

WELCOME!

Last October, Council endorsed the Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan for stakeholder and community consultation.

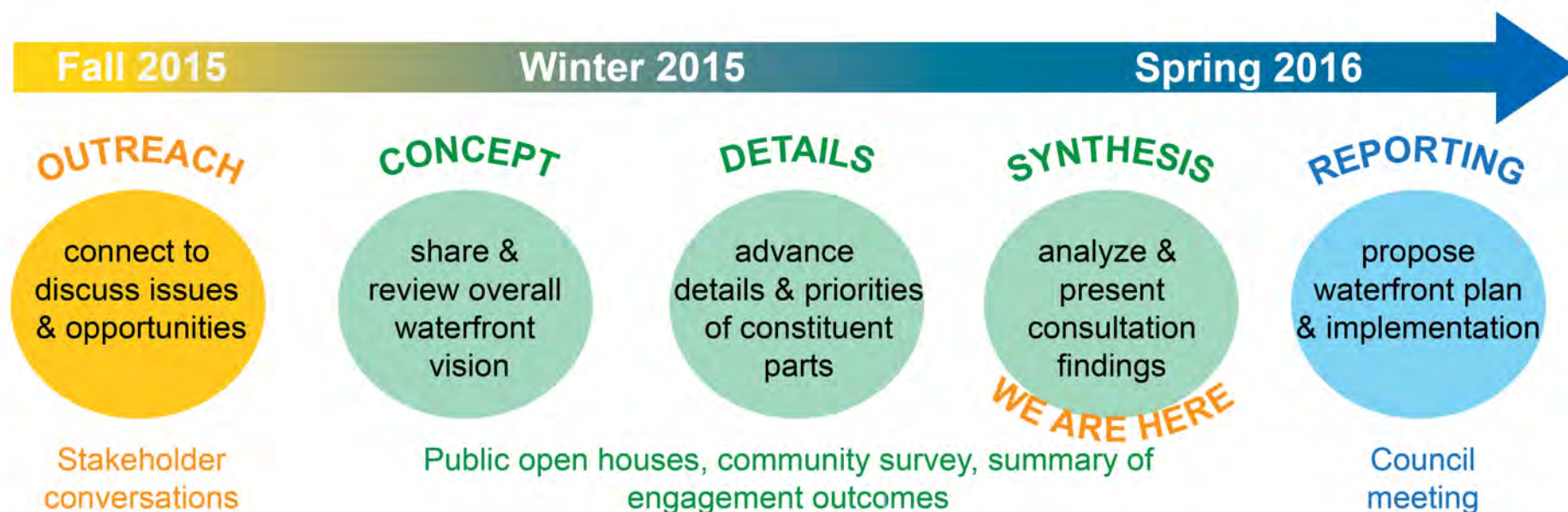
The plan builds on the success of 40 years of acquiring, planning and improving a publicly-owned waterfront. While keeping the essentials of what makes it special, the plan proposes more public open space, improvements to community facilities, and new ways to experience the waterfront. It also proposes to leverage the waterfront's potential to attract people to businesses just steps away in Ambleside.

Over the last six months nearly 1,000 instances of public engagement have helped advance the details and priorities (the “how and when”) of the plan. Its vision remains broad and high-level, with a phased and incremental approach to implementation.

Public consultation confirmed the importance of the waterfront to the community and various user groups, and also that the Concept Plan needs to provide for a diverse range of waterfront experiences with something for everyone to enjoy.



CONSULTATION PROCESS



SYNTHESIS

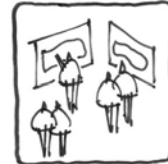
Tonight's event is an opportunity to see how updates made to the Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan reflect the results of the public consultation process and ask questions of District staff from various divisions about the updated plan. The Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan will be presented for Council consideration at a Special Meeting on June 13, 2016.

PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS



LAUNCH EVENT

- February 10, Kay Meek Theatre
- 150 + Attendees
- Presentation and Staff Q & A



OPEN HOUSES

- Three nights at the Community Centre
- 100+ attendees each night
- Boards and Staff Q & A



INFORMATION PORTAL

- Dedicated webpage (2,000+ unique views)
- Survey at westvancouverITE
- Dedicated email & staff phone #



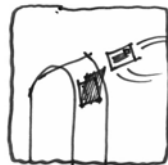
PUBLIC SURVEY & COMMENT FORMS

- 310 responses overall submitted



STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- 25+ stakeholder meetings
- Attendance ranged from two people to over 150



LETTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

- 25+ letters received to staff
- 15+ items of Council Correspondence received

WHAT WE HEARD

Top 3 responses: “What do you like best about the plan?”



