

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT

## Riverview Lands Visioning Process

1. Open House #3 Workshops
2. Official Advisory Group Feedback
3. Additional Feedback from Organizations and Public

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## INTRODUCTION

As part of the visioning process for the Riverview Lands, BC Housing recently completed the third round of public consultation. Held between September and November 2014, this third set of events was hosted as “Co-Design Workshops”, giving participants the ability to work with artists who would bring their ideas for the property to life. The workshop material was made available on the Renewing Riverview website allowing the public to vote on the drawings.

The third open houses follow a year of engagement with the public and stakeholders that has included open houses, advisory groups and stakeholder meetings, community kiosks, and online engagement.

In 2013 the provincial government tasked BC Housing to begin the visioning process for the future of the Riverview Lands. A planning vision for Riverview would create a long-range guide and consensus to inform the City of Coquitlam’s neighbourhood plan for future use of the site and would be followed by more detailed policies. It was determined that in the case of Riverview, a vision would ideally balance the social, economic and environmental objectives of the Province, the City and the community. As such, the vision would be informed by public input, stakeholder input, and provincial priorities.

Guiding principles for the visioning were established at the outset of the consultation process and included:

- An accommodation of First Nations’ aspirations;
- A self-sustaining financial model that would see funds generated on site re-invested in Riverview;
- A commitment to a balanced vision that would consider social, economic, environmental, and provincial interests; and
- A commitment to maintain the same amount of greenspace as is currently found on site.

Bearing in mind these guiding principles, the Riverview vision will be informed by the aspirations of: The City of Coquitlam, the Kwikwetlem First Nation, the advisory groups, the public, the Province, and BC Housing’s mandate. As such, consulting with the public and seeking input and ideas are integral parts of a visioning process. This eighteen month engagement process began with initial meetings with City of Coquitlam council, staff and the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee (RLAC) to discuss the visioning process and public engagement strategy. Their advice helped inform the approach for the initial open houses which took place in February and March 2014.

Open House #1 introduced the visioning process, context and history of the property, and provincial considerations (identical material was presented at both events). Following updates to City of Coquitlam council, RLAC, and other stakeholders who are acting in an advisory capacity, the second set of open houses was hosted in May 2014. The purpose of the second open houses was to provide attendees with a summary of what was heard at the first open houses, at the community kiosks, and from the advisory groups. Subsequent updates to the advisory groups followed.

Since the start of the public consultation, BC Housing has also hosted six information kiosks, three at Coquitlam Centre, two in the Woodward’s Atrium, and one at Treefest hosted on the Riverview Lands. Approximately 1,200 people were engaged this way.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This consolidated report summarizes the public feedback BC Housing has received through (1) the third public open house / workshops, (2) from its advisory groups and (3) from members of the public and organizations that provided input outside of the open house process.

### **Open House #3 – Co-Design Workshops:**

BC Housing hosted its third open houses as Co-Design workshops. Four events were hosted, including two public workshops, one workshop for Kwikwetlem First Nation members, and one for university students.

- 255 people attended the workshops to create the illustrations
- 47 illustrations were created through the workshops
- Over 320 ideas were included in the illustrations
- 597 unique voters participated online by viewing and rating the workshop material
- Online votes on illustrations totalled 9,024
- Online votes on ideas totalled 61,471

### **Open House #3 – Feedback Summary:**

The ideas included in the illustrations have been grouped into five themes: Health and Wellness; Green Space and Natural Environment; Economic Development; Residential Life; and Infrastructure. Additional sub-categories provide differentiation within the themes. Overall, the most highly rated sub-categories are those under mental health.

### **Advisory Group Feedback:**

Five official reports from the following groups acting in an advisory capacity were received by BC Housing:

- a. City of Coquitlam
- b. Fraser Health
- c. Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group
- d. Burke Mountain Naturalists
- e. Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce

### **Feedback from Organizations:**

- a. Metro Vancouver
- b. HFBC Housing Foundation
- c. British Columbia Old Age Pensioner's Organization Resolution
- d. Tri-Cities Festival Planners Network

### **Feedback from Municipalities:**

BC Housing has received copies of correspondence from a number of local municipalities to the City of Coquitlam expressing support for the City of Coquitlam's vision for the Riverview Lands.

