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**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**Subject:** Public Consultation - Central Riverfront Implementation Plan (CRIP)

**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

**City Wide:** ☒ **Ward(s):** \_\_\_\_

- I) That the report dated June 2014, titled “Central Riverfront Implementation Plan Public Consultation Summary Recommendations” by Landmark Engineers Inc., **BE RECEIVED** and used with the Central Riverfront Implementation Plan of 2000 as an update; and
- II) That Administration **ISSUE AN RFP** to retain an Engineer to conduct the necessary next steps of the Environmental Assessment process, sign and prepare a design for location of a crossing of Riverside Drive to determine the best location per the Municipal EA process, outline and bring back to Council the recommended option and budget moving forward to construct the necessary works; and
- III) That Administration **REVIEW** the necessary work to improve bathroom facilities along the Central Riverfront Implementation Plan and then report back to Council to determine if it is within the budget for future works; and
- IV) That Administration **REPORT BACK** on the cost of having additional lighting to riverfront pathway for those sections that do not currently have lighting and report this back to City Council for future budget plans. and
- V) That Administration **ALLOCATE** \$40,000 from the funding to produce a complete report on what is needed to complete the festival stage, plaza and walkway.
- VI) That the 48 recommendations contained in the report **BE USED** as a guide to planning the riverfront and considered at Operating and Capital Budgets.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

N/A

## **2. BACKGROUND:**

On September 9, 2013, the City, through CR 177/2013 (attached), engaged the firm of Landmark Engineers Inc. who partnered with Paul Bezaire & Associates with input from Architecture Architects, to solicit public consultation and input on the Central Riverfront Implementation Plan.

The Consultant had 11 public meetings, as well as put the questionnaire on the Internet and received input as to the Central Riverfront Implementation which is the subject of this report and their attached report, copy of which has been given to all Councillors. An Executive Summary is attached to this report.

Public consultation occurred in the fall/winter 2013. There were 10 Ward Meetings where an hour before each Ward Meeting, the Central Riverfront Implementation Plan was presented as an Open House. It is noted, however, that a separate one-hour meeting with respect to receiving public input on the CRIP was held in Ward 7, following the by-election.

As well, there was one additional Open House held at WFCU to receive further input. Each Open House had a survey with 39 questions asked. This same survey and the display boards at the Open House were posted online for further input.

The information presented at the Ward Meetings/Open Houses and Internet included:

- a) Ten display boards that illustrated the study area with photography as well as what has been completed (4 panels);
- b) There were 6 panels that presented specific project elements, site features and issues that were perceived to be of greater interest and were done to promote input. Those topics and issues can be put into 11 headings, namely,
  - Beacons
  - Connectivity to Riverside Drive
  - Walkability
  - Municipal Arena
  - Commercial Development
  - Lighting
  - Tree Planting
  - Playgrounds
  - Water Features
  - Parking
  - Feature Projects

A Powerpoint presentation was consistently played showing history of the riverfront, shoreline, additional renderings and of what could be considered at the riverfront.

- c) There were 224 written surveys submitted and 441 surveys submitted through the Internet all to the City of Windsor. Not all respondents answered every question. The exact number of responses and comments of note are documented in the report by Landmark Engineers Inc.
- d) The survey demographic and data show that all wards had input and also Essex County residents replied – 60% male and 40% female was the breakdown in demographics.
  - Ages 13 to 19 – 2%
  - 20 to 35 – 36%
  - 36 to 59 – 35%
  - 60+ - 27%

- e) Forty (40%) percent of the respondents used the riverfront daily
- f) Fifty-one (51%) percent of the respondents travel to the riverfront by vehicle
- g) Among the reasons for individuals going to and using the riverfront, the highest percentage of responses were:
  - Out for a walk
  - Relaxing/people watching
  - Boat watching
  - Visiting Sculpture Garden
  - Attending an event at the Festival Plaza
  - Biking
- h) Of the respondents, most use the riverfront in the afternoon or evening.

The answers to the questions are attached indicating percentage responses. Additionally, the entire study is posted on the City of Windsor's website.

### **3. DISCUSSION:**

Analysis of the results indicate that:

- There is a high level of satisfaction with the riverfront
- There is a high level for continuing development of the riverfront
- Top priorities to consider for development of the riverfront include providing washroom facilities and lighting
- Either a pedestrian bridge or underpass crossing Riverside Drive should be considered

A small majority (55%) agreed that a marina should be located on the riverfront although comments indicate the community is quite polarized regarding this issue and would want to see a Business Case indicating financial liability.

Survey results show that the community is split whether the riverfront should remain passive or include more intense development. Although this may seem to be a problem, the Landmark project team and Administration believe that the riverfront is large enough to accommodate both uses and can satisfy all.

The original CRIP study itself envisioned both uses with more intense development near the downtown core and more passive areas toward the eastern and western limits.

There are other issues that seem to be contrary but can be accommodated as above. Such an example would be tree planting as some wish to have more trees, however, they do not wish to block view. This can easily be accommodated by planting trees to allow for more shade but also to allow corridors for view to be maintained.

