on weekends in this area is a concern.

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Tread carefully before you close off Argyle.

Question 7

Solar lighting if possible.

Question 8

Be realistic, the best weather is usually around Harmony Arts.
Are permanent structures realistic.

Question 9

Red Flag. Have you been on the water in these proposed areas during north westerlies. Great for laser sail boats, kite boarders, surfers. Could be damaging to proposed boat docks.

Question 10

What you create you must be able to maintain.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Flooding is a concern via heavy rainfalls and storm surges so consider this is your all your designs.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
March 6, 2016, 9:12 PM

Question 1

The mixed use of arts and combination of beach/marine activities.

Question 2

It is well planned

Question 3

It is well planned

Question 4

The concept of boat rental, restaurant and other services to the community, will enhance the variety of options for the waterfront

Question 5

Arts has been a key component of the WV community. All the festivals are great for the community

Question 6

A pedestrian walkway will keep attracting visitors to the waterfront

Question 7

Nice community environment, mixing leisure and commercial opportunities

Question 8

Festival, fabulous community integration

Question 9

Expanding boat launch ramps will be a great improvement

Question 10

Wonderful place for family gathering. Well planned

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- New Community Arts Buildings
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

I am very grateful about maintaining the positive alternative of marine activities offered by the Hollyburn Sailing Club and expanded services.

Cathryn Robertson

March 7, 2016, 7:54 AM

Question 1

No cars on argyle

Question 2

Community gardens need to be expanded. The concern for moorage and commercial boat rental has concerns for me. Our waterfront is vibrant and tranquil now, we dont need commercialization.

Question 3

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Keep it funky and natural

Question 4

Sounds terrible. Why would you do this? Are you under pressure from a developer?? The sailing club, is cheap, open, friendly and services all who join. It is non exclusive. If you add a bistro, boat rentals there will be no room for the kids sailing program. If you go over to jerhico there is acres of land for this, there is not the space here for this. Please take a serious look at what you are proposing here. Really stop and look!!!!

Question 5

Keep them where they are, you seem to want to create disneyland.

Question 6

Yes great idea

Question 7

Plazas mean concrete hard spaces. Remember grass is nice.

Question 8

The arts plaza is all concrete and abutts the lovely kids sailing area. Get rid of the concrete ground!!!! We like the park because of the grass, trees and old buildings. Please conserve not destroy.

Question 9

Moorage is a mistake, even though dumping the head is illegal, and drinking party boats these two will happen. This section of watermis for kids and teens, please respect the area .

Question 10

Keep it green!!!

Preserve the hollyburn and arts buildings as they are heritage buildings, and really give vibrancy to the area. Large concrete arts plaza is really unfortunate. Bistro and boat rentals not a good idea. Remember the kids and teens, we dont need another restaurant.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

Please respect the wonderful inexpensive hollyburn sailing club, dont commercialize the space.

Russel Horwitz

March 7, 2016, 9:51 AM

Question 1

Support for the Hollyburn Sailing Club

Question 2

Need to address sea level rise specifically with respect to any structures on the waterfront during storms at high tide.

Question 3

Anything that helps bring the salmon back is excellent!

Question 4

Need to address how existing members will store their kayaks / boats

Question 5

No response

Question 6

The inability for people to walk a dog on a leash on the waterfront trail itself is unfair. On English bay and other areas there are seldom problems and all poop is picked up.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Given the numbers of powerboats loading / unloading during fishing season and the time they take, please make this a wide ramp, otherwise there will be congestion.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

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- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

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- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Very happy to see the HSC recognized for its value to the community!

Alvaro Ponce de Leon
outside West Vancouver
March 7, 2016, 11:49 AM

Question 1

It seems very comprehensive.

Question 2

Support the Hollyburn Sailing Club. The Club has been administered by volunteers for more than 50 years. If you turn it into a public area who will take care of the administration? City Hall? I doubt it...

Question 3

More integration between public at large with nature through this House. It usually ends up being office space for a lucky few who work there... not good.

Question 4

There is enough space to open a new seaside bistro some where else. Why does it have to be at the Hollyburn Sailing Club? The HSC has been here for over 50 years catering to sailors not diners... I know there has been pressure from restaurant owners to take over but is it the right thing to do? Think about it! Its the community we are talking about here.

Question 5

I agree

Question 6

I agree

Question 7

good idea!

Question 8

Could the festivals be there for more than two weeks? Community enjoys them a lot.

Question 9

More interaction with the water will always be welcomed. Fishing activities are minimal...

Don't see what harm are they generating. It's a community activity. You seem to be considering the community activities.

Question 10

I agree

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Again I don't see the benefit in adding a sea side Bistro to the Hollyburn Sailing Club other than finally giving up to the pressure of a very small minority that want to introduce a private restaurant owner to the Waterfront Concept Plan. The community should prevail over all considerations. There is enough space for the expensive restaurant elsewhere. The HSC has been a community activity for over 50 years. Administered by volunteers. Honestly I don't see City Hall managing a community Sailing Club. It is just common sense!

Name not shown

March 7, 2016, 4:52 PM

Question 1

I like how the waterfront has been made accessible for everyone - walking, biking, running. It is a beautiful design

Question 2

Yes - I believe it needs some restaurant and snack bar options. Both to draw people, and to make some revenue for WVan to maintain the waterfront.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

Watercraft rentals are extremely important to draw both locals and visitors. We also need a Seaside Bistro!

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Question 5

A space large enough to present various art installations at the same time. Bathrooms and perhaps a coffee/gift shop would be a good idea.

Question 6

The completion of the Spirit Trail is long overdue. Parking will be in great demand and I believe we should charge for parking with collected fees used to upgrade and maintain the facilities.

Question 7

Increased foot traffic will bring much needed revenue to local businesses. WV needs to ensure that shops and restaurants (not banks and services) are located at street level to optimize foot traffic through the area.

Question 8

WV does a great job of this already!

Question 9

Bravo - sounds good! Eliminating fishing activities is a good idea.

Question 10

Again - I would like to see a way to monetize some of the features. Parking, Picnic space rentals, kayak rentals, etc.

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

I am so happy to hear this is finally going to become a reality. We have waited too long!

Linda Marshik

outside West Vancouver
March 7, 2016, 8:32 PM

Question 1

I like connected walkable areas.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

Since the art studio itself will be removed this would be an opportunity to create comfortable outdoor seating for artists of all ages to sketch and paint outdoors which would enhance appreciation of the natural and cultural heritage

Question 4

Hollyburn Sailing Club is a long-time part of West Van culture and it's fitting to enhance it. Adding ample seating so that people can watch the activities of the club, photograph or paint them would enhance the Club but serve other members of the community at the same time.