INCREASED GREEN & PUBLIC SPACES

- Nine buildings removed along Argyle and two created (a new community arts building and a modest bistro)
- New green and public spaces will increase public access to the water



SPIRIT TRAIL & FORESHORE PATH

- Spirit Trail will ultimately connect Ambleside to Horseshoe Bay & Deep Cove
- Foreshore path will meander at the shoreline edge, complementing its park setting



COMPREHENSIVE WATERFRONT VISION

- Plan will provide a cohesive vision for the waterfront as a whole
- Offers something for everyone and ensures all can participate

YOUR GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

Through discussions and survey responses, five themes emerged from your suggestions for how and when the District should implement the various components of the Plan:



DESIGN
Design for Waterfront context & climate change resilience



GREEN SPACE
Keep the natural park-like setting & make open space a priority



PUBLIC
Open the waterfront for everyone & increase public use of facilities



COSTS & TIMING
Do not do everything at once & do not spend more than you need to



COLLABORATE
Consult with arts, business and recreational groups & work together to ensure new facilities serve the whole community

RESPONDING TO KEY CONCERNS

Will cyclists & pedestrians mix well on the Spirit Trail?



Bikes and pedestrians will be separated making the Spirit Trail welcoming for all users.

Can the green space around the Ferry Building be maintained?



The new community arts building is shifted further west of the Ferry Building and the landscaping is maintained.

Is the Hollyburn Sailing Club the right location for a Bistro?



The modest bistro will be separated from the Hollyburn Sailing Club building, located at the foot of 13th Street.

What will happen to the arts groups?

Arts users will be relocated before the buildings they use are removed. Staff will work with arts groups and the community on the design and programming of the new community arts building.

What will happen with the loss of parking?



A broader Ambleside-wide parking strategy will be developed during the Ambleside Town Centre planning process.

Does the Plan need so much permanent infrastructure?



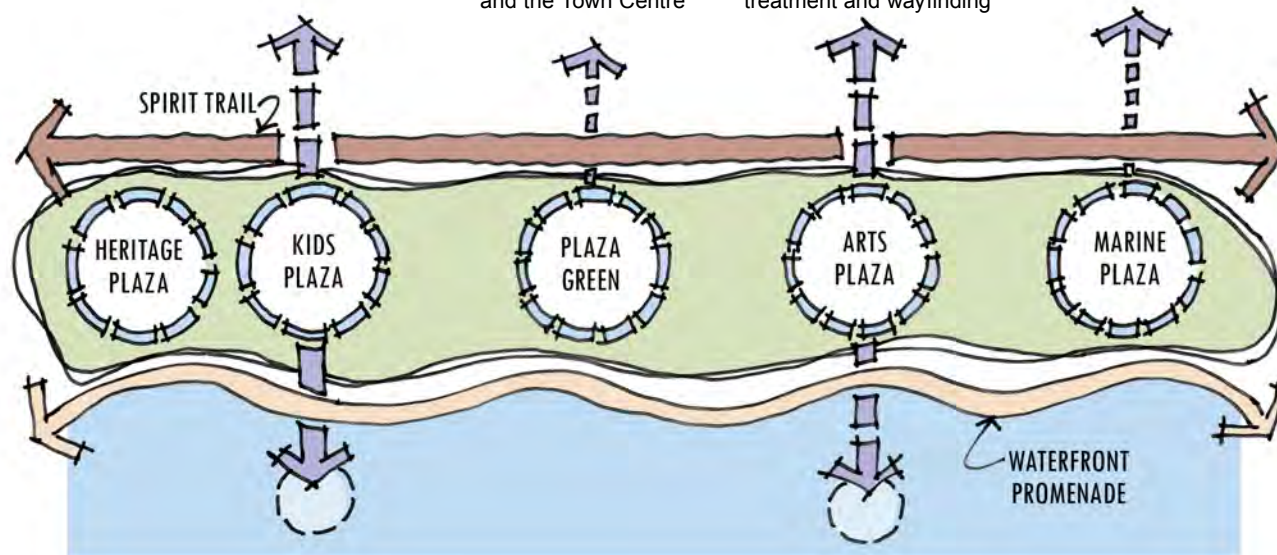
There will not be a permanent concrete stage in John Lawson Park or boat moorage and fishing from 17th Street Pier.