The report makes 48 recommendations of which are outlined in the Report's Executive Summary attached to this report.

Furthermore, there have been questions regarding the Festival Plaza and what is required to complete the Festival Plaza both from users and from the Social Development, Health and Cultural Standing Committee. It is noted that the Festival Plaza is not complete.

Some issues include installation of the wall that was deferred as part of the Riverfront Plaza because of the need for the soil to settle properly as part of the wall being completed, use of building a walkway on Riverside Drive and the coordination of temporary closure of the riverwalk and recreation way during events.

Users of the stage have noted that it is in need of more features that need to be added to it and there are some issues related to the infrastructure at the back of the facility that needs to be documented and determined what needs to be put in place that could not be accomplished with the budget for the previous Festival Plaza. The issue of securing the plaza for events and routing cyclists and pedestrians to a path is needed.

There are also some improvements needed on the Plaza site in front of the stage being landscaping, defining areas for vendors and for a better experience at the riverfront Festival Plaza. This would have to be done in consultation with the users and this is a process that could be done and is estimated to take approximately \$40,000 to do the proper designs and estimates to detail what is needed.

### **How Do We Move Forward?**

It is noted that the funds available set aside for the riverfront include:

- 1) Approximately \$1,250,000 remains from the 2013 Enhanced Capital Budget. Some of this money was used to do the consultation for the Central Riverfront Implementation Plan. The original funding was to set aside to build the walkway under Riverside Drive in front of the Family Aquatic Centre.
- 2) The 2014 Capital Enhanced Budget allocated two additional funds for this area:
  - \$1.5 million for completion of the pedestrian crossing
  - \$2.0 million for other projects at Council's discretion

Question 38 of the report indicates input received on those new projects that people would like to see move forward, those being:

- 1) Improve the washroom facilities
- 2) Improve lighting on the pathways
- 3) Improve pedestrian linkage across Riverside Drive which was noted 3 times within the top 10

The other recommendation (48), should be used as a guide when considering improvements to the riverfront in planning at future Capital and Operating Budgets. There is also as noted, further input on the Festival Plaza.

With regard to washroom facilities, there are currently 8 locations along the central riverfront that have washroom facilities. One of those facilities will be removed by construction project required for the entrance chambers for the sewer and funding will be allocated to Parks from this project to replace that particular washroom.

The other 7 washrooms do need improvement or replacing. It is being recommended in this report that Administration bring back a further report on what would be recommended and what the cost would be to improve those washrooms and if they can be improved or need to be replaced. This should be funded from the \$2 million allocation for other projects. The request for lighting along the section of the riverfront is not lit and the report is recommending that Administration bring back a report on what would it cost to do the work and this should be funded from the \$2 million allocation from the projects as well.

Recommendation VI recommends that a detailed report on which is required including consultation for the Festival Plaza in the amount of \$40,000 be undertaken and reported back to Council on detailed budget and need.

There is approximately \$2.75 million set aside for access across Riverside Drive initially targeted for a pedestrian underpass. The completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) process is needed requiring at least one public meeting to determine what is the best option for crossing Riverside Drive.

This EA study could be limited to the underpass or could be expanded to review all locations and determine the best location. This process will respect the need for ease of access and the use of the pathway to be an asset. It is recommended that the \$2.75 million be set aside for the Environmental Assessment and design of the access across Riverside Drive.

#### **4. RISK ANALYSIS:**

**Community Risk:**

The riverfront is noted as being well received and protected and seen as a source of pride for residents of the City of Windsor and do not want any detrimental works done on the riverfront. There is risk that any approved project will be perceived negatively by the public.

**Resource Risk:**

It is noted that the CRIP initially proposed many projects. Many have been completed although there are many that are not complete and there are works that need to be completed to fully take advantage and improve the central riverfront. Staffing to carry out further work will stretch resources with the amount of other projects planned.

**Budget Risk:**

There are capital funds set aside of approximately \$4.75 million at this point for projects for the central riverfront as detailed in this report. It is noted that total completion of the Central Riverfront Implementation Plan would require substantially more funding which should be considered in a future Public Works budget. Any improvements to the riverfront may and will in some cases, require additional operating funding to maintain these new facilities should they proceed.

**Mitigation Measures:**

There is funding available to do some of the improvements outlined in the Central Riverfront Implementation Plan and they should be pursued in noting what the future budget will require as far as operating.

#### **5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Funding allocated for the riverfront is as follows:

• Remaining after public consultation (2012 budget) for Underpass :	\$1,250,000
• 2014 Enhanced Capital for Underpass:	\$1,500,000
• 2014 Enhanced Capital Budget for other projects:	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$4,750,000</u></b>

Any capital works undertaken will result in future maintenance costs with the possible exception of washroom facilities which currently must be maintained. Operating Budgets will need to be addressed if work and maintenance costs cannot be absorbed.

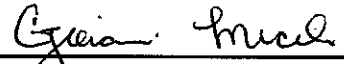
## 6. CONSULTATIONS:

This report was discussed with staff from Parks and Finance.