Question 5

Try to find a way to keep some of the elements that will be lost with the Silk Purse and Music Box -- space that is available for music and art in a living room like space gave a place for non-professional artists and non-incorporated groups to do creative things. The Silk Purse has been cross-cultural with opportunities for makers as well as consumers of art and music. There has been spill-over as the music makers tell others about the changing art at the Silk Purse. Also some groups at the Silk Purse have done community outreach as volunteers for singalong programs at places like Hollyburn House. Having opportunities for non-professionals to develop in the arts is important in fostering a creative community.

Question 6

The parking component needs to be studied carefully -- art and music activities, whether the participants are old or young, often involve carrying things from the car. This can become burdensome for many if the carry distance is more than a block. Also many scheduled activities are about two hours so 3 hour parking has been very useful to enable people to participate in an activity without making a rush to move vehicles at the two hour mark.

Question 7

While it is important to connect children and families to the waterfront, some of the "Festival" focus of this planning could detract from less structured (more creative) enjoying the seaside for what it is rather than interpreting its existence as an entertainment venue.

Question 8

In line with previous comment -- too much festival entertainment and not enough discovery of the beauty and interest that is already inherent in the setting. The Highline Park in Manhattan is a splendid example of entertaining people mostly by creating a good way to move them through

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a space -- maybe that should be thought of rather than just adding carnival type activity. Carnivals are not unique. Waterfront like that of West Vancouver's is unique. Capitalize on the uniqueness.

Question 9

Fishing IS a community event. Children should see people fishing and see such an ancient human activity as entertaining. Maybe the key to it is to have volunteer fishers to talk about and demonstrate fishing. This would also teach about the importance of this rich resource that is being depleted and taken for granted and encourage people to take care of our oceans.

Question 10

Park does not have to be synonymous with playground. Don't diminish the complex natural features of the place by overemphasizing the entertainment potential.

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enhanced North-South Connections

Question 12

At every decision point consider what is unique about Ambleside Waterfront both for Metro Vancouver and for visitors from around the globe and capitalize on those aspects rather over-emphasizing activities that can be duplicated anywhere.

Name not shown

March 7, 2016, 8:33 PM

Question 1

I like the fact that public will be able to "connect" with the waterfront and water in a variety of ways not presently available.

Question 2

Comments to follow

Question 3

I think the restoration and daylighting of Lawson Creek will prove to be an attractive draw to residents and visitors alike.

Question 4

My comments on this area of the waterfront are set out in other parts of the survey

Question 5

I think the District has a good grasp of the Arts and associated facilities, and I cannot think of any meaningful comments which I could make.

Question 6

Simply stated, I fully support both initiatives. However, I do have serious concerns with the multi-use aspect of the Spirit Trail in other parts of the District.

Question 7

I support the concept of linking, but do not have any meaningful comments to add.

Question 8

Again, I support the concept.

Question 9

1. The Pier:

I think that Ambleside Pier should be more than just a walkway, or virtually exclusive crab fishing facility, as it has now become. In this day of "pop up" facilities, food trucks, etc. surely something simple such as a "portable" refreshment stand, or perhaps a portable food facility could be incorporated on the pier together with flexible, removeable seating.

The Pier was originally conceived as a fishing pier, with a small octagon area for crabbing. However, the most beautiful part of the Pier, the entire far end, with the best view vistas, has now become the exclusive domain of a bunch of crabbers along with their throwing traps and rings, ropes, buckets, fish entrails, raw chicken parts, etc., etc. Residents and visitors alike, wishing to utilize the nice built-in seating at the end of the Pier, in order to relax and take in the ever-busy ocean views, or take in the views of the mountains and Stanley Park can no longer do so.

The District previously, and successfully, dealt with the crabbing problem at Dundarave Pier, but the problem simply migrated, and found a new home at Ambleside Pier.

Whether by its Parks Bylaw, or a re-visioning of, or design modifications to, the existing Pier the District has the means and the planning resources to revitalize this wonderful amenity for the public as a whole; not simply a few.

2. The Boat Ramp:

I am a small, power boat owner. However, I believe that the around the

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Sailing Club should be devoted to non-motorized boating activities. As a first step, the present Boat Ramp should be removed. It serves only a limited few for limited periods. It relies on cars, trucks and trailers; none of which should be anywhere near this area. If there is to be consideration for any watercraft in this area, (in addition to the Sailing Club boats) it could provide improved access and associated facilities for kayaks, stand on paddle boards, row boats and similar non-motorized craft. And perhaps some temporary docking for such craft.

An exception to this principle of no motorized craft could be having temporary mooring buoys in conjunction with events such as the Harmony Festival. However, even that could give rise to problems. For example, if several boaters decided, to raft together on the buoys for prolonged periods, to ensure their early morning access to the area fishing, you could have all manner of power boats, with their associated gas and oil residue, creating a real nuisance in a somewhat confined area. Not to mention the risk to swimmers in the area as boats come and go to and from the buoys. And, any suggestion of somehow restricting the use of the buoys would likely prove to be (1) an unnecessary expense of enforcement, and (2) ineffective.

Consideration could also be given to the renting of non-motorized watercraft, although I would prefer to see any such facility or service being provided by an organization other than the District. The same would apply to any dining or refreshment facilities on the Pier or a proposed bistro.

Question 10

No meaningful comments to add.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

No

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
March 7, 2016, 9:22 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

The HSC is a fixture in this part of WestVan and should remain so; the very accessible club needs to remain such even with an 'enhanced' image; sometimes enhancing takes away the inherent personality of a building, so the original outlay should be kept in mind and the appropriate club reps should continued to be consulted; the club is a great opportunity for families to do Vancouver water sport - if businesses are added, one shall perhaps rather add them on the other side of the tracks, not directly on the seaside

Question 5

would be great to keep an artistic element, making sure however that it reflects the interest of the Vancouver artistic community

Question 6

it would be great to have a continuous path to walk, bike and roll on

Question 7

Waterfront is closely connected to the business zone a little further north; it would be great NOT having businesses too close to the waterfront - which should remain a rather business free zone

Question 8

No response

Question 9

it would be good to keep a public ramp close to the Hollyburn Sailing Club; their visual presentation and access could be improved if only to make sure that the pedestrians' safety is ensured

Question 10

would be lovely to have not a cemented path-way but rather one a little closer to nature

Question 11

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Question 12

The enhancement of the Hollyburn Sailing Club should not automatically go together with a Seaside Bistro - on the contrary - HSC should remain independent or be combined with a restaurant option only if a business plan would prove the viability of such a business and if such a business would not interfere with the usual club activities; in general, I would wish that the commercialisation remains as far away from the waterfront as possible.

Tina Richter

outside West Vancouver

March 8, 2016, 1:55 AM

Question 1

The continuous walkway

Question 2

Keep the attraction the waterfront. No need for restaurants.

Question 3

Lawson Creek serves a vital purpose for the North Shore Artist Guild who holds many workshops in which non-members may also participate. In addition, NSAG also hosts painting groups at Lawson Creek studios. Monies that have been recently spent on renovations will be wasted if he building is torn down.

Question 4

I have never felt that the holly burn sailing club was open to the public and I am not sure why it would be expanded. Restaurants along the waterfront are not for all to enjoy. The waterfront should be the main attraction.

Question 5

I can well imagine that the buildings (Lawson Creek Studios and Silk Purse) would be torn down before any other buildings are completed and then, sadly, but conveniently, the plans change and no replacement buildings are built. Keep the existing buildings and first build the replacement buildings. The rising sea level rationale is really laughable. If that is truly a concern then all buildings should be removed from the waterfront immediately.

Question 6

Try to keep the pathway as natural as possible

Question 7

Think Nature

Question 8

I think that an outdoor classroom would be a welcome addition. No walls but seats and a podium

Question 9

No response

Question 10

The community gardens should still be right to the waterfront. That gives west van some of its charm. Just green space is charmless

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
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Question 12

Please keep Lawson Creek Studios and the Silk Purse. They are existing attractions and vital.

Denise Grams

outside West Vancouver

March 8, 2016, 9:24 AM

Question 1

I like the park the way it is. I'm not happy that the plan is to take down the Lawson building.

Question 2

There seems like a lot of congestion on the east end - what about parking?

Question 3

Please consider retaining the Lawson Creek arts centre. It is a very busy centre with artist groups and workshop activity. A significant amount of money has been put into upgrading this building not that long ago. It would be a waist of money and a wonderful resource to lose it.

Question 4

Parking is a key consideration if you go ahead with this plan.

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Question 5

Minimal cost for artists to use this facility and parking. Always parking is an issue.

Question 6

Keep it as natural as possible. Walking on a natural pathway rather than blacktop or concrete is so much better.

Question 7

Many Crosswalks,

Question 8

N/A

Question 9

N/A

Question 10

More places for picnic tables and chairs, gardens, lawns and trees

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

If you have decided to remove the Lawson centre, leave it to the last so that artists are not left without a place to meet and paint.

Name not shown

March 8, 2016, 3:47 PM

Question 1

more green space; Nature House; rerouting Lawson Creek

Question 2

delete bistro; leave Argyle intact, do not close it in favour of Spirit Trail

Question 3

Very much in favour of this component

Question 4

bistro is very prejudicial to existing Ambleside restaurants and should not be permitted and does not enhance waterfront

Question 5

Very much in favour of this component; would be improved if 97 parking spaces on N. side of Argyle and 9 spaces on S. side (adjacent to Ferry Bldg) were retained.

Question 6

Strongly oppose this, because of loss of parking, loss of needed access by emergency vehicles and municipal service vehicles. Currently accommodates bicycles and pedestrians, so what is being gained by proposal?? Guideline says "CONSIDER eliminating public parking and vehicular access on all parts of Argyle Ave." "Considered, and rejected as impractical and a very bad idea! This Guideline is permissive, NOT mandatory.

Question 7

I am in favour of this component.

Question 8

Within limits, I am in favour of this. Should not be done at expense of significant lawn areas or view corridors.

Question 9

I am in favour of this, except that new moorage slips appear wide open to big westerlies.

Question 10

See my comments above re parking. District should acquire the triangular lot at SE corner of 16th & Bellevue now while it can, for additional parking

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Thanks to all involved with this Plan! Love Lawson Park, Seawall, and walk every day either from J. Lawson Park to Dundarave Pier and return, or from J. Lawson Park o doggie walk and junction of Capilano estuary and railway bridge, and love the whole area very much.

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John Stewart

March 8, 2016, 4:27 PM

Question 1

More green space. Hopefully also the continuation of a car-free Sprit Trail. Lack of commercialisation of the area, ie no new restaurants, coffee shops etc.

Question 2

No response

Question 3

I agree with these plans

Question 4

The club is an old and unlovely building and could do with some "refreshing". However I would not like to see it become large, modernistic with a big bistro element to it. Something simple like a balcony for coffee, drinks and simple snacks overlooking the sea would be nice. The word "bistro" implies to me a proper restaurant, which I think would be going too far. There are quite a few already in Ambleside. Public bathrooms here or in another building in this area are mandatory.

Question 5

Clustering the arts component around the Ferry building makes sense. Make sure one or more includes bathrooms! Agree the old Music Box and Silk Purse have their deficiencies. Any new arts buildings should reflect the vintage/heritage style of the Ferry building.

Question 6

Agree with these plans

Question 7

No response

Question 8

A considerable danger is to conceive of this whole area to be for numerous festivities to "bring people together". Many folk simply want quiet open space by the sea and beach to enjoy themselves without many formal events.

Question 9

Access for non-motorized boats here is important. I think its only fair that

there be access for motorized ones in W Van, but much better in another location if such can be found.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

In general, it appears to be well thought-out and I support it.

Thomas Zimmerman

March 8, 2016, 4:43 PM

Question 1

The recognition that the Ambleside waterfront should maximize its potential as a PUBLIC recreation space that is intrinsically connected to Ambleside and the West Vancouver coastline. Adjacency to the waterfront is the single most important distinguishing feature of the Ambleside Town Centre.

Also, the recognition that it is the NATURAL amenities of the area - the water, the view, the beach, rocks, sand, grass and trees that are its most import asset.

Question 2

I suggest more emphasis on the connection with Ambleside Beach and the Seawall walk to Dunderave. Also a de-emphasis on filling up the space with permanent structures and permanent programmed activities such as the retention and expansion of the Sailing Club and any permanent private eating facilities.

Question 3

I support the retention the Navy Jack House and restoring it as a future home of community based resources, either a Nature Centre of perhaps a new home for the Archives. I strongly support the removal of the Lawson Creek Studios building as it has little if any merit as a structure retained in such an important location.

Question 4

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This is the one proposal I have the most serious concerns about.

The area the club presently occupies is the narrowest and most congested along the waterfront. The Club and associated activity simply does not physically fit. Although the clubhouse is small, the walled boat storage area is significant and severely restricts open and safe public passage from the Ambleside Waterfront Park to and from Ambleside Beach. It presents a visual and physical barrier and in so doing is a very negative component of any future plan.

The Sailing Club and adjacent boat ramp should be removed and relocated.

I suggest a location to the East be considered and I am attaching diagrams sent by separate email of a potential new location.

I would also oppose any private destination restaurant that would be allowed at this location as it would compete for parking and with new and existing restaurants in the Ambleside Town Centre. However, it could be included with the relocated Sailing Club and boat launch to help defray costs of the new location.

If allowed to persist at the present location, I suggest this would be the most regretted decision made at this time when considered in the long term.

Question 5

I also have some reservations about the idea of filling up the waterfront area with a lot of cultural facilities. A gallery such as the Ferry Building may be fine, for heritage reasons and perhaps with a small expansion, but relocating the Music Box or Silk Purse on the waterfront serves little public purpose and they could perhaps be better located elsewhere in Ambleside.

Question 6

Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Promenade and removing existing private structures are the most important objectives of the plan.

The pathways provide the most critical physical link and an important sense of connectedness along the waterfront.

The foreshore path should be considered a promenade and be of substantial width to accommodate inevitable increased use in the future.

The 2 houses at the foot of 15th St. that have been vacant for several years should be removed immediately.

As a tennis player who regularly uses the 13th St. courts, I enthusiastically support the initiative to provide expanded parking covered by 4 new tennis courts at this location. The intersection at 13th should be made more pedestrian friendly as, at present, there is no crosswalk.

Question 7

Enhancing greater visibility and ease of access between the greater community and the waterfront should be a priority. I am attaching Diagram 4 by separate email, suggesting the importance of the intersections along Bellevue to assist in achieving this.

Question 8

The Harmony Arts Festival is fabulous and will improve every year with more space and enhanced continuity of pedestrian circulation.

I fully support this general initiative.

Perhaps the Sunday Farmers Market now requiring the blocking off of Bellevue between 15th and 16th can be moved to the south of the tracks. Bellevue St. would then be able to accommodate more parking.

Question 9

I support the development, enlargement and enhancement of the Piers and any short term public mooring facilities which will help enliven the waterfront and (hopefully) bring people to the shops and restaurants of Ambleside.

I do not support any fixed concrete boat ramps or fixed sailing club related activities.

Question 10

Other than well designed seating areas, carefully landscaped gardens and plazas, a few more picnic areas and perhaps a significant piece of sculpture or two, I would not support further incroachments on the natural open space of the public realm.

I do not support community gardens in this area due to the fact they lock up significant amounts of space and are of limited, restricted use. Not really fully public. As well, they do not require a waterfront location.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enhanced North-South Connections

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Question 12

What I think are the key components of the Action Plan:

1. Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Promenade. Immediate removal of the two vacant houses at the foot of 15th. Expanded parking with tennis courts.
2. Planned removal asap of parking and relocation of existing waterfront facilities including the Sailing Club, Music Box and Lawson Creek Studios.
3. Reinforce the North South connections by enhancing the Bellevue St. intersections. Also create zoning in the Ambleside Town Centre which would include incentives for the development community to provide parking in future developments which would translate into parking for the waterfront area.

As a resident owner in lower Ambleside for the past 24 years, I thank you for your consideration and look forward to finally seeing real action on most of these initiatives.

Name not shown

March 8, 2016, 5:30 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

No response

Question 3

No response

Question 4

We should not need to expand such "opportunities" - bistro, public rentals, community space, washrooms etc - leave the shore informal and natural. (There are already 2 sets of public washrooms along the shore.)

Question 5

It would be a pity to use wonderful shore space for more Arts Buildings. Leave the Music Box, Navy Jack Nature House, Ferry Building and Silk Purse as they are now - historic buildings - and put "New Community Arts Buildings" somewhere on the north side of the railway tracks.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

The map seems to imply that "Plazas" will be created down near the shore - one just below (SE) of the playground, and the other over at the Ferry Building. Such changes to those locations would make a huge, and unpleasant, change to those areas. It would retain the rural feeling of the shore if such changes were done elsewhere such as north of the railway tracks (as with your plan for "Festival Streets").

Question 8

The waterfront does not need to be "enlivened". It is spacious and natural. Do not turn it into a circus.

Question 9

Please do not build short-term boat moorage and implement ferry/taxi services. The fishing from the pier is a major bonus to those of us who enjoy wildlife: it increases our chance of seeing seals. Activities involving motorized boats would keep the wildlife away - a loss to us all. The piers should be left as they are, and with no added activities or mooring. This shore is not the place for motorised boats. Wildlife such as the eagles and the seals make the Ambleside shore unique and it would be a great pity to allow noise, in both in the water and on the land, change that forever.

Question 10

The aim should be to leave the area natural and uncluttered and as attractive to wildlife as possible. Please do not turn this area into a trendy, noisy, sculptured events plaza (as in old-fashioned seaside towns). It does not need to be "enlivened".

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

No response

James Cruikshank

March 8, 2016, 6:24 PM

Question 1

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It has been said that the greatest attraction of the waterfront is the waterfront itself. Neither council or the planners seem to have listened and can't resist tinkering with what already works. The waterfront, as it is, brings us tens of thousands of visitors every year and hundreds more who are eager to spend millions of dollars for the privilege of living on or near the Ambleside waterfront. If there is anything that I like, it is the retention of the sailing club without the unnecessary bistro.

Question 2

Far less 'air brushing'. The removal of much-loved and much used Music Box and Silk Purse under the pretext of them being subject to sea level rise (When? 30 years?) in order to justify the future white elephant of an art gallery ("appropriately designed buildings") on the same waterfront, which apparently would not be subject to the same sea level rise is hypocritical. As a 70 year resident of Ambleside, I would simply say, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Question 3

Sensitively restore Navy Jack to reflect its 1873 heritage. Retain it as an 1873 artifact, a museum, furnish it to reflect the era and don't repurpose it as a "nature centre".

Question 4

All good, but listen to the majority of the people and forget the bistro. Besides, when ever the district gets into the restaurant business it goes wrong. Has anyone been to the Gleneagles Gold Club restaurant recently?

Question 5

The "New Community Arts Buildings" are not needed. We have the Ferry building; we have the Gertrude Lawrence house; North Van will soon have a new Presentation House Gallery and the city will have a new VAG. We do not need to have more in West Van to join the competition.

Question 6

Keep an eye on the budget and realize we already have more riches than most communities.

Question 7

Seems to me to be already well linked.

Question 8

Once again the district is dismissing what already exists. Isn't the view of the harbour, the freighters, the bridge, the park, the city, the cloud formations, the sunsets enough? What needs enlivening?????

Question 9

I no longer have a boat. But friends who do see the removal of the boat ramp BEFORE an alternative is found to be poor and thoughtless planning.

Question 10

As your intro to this section makes clear, we already have tons of amenities. Why do we need more? This begins to look more and more like a make work project for the parks and planning departments.

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

See above.

Name not shown

March 8, 2016, 8:45 PM

Question 1

No response

Question 2

The plan talks about the need for commercial activities on the waterfront. The current well-used Hollyburn Sailing Club is non-profit, member-operated, and inexpensive for families to join and keep their own boats. We must ensure this model of access to the water for boaters is retained -- we don't want access reserved for commercial rental companies.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

The HSC has a lease of this space that must be respected. There is no evidence of need for commercial bistro space in this building. This is a boating club, not a restaurant, and works well as such. Why take business from the current locations of the many coffee shops in the neighbourhood? Keep this space for people who want to get on the water in a boat. This is the only facility for miles around that serves this important need for our community.

Question 5

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I think it's a big mistake to lose the Ferry Building. Relocate the gallery by all means but the building should be retained and repurposed. It's a gem.

Question 6

The surface material in JL Park is ok, but sub-ideal as a walking path. Frequently muddy and pot-holed in the winter, and when dry gets sand in your shoes. Use something much more solid, similar to the seawall, and people will use it all year as they now do the sea wall.

Question 7

Not sure what is meant by 'green' themed. If this just means environmentally sound principles, that should guide the whole project. In 10 years this 'theme' will seem dated, insipid and uninspired.

Question 8

Be careful not to overdo it. The waterfront is where we expect to find nature, opportunities for contemplation, and similar values. Waterfront events like Harmony Arts are fun for everyone -- partly because they are infrequent.

Question 9

Launch facilities for motorized boats are critical to getting folks out on the water to enjoy our ocean. While I personally appreciate the emphasis on non-motorized, many members of our community enjoy fishing and there's no reason to exclude them from this plan. Also, motorized boats as support are a requirement for sailing lessons, sailing races, etc.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Please leave Hollyburn Sailing Club alone. It's a fantastic community amenity. It doesn't need a bistro or other for-profit element.

Joyce Goodwin

outside West Vancouver
March 8, 2016, 11:14 PM

Question 1

access to the waterfront retained.

Question 2

As an artist who paints at Lawson studio every week and participates in art exhibitions there I would like to know what will replace Lawson studio. Artists need an affordable place to paint not only to exhibit. Lawson is much used and would be a great loss not just to artists but to the community who see us at work there.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

There needs to be a space that is affordable for artists to work and create.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals

Question 12

Just to be aware that artists need space to create as well as exhibit.

patricia windsor

outside West Vancouver

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March 8, 2016, 11:31 PM

Question 1

I'm happy to see that "arts & Culture" are remembered.

Question 2

It looks like a well thought out plan

Question 3

Keep the Lawson Studio

Question 4

definitely, keeping the sailing club

Question 5

definitely, keep the Lawson Studio

Question 6

great idea

Question 7

great idea

Question 8

yes, great idea

Question 9

yes, access to water use, a must

Question 10

great idea

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals

Question 12

please keep the Lawson Studio building.

Name not shown

March 9, 2016, 9:05 AM

Question 1

Planned by professionals

Question 2

Keep the Silk purse for the artists. There are many artists in West Van who need this venue to create and show beautiful work representing our culture.

Question 3

Both of these buildings provide important space for on-going arts programs and exhibits. Please be sure to allow space for these things in this plan.

Question 4

good

Question 5

Be sure that there are many smaller individual areas for artists to gather for teaching and workshops. Not just shops for the public.

Question 6

Great but we already have a wonderful seawall for walking and ocean access.

Question 7

Not sure if this is needed.

Question 8

The waterfront is lively now. do not commercialize it. Lovers of nature art and fitness don't want "Granville Island like" chaos and congestion. What we have is so special!

Question 9

Kayak launching area.

Question 10

Benches and another 2 -3 picnic tables

Question 11

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- New Community Arts Buildings
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path

Question 12

Keep it natural, wheel chair accessible, with quiet areas so friends can talk. Make several workshop buildings for creative artists.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
March 9, 2016, 1:42 PM

Question 1

upgrade and access to waterfront

Question 2

Ensure that the Hollyburne Sailing Club is maintained so it can continue to provide thi invaluable service

Question 3

ensure that public needs are catered for.
No charges (ie admission or whatever)

Question 4

An an enhanced hollyburne sailing club,
administered on the same model as has been for last 50 years. It has proven to work well.

Question 5

Developing leasure facilities for the general public.
This would encompass the arts and water activities

Question 6

Your proposed plan appears to have it all covered

Question 7

as per your proposed plan

Question 8

You have answered it in your question

Question 9

ensure boat ramp is not against pier as it makes for a more difficult launch when wind is directly off sea.

Question 10

Realizing Ambleside Waterfront Park

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Evolving Pier and Boat Ramp Functions

Question 12

I reall would like to see continuity of the Hollyburne Sailing Facility, and am concerned that other interests do not see the relevance of the skills that have been instilled in the thousands of kids who have grown up and passed on thier experiences to their families. It is part of this districts heritage.

Name not shown

March 9, 2016, 4:02 PM

Question 1

The restoration of the area around Navy Jack House to enhance Lawson Creek: keeping in mind that the house will need to be placed on higher ground to ensure protection against flooding. Additionally, it is important to ensure that the restoration of the area uses native plantings and works to assist in the health of the creek. I like the creation of the Spirit trail along Argyle that is open to bikes and pedestrians.

Question 2

Explore use of micro-clover or other mixes of plantings in areas where there will be high usage on grassy areas to protect against Chafer beetle infestations of the grass that will cause the areas to be torn apart by beaked and pawed predators. Provide a mix of seating and benches that have a mix of armrests and no armrests to accommodate people who need to have rest spots but may require armrests (or be hindered by armrests) to help them sit or stand. Place these in various locations along the routes of the waterfront, park area, and spirit trail keeping them out of the main pathways of travel so as not to impede the flow of traffic. For the buildings to be removed (any that are not rotted out and any such as the restored Lawson Creek Studios) should be offered for auction to be barged away to reduce waste. Additionally, all other buildings to be removed should have all reclaimable building materials re-purposed or recycled. Showcase how the District can be zero-waste for the removal of these buildings.

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Question 3

I'm in agreement with changes proposed to Navy Jack. As per above, sell or auction off Lawson Creek Studios to be barged away. Add native trees to the area to block out the power substation in the background so that viewing from the foreshore people will see what looks as close as possible to an original historic/natural setting that would have existed when the house was originally built. Ensure planting of native species with an eye to these planting providing food and refuge to wild birds and butterflies and other insects.

Question 4

Whether retaining the original building or replacing it: It should not be any taller in height than the current building. It should be moved further back from the waterfront to provide easy, accessible pedestrian access across the beach rather than forcing people to walk behind the building. Creating higher ground beneath the club to avoid flooding should be a must. Providing smaller food-court type stalls may enable more choice for diners. Ensure that the bistro is not outsourced to a large corporation but will be tendered to one or more (if food court style) local Ambleside and Dundarave businesses ONLY. Local businesses should not lose clients to a Milestones or other type of food service provider. Approach the Hollyburn club with an attractive option to provide sailing lessons for people with disabilities on the North Shore. The Jericho sailing club is really the only one to offer this service and it may be a great thing for the Lions Club and other clubs to get behind to further support and increase the reach and inclusion for all people for the sailing club. Ensure all parts of the club are accessible for people of all abilities.

Question 5

I feel that the Silk Purse is a building with a relatively small footprint and useful access to the water. It is an excellent location at the water front where people can listen to live music and enjoy the atmosphere. I think the District should reconsider the removal/demolition of the Silk Purse. Do work to create a higher ground level or whatever may be necessary to mitigate flooding risk but keep the building in a similar location. Arts Plaza may work well. Consider adding outdoor washroom facilities such as the self-cleaning street ones that are large enough to provide full turning angle access to wheelchairs and scooter users. One of these facilities could be located next to the Ferry Building and a decorative "historically themed" façade could be created around the facility to make it more acceptable to the area. This façade could be around the washroom but not blocking the door so that it would be accessible egress and exiting for the washroom facility. This would enable the historical features to remain for the Ferry Building without need to drastically change the building. Do whatever work is necessary to protect the Ferry Building from flooding. Additional arts buildings added to this Plaza could reproduce the historical nature of the area (have cottage feel) or at least not stick out as unattractive designs in a natural setting. Ensure all new facilities are accessible and follow inclusive design principles. Consider

that the arts plaza does not mean that there will be interest or acceptance of a gallery near John Lawson especially if the Spirit trail goes through. The Spirit trail requires a reduction in vehicle traffic while a gallery would encourage vehicular traffic.

Question 6

Keeping similar material for the foreshore trail is great. Hard surface, porous materials will help to drain the excess water away during King tides and heavy rains. Additionally, this trail structure provides non-slip surfaces for people with ambulatory problems yet provides a hard surface for wheelchair and scooter users. Provide benches and seating outside of the main flow of traffic and ensure these have wheelchair access and a mix of armrests and no armrests for people with varying issues for raising and lowering their bodies to sit or stand up. Ensure the park area has a good mix of wheelchair accessible picnic tables and routes to get to these tables. Use mixes of clover or other plantings to avoid Chafer beetle feasts by predators. Use a similar trail surface for the spirit trail. If paving for the bike route ensure it will not cause flooding or drainage in other areas. Provide benches and seating (with and without armrests) along this path out of the flow of traffic. Ensure there is provision to enable accessible drop off locations for people with disabilities including wheelchair users so that they can easily access the park and seashore. Avoid any underground parking facilities as the District and its residents should not be paying for what can easily become a huge cost to mitigate flooding and water damage to the infrastructure required for underground parking as well as huge costs for vehicles that may be damaged by rising water levels and other flooding problems. Consider a community shuttle or other options rather than underground parking.

Question 7

More information needs to be provided as to what is meant by plazas and whether they will include any permanent structures. The Farmer's Market should be considered as requiring a space and there should be a very viable alternative location if it is not to be located in these plazas. In all locations—the District will need to work with the railway company to create safe level crossings that can easily accommodate people with mobility issues and users of wheelchairs to cross the tracks.

Question 8

Sounds good, ensure all areas are accessible for people with disabilities and provide easy access and flow for all people. Provide opportunities for local business to offer food and beverages rather than simply licenced trucks.

Question 9

Enhancing piers and making them easily accessible and useful is exciting. Wrapping the lower parts of the pier to encourage the laying of fish eggs should be considered. An alternative boat launch for motorized vehicles

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and boats will need to be created so that other boating activities are still possible within the main downtown district of West Van. Water taxi and ferry service can be encouraged as well as boat rental as long as the sustainability and health of the waterfront and the ocean are always the priority. Plans for spill response will be needed if commercial boating services are provided.

Question 10

Include native species planting and increase the numbers of shade trees so that people can enjoy the park and beach areas with sun protection. Provide rubber matting in playground areas so it will be accessible for children and parents with mobility issues and devices. Provide wide paths to ensure wheelchair access is available in the community gardens so that no one is left out of the opportunity to use/plant in the gardens. Consider additional outdoor washroom facilities such as the self-cleaning ones and cover the sides to fit in the themes of the area where they are located (historical, arts, green, kids). If using these washrooms provide the large ones for wheelchair access and do not block the doors with the themed facades. Ensure all remaining buildings and new ones are built to mitigate flooding and rising sea levels. Provide alternative areas for people who fish crab or smelt so that these past times are not prevented from occurring. Offer all local Ambleside and Dundarave businesses the opportunity to access new food service or other service possibilities. Consider all best practices for green building and planting and accessibility and universal design. Ensure that restored areas provide as much natural space as possible for birds, insects and small mammals. Provide recycling areas as well as garbage cans. Work with rail company to provide safe rail crossings for people using mobility devices such as wheelchairs and provide safe drop off areas for shuttles or vans for people with disabilities.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

Not at this time.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
March 9, 2016, 4:22 PM

Question 1

The pedestrian-only pathway.

Question 2

Preserving the Hollyburn Sailing Club.

Question 3

This seems fine.

Question 4

Turning the Hollyburn Sailing Club into a bistro is not going to preserve the activities or the fundamental principles of the club. Mixing alcohol and water-activities such as sailing/kayaking is not a good idea and goes against the whole ideology/community purpose of the club.

Question 5

This seems fine.

Question 6

Mixing pedestrians and bicycles is not a good idea, as has been done in other recently developed sections of the Spirit Trail (North Vancouver by Mosquito Creek marina). You need to keep bicycles and pedestrians separate to reduce the extreme risk of someone getting injured.

Question 7

This seems fine.

Question 8

This seems fine.

Question 9

This seems like a good plan.

Question 10

The proposed green space looks good.

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enhanced North-South Connections
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

I have been a member of the Hollyburn Sailing Club since 2003. I have not only attained my Bronze Sail IV (Canadian Yachting Association) certification at the club, but have learned a great deal from the

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extraordinary members there about all of life. The members of the club have maintained an impeccable record of contribution to the community through its program offerings for 53 years. I would like to see the current ideology of the club maintained. In what I have seen of the plans for a bistro and an "enhanced clubhouse", I do not think this will be achieved with the new plan. I feel the club activities and proposed restaurant should be treated differently and if there isn't "space" for both of these as separate entities, then the club should be preserved.

Name not shown

March 9, 2016, 8:31 PM

Question 1

I like the idea of having different themes as well as the east-west paths.

Question 2

I would limit the number of food and beverage places. There are many restaurants in Ambleside that people can use. The present concession would be an excellent location for a restaurant, lots of parking nearby.

Question 3

The restoration of Lawson Creek will be an excellent opportunity to educate the community about the value of fish-bearing creeks as well to highlight the work of the Stream keepers

Question 4

I think it is important to decide which you want at that location - a sailing club or a restaurant/seaside bistro. I don't think the two can be combined. The sailing school is a large and the most important function of the sailing club. Have the bistro at the present concession building instead. You would have to consider rentals very carefully. We are right next to a shipping lane and many people think they can hop in a boat and go. Freighters cannot stop on a dime. Water safety is key.

Question 5

Too bad the Music Box and Silk Purse have to go but I can understand why. An Arts Plaza sounds like a good idea as long as it doesn't turn into a huge commercial enterprise. I think it is important to keep the shoreline natural. We do not want a Coney Island effect

Question 6

The plan to have two trails is a good one. Parking will certainly be a

problem as it is now. John Lawson Park is a huge success but one has to get there early to find parking. Maybe have maps with walking routes to follow and the time each route takes.

Question 7

Festival Streets sound a bit contrived and artificial but it is one way of controlling events. Creating plazas that reflect different themes is beginning to sound like Expo. I wonder if this is necessary.

Question 8

I don't think it is necessary to animate park spaces. What will this do to the shoreline? Good to have venues for community events but the plans are beginning to sound like a commercial enterprise.

Question 9

Excellent idea to combine the two ramps. Not a good idea to have a ferry/water taxi service so close to the sailing club. Not enough space for short term moorage either. I swim in front of the sailing club - I won't be swimming if there is boat moorage or water taxi service.

Question 10

These are all good ideas - and the goal of the waterfront parks appears to be to allow more people to enjoy the natural beauty of the waterfront. Seems to me that this is the only part of the concept that is not driven by commercial interest.

Question 11

- Navy Jack Nature House and the Restoration of Lawson Creek
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Question 12

I feel very strongly that the sailing club should NOT have a bistro/restaurant attached. The area in question is not large and I think it should stay a sailing club. There is not room for both and as I mentioned in a previous comment a restaurant could be placed in the existing concession stand. The sailing club needs to be preserved to teach kids how to sail and to learn the rules of water safety.

Riitta Peirone

March 9, 2016, 8:41 PM

Question 1

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Foreshore path

Question 2

Additional parking - parking is difficult most times in the Ambleside area.

Question 3

The Lawson Creek Studios was recently renovated for Artist groups and Workshops as well as after school programs. Now that the Music Box will be torn down, it would be a good location for Figure Drawing and other painting programs.

Question 4

Will the Club Members have a suitable place to sail while this project is underway?

Question 5

Who will use the Arts Buildings?

Question 6

What happens to the parking lot? Parking is essential.

Question 7

To keep important Lawson Creek Studios as it is.

Question 8

Where are people going to park for all these events?

Question 9

How long is the new pier going to take to build and how will be used by the public?

Question 10

Green space will be great but where are people going to park?

Question 11

- A New/Enhanced Hollyburn Sailing Club and Seaside Bistro
- New Community Arts Buildings
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

When will the other houses that line the waterfront come down?

Louise Nicholson

outside West Vancouver

March 9, 2016, 8:44 PM

Question 1

I like the idea of zones that celebrate arts and nature.

Question 2

I want to make sure you retain the John Lawson art building (Lawson Creek Studio) which enables artists to learn, grow artistically, and explore creative pursuits.

Question 3

If Lawson Creek Studio is to be removed, it needs to be relocated so that it can continue to support the arts. This studio is used by MANY artists and to remove it without a replacement plan is ill-advised.

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Will there be space within these new buildings to accommodate the current uses of Lawson Creek Studios? LCS cannot and should not be taken down unless its current use is reestablished elsewhere.

Question 6

Adequate parking must be provided. Considering the age of many of West Vans residents, public transit, biking, and walking are often not options for many.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

No response

Question 10

Have I mentioned that I'm concerned about the removal of the Lawson Creek Studio? This must stay in place until another building can meet the

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needs of the art community the way LCS does. The reasonable costs of using LCS to the North Shore Artists Guild allow the Guild to offer workshops that are affordable to all members and non-members alike.

Question 11

- New Community Arts Buildings
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

No response

Name not shown

March 9, 2016, 9:43 PM

Question 1

The open green spaces

Question 2

No response

Question 3

It would be an absolute tragedy to demolish Lawson Creek studio. The 325 members of the North Shore Artists' Guild use this building extensively for painting groups and workshops. Not to mention the hundreds of thousands of taxpayers' dollars already spent to refurbish this building.

Question 4

No response

Question 5

I agree with the enhanced implementation of Arts Buildings clustered around the Ferry Building, but I think Lawson Studio should remain at the other end of the development.

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

I am in favour of special events and festivals

Question 9

No response

Question 10

No response

Question 11

- Completing the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path
- Enlivening with Public Art, Special Events and Festivals
- Increased Park Features

Question 12

I would request that the current Lawson Studio remains as is for the use of the local arts community

alice bottrill

outside West Vancouver

March 9, 2016, 9:48 PM

Question 1

It is good in a way to have a new look of the waterfront, however, it is vital important to keep the feel of the original landmark such as Lawson Creek Studio for the art community of West Vancouver.

Question 2

Besides being the hot spot for the local residents, Ambleside Waterfront attract people from all over the country and around the world. The NSAG plus local artists enjoy their freedom of showing their arts and using these venues for art shows, workshops for further education. Keeping these venues only adds more interest to the Ambleside Waterfront Concept, being also the fact, Lawson Creek is a fairly new building, especially being at the end of the new development, I don't see any reason of tearing it down to upset so many working artists in the North Shore community.

Question 3

Navy Jack Nature House and the Lawson Creek both should be preserved as part of the Ambleside heritage buildings

Question 4

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I think we have enough eatery on Marine drive, enhance the Hollyburn Sailing Club should be fine, having a big bistro will only take away business from the already established restaurants at Ambleside.

Question 5

no objection except if the rent is affordable for art funtions

Question 6

good plan for the trail connection

Question 7

good to make the connection

Question 8

no objection of this

Question 9

being a very public place, piers or boat ramp should be either east or west of the development and should not put in center.

Question 10

Keep the original heritage of certain buildings such as ferry building, lawson creek studio, but enhance the waterfront park should be the way to go.

Question 11

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Question 12

Lawson Creek Studio is a very important place for the NSAG where 325 guild members frequently using the venue for their weekly painting group and weekend for workshops plus district sponsored workshops and shows for years. Keeping the place is showing the support from the West Vancouver district to the local art community.

Name not shown

March 9, 2016, 10:08 PM

Question 1

Ferry Building to remain.

Question 2

To leave the ferry building as it exists now. Boat rentals will only disrupt the sailing, kayaking, swimming and beach going activities that happen here. It will make it too noisy for beachgoers, as this is a very nice & quiet area of the beach. We do not need food services here, as the food services in Ambleside Park are only about 300 metres to the east, and are not used to their capacity. Perhaps make the existing concession stand more appealing with menu choices. There is an 'eat-in' area there currently. In addition, by bring food services also further west, it will take away business from cafes & restaurants that are along Bellevue & Marine Drive that currently attract a lot of beach goers & waterfront users. I see it all the time, as I am along here at least 5 times/week. In order to help these businesses stay as part of our community and pay their rent it would not be fair to be in competition with them. Make sure the boat ramp will continue to stay where it is currently.

Question 3

Also showcase some of our native heritage from around the area.

Question 4

Leave the sailing club as it stands now. This is what draws people to the sailing club. Being too commercialized will change the ambiance of the sailing club. There are plenty of bistros on Bellevue & Marine Drive. By adding a bistro, you will be taking business away from businesses that are trying to make a living & taking away from making Ambleside lively. I thought a lot of the intentions were to create a better atmosphere in Ambleside for businesses to thrive. Do not change the sailing club - it is perfect how it is. Anyone can join for a nominal fee. Keep the concession stand in Ambleside and make that sitting area more appealing as a bistro. Let the cafes & bistros that are existing make a go of it without competition from the District. Keep the sailing club as it stands as it is such a delight to go there.

