## RIVER DISTRICT - DESIGN IDEAS

A Signature Waterfront Plaza

This plan is driven by a signature waterfront plaza at the

foot of High Street along with a community centre and

restaurants.

Neighbourhood Concep

The preferred concept is

structured around a smaller

than typical block size

which allows for flexibility in

movement throughout the

neighbourhood.

The eastern-most blocks may provide an This concept prioritizes the pedestrian in many ways. All aspects of the plan opportunity to deliver live-work or even Notably, the Paseo provides a special passage throughout A range of housing types are provided consider places for people An open space system that prioritizes diversity of activity light industrial / entrepreneurial uses the neighbourhood. throughout the neighbourhood. along the waterfront. and social opportunities. along Boundary Road. **Enhance Parks and Open Space People First Pedestrian Priority Routes** Range of Housing Types | Mixed-Use Buildings Kent Avenue North Kent Avenue South Riverfront Avalon Park 000000 Fraser River **Riverfront Outdoor 'Rooms' Smaller Blocks Semi-Private Courtyards IConnection to High Street** Major Neighbourhood Park

Several of the courtyards have been specifically

designed to support social, active courtyard

spaces. Courtyard spaces provide an opportunity

for light, air, and activity for surrounding residential

units.

The Paseo creates a direct connection from the

High Street to a neighbourhood serving node by

the River.

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Avalon Park is envisioned as a significant waterfront

park suitable for a range of activities through the year.

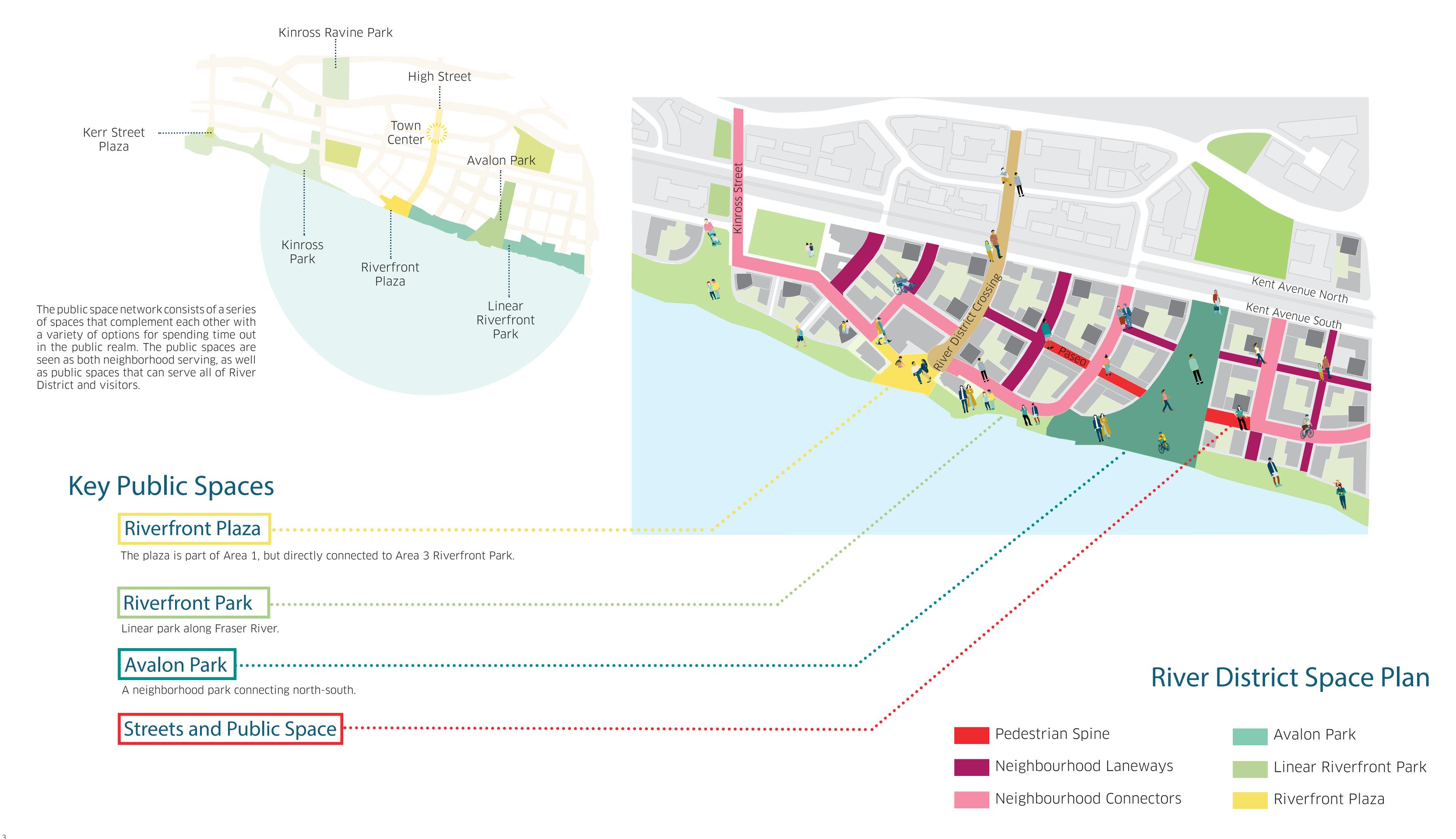
### RIVER DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCEPT

One cohesive plan for River District Area is presented on the following boards. We are seeking feedback on the approach to development parcels, public space, street network, parks and open space and building massing.



The River District is characterized by a recognizable hierarchy and organization of community experiences. The Avalon stream corridor north of the site is carried south to the Fraser River through Avalon park leading to an expansive open space along the riverfront. A continuous shared path along the Fraser River connects the neighbourhood via a cohesive ribbon of green.

## THE PUBLIC SPACE NETWORK



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# RIVER DISTRICT - PREFERRED CONCEPT



### Pedestrian & Bike Priority



The Paseo is a pedestrian prioritized street adjacent to the riverfront park. The spine is intended to be an east/west connector through the community with commercial uses along the street to activate the ground level with residential above.

The spine is directly north of the riverfront park and is linked to the open space through pedestrian connectors creating a large and continuous public space network.

#### Above is a birds eye illustrative rendering of the River District .



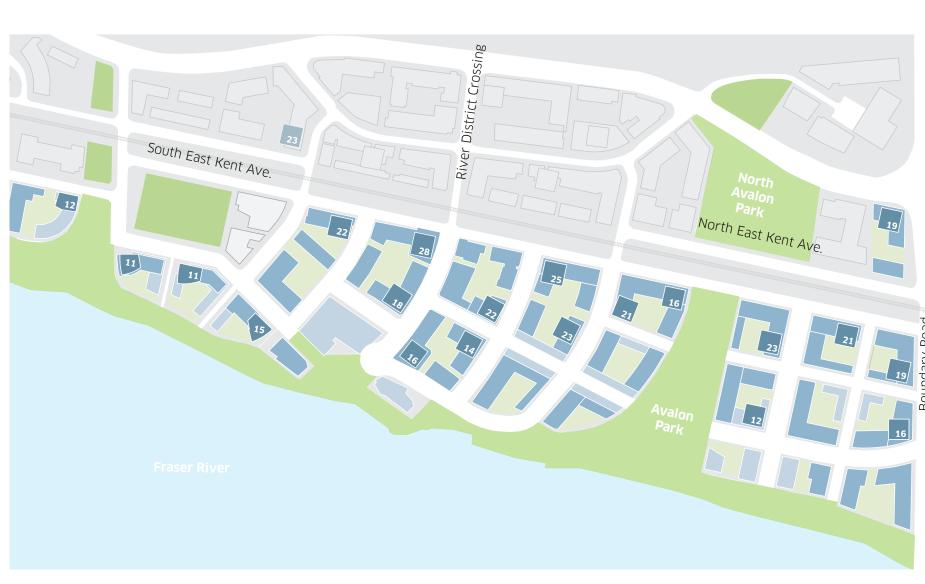
#### Land Use

Residential

Commercial (Residential upper levels)

Flex use (Residential/Commercial/Light Industry)

Community Centre



### Height and Building Type

Towers (9-28 storeys)

Mid-rise buildings (6-8 storeys)

Low-rise buildings (3-6 storeys)