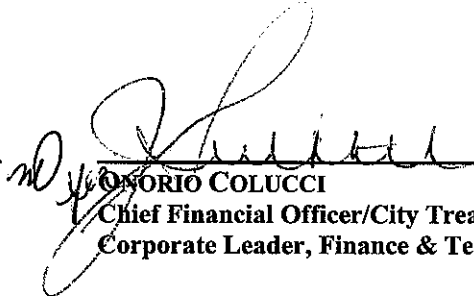
## 7. CONCLUSION:

That this report be received and the recommendations noted be pursued and reported back to Council for final disposition.

  
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MS Recommendation No. 1 I) Central Riverfront Implementation Plan Public Consultation  
Summary Recommendations was distributed to Mayor & Council only

APPENDICES: 1. CR177/2013  
2. Appendix "A" - "Executive Summary" from Report  
3. Appendix "B" - Survey Results (without comments)

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**CR177/2013**

- i) THAT Administration **ENGAGE** a consultant team to review the CRIP Plan and conduct consultations with the public and produce a report on the results for City Council; and
- ii) THAT a maximum \$150,000 **BE SET ASIDE** to undertake the report and retain a consultant following the Purchasing Bylaw, and this **BE FUNDED** from the Enhanced Capital Budget allocation of \$1.4 million for the Riverfront Trail; and
- iii) THAT the Chief Administrative Officer and City **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign an agreement with the selected consulting team satisfactory in technical form to the City Engineer, financial content to the City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and legal form to the City Solicitor, and
- iv) THAT the 2013 Ward meetings **BE USED** as the forum to obtain comments and ideas on the CRIP Plan.

Carried.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September of 2013, Landmark Engineers Inc. (in partnership with Bezaire and Associates Ltd. and Architectura Inc.) was retained by the City of Windsor to carry out a review and a public consultation process with respect to the City's Central Riverfront Implementation Plan (CRIP). This public consultation process was intended to solicit public input with regard to the ongoing development of the City's Central Riverfront park system.

In order to obtain meaningful public feedback, a series of eleven public Open Houses were convened, during which site plans and details from the original CRIP were presented, along with updates to depict the park improvements that have been implemented since the adoption of the document in 2000. The Open House attendees were provided with surveys aimed at obtaining feedback with respect to:

- their level of satisfaction with the intended development works (envisioned in CRIP) and the components that have been implemented to date;
- their preferences with regard to whether and how they would like to see the remainder of the CRIP recommendations implemented;
- whether they would like to see various components/projects deleted, changed, or added; and,
- their priorities for future implementation.

The survey and Open House display materials were also posted on the City's website in order to obtain feedback from residents who were unable to attend the Open House sessions.

The Open House sessions were generally well attended, with 224 surveys submitted for consideration. An additional 441 completed surveys were submitted via the City's website. Based on the information that was compiled from these surveys, it appears that this process was successful in obtaining input from a broad cross-section of the local community (in terms of age, gender, and location).

Analysis of the survey results indicates that:

- There is a high level of satisfaction with the development of the Central Riverfront park system that has occurred to date;
- there is a high level of support for continuing with the development of the Central Riverfront park system in the same general manner;
- the top priorities for future developments in the Central Riverfront area include: washroom facilities, lighting improvements, and pedestrian linkages across Riverside Drive;
- a strong majority (72%) of survey respondents agreed that either pedestrian bridges or underpasses crossing Riverside Drive should be considered where warranted by the volume of pedestrians;
- a small majority (55%) of survey respondents agreed that a marina should be located on the riverfront in the Downtown Area, although the comments received indicate that the community is quite polarized regarding this issue; and,



- all of the project proposals that were included in the CRIP document received some level of public support.

While the survey results show that there is very strong support for the development that has occurred to date, the community appears to be somewhat polarized with regard to whether future park improvements should focus exclusively on maintaining passive parkland, or should include more intense development. Although on the surface it would appear difficult to reconcile these opposing viewpoints, it is the opinion of the Project Team that the Central Riverfront park system is large enough that different sections of the riverfront lands can be improved differently, to satisfy each side of the debate. The CRIP document already provides for this, insofar as the areas of the park that are closer to the downtown core include plans for more intense development, while the areas toward the western and eastern limits of the park are designed to be more passive.

This same general concept could be applied to other seemingly controversial issues, such as whether there should be more trees planted on the park, or whether there should be some level of commercial development, etc. The Central Riverfront park system has the potential to offer not just "either/or", but "both".

Based on the results of the survey and the comments that were received from the public, the Project Team compiled the following list of recommendations:

1. That the City of Windsor continue to provide a mix of passive and active development as part of the overall Implementation Plan for the Central Riverfront Area.
2. That the municipality note the high level of satisfaction with the riverfront development to date and continue to develop the park in the same manner. Consideration should be given to "completing" specific areas of the park so that the final look and functionality will be realized.
3. That the concept of Beacons be retained as a key component of the park plan.
4. That future Beacons incorporate something about Windsor or our heritage into the design.
5. That Beacons incorporate facilities for the convenience of park users. This would include washroom facilities, concessions, and park service facilities as needed.
6. That further consideration be given to the number and location of Beacons as park development proceeds.
7. That consideration be given to renovating the Peace Beacon so as to strengthen the theme of "Peace".
8. That consideration be given to incorporating improved "at grade" pedestrian crossings in order to improve pedestrian safety and improve the connection between the riverfront and the area south of Riverside Drive (in keeping with the recommendations already included in the City's Riverside Drive Vista Improvement Project).