### **Additional Correspondence:**

The focus of this round of public consultation was the illustrations created at the OH3 Workshops; however, some additional personal letters and emails were received.

## SUMMARY REPORT – OPEN HOUSE #3 WORKSHOPS

- A. Public – September 23, 2014 and September 27, 2014
- B. Kwikwetlem First Nation – October 1, 2014
- C. University Students – November 8, 2014
- D. Online Consultation – November 18, 2014 to January 16, 2015

## INTRODUCTION

The Riverview vision will be informed by the aspirations of: The City of Coquitlam, the Kwikwetlem First Nation, the Advisory Groups, the Public, the Province, and BC Housing's mandate and guiding principles. As such, the visioning process is complex as it seeks to achieve consensus and satisfy different priorities and aspirations. Consulting with the public and seeking input and ideas are integral parts of this process. Following 10 months of public consultation that included two rounds of open houses, stakeholder meetings, and community kiosks, the intention of the third open houses was to provide an interactive engagement opportunity.

This included four Co-Design workshops to explore activities participants envision on the property in the future. The workshops consisted of two public sessions, one Kwikwetlem First Nation session, and one university student session. Following the events, the complete set of 47 workshop drawings was made available on the Renewing Riverview website, allowing the public to vote on the drawings between November 18, 2014 and January 16, 2015.

### THE CO-DESIGN PROCESS

The Co-Design process is a unique, interactive public engagement method and generally includes the following steps:

1. A group brainstorming session that focuses on activities performed on the site throughout the day determines topics to be explored by small groups;
2. Participants form small groups and are paired with an artist/facilitator to further explore the topic assigned to the group;
3. Within the small groups, artists draw the activities participants envision on the site;
4. Within the small groups, participants identify key ideas captured in their drawing(s);
5. All drawings are displayed and all participants are encouraged to view them and rate the ideas contained in each drawing;
6. The rating scale allows participants to vote based on the following scale: "I love it, go for it", "OK idea but needs more thought", and "Belongs elsewhere";
7. Final drawings are posted to the Renewing Riverview website, where the public has an opportunity to vote based on the Co-Design scale referenced above. No new drawings were created at this stage, and voting was only possible on the material produced at the workshops.

The drawings below are examples of the illustrations produced at the workshops – 47 in total. These sample illustrations contain unique "scenes" highlighting different activities. Each group that produced an illustration identified the ideas contained in the drawing in writing. Over 320 ideas were included in the 47 illustrations.