VALUES-BASED ELEMENTS

Plazas at street ends reinforce visual and physical access between the waterfront and the Town Centre

Festival streets signify special connections through to the water, reinforced with streetscape treatment and wayfinding

Spirit Trail provides direct connection to Dundarave and Park Royal



Waterfront promenade provides an alternate, meandering path along the water

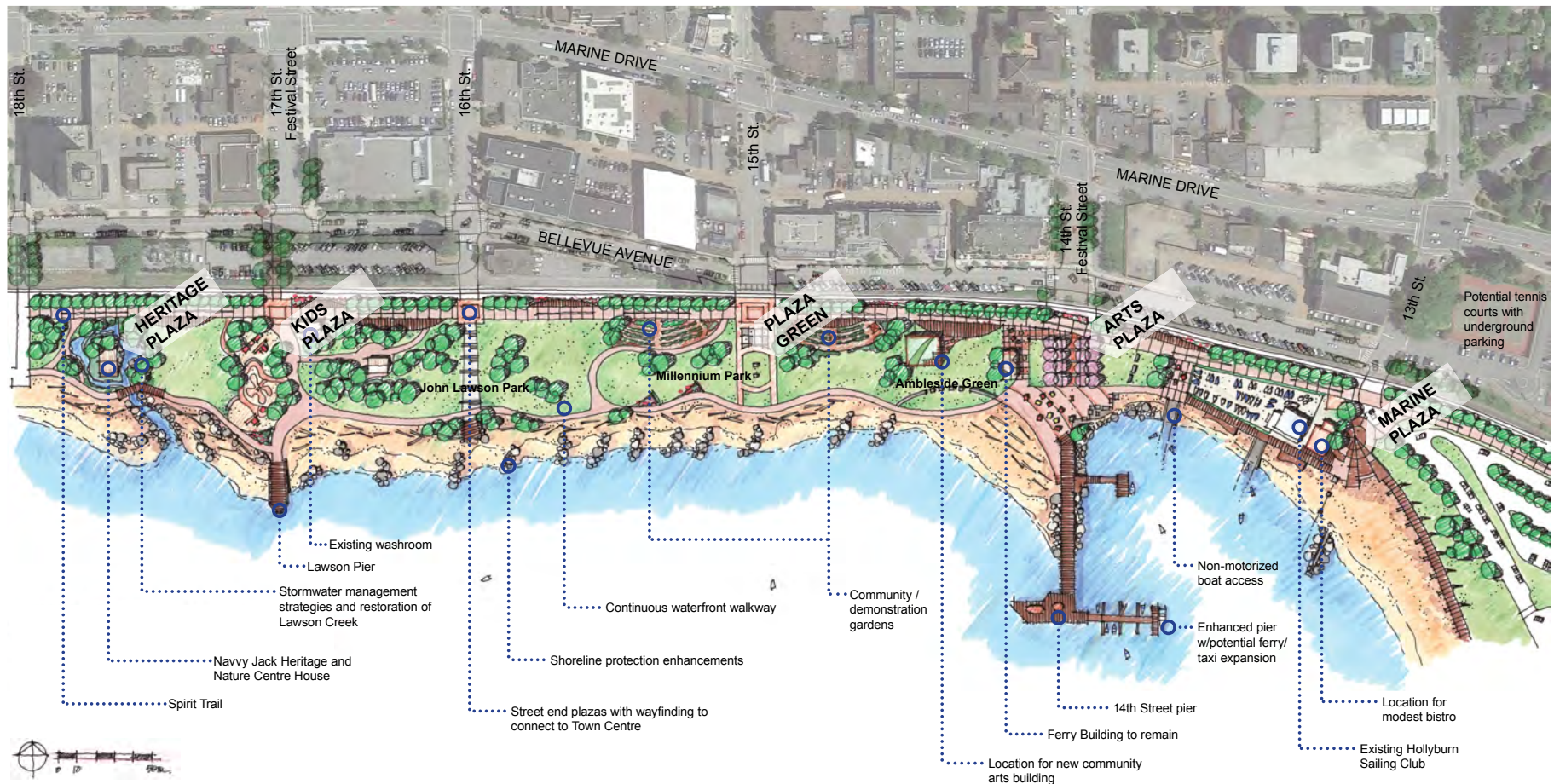
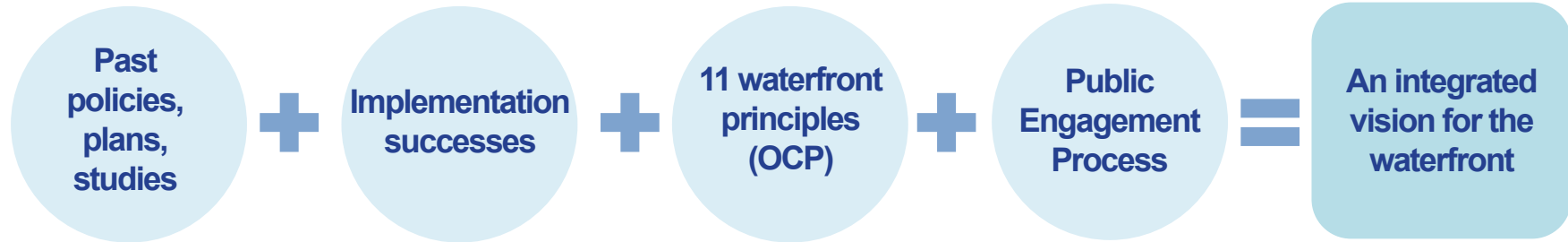
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The Ambleside Waterfront Concept Plan is built around five community-based values that have emerged from 40 years of planning and studying the waterfront