#### Circulation

Streets

Paseo

Lane

**IIIII** Pedestrian

## PUBLIC SPACE NETWORK - STREETS

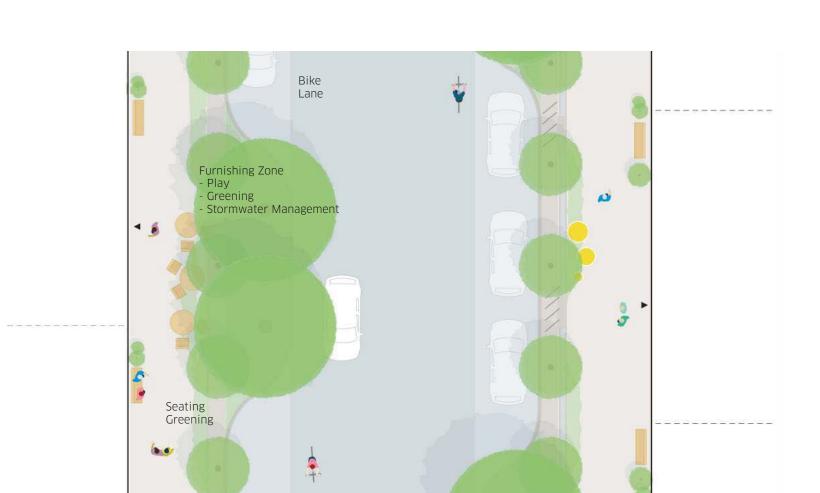
### **Proposed Street Hierarchy**

The proposed street hierarchy shown are illustrative concepts to demonstrate street types and character. These street types show the variety of experiences and possibilities for streets in the public realm.

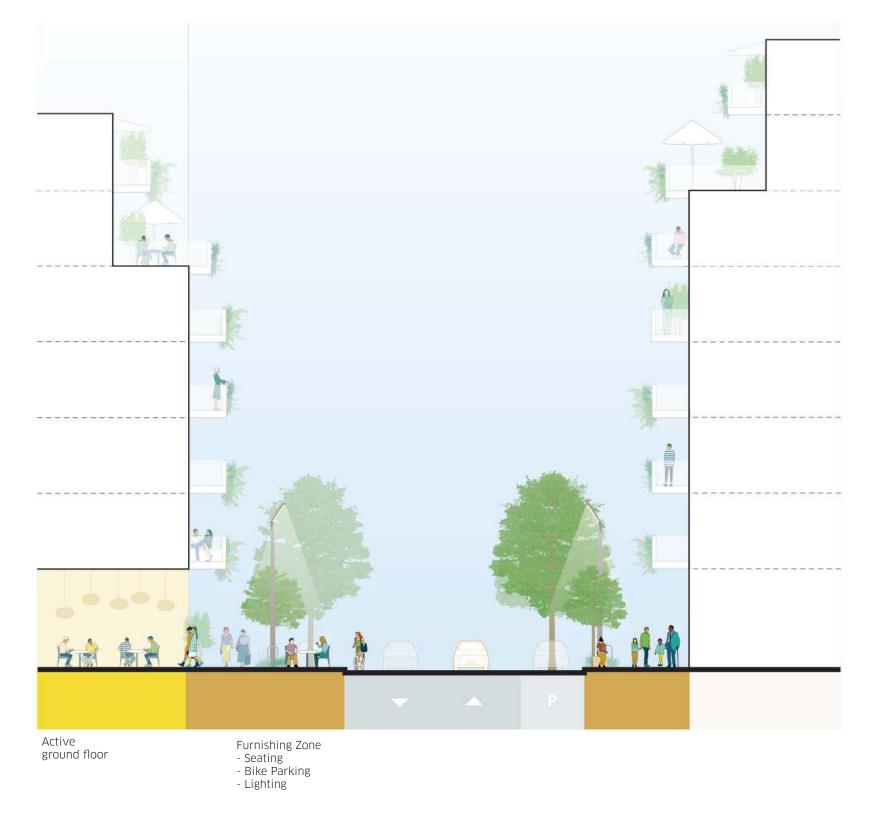
The streets in River District are more than just roads serving people getting from A-B or to and from home, they are the connective tissue that link together all the components of the public space network. and hold smaller areas for programming / 'the small pause' on the way.