**View the workshop [video](#).**

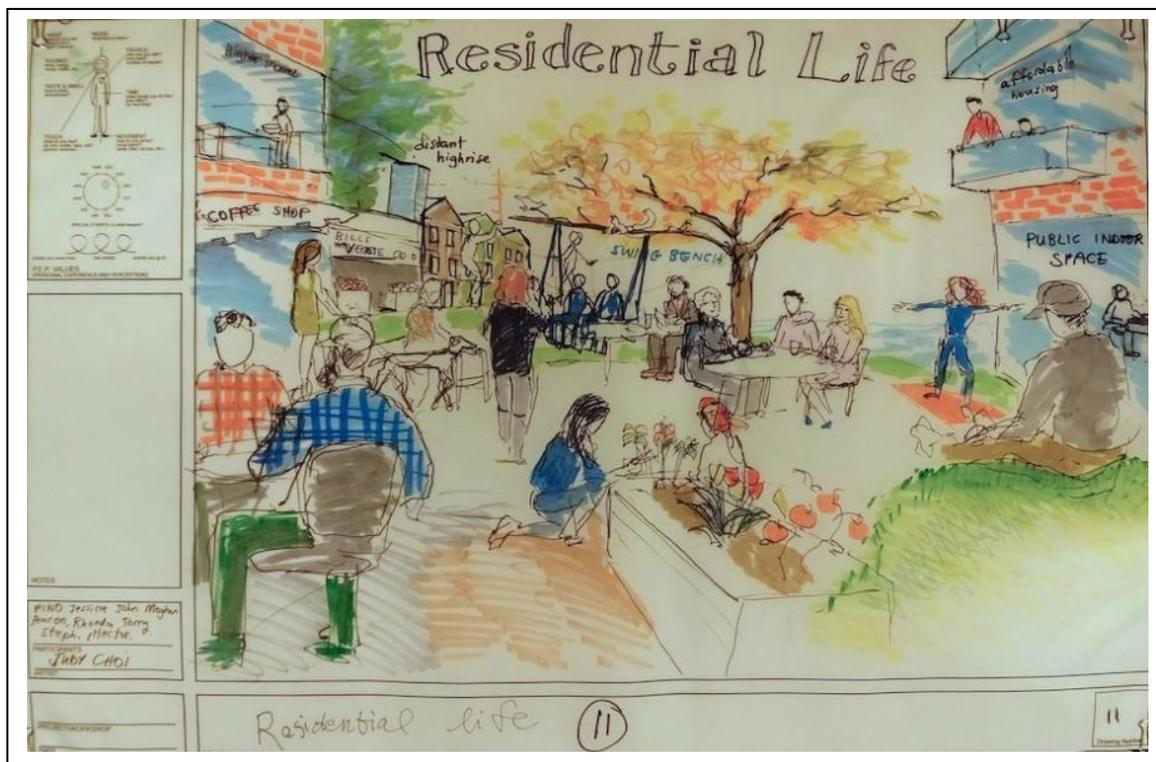
## ILLUSTRATION EXAMPLES

Two examples of illustrations created through the Co-Design process are shown below.

### *“Residential Life”*

The group who created the drawing “Residential Life ” identified a number of ideas, including:

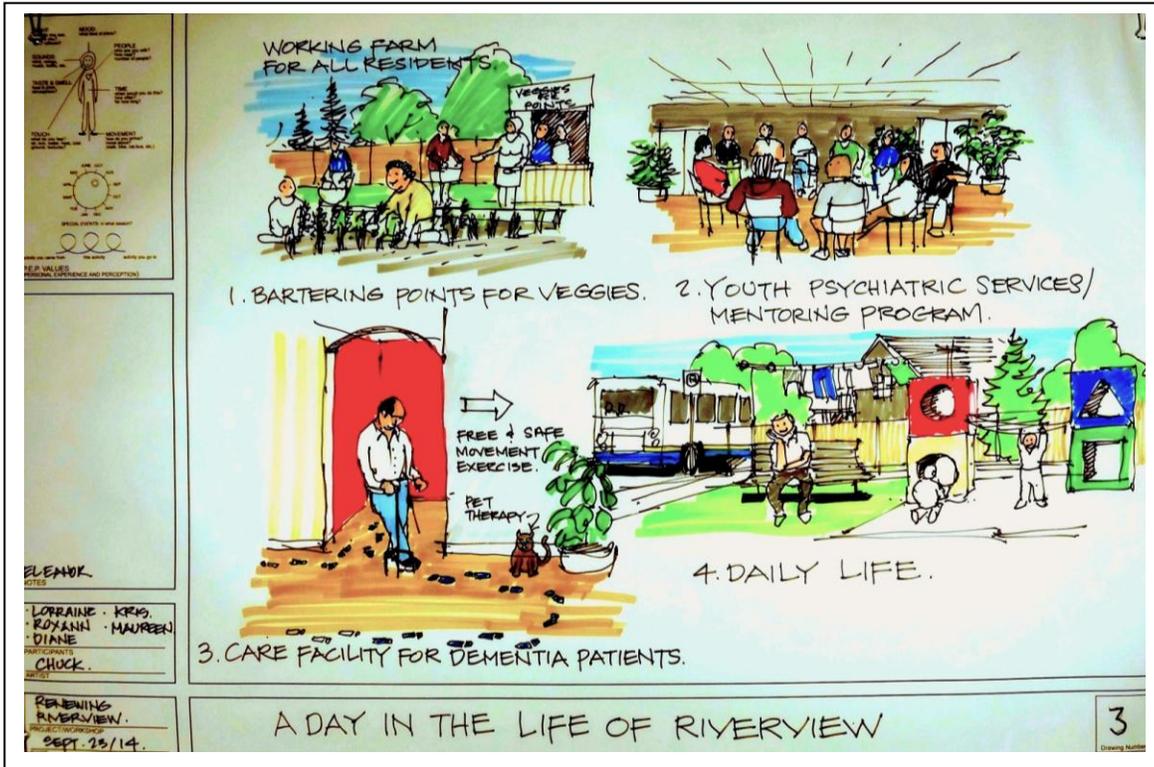
- Diverse neighbourhood
- Low-rise heritage-style building
- Accessible courtyard
- Natural open space
- Quiet contemplative spaces
- Community garden
- Urban environment in a natural setting
- Grocery co-op
- Employment opportunities
- Adult playground
- Mixed-use building including residential and office
- Pet-friendly
- Multi-use sports court
- Community workshop
- Bike trail
- Underground parking
- Townhouses
- Public indoor space
- Native public art



