

Comments from November 7, 2012 Public Information Meeting held at Lester Centre for the Arts

1. Larry Golden – Confirms that marina will abide by the City's zoning requirements.
2. Resident – Clarification on ownership between “high tide and low tide”.
3. Resident – Clarification on Cow Bay Road
4. Mitch Roos – Seal Cove is good for winds and worries about a marina as South West winds blows heavily there. Saw Mill contamination – how heavily contaminated is it? It used to be a very productive fish stream (first nation). Fish for families out of Hays Creek – First Nations name given.
5. George Emes – Concerned about hardship to residents when outfall in Cow Bay (towards Ambrose /Overlook area) is developed.
6. Mike Slubowski – Change Bylaws due to new development. City should be open minded for “new” business.
7. Jack Rudolph – mentioned that CowBay is a “Plan”.
8. Ken Cote – Land use plan. Just pointing out that we don't want to be boxed in with a land use.
9. Sean Smith – Re: Granville Island split between industrial to commercial. 100 > Industrial to 100> commercial. What would the split be in Cow Bay.
10. Ken Shaw – Authentic? Grittiness (will speak with zeno on this one)
11. Frank DeBartolo – Congratulations, good plan. City should approach Provincial Government for land use developments for certain restrictions for development – ie: Penalty Box land. We should know what can be done on these subject sights ahead of time for developers. If you build trails people need to have money to maintain.
12. Don McNeil – We need to push higher government re: our waterfront is 98% contaminated. How will we develop that?
13. John (Marogna)?? – Waterfront access restricted. Look at Sourdough Bay – great beaches there. Good access. Develop them.

Comments from Suggestion Box at Public Info Meeting of November 7, 2012

1. Anonymous – has there been any thoughts about live aboard or float home areas controlled by the municipal bylaws and government?
2. Anonymous – Allow incoming industry into areas even if zoning needs to be altered. Jobs!
3. Jeff Beckwith – The Rod & Gun club plays an important role in the Community, from both recreation and enforcement uses. Creating a trail system around the waterfront is a great idea as long as it does not have a negative impact on the Rod & Gun club. Relocation may be a sensible option, but it cannot be at the entire expense of the club.
Club Highlights include:
 - Over 100 members
 - Provides training for youth in conservation/outdoor recreation
 - Provides training facility for RCMP, CBSA, DFO Enforcement.Thank you for your consideration to maintain this important organization in our community.
4. Mike Anbach – Lack of any attention to ecosystem values – ie: how do different species (marine & terrestrial) use this area, what are key habitat needs, where could efforts on restoration be strategically incorporated into planning. This is not a question of “protected areas” – it is a matter of accounting for the ecological values that underpin quality of life. You should have a look at natural capital accounts project undertaken in lower mainland (I can provide info if you like). Finally, in terms of ecosystem - there are trade-off issues in the broader region, including entire harbour and towards the Skeena estuary.
5. Ocean Rutherford – Prince Rupert needs more marinas – more dock space. There is a community of people who want and do live on boats/houseboats. Currently, Rushbrook and Fairview do not support liveaboards. We need a Municipal dock that is affordable to everyday people – unlike the Yacht Club. This may not generate much money but neither does the Golf Course.
***MORE DOCK SPACE, MARINAS, PLACES TO LIVE ABOARD BOATS**

PLEASE” There are many who live aboard already, we need more room. Butze Rapids Trail is not an accessible trail for the elderly, seniors or out of shape people. Lets make a community beach access park – maybe a road and view/picnic spot for Butze Rapids that is much more accessible than the current trails. Public waterfront/beach access for recreation and liveaboard boats is so needed. Save some beach front for the people please. Thanks!

6. Victoria Stewart – I feel like the City is just abandoning its efforts to address blocked waterfront. CN tells me that they are waiting for a proposal from the City and that they have met with the City numerous times. Also no mention of my other feed back from community consultation on First Nations cultural components for landuse. Why omitted? Why aren't we getting City, Port, CN & Citizens together to find a win/win? Why are we just focusing on Waterfront East? Why aren't we lobbying to change industrial zoning to something for supportive of quality of life? How can we make the invitation so appealing that they can't refuse? Do not amend CowBay to include industrial use? Why would you do that, we have way too many industrial areas as it is. Would be a good idea to have dedicated City Parks. Do consider re-zoning Seal Cove to allow for public recreational. (also anywhere we can).
7. Kathleen Palm – Develop Butze as accessible park. All the way to Grassy Bay Public park. Berry picking, swimming in bay. How many reversing falls are in Canada anyway? Butze is special but currently not accessible for far too many. Please develop with the province an opportunity for semi-rural affordable living somewhere between Grassy & Miller Bays. That would encourage more choices in lifestyle as Rupert grows. If you develop the Rushbrook Trail, people need access to the wild plants. They still berry pick there. Don't wreck the wild plants. To encourage appreciation and protection for our marine environment, develop municipal docks for locals to live on boats or boathouses as people live all over the rest of the world. Some towns have a municipal campground. Lets have a municipal dock.