9. Where warranted because of pedestrian volume, consider constructing pedestrian crossings that separate the pedestrian traffic crossing Riverside Drive from the vehicular traffic. Such locations may include: the area behind the Festival Stage (connecting to the Civic Esplanade), the area north of the Aquatic Centre and Art Gallery, and a location near the University of Windsor.
10. Where warranted, consider the use of a pedestrian underpass rather than a pedestrian bridge. The pedestrian underpass should be of substantial width and should incorporate a high level of lighting and high quality materials. Consideration should be given to providing a gathering place or "plaza" area at each end of the underpass as well, complete with systems for security.
11. Any changes to the width of Riverside Drive should be undertaken with caution and only after a thorough review of traffic patterns.
12. That consideration be given to the provision of additional pedestrian space and improvements to the pedestrian areas along Riverside Drive, as outlined in the CRIP document and the Riverside Drive Vista Improvement Project.
13. That consideration be given to additional parking for the disabled.
14. While there doesn't seem to be a present need for additional parking, consideration should be given to locating any future parking on the south side of Riverside Drive - with safe pedestrian access across the roadway.
15. Consider provision of a municipal marina located along the Central Riverfront.
16. Consider locating a marina near the Aquatic Centre - along the area where the need for shoreline protection work has already been identified.
17. Consider providing a marina for between 40 and 80 boats rather than the much larger marina that was shown included the CRIP document.
18. Prior to proceeding with construction of a municipal marina along the Central Riverfront, prepare a detailed business plan to determine whether it would be financially feasible.
19. Consider providing facilities for various commercial-type services along the Central Riverfront.
20. Consider the potential for bicycle rentals, affordable food and beverage concessions, and portable ice cream (or similar foods) carts.
21. Consider the provision of dining patios, washrooms, locations, and services for food service trucks.
22. Discourage the sale of tourist items such as souvenirs, hats, sunglasses etc.
23. Consider the development of an open air seasonal vendor's area, perhaps in the area west of the Festival Stage.

24. Provide additional lighting along pathways and in gathering areas - especially toward the western and eastern limits of the park.
25. Consider the use of energy efficient lighting, including LED fixtures and solar power.
26. Ensure that any new lighting does not result in glare so as to impact on the ability to view the river or Detroit Skyline.
27. Ensure that the lighting is designed so as not to result in "light pollution".
28. As the park continues to develop, consider providing lighting to highlight or feature specific aspects of the park.
29. Incorporate more trees into the Riverfront Park, utilizing trees where desirable for shade or to frame views.
30. Include more native species and more trees with ornamental value into the species mix.
31. Maintain clear view corridors at the northerly end of north/south streets adjacent to the Riverfront Park.
32. Proceed with the provision of playground space and equipment in the manner completed to date and outlined in CRIP.
33. Consider the provision of specialized play opportunities such as water play areas, and interactive playgrounds as outlined in CRIP.
34. Improve the level of maintenance provided to existing water features, especially to the area around the Bert Weeks Fountain.
35. Repair or remove water features presently found in the Odette Sculpture Garden.
36. Give careful consideration to the provision of any additional water features. Ensure that they can be easily and adequately maintained.
37. Consider improvements to the existing washroom facilities in the park. Consider implementing a schedule to keep them open for longer periods of time.
38. Give a high priority to the provision of additional washroom facilities either within Beacons or in stand-alone facilities.
39. Give a high priority to the provision of lighting along pathways and gathering areas in the easterly and westerly reaches of the park.
40. Give a high priority to the installation of additional Beacons, ensuring that in addition to providing services, they each portray some aspect of Windsor.

41. Give a high priority to the installation of pedestrian underpasses where warranted by a large volume of potential pedestrians.
42. Give a low priority to the installation of putting greens, basketball courts, volleyball courts or a skateboard park on the riverfront.
43. Consider the provision of a municipal marina, children's gardens, a water taxi, and a water play area as mid-level priorities.
44. Consider connecting the Riverfront Park to specific areas south of Riverside Drive through wayfinding signage, improvements to the north/south streets leading to and from these areas, and possible joint promotion of these areas.
45. Consider a partnership with an entity such as the Great Lakes Institute in order to highlight the park's location on the Great Lakes system.
46. Consider revisions to the CRIP master plan to incorporate the results of this public consultation. Such revisions might be viewed as the preparation of more detailed concepts for specific areas of the park, such as the Festival Plaza or the Beacons.
47. Update the schedule of costs in the CRIP master plan to present day costs so as to have an "order of magnitude" estimate of the works.
48. Update the five year Capital Forecast to incorporate ongoing development of the Riverfront lands.