*"A Day in the Life of Riverview"*

The group who created the drawing "A Day in the Life of Riverview" identified a number of ideas, including:

- Working gardens
- Youth mental health services and program
- Care for dementia patients
- Health care research
- Community life
- Homeless shelter



This report provides a summary of each workshop and the online consultation and includes:

- Event details including a description and format of the workshops and information presented;
- A feedback summary for each workshop; and
- An overview of the themes that emerged through the workshops and how they were rated overall.

Copies of all drawings can be found in Appendix I.

## EVENT DETAILS

### A. PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

**Date:** Tuesday, September 23, 2014  
**Time:** 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
**Location:** Douglas College Atrium, 1250 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam

**Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2014  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
**Location:** Centennial Pavilion, 620 Poirier Street, Coquitlam

#### **Notification:**

##### *Flyer Invitation*

Approximately 20,400 invitations were distributed to neighbouring areas and businesses via Canada Post unaddressed mail. A copy of the flyer is found in Appendix A and the notification area is found in Appendix B.

##### *Letters*

Email invitations were sent to elected officials, local municipalities, stakeholders, and participants from previous open houses.

##### *Radio*

A number of radio stations mentioned the pending Open House events.

##### *Signage*

Signage advertising the Open House was posted on the Riverview property and at the venues.

##### *Media Advertisement*

The Public Open House was advertised in the following print publications:

- Burnaby Now
- Maple Ridge Times
- The Record
- Tri Cities Now
- Vancouver Courier East/West
- 24 Hour Magazine
- Metro Magazine
- Tri City News

The Public Open House was advertised in the following digital publications:

- The Globe and Mail
- The Vancouver Sun
- The Province
- Vancity Buzz

A copy of the advertisements can be found in Appendices C and D.

**Project Team in Attendance:**

**BC Housing:** Shayne Ramsay, Michael Flanigan, Armin Amrolia, Ron Hansen, Donna Freeman, Elaine McKay, Laura Gallant, Vincent Chou, Roberta Randall

**Shared Services BC:** Brenda Rattenbury

**Co-Design Group:** Stanley King, Merinda Conley, Drew Ferrari, Susan Chung, Chuck Smith, Bill Latimer, Philip Chung, Christopher Small, Judy Choi, Celia King, Mike Bender, Joel Snowden, and up to nine artist assistant/writers

**Brook Pooni Associates:** Gary Pooni, Blaire Chisholm, Sophie Perndl, Alicia Smith, Kara Rothdram, Chi ChiCai (September 23, 2014 only), Janet Spiteri (September 23, 2014 only), and Laura Slater (September 27, 2014 only).

**Open House / Workshop Format:**

A sign-in table was located at the main entrance of the venue. Similar to previous open houses, display boards that provided information about the visioning process, public feedback, and goals for the Riverview Lands were available for participants to review before or after the workshop session. Presentation-style seating was arranged in front of large writing boards and attendees were asked to take a seat. The first part of the workshop was a large-group brainstorming session to determine themes attendees wanted to explore further.

Following this first part of the workshop, participants were asked to break into small groups based on interest areas (e.g. Health & Wellness, Education, Employment Opportunities). Attendees worked with artists to bring their ideas for activities on the property to life. At the end of the artist session, all drawings were displayed for participants to view and rate. Participants could rate each idea that formed part of the drawing as 1) *I love it*, 2) *OK idea but needs more thought*, and 3) *Belongs elsewhere*.

The project team was available to answer questions and receive feedback during the event.

**Presentation Material:**

Display boards were available to provide continuity from previous open houses and to ensure context was given to participants.

A copy of the open house display boards can be found in Appendix E.