The street hierarchy allows for some streets to serve local traffic to and from parkades, while others serve other functions such as play and small-scale meeting places. Stormwater management and greening is incorporated across all street types.

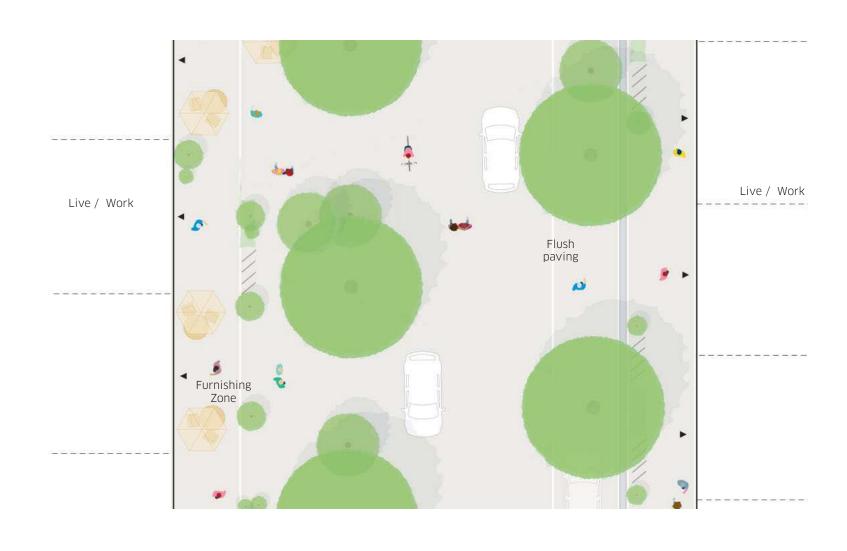
The streets of the River District are designed to facilitate walking or biking as the easiest and most comfortable choice for getting around. Where the east-west connection is thin, a public mixed used path along the river.

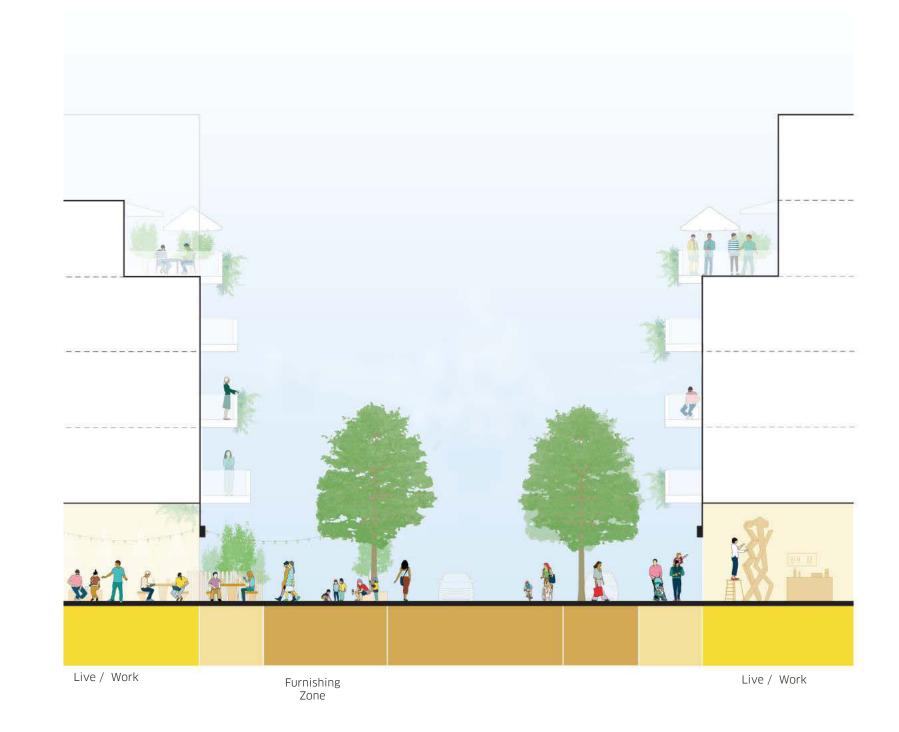


Street



#### Paseo





#### Lane



### Inspirational Images















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## RIVER DISTRICT - SHADOW STUDY

