# **RIVER DISTRICT - DESIGN IDEAS**

An open space system that prioritizes diversity of activity along the waterfront.

## **Enhance Parks and Open Space**

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The preferred concept is structured around a smaller than typical block size which allows for flexibility in movement throughout the neighbourhood.

## **Riverfront Outdoor 'Rooms'** 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.

All aspects of the plan consider places for people and social opportunities.

This concept prioritizes the pedestrian in many ways. Notably, the Paseo provides a special passage throughout the neighbourhood.

A range of housing types are provided

## **People First Pedestrian Priority Routes** Railway Line SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS ...... Riverfront Avalon Plaza Park Cor De la Fraser River

Semi-Private Courtyards

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.





Avalon Park is envisioned as a significant waterfront park suitable for a range of activities through the year.

The eastern-most blocks may provide an

opportunity to deliver live-work or even

## **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



District and visitors.



## **River District Space Plan**

Avalon Park
Linear Riverfront Park
Riverfront Plaza

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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)



Lane

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# **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.

## Street

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.

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Active ground floor

Furnishing Zone - Seating - Bike Parking Lighting





Inspirational Images



## Paseo









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Furnishing Zone - Seating - Bike Parking - Lighting



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# **RIVER DISTRICT - SHADOW STUDY**

## September 21<sup>st</sup>

The blue outline denotes the previous ODP shadow extents











4 pm

# **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 age groups.

\*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.

## Proposed elements of the plaza









**The Deck** will provide a vantage point for visitors of the plaza, as well as a unique moment along the Fraser River when public can be directly above the water.



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 adjacent paved area 'The Square'.





The Community Centre and Library Outdoor Space has a Roof Structure which allows for outdoor programming. As a protected area from the elements by the entrance, the community centre can serve the



## **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.



# **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.