**Feedback Summary:**

Illustrations produced at the public workshops focused on mental wellness, therapeutic activities, and activities related to green space and the natural environment as well as art.

## **B. KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION WORKSHOP**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 1, 2014

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Location:** Kwikwetlem First Nation Community Building, Coquitlam

### **Project Team in Attendance:**

**BC Housing:** Shayne Ramsay, Michael Flanigan, Donna Freeman, Elaine McKay, Laura Gallant, Holly Fales, and Vincent Chou.

**Co-Design Group:** Stanley King, Drew Ferrari, Susan Chung, and Celia King.

**Brook Pooni Associates:** Sophie Perndl

### **Open House / Workshop Format:**

Presentation-style seating was arranged in front of large writing boards and attendees were asked to take a seat. The first part of the workshop was a large-group brainstorming session to determine themes attendees wanted to explore further.

Following this first part of the workshop, participants were asked to break into small groups based on interest areas (e.g. Health & Wellness, Education, Employment Opportunities). Attendees worked with an artist to bring their ideas for activities on the property to life.

The project team was available to answer questions and receive feedback during the event.

### **Feedback Summary:**

Ideas generated through the Kwikwetlem First Nation workshop focused on economic development opportunities for the nation, business opportunities for band members, and a complete community that includes mixed-use buildings, housing, and the integration of Coast Salish culture.

## C. UNIVERSITY STUDENT WORKSHOP

**Date:** Saturday, November 8, 2014

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

**Location:** Simon Fraser University (Harbour Centre), 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

### **Notification:**

Email invitations were sent to students at the following schools through their departments and student council:

- SFU Urban Studies
- SFU Resource and Environmental Management
- SFU Department of Gerontology
- SFU Undergraduate Department of Geography
- UBC School of Community and Regional Planning
- Langara Applied Urban and Rural Planning

A copy of the invitation can be found in Appendix F.

### **Project Team in Attendance:**

**BC Housing:** Michael Flanigan, Laura Gallant, and Holly Fales.

**Co-Design Group:** Stanley King, Merinda Conley, Drew Ferrari, Susan Chung, Chuck Smith, Bill Latimer, Philip Chung, Christopher Small, Judy Choi, Celia King, Mike Bender, Joel Snowden, and up to nine artist assistant/writers.

**Brook Pooni Associates:** Sophie Perndl and Laura Slater

### **Open House / Workshop Format:**

A sign-in table was located at the main entrance of the open house venue. Presentation-style seating was arranged in front of large writing boards and attendees were asked to take a seat. A presentation by BC Housing and Brook Pooni Associates provided an overview of the property, the history, planning context, and visioning process to date. Once the presentation had provided relevant background information to students, students participated in a group brainstorming session to determine themes to be explored further.

Following this first part of the workshop, participants were asked to break into small groups based on interest areas (e.g. Health & Wellness, Education, Employment Opportunities). Attendees worked with an artist to bring their ideas for activities on the property to life. At the end of the session, all drawings were displayed for participants to view and rate. Participants could rate each idea that formed part of the drawing as 1) *I love it*, 2) *OK idea but needs more thought*, and 3) *Belongs elsewhere*.

The project team was available to answer questions and receive feedback during the event.

### **Presentation Material:**

The presentation by BC Housing and Brook Pooni Associates provided an overview of the property, the history, planning context, and visioning process to date.

A copy of the presentation can be found in Appendix G.

**Feedback Summary:**

Ideas generated at the student workshop focused on public realm, community services and activities, and an inclusive community that provides for the general public and mental health care patients.

**D. ONLINE CONSULTATION**

**Date:** November 18, 2014 to January 16, 2015

<b>Unique Views:</b>	<b>597</b>
<b># of Votes by Illustration:</b>	<b>9,024</b>
<b># of Votes by Idea:</b>	<b>61,471</b>

**Online Advertisement:**

Online advertisements were placed on the following websites during the online voting period:

- Vancouver Sun
- Vancouver Province
- Vancity Buzz
- Vancouver is Awesome

A copy of the online ad can be found in Appendix H.

**Email Notice:**

Workshop participants, previous open house participants, and stakeholders were notified via email once the workshop material was available online. A reminder email was sent in the last week of the online consultation as well.

**Online Format:**

All 47 illustrations generated through the four workshops were available to be viewed and rated online. The ideas that were part of the drawings could be rated the same way they were rated by workshop participants, by selecting 1) *I love it*, 2) *OK idea but needs more thought*, or 3) *Belongs elsewhere*.

## CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

### METHODOLOGY

Forty-seven illustrations were created through the workshops; they contain over 320 ideas. The illustrations, together with a list of the ideas contained in the illustrations, were posted online and the public invited to vote based on the Co-Design scale. Over 60,000 votes were cast on the ideas between November 2014 and January 2015. Once the online voting was closed, the following methodology was used to compile the ideas and express priorities:

1. The 320 ideas were categorized under five main themes – Mental Health & Wellness, Natural Environment, Economic Development, Residential Life, and Infrastructure.
2. Within the main themes, a number of sub-categories were created to better differentiate the ideas. Some sub-categories contained over 50 ideas while others approximately 10 ideas.
3. Within the sub-categories, the total number of those accepting of the idea was reflected with a percentage. This meant adding those that voted “I love it” to those that voted “OK idea but needs more thought”.

### EMERGING THEMES

Included below are the themes and sub-categories emerging from the ideas generated at the workshops. The table includes the following information: theme, sub-category, examples of the ideas included in the sub-category, how many ideas are contained in the sub-category, how many total votes the sub-category received, and the percentage of votes that would be accepting (“I love it” and “OK idea” ratings combined).

Click on the “examples of ideas” to see the illustration they came from.

THEME	SUB-CATEGORY	EXAMPLES OF IDEAS	# OF IDEAS	TOTAL VOTES	% ACCEPTING
MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS	Acute and Long-term Care Services	<a href="#">Care Facility for Dementia Patients;</a> <a href="#">Sobering Centre</a>	9	1,503	96%
	Therapy and Therapeutic Activities	<a href="#">Art therapy;</a> <a href="#">Traditional wellness activities</a>	17	2,767	93%
	Life Skills and Employment Training	<a href="#">Helping residents learn new skills;</a> <a href="#">Patients participate in community garden</a>	10	1,595	94%
	Social and Community Interaction	<a href="#">Social Activities with Patients;</a> <a href="#">Patients' Games Room</a>	12	2,162	94%
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	Natural Environmental Preservation and Education	<a href="#">Restored orchard;</a> <a href="#">Trees as learning opportunities</a>	16	2,893	88%
	Nature Activities	<a href="#">Taking Photos of Wildlife;</a> <a href="#">Walking in Wandering Garden</a>	23	4,697	80.5%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Education Programs and Partnerships	<a href="#">Joint Ventures with Universities and Hospitals;</a> <a href="#">Forensic Centre</a>	13	2,416	86%
	Retail and Commercial	<a href="#">Outdoor café;</a> <a href="#">Selling repair services</a>	25	7,226	60%

RESIDENTIAL LIFE	<b>Complete Community</b>	<a href="#">Community gardens;</a> <a href="#">Inclusive of all ages and abilities</a>	33	6,375	71%
	<b>Range of Housing Options and Mixed Use</b>	<a href="#">Housing opportunities for all persons, incomes, and abilities;</a> <a href="#">Residences for mentally ill</a>	18	3,502	51.5%
	<b>Sustainability</b>	<a href="#">Zero waste;</a> <a href="#">Integrate nature with buildings</a>	9	1,751	83%
INFRASTRUCTURE	<b>Connectivity and Circulation</b>	<a href="#">Traffic calming and signage;</a> <a href="#">Bikeways</a>	31	4,876	85%
	<b>Social and Cultural Infrastructure</b>	<a href="#">Museum space;</a> <a href="#">Teaching greenhouse</a>	59	11,318	72%
	<b>Recreational Infrastructure</b>	<a href="#">Bocce;</a> <a href="#">Multi-Use sports court</a>	15	2,339	61%
	<b>Public Realm</b>	<a href="#">Lighting;</a> <a href="#">Native public art</a>	23	4,369	73%
	<b>Historic Preservation</b>	<a href="#">Historic preservation;</a> <a href="#">Coast Salish culture is restored / infused</a>	9	1,549	83%

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Leading up to the fourth and final open house the project team is considering the following:

- Present direction for the Renewing Riverview vision that connects the ideas generated at the workshops with the goals established by previous consultation events and balances the following interests:
  - Guiding Principles for Renewing Riverview
  - Kwikwetlem First Nation priorities
  - Public feedback
  - Stakeholder feedback
  - Priorities for provincial Agencies
- Collect feedback on the direction for the vision to inform the Renewing Riverview vision document.
- Create a format that includes a presentation and allows participants to connect with subject-matter experts.
- Reconnect with participants from previous open houses to continue hearing from a diverse demographic.

# SUMMARY REPORT – OFFICIAL ADVISORY GROUP FEEDBACK

## As at March 2015

### INTRODUCTION

The visioning process for the future of the Riverview Lands includes providing updates and receiving feedback from a number of advisory groups. These groups represent social, environmental, economic, municipal and provincial interests, ensuring a balanced approach for the vision. Furthermore, they lend their expertise to the project team and advise on the consultation and the future of the lands.

Since the last consultation report was drafted, BC Housing has received official correspondence from four of its advisory groups.

### FEEDBACK SUMMARY

#### **A. City of Coquitlam – In the Future: The Coquitlam Health Campus:**

The City of Coquitlam engaged Dr. John Higenbottam of JAH Consulting to create the Coquitlam Health Campus vision, which recognizes the significance of the Riverview Lands and outlines appropriate uses that would be in the best interests of the people of British Columbia.

The vision corresponds to the 2005 City of Coquitlam Task Force Report, *For the Future of Riverview*, and promotes the preservation of Riverview as a health and wellness campus to meet local, regional, and provincial needs. As such, the report outlines the following recommendations:

- Specialized psychiatric treatment capabilities together with synergistic psychiatric programs
- An Acute Care Hospital
- Complementary uses including a Health/Mental Health and Wellness Education Training Centre, a Health and Wellness Business Park and dedicated public park space.

Please see Appendix J for a copy of the complete Coquitlam Health Campus Vision.

A number of municipalities have expressed their support for the City of Coquitlam's vision. Copies of the correspondence can be found in Appendix K.

#### **B. Fraser Health – Letter Dated October 21, 2014:**

Fraser Health's vision for the Riverview Lands includes an integrated mixed-use community, mental health care, research, housing, commercial uses, and the preservation of heritage buildings and the protection of specific botanical species. Exploring opportunities for potential revenue generation as well as the promotion of public health are endorsed by the Mental Health & Substance Use (MHSU) program within Fraser Health.

As consultation moves forward, Fraser Health recommends the following:

- Protect and maintain operations at Cypress Lodge, Connolly Lodge, and Cottonwood Lodge for specialized mental health facilities;

- Consider the impact that any development would have on existing Fraser Health programs;
- Consider what new health care services may be required to support any new development; and
- Consider residential opportunities on the Riverview Lands for housing/treatment programs for individuals with mental illness and addiction issues.

Please see Appendix L for a copy of the complete letter.

#### **C. Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group – Letter Dated January 14, 2015:**

The Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group submitted a Statement of Need for the Riverview Lands on May 29, 2014. The Task Group's interest remains in the future of Riverview being an inclusive and balanced community with a mix of mental health services, small businesses, housing and recreation amenities; open for movement in and out by all community members, with a concentration of services focused on meeting the needs of people with mental illness and addictions.

After reviewing the material generated from Open House 3, the Task Group was impressed with the rigour and inclusiveness of the public consultation process. Open House 3 provided a unique opportunity to capture a cross-section of interests for the Lands. Twenty-one of the renderings generated at the co-design sessions illustrated ideas aligned with the Task Group's four components of mental wellness: treatment, housing, employment, and integration.

Please see Appendix M for a copy of the letter from the Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group.

