



TOWN OF SIDNEY

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Request for Proposals - Redevelopment of Beacon Wharf

The Town of Sidney is seeking proposals to redevelop and expand Beacon Wharf based upon the goals and objectives outlined in the Town's recently adopted Downtown / Downtown Local Area Plan. Some of the desired elements in the Local Area Plan include: the establishment of marine-oriented commercial and related activities, a maritime market, vending kiosks and waterfront plaza. A key aspect of the redevelopment may be a long term lease or other partnership arrangement with the Town pertaining to commercial operations on the wharf.

Owned by the Town, Beacon Wharf is approximately 1,150 sq. m. and is situated at the east end of Beacon Avenue. It was initially constructed in the 1890's to accommodate waterfront industry and ferry transport. Rebuilt in the 1950's, the wharf can be said to have expended a normal lifespan for a structure of its type and materials. The wharf is currently encompassed by a Crown water lease.

Mayor Cross stated " Council is moving forward with this initiative in response to the strategic direction provided in the Town's new Local Area Plan and the Vision 2020 documents which speak to the future structural upgrades required for the Wharf along with the community's continued vision for a more dynamic and pedestrian oriented waterfront". He also stated that "Council recognizes there are existing leases with businesses located on the Wharf that would have to be addressed as part of any proposal and that the retention of the Fish Market would be an important consideration given that it reflects our community's maritime heritage".

A copy of the Request for Proposals document (i.e. project considerations/requirements, estimated schedule and selection criteria) is available at Town Hall or on the Town's website: www.sidney.ca.

Deadline for submissions is 4:00 pm, November 27th, 2009.

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