Development of the Central Riverfront park system to date has been spread out in "bits and pieces" throughout park - resulting in many areas that are available for use by the public, even though they remain only partially completed. A prime example of this is the Festival Plaza - where a new stage has been built, but many other planned amenities have not yet been provided. This resulted in some respondents expressing dissatisfaction with the extent of the landscaping at the Festival Plaza - although it appears that they were unaware that the work is far from complete. Therefore, in addition to the recommendations provided above, it is the opinion of the Project Team that consideration should be given to "completing" some specific areas of the riverfront with final pavement, lighting, signage, site furnishings and landscaping, in order to "showcase" the overall vision that is provided in the CRIP document.

If City Council chooses to adopt this report for the purposes of updating and guiding the ongoing implementation of the Central Riverfront Implementation Plan (CRIP), the Project Team recommends that following specific actions should be considered as the next steps in this process:

- Given the high level of satisfaction amongst the general public with the development of the Central Riverfront park system that has occurred to date, and the high level of public support for continuing with the development of the Central Riverfront park system in the same general manner, the City could simply carry on with implementation of the master plan as originally envisioned for the remainder of the 25 year planning horizon.

- portions of the CRIP document should be updated to reflect the improvements that have been implemented to date and the findings of this report;
- an update to the original CRIP cost estimates should be commissioned – including new cost estimates for any new proposals under consideration;
- a priority list should be developed for future developments, renovations, and repairs to the Central Riverfront park system; and,
- a five-year capital forecast should be developed for the ongoing implementation of CRIP.

## **APPENDIX “B”**

### **Summary of Survey Results (without Representative comments)**

## SECTION A: Background

Questions 1 through 3 were intended to obtain demographic information pertaining to users of the Central Riverfront Area. Questions 4 through 7 solicited information pertaining to usage frequency and activities. Question 8 invited respondents to offer any additional comments regarding their historic or desired use of the Central Riverfront Area.

### 1. In which ward do you live?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Ward 1	9%	60
Ward 2	8%	52
Ward 3	13%	81
Ward 4	18%	118
Ward 5	8%	50
Ward 6	10%	62
Ward 7	12%	74
Ward 8	4%	23
Ward 9	5%	30
Ward 10	4%	29
Essex County	9%	57
Answered Question		636
No Comment		29

### 2. What is your gender?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	60%	395
Female	40%	264
Answered Question		659
No Comment		6

### 3. Which of the following best describes you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Teenager (13-19)	2%	15
Young Adult (20-35)	36%	240
Adult (36 to 59)	35%	227
Senior (60 and over)	27%	175
Answered Question		657
No Comment		8

**4. Approximately how many times have you visited the Windsor Central Riverfront Area in the last year?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Once or twice	10%	61
Three to Five Times	24%	160
Once a Month	26%	171
Weekly or Daily	40%	264
Answered Question		656
No Comment		9

**5. How did you travel to and from the Central Riverfront Area?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Walk/Run	27%	246
Bike/Scooter	18%	161
Public Transit	4%	36
Private Car	51%	461
Answered Question		664
No Comment		1

**6. What was your reason for going to the Central Riverfront Area? — check off as many as apply.**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Out for a Walk	70%	467
Launch a Boat	3%	20
Visit Bert Weeks Fountain	15%	102
Visit Peace Beacon	16%	104
Eating Lunch	28%	183
Jogging	17%	110
Relaxing	56%	373
Use Play Area	14%	91
Visit Wildflower Garden	17%	115
Eat/drink at Peace Beacon Bistro	13%	84
Biking	33%	217
"People Watching"	38%	250
Fishing	4%	29
Watching Boats on River	43%	285
Passing through as Transportation Corridor	19%	127
Roller Blading	9%	57
Visiting Sculpture Garden	34%	224
Visiting Memorials	17%	110
Attending an event at Festival Plaza	61%	402
Answered Question		665
No Comment		0



**7. At what times of the day do you normally visit the Central Riverfront Area? – Check as many as apply.**

	<u>Response Percent</u>	<u>Response Count</u>
Early Morning	20%	132
Late Morning	28%	187
Lunch Time	31%	206
Afternoon	73%	485
Evening	66%	441
Answered Question		664
No Comment		1

## SECTION C: Specific Issues Needing Review and Public Input

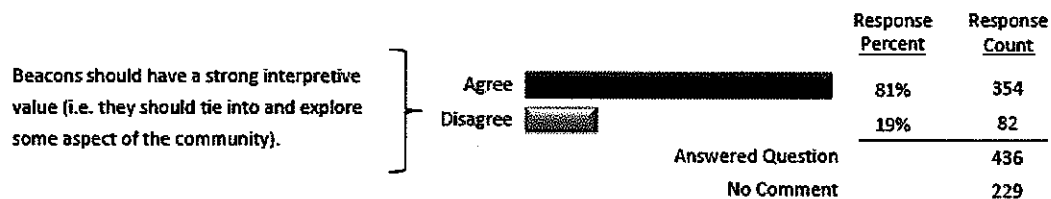
### • USE AND PLACEMENT OF 'BEACONS' AS FRAMEWORK FOR THE CENTRAL RIVERFRONT AREA

Questions 13 and 14 solicited public feedback concerning the use and placement of "Beacons" with the Central Riverfront Area. Question 15 invited respondents to offer any additional comments regarding the beacons in general, or to provide suggestions for the locations and themes for future beacon development.

