Example Pic: Integrated seating along sidewalk

► New benches and integrated seating invite people to

► Comfortable materials (e.g. wood) and custom designs

rest a moment, enjoy, and socialize

provide a variety of seating options

DESIGN COMMERCIAL – DOWNTOWN REIMAGINED DRAFT FUNCTIONAL DESIGN

Just over a year ago, the Nanaimo community came together to create a plan for a revitalized and reimagined Commercial Street in the heart of our Downtown. Now the next step in design is underway to figure out how to turn this vision into reality. Explore the emerging design below to see how things are progressing and the features you can expect to see in the future!



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CITY OF NANAIMO

- ► An expanded pocket plaza and green space
- Protection of existing large oak trees that provide shade and green
- Anticipated updated features: improved circulation, integrated seating, lