

## Background

The Town of Comox has engaged Cohlmeier Architecture and the Algis Corporation to help plan for re-development of the waterfront along the harbour.

The consultant team met with Comox stakeholders and public officials four times over the last 10 months to clarify their requirements and to gather their ideas regarding current conditions and future possibilities for the waterfront.

There is consensus that improving the waterfront will improve business for the community at large -- "all ships will rise" when the waterfront becomes a vital part of downtown Comox.

## What We Have Learned

Though the waterfront contains a lovely open space, supports many valuable activities, and has a delightful views, it does not meet its potential as an important community and tourism destination.

There is little orientation information along the waterfront and between the waterfront and downtown.

The waterfront lacks comfortable and attractive pedestrian access.

For those with limited mobility, the waterfront is difficult to get to without a car and there are no public transportation services between downtown and the harbour.

The waterfront has limited on-site commercial services, visitors have few reasons to go there, and even fewer reasons to stay.

## What the New Development Should Do

Make it easier to get there.

Make it fun to get there.

Make it a place to enjoy--a village on the waterfront.