#### 13. How important will the Beacons be in terms of providing a framework for the various uses on the Riverfront?



#### 14. As the park develops, it appears that some changes to the Beacons could be considered. Having reviewed the information provided, indicate whether you agree, or disagree with the following statements:



▪ **CONNECTIVITY TO THE SOUTH ACROSS RIVERSIDE DRIVE**

Questions 16 and 17 solicited public feedback concerning the issue of constructing pedestrian bridges or underpasses along Riverside Drive to ease pedestrian crossing.

**16. Do you agree that consideration should be given to "Pedestrian Bridges" and "Pedestrian Underpasses" connecting the south and north sides of Riverside Drive at places where a large number of pedestrians are expected?**



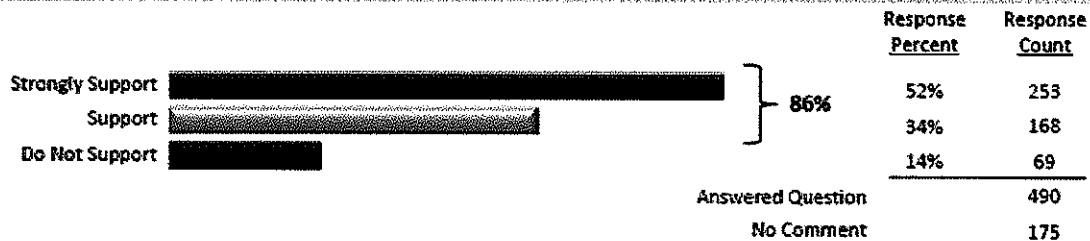
**17. If you agree with the above statement, would you prefer a Pedestrian Bridge or Pedestrian Underpass**



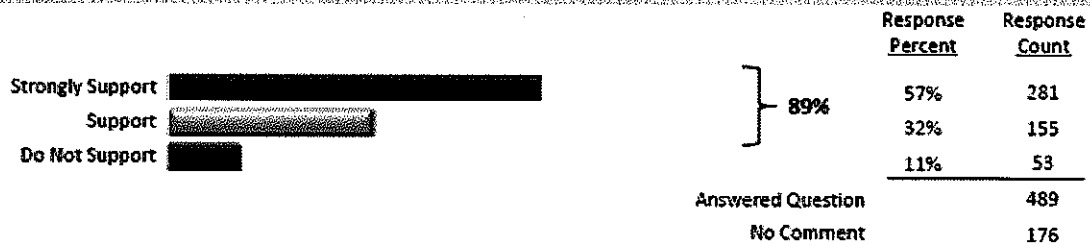
## ■ RIVERSIDE DRIVE WALKABILITY

Questions 18 and 20 solicited public feedback concerning quality of pedestrian spaces along Riverside Drive and the idea of modifying the cross section of Riverside Drive to make it more pedestrian friendly.

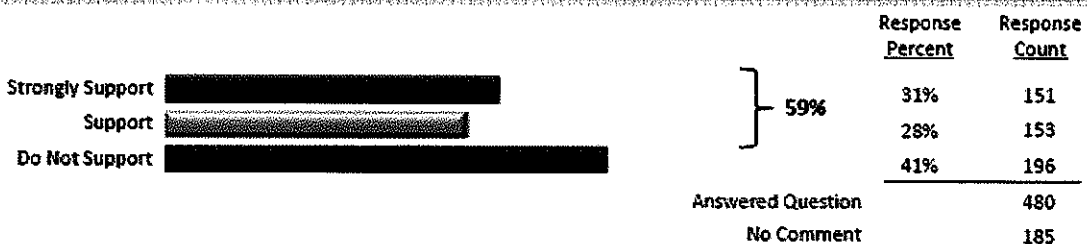
### 18. Do you support the provision of pedestrian space along each side of Riverside Drive where currently none exists?



### 19. How strongly do you support improvements to the pedestrian space along each side of Riverside Drive by providing new and wider sidewalks, trees, benches, and lighting?



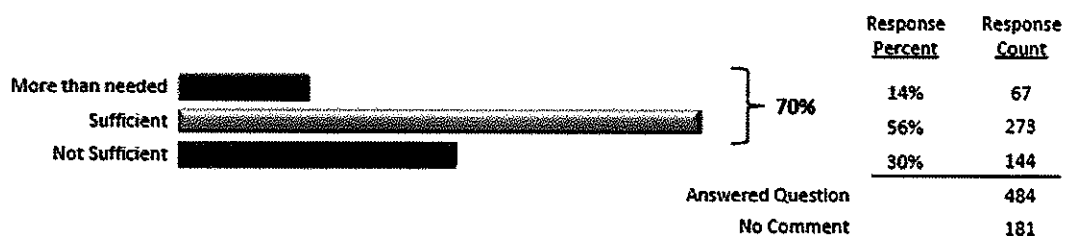
### 20. Do you agree with narrowing Riverside Drive to two or three lanes and other traffic calming techniques would improve the pedestrian spaces and facilitate crossing Riverside Drive?