September 21<sup>st</sup>

The blue outline denotes the previous ODP shadow extents





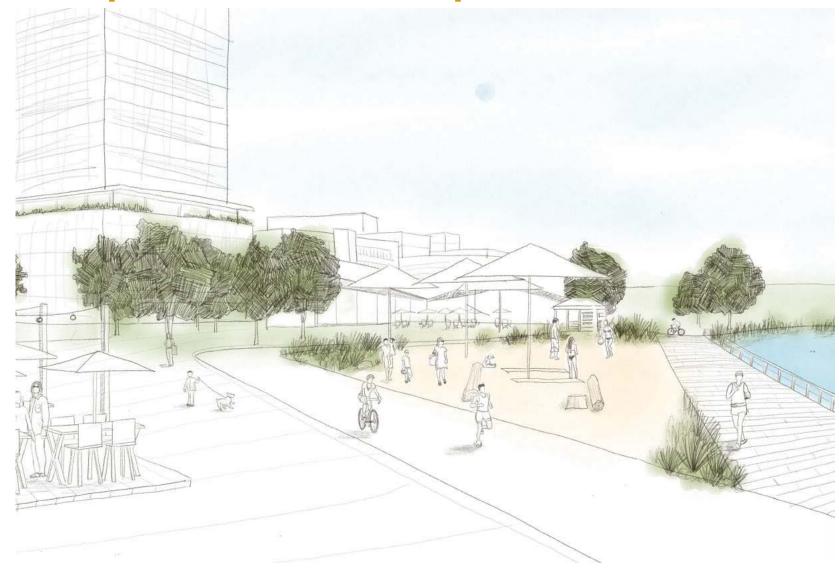




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## RIVERFRONT PLAZA

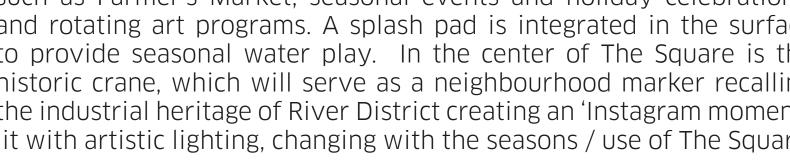
### Proposed Concept



The Riverfront Plaza is seen as the neighborhood heart, and is situated where High Street meets Fraser River. The plaza is framed by a series of public functions including a community centre, library, daycare and a retail building. Besides serving as a community meeting place, it is also holds the potential to become a regional attractor with functions and program that serve beyond the local community, from daytime to evening, from weekday to weekend and all seasons, across different

\*Note, this is a preliminary concept that will be subject to further refinement and massing changes.

**The Square** consists of a flush surface and allows for movement across the plaza. The flush surface and size of the area invites for program such as Farmer's Market, seasonal events and holiday celebrations, and rotating art programs. A splash pad is integrated in the surface to provide seasonal water play. In the center of The Square is the historic crane, which will serve as a neighbourhood marker recalling the industrial heritage of River District creating an 'Instagram moment', lit with artistic lighting, changing with the seasons / use of The Square.











can be directly above the water.



The Deck will provide a vantage point for visitors of the plaza,

as well as a unique moment along the Fraser River when public



adjacent paved area 'The Square'.



The Beach a great location for watching the sun rising and

setting and for meeting with friends and family for summer

activities such as beach volleyball. Deck chairs and umbrellas

allow people to enjoy the positive aspects of climate as well as

the striking view of the Fraser River and Mount Baker. The size

of the space allows for reprogramming in the colder seasons,

even covering the sandy area with other surfacing allowing for

alternative use. Elements such as food trucks could support the

use of the Beach all year round, but should be placed on the



which allows for outdoor programming. As a protected area from the elements by the entrance, the community centre can serve the neighborhood all year round.