- Heritage
- Kids
- Green
- Arts
- Marine



THE AMBLESIDE WATERFRONT CONCEPT PLAN



ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN ELEMENTS



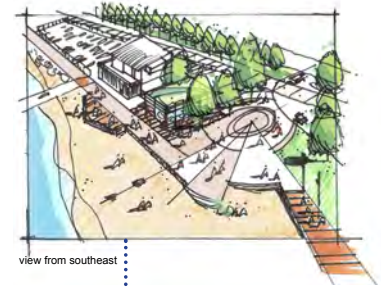
view from northeast



view from southeast



view from southwest



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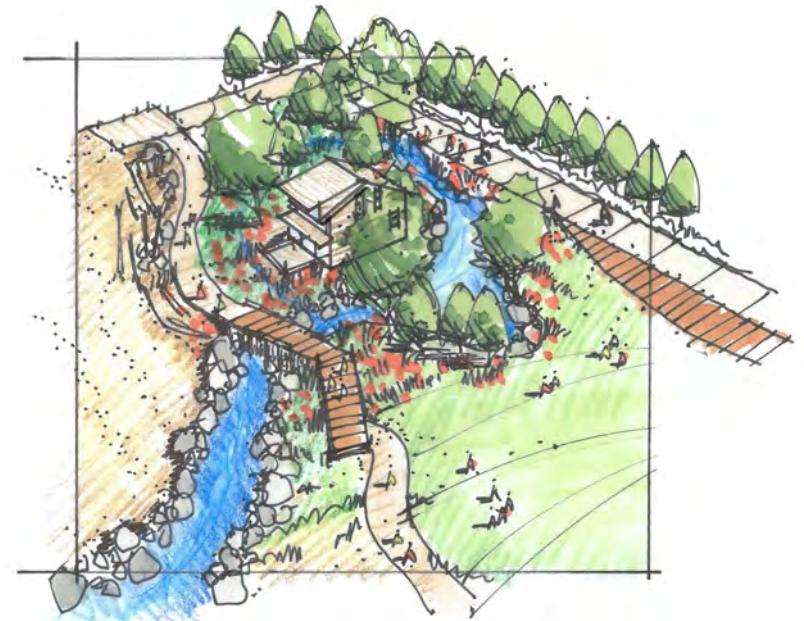


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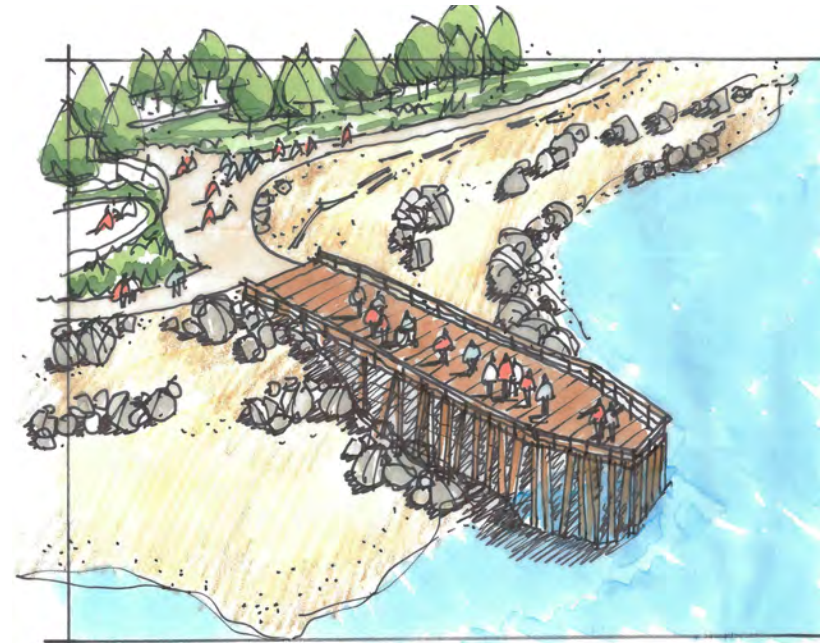
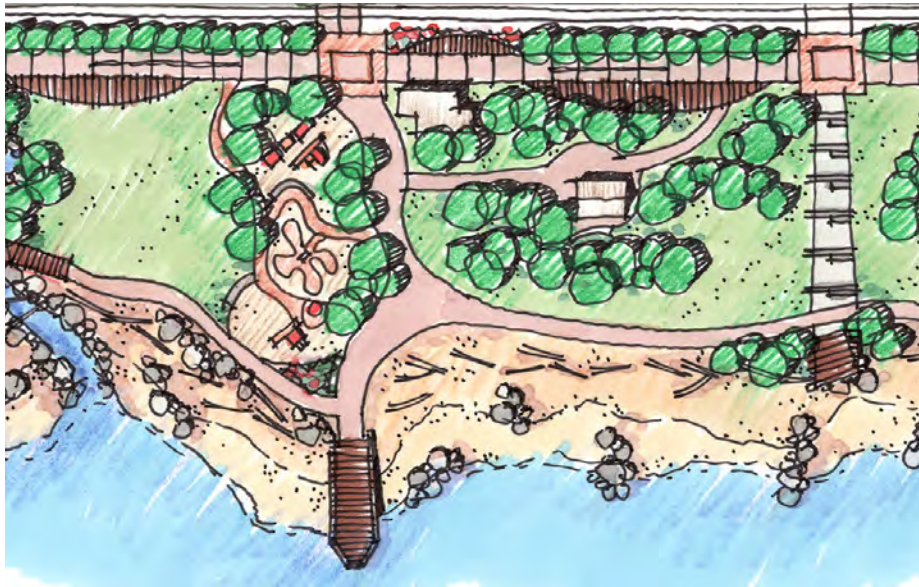
view from northwest

PLAN ELEMENTS: HERITAGE



Navy Jack Nature House: The historic Navy Jack House (c.1873) is transformed into the home of a community-based, not-for-profit educational nature centre, celebrating West Vancouver's natural heritage. Relocation of arts users and the subsequent removal of the Lawson Creek Studios building will open the area up to a restored and day-lighted fish-bearing Lawson Creek estuary.

PLAN ELEMENTS: KIDS



John Lawson Playground: Anchors Kids Plaza at the foot of 17th Street.

17th Street Pier: Remains a place for passive recreation and contemplation for users of all ages that complements the activities of the nearby Kids (John Lawson playground) and Heritage plazas. Short-term moorage and expanded community programs will be focused at the activated 14th Street Pier that adjoins the Arts and Marine plazas.

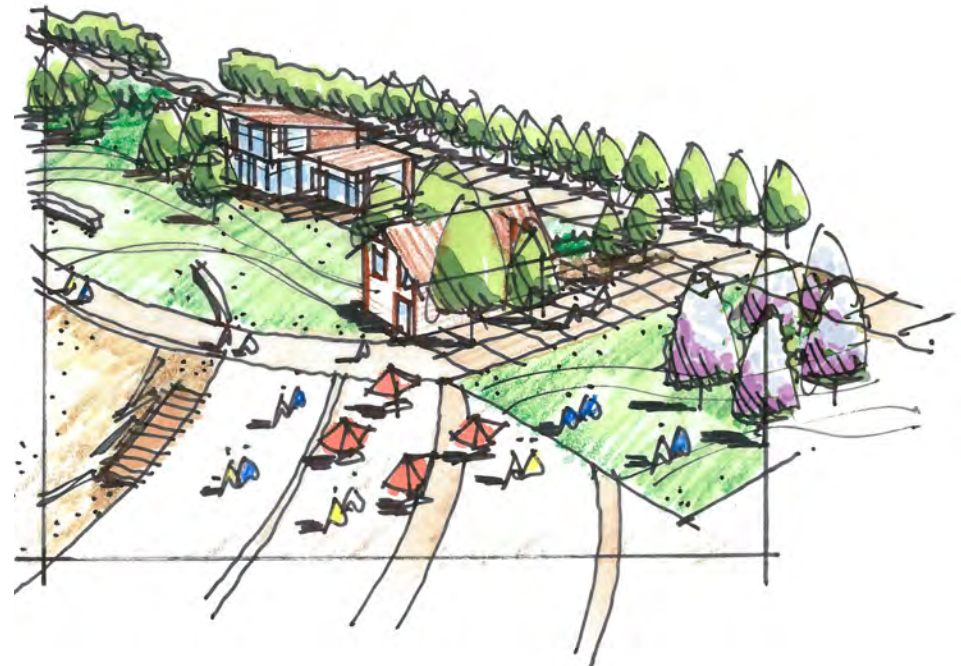
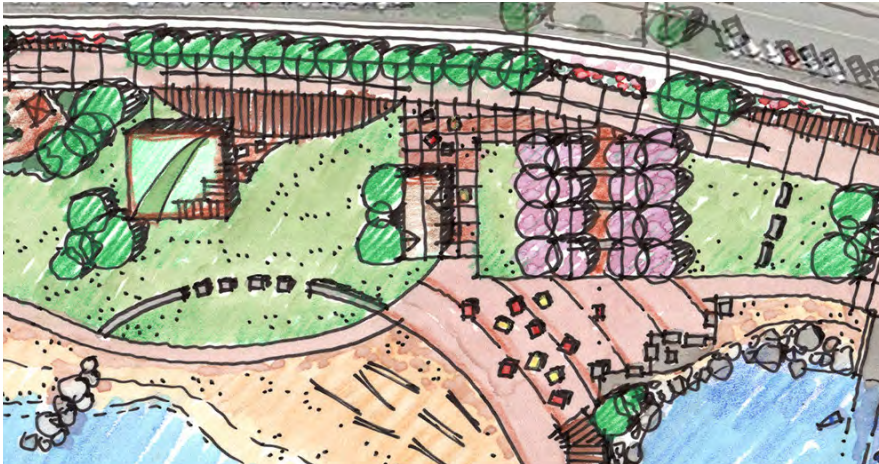
PLAN ELEMENTS: GREEN