## ■ PARKING

Questions 21 and 22 invited input on the quantity of parking currently provided within the Central Riverfront Lands and the issue of parking in general.

### 21. Generally, is the amount of parking built to date sufficient for your use of the Park?





## ▪ **MUNICIPAL MARINA**

Questions 23 and 44 solicited public feedback concerning the inclusion of a marina within the Central Riverfront Area and the preferred location of the marina from the two options under consideration. Question 25 invited respondents to offer any additional comments regarding the idea of a marina in general.

### **23. Do you agree that there should be a marina located in the Downtown Area?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	55%	255
No 	45%	207
Answered Question		462
No Comment		203












### **24. Of the two proposed locations along the Riverfront, which do you prefer?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Westerly location near the Aquatic Centre/Art Gallery 	38%	150
Easterly Location near the Casino 	35%	138
No Preference 	27%	104
Answered Question		392
No Comment		273

## ▪ **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE RIVERFRONT**

Questions 26 invited input on the extent and type of commercial development that the public would like to see on the Central Riverfront Lands. Question 27 provided the opportunity to offer any additional comments regarding the issue of commercial development on the riverfront.

### **26. Place a check in the box beside each type of light commercial development that you feel is compatible with the Riverfront Area. Check as many as apply.**

	Response Percent	Response Count
No More Commercial 	11%	71
Food Concession 	43%	284
Ice Cream Stand 	48%	321
Portable Vendor Carts 	37%	247
High Quality Food Service Trucks 	39%	261
Licensed Food Service Patio/Bistro 	41%	270
Bicycle Rental 	56%	371
Sale of Souvenirs 	19%	128
Sale of hats, sunglasses etc. 	18%	123
Area for seasonal vendors 	45%	297
Permanent Retail Boutiques 	19%	129
Answered Question		665
No Comment		0

## ■ LIGHTING

Questions 28 invited input on the level of lighting that has been provided to date, within the Central Riverfront Lands. Question 29 provided the opportunity to offer any additional comments regarding the issue of lighting on the riverfront.

### 28. Are you satisfied with the level of lighting that is provided?



## ■ TREE PLANTING ON THE RIVERFRONT

Questions 30 invited respondents to indicate their support for the use of plantings and originally envisioned in the CRIP document. Question 31 invited respondents to indicate how satisfied they were with the tree planting that has occurred to date. Question 32 invited respondents to indicate how they prefer to see trees incorporated into the Central Riverfront Area.

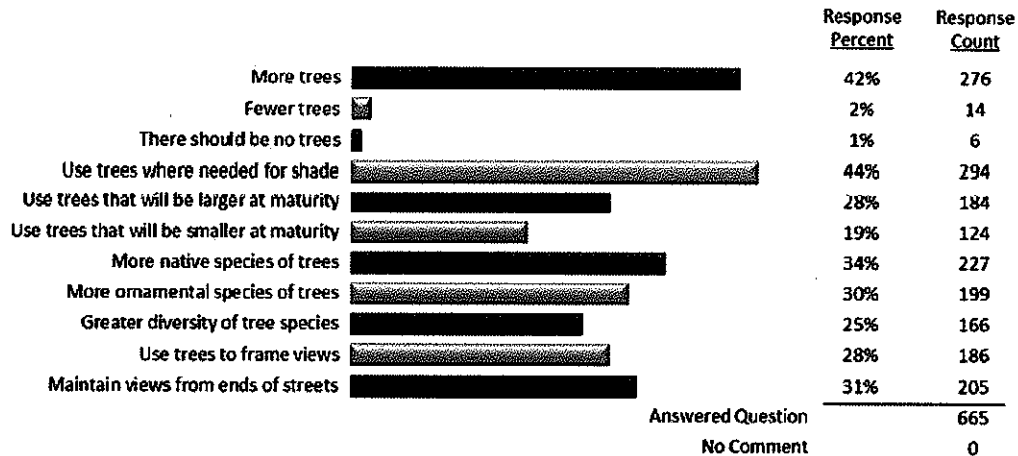
### 30. Do you support the type of planting outlined in CRIP and as described above?



### 31. Trees have already been planted in some areas. How satisfied are you with the nature of tree planting completed to date?



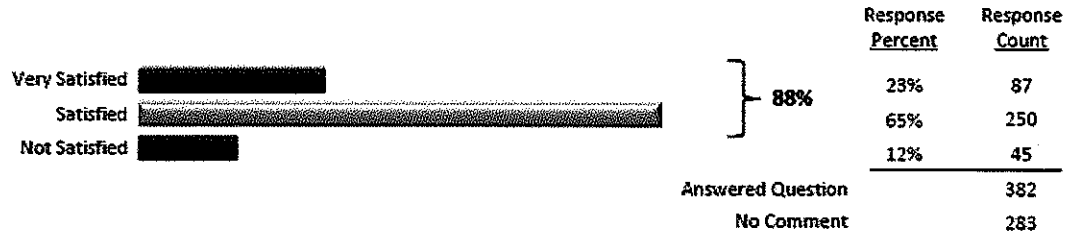
### 32. Which of the following represents your opinion of tree planting for the Central Riverfront Area. Check as many as apply.



