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**Subject:** FW: Issue: Update on Public Realm Concept Development and Engagement Materials for the Johnson Street Bridge

**From:** Lorne Daniel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2016 4:33 PM  
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Mayor Helps and Council,

On behalf of Greater Victoria Placemaking Network, I would like to note that we share the concerns expressed by the Downtown Residents Association about the Johnson Street Bridge public realm.

Not only is the "New Concept B" a total surprise to us, we have not been included in any conversations or feedback since the workshop that was held at the Delta hotel. We were surprised to find the "Update" report on the City's web site - to our knowledge, it has not been shared with us.

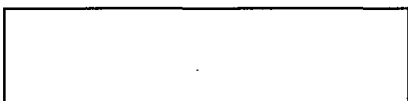
As Ian Sutherland notes, the "new" concept seems to mirror elements of the original concept that were not supported by the workshop participants. There are good public space design principles that were incorporated into the the design that stakeholders worked on in the two day workshop.

We are not comfortable with the level of public consultation in arriving at this design, and we don't support New Concept B.

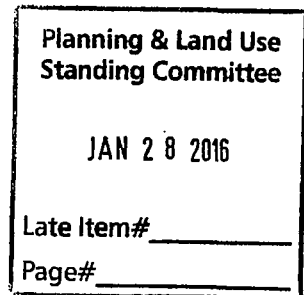
Sincerely,

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On Wed, Jan 27, 2016 at 10:57 AM, Ian Sutherland <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

Please find attached DRA Landuse Committee letter regarding the findings represented within the “Update on Public Realm Concept Development and Engagement Materials for the Johnson Street Bridge” report dated January 19, 2016. In particular we wish to dispute the validity of including South east Plaza “New Concept B” within this report as a valid alternate as it was not developed by the workshop participants or discussed within the workshop conclusion period.

Best regards,

Ian Sutherland

Chair DRA Land Use



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January 27, 2016

**Re: Conceptual Drawings for the South East Plaza-JSB Public Realm Workshop Findings**

Dear Mayor Helps and Council

DRA Land Use Committee members and I participated in the JSB Public Realm workshop in its entirety for the East Side bridge approaches held in October 2015. Conceptual designs were workshopped by two groups throughout the day and a wrap up was held at day's end to review the findings.

Upon my review of the report being presented to Council regarding the outcomes of this workshop, I was surprised to find some glaring discrepancies between what was actually designed and discussed at this workshop and the findings presented within Mr Tinney's report.

On the day of the "Eastside" workshop, the two working groups produced nearly identical concept drawings for the South East Plaza even though they worked separately. The groups coalesced around the same design elements and layout and it was this single concept that was put forward for discussion at the final wrap up. This single vision is accurately depicted by "New Concept A" within the Director's report.

However, the report to Council states, "On the downtown side of the bridge, two distinctly different concepts developed for the south east plaza area based on suggestions from the group. ". A second and distinctly different concept has been included in the Director's report as "New Concept B", giving it equal weight with the first. In fact, many of the design elements incorporated in New Concept B are in direct contradiction to the input provided by the participants at the workshop. Therefore I strongly represent since the participants at the workshop did not develop New Concept B for the South East Plaza, I have difficulty with it being presented as if it had come from this comprehensive process, along with the "Public Consultation" bona fides it implies.

New Concept B for the South East Plaza should not be included within the version of the Director's report that is accepted by Council.

I have confirmed my recollection of the outcomes developed at the workshop with fellow participants from:

DRA Landuse Committee  
Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society  
Greater Victoria Placemaking  
Merrick Architecture  
Reliance Properties

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Sutherland', with a large loop at the start and a trailing flourish.

Ian Sutherland  
Chair Land Use Committee  
Downtown Residents Association