Question 5

Don' know enough about it, but try to keep the existing buildings. Instead of building new buildings, have the others lifted and better foundations built or something done to help them survive the rising sea levels so they stay where they currently are.

Question 6

Not too sure about the underground parking. Must be done right to ensure no traffic snarls. Things work well as they stand now, including the street parking.

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Question 7

Instead of spending a lot of money on creating all these plazas, note that they work fine in their present format for the # of festivals that are happening. Save the money and ditch the 'asset levy'. Money does not 'have' to be spent on something that is not 'broken'.

Question 8

As stated in previous comments, it all seems to be working well right now. We don't need to spend a lot of money, as it is wonderful as it stands now. People are not having problems attending the current festivals. It is the small quaintness that attracts the people here. It is crowded, but not unpleasantly so, and not at all venues at all times. Save some money and leave things as they are. The number of festivals that happen are only during limited times during the year - it is not like there are some every weekend. Also, if you spend more now to build, you will need to spend more later to maintain. Everyone is feeling the pinch, also now an addition of an asset levy and increase in property taxes makes the pinch harder. Don't spend money for the sake of spending money.

Question 9

Leave the boat ramp as it stands. Keep the two separate. Perhaps cars can come down to load and unload. Ambleside pier is unpleasant sometimes to go to, as too much fishing is happening. It is smelly, too much garbage, no nice places to sit, as it is taken up by fishing stuff. No problem not having fishing happening around Ambleside.

Question 10

Don't make things too complicated. People come for the 'small town' feel of the current settings and amenities. This is what makes West Vancouver such a desirable place. If you make it too commercial and put too many 'settings' in place, it will lose the small town charm.

Question 11

No response

Question 12

Leave the Sailing Club as it stands. It is a terrific asset as it stands. Commercialization will cause it to lose its charm and beauty. Don't do too much to lose the 'small town' charm of the area. This is what attracts residents and visitors alike. Keep the Ambleside revitalization in the existing commercial areas. Do not need too much as it is nice already.

Name not shown

March 9, 2016, 10:17 PM

Question 1

Pretty good awareness and consideration for pedestrians, at least once they're within the zone boundary. Natural, environmentally cogent, spaces, and flexible uses, are the parts that appeal and matter most.

Question 2

Make Bellevue one way (west bound) and slow for vehicles for at least some sections if not a long stretch. Yes to drop-off / pick-up zones but No to private parking for personal vehicles, including boats. Too much building, plus new construction should be at higher elevations.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

No response

Question 5

No response

Question 6

No response

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

Don't close access at least unless/until an alternative is available for use, but set speed limit at a slow crawl, no faster than walkers. A passenger ferry sounds good but such a long shot. Maybe offer something as part of special event programming?

Question 10

The connectivity is important to me, within the park and back and forth with the commercial areas to the north.

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I'd generally prefer less building, but if there were some seating with rain shelter that would be useful and appreciated.

Question 11

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Question 12

Overall it feels overdone, too designed. Much of the placemaking shouts "this is for this particular use" rather than "this shared space welcomes you, here are some suggestions".

Maybe phased implementation, especially if it's willing and able to evolve and scale back without major interventions, will help.

Name not shown

outside West Vancouver
March 9, 2016, 10:18 PM

Question 1

That it actually might happen!

Question 2

More access for local artists including studio space, workshop space.

Question 3

Lawson Creek Studio was put in place to service local art groups who rely on this space for workshops, etc. It was to take the place of the unusable facilities at Klee Wyck. It is important to the community of artists and to the North Shore Artists' Guild's 325 members.

Question 4

No response

Question 5

Please ensure there are increased facilities for local artists to work and exhibit their work. Under no circumstances should this be reduced.

Question 6

Reduced parking is a problem for artists and those interested in viewing art. Closing Argyle will create a lot of inconvenience for these people and may reduce access to art.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Great but don't forget that seniors will have more difficulty accessing these events and festivals if parking is reduced or further away.

Question 9

Yes, the public boat ramp needs to be moved.

Question 10

Again, parking access is a large concern.

Question 11

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Question 12

Do more for local artists and revisit the commitments made to keep Klee Wyck operational or create an equivalent or better space.

Rueben Schulz

outside West Vancouver
March 9, 2016, 10:23 PM

Question 1

The continued support for the sailing club and opening up Lawson Creek.

Question 2

Separate pedestrians and bikes on the Spirit Trail.

Question 3

No response

Question 4

I don't think a Bistro is compatible with the sailing club. Winter boat maintenance uses smelly paint, epoxy, varnish, etc that a restaurant will not like (plus dust from sanding fibreglass).

I think kayak, SUP rentals would be good, provided people are made

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aware of the restrictions caused by the shipping lane (paddling across to Stanley Park is a bad idea, unless you have a radio and can listen for freighters coming and going).

Question 5

No response

Question 6

The Spirit Trail should provided a separation for bikes and pedestrians. The Cap River portion of the trail is very busy and hard to navigate (dogs, walkers, strollers, bikes all mixed).

The Foreshore Path may not be compatible with sailboats crossing to get to and from the ramp. While it would be nice to have the path always on the waterfront, it may have to be located on the north side of the sailing club.

Question 7

No response

Question 8

Ambleside Park already provides space for festivals. I don't think more infrastructure is needed.

Question 9

I would like to see a replacement ramp for motorized boats provided before the public ramp is closed. I also would not like to see any reduction to fishing at the Ambleside Pier.

Question 10

No response

Question 11

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I don't think there should be any rush to replace the sailing club building. It will continue to serve its purpose to teach kids (and adults) to sail and enjoy the water. In a few decades when sea level rise starts to regularly flood the building, then it should be moved or replaced.

Name not shown

March 9, 2016, 10:53 PM

Question 1

The apparant potential to diminish motorised traffic along the waterfront

Question 2

Less focus on further commercialisation of the area

Question 3

Enhancing the Natural beauty of the waterfront and the restoration of the Nelson Creek

Question 4

I would like to see the enhancement of the HSC but in keeping with the existing tone. I do not agree with an additional bistro, particularly in it's envisioned locale. There is a promised bistro in the "Grosvenor complex" and many along Marine Drive, some of which struggle to survive.

Question 5

A high priority should be given to " Strengthening the Arts" An Arts building, given it's "inward focus" does not have to be on the waterfront.

Question 6

A high priority to the above, particularly the Spirit Trail and Foreshore Path.

Question 7

More emphasis on pedestrian traffic and away from vehicular traffic. A park and walk emphasis.

Question 8

Public Art could be expanded. We do have a number of Festivals.

Question 9

I do not support the expansion of the piers, particularly not to enhanced motorised boat access.

Question 10

Covered already.

Question 11

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Question 12

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