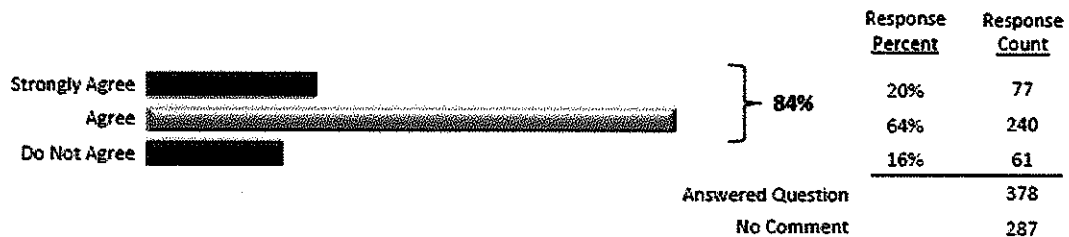
## ■ PLAYGROUNDS

Questions 33 invited input on the quantity and quality of playgrounds and play areas currently provided within the Central Riverfront Lands and the issue of parking in general. Question 35 solicited public input of the amount of playground facilities included in the CRIP document. Question 36 provided the opportunity for respondents to indicate whether they supported the idea of introducing specialized play areas along the riverfront.

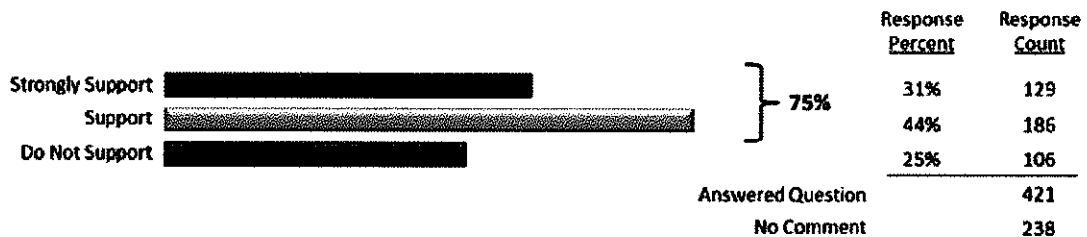
### 33. How satisfied are you with the type and nature of playground facilities provided to date?



### 34. Do you agree that there are sufficient locations of basic playground facilities in the CRIP Plan?



### 35. How strongly do you support the provision of more specialized play areas such as a splash pad or interactive play area?

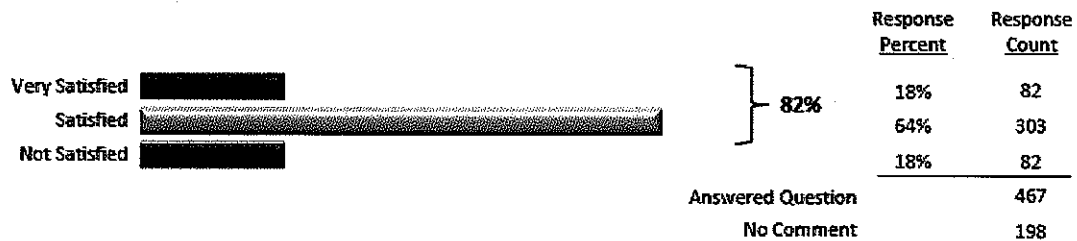




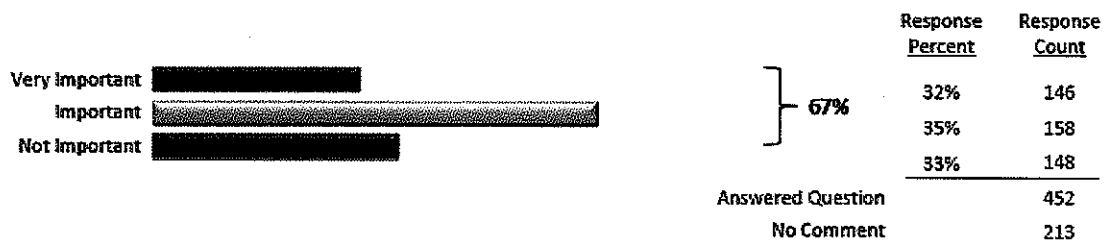
## ■ USE OF WATER FEATURES

Questions 36 and 37 solicited public feedback concerning the water features that currently exist within the Central Riverfront Area and the importance of incorporating additional water features along the riverfront.

### 36. How satisfied are you with the water features implemented to date (Udine Fountain and Bert Weeks Fountain)?



### 37. How important is it to have additional water features along the Riverfront as outlined in CRIP?



## • FUTURE PROJECTS

Questions 38 asked respondents to rank the importance of the remaining projects that were included in the CRIP document. Question 39 provided the opportunity for respondents to offer any additional suggestion or comments regarding the Central Riverfront Area.

**38. Rank the following list of remaining projects with respect to how important each is to you.**