#### **D. Burke Mountain Naturalists**

The Burke Mountain Naturalists believe the future of the Riverview Lands is dependent on an understanding of its history and appreciation for its existing unique values. The following are the Burke Mountain Naturalists' recommendations and guidelines for the future use of the Riverview Lands:

1. Keep Riverview in the public trust, open to the public and holistically managed.
2. Consider designating the Riverview Lands a Heritage Site.
3. Build on the existing values of Riverview and respect its heritage.
4. Ensure a continuing role for Riverview in mental health care and related uses (seniors care).
5. Site any new buildings in the footprint of demolished buildings or on developed spaces to ensure the continuity of the landscaping and to avoid impacts on natural areas.
6. Find appropriate uses for the older buildings while ensuring that historic architectural features and landscaping are preserved.
7. Develop the full potential of the tree collection as a major tourist attraction for Coquitlam and expand into a complete botanical garden/horticultural education centre.
8. Preserve and enhance the natural habitat areas and streams to complement the botanical garden. Complete flora and fauna inventories and encourage public appreciation of horticulture.
9. Consider the development of formal links between green spaces (Colony Park) to enhance public use and wildlife movement.

Please see Appendix N for a copy of the complete report.

### **E.Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce:**

The Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce's Renewing Riverview Sub-Committee established four guiding principles for the development of the Riverview Lands, specifically: maintaining the natural greenspace, maintaining the health function of the lands, the need for flexible and sustainable planning, and the need for consultation.

The committee then agreed on categories of development and examined potential uses that would create a holistic community around those categories. The categories and associated uses were then prioritized. The following categories were identified, in order of priority:

1. Health and wellness
2. Government support services
3. Housing
4. Technology
5. Education
6. Environment / Heritage / Tourism
7. Social services / Enterprise
8. Cemetery
9. Film

The most frequently identified uses associated with the categories include:

1. Office / Retail / Private Business
2. Non-Profit
3. Housing
4. Post Secondary Campus
5. Mental Health and Addiction
6. Supportive Housing
7. Medical Research

Priorities moving forward are:

1. Commission an economic impact analysis that considers the potential uses.
2. Ensure that the guiding principles identified by the committee are taken into account as development on the Riverview Lands occurs.

Please see Appendix O for a copy of the complete Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce Sub-Committee Report.

# SUMMARY REPORT – ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

## As at March 2015

### INTRODUCTION

To inform the vision for the Riverview Lands, BC Housing welcomes all feedback. Since the last consultation report was drafted BC Housing has received correspondence from a number of organizations and individuals.

### FEEDBACK SUMMARY

#### **A. Metro Vancouver, Regional Parks Division – Letter dated January 13, 2015:**

The Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Division's interest is in strengthening the relationship between Colony Farm Regional Park and the Riverview Lands for local and regional communities. Specifically, they focus on the health, wellness, and interconnectivity of the region's natural systems, and the passive outdoor recreation trail and greenway network connectivity and linkages.

"Metro Vancouver Regional Parks supports the ideas which are more directly involved with advancing regional goals related to natural systems, greenway networks, interconnected trail systems, and nature education."

Additionally, renderings related to "complete communities" and "health and wellness" are aligned with Metro 2040 and regional growth principles.

Please see Appendix P for a copy of the complete letter.

#### **B. HFBC Housing Foundation – Letter dated January 7, 2015:**

HFBC Housing Foundation is a charitable foundation providing housing for low-income people in the Lower Mainland for the past 62 years. The organization congratulates the provincial government on its leadership in using some of the Riverview Lands for the treatment of those with mental health issues.

Please see Appendix Q for a copy of the complete letter.

#### **C. British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization – Recent Resolution:**

The British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization strongly urges the provincial government to retain the Riverview Lands and contents as a Historical Botanical Garden and maintain or replace existing buildings for the purpose of medical research and hospital for mental illness.

Please see Appendix R for a copy of the complete resolution.

#### **D. Tri-Cities Festival Planners Network – Email dated September 26, 2014:**

The following is a list of suggestions put forth by the Festival Planners Network of the Tri-Cities:

- Consider repurposing one of the existing buildings on the Riverview Lands as a museum for the City of Coquitlam that includes the Riverview Hospital Horticultural Society's collection.
- Consider a natural amphitheatre on the North Lawn.
- Consider re-opening Pennington Hall as a bowling alley for future residents of Riverview. Consider the cafeteria for employment and community gathering space opportunities.

Please see Appendix S for a copy of the complete letter.

#### **G. Personal Correspondence**

Since the last consultation report was drafted, BC Housing has received three additional pieces of correspondence from individuals.

Please see Appendix T for a copy of the complete correspondence.