HASTINGS WATERFRONT URBAN DESIGN PRINCIPLES

The following summary of waterfront planning principles was created from the draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan and the Community Vision and Strategic Action Plan.

1. Denser development and higher buildings should be located at the north end, near the train station and the downtown.

2. Open spaces should separate buildings; buildings should not wall-off views of river.

3. The character of the architecture, its height, scale and density, should be consistent with the rest of the Village.

4. There should be strong physical ties to the downtown. Although designated as a "waterfront district", the waterfront is an integral part of the village, and requires public streets and adequate provisions for north-south vehicular circulation with appropriate east-west crossroads.

5. Parking should either be under the buildings or shielded from view. Investigate decking the commuter lot to provide for the waterfront.

6. Roofs of buildings should be attractive, especially when seen from above. (i.e. encourage gabled roofs.)

7. Commercial and retail activities should be at the sidewalk level.

8. Balance built areas with "enough" open space that is welcome to all. Include a public gathering space.