Special Events & Festivals: Continue to be hosted in flexible green spaces.

Central Open Space: The plan features three large connected green spaces: John Lawson Park, Millennium Park and Ambleside Green. New park features will allow for active and passive recreation. These flexible spaces will continue to host special events and festivals that help bring the whole community to the waterfront.

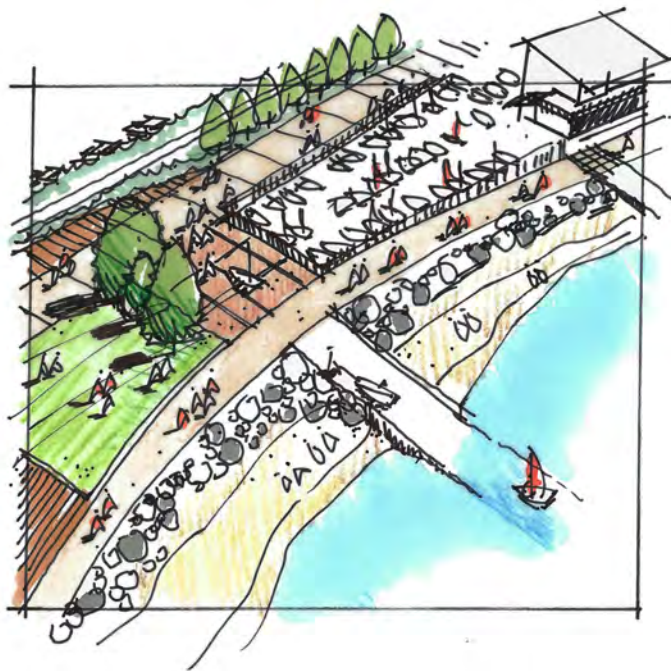
PLAN ELEMENTS: ARTS



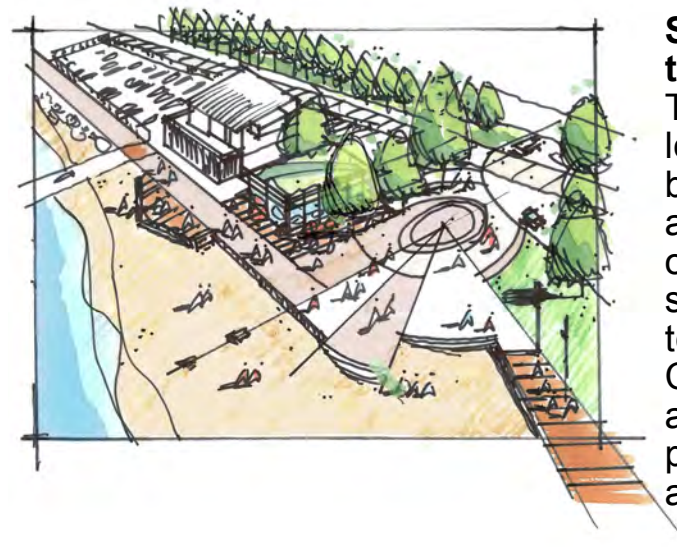
Ferry Building: Natural setting of the historic Ferry Building Gallery is maintained.