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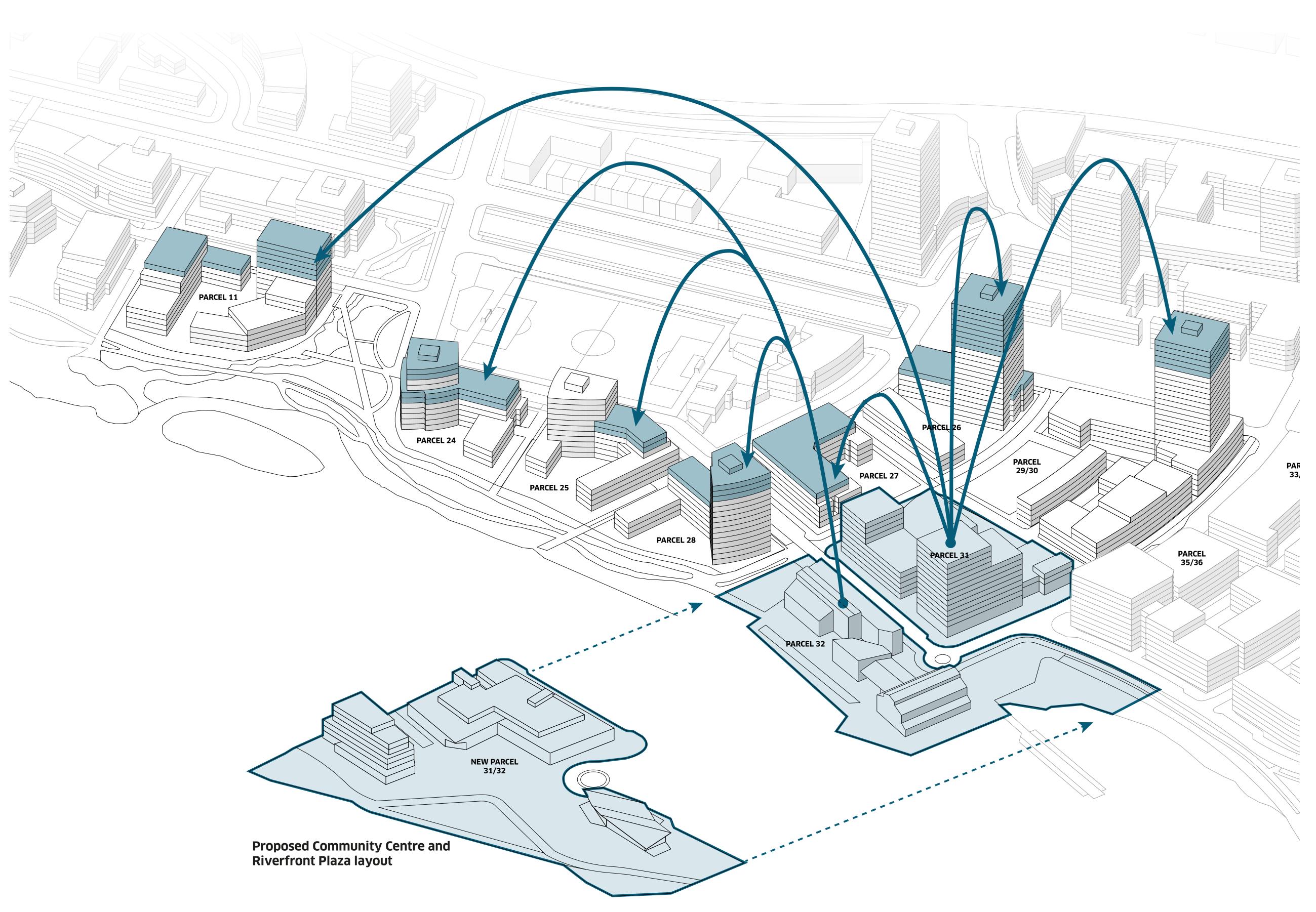
## COMMUNITY CENTRE DENSITY REALLOCATION

### **Proposed Concept**



RIVER DISTRICT KEY PLAN

The density shift from the ODP plan to the new preferred concept allows for a distinct community centre and plaza space to exist in the center of the community. This graphic illustrates how the previous density was distributed to allow that.



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## RIVER DISTRICT DENSITY

### **ODP DENSITY**



This plan shows the approved density of the ODP, with the community centre site (refer to "DENSITY REALLOCATION BOARD").

### PROPOSED DENSITY



This plan shows the additional floor area proposed and includes new affordable housing.

Additional market residential area

Additional affordable housing

Community Centre density reallocation



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