Community Arts Buildings & the Arts Plaza: Art remains a strong long-term presence on the waterfront through the creation of a new community arts building west of the Ferry Building Gallery. Green space is maintained to the east and west of the Ferry Building, preserving the prominence of this important heritage building and allowing for the continued arts-related use of these landscaped areas for programs like “Painters’ Landing”.

PLAN ELEMENTS: MARINE

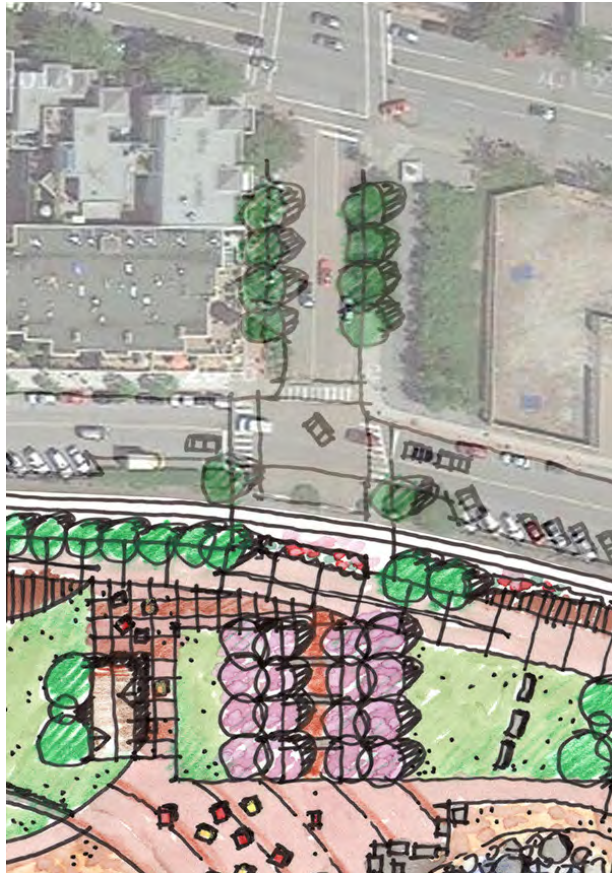


Hollyburn Sailing Club & the Boat Ramp: The Hollyburn Sailing Club is an important part of the Ambleside waterfront and the plan proposes maintaining the current club building, while relocating boat storage to the west of the building. The current public boat launch will be closed to vehicle access but remain open for Hollyburn Sailing Club and public use.

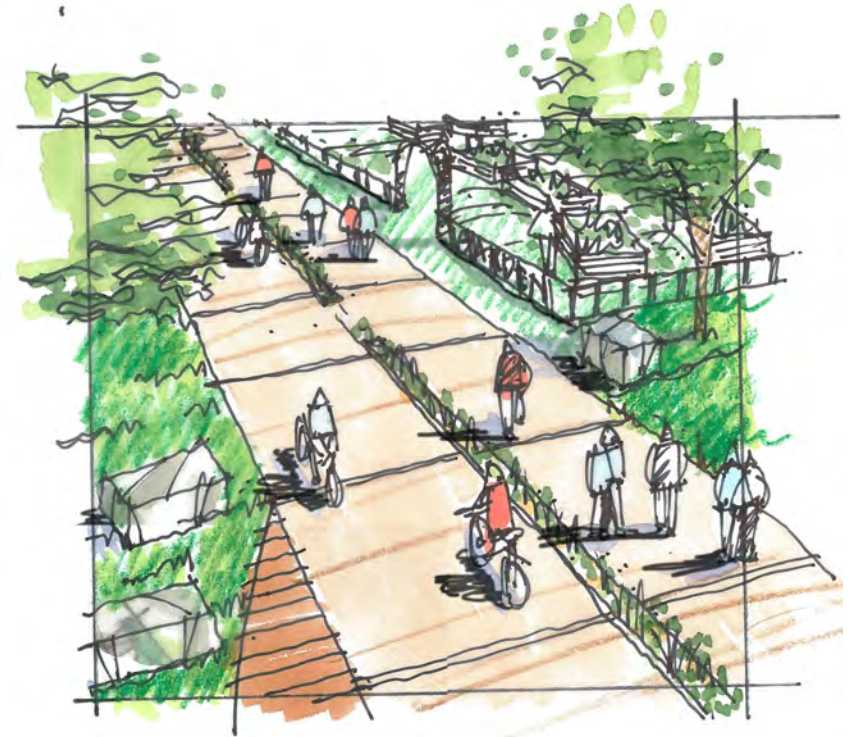


Seaside Bistro at the Marine Plaza: The plan identifies a location for a modest bistro (e.g. pop-up) at the eastern edge of the Waterfront, separate but adjacent to the Hollyburn Sailing Club. 13th Street and Ambleside Park provide nearby vehicle access and parking.

PLAN ELEMENTS: CONNECTIONS

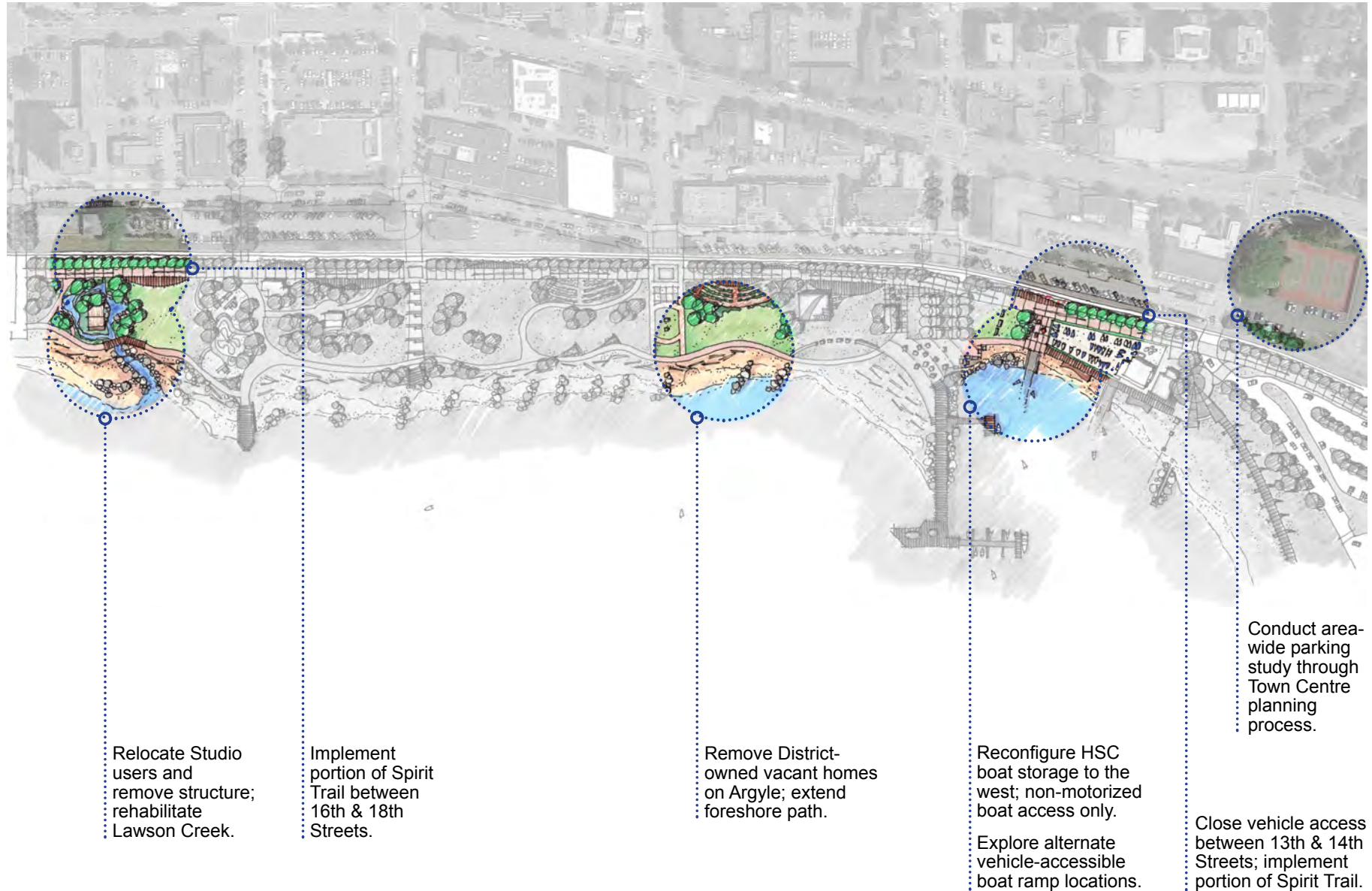


North-South Connections: 14th and 17th Streets become festival streets. The Ambleside Town Centre planning process will address land use and explore design strategies to further animate the area. Signage at each street end plaza can help connect the waterfront and the commercial precinct.



Spirit Trail: Bikes will be separated from pedestrians ensuring the safety of all users. Trail design will be more consistent, emphasizing the Spirit Trail's purpose as a linear connection between Ambleside, Park Royal and Dundarave. The foreshore path will provide an alternative experience with a meandering natural path in the waterfront park.

PHASING: SHORTER-TERM PROJECTS



PHASING: LONGER-TERM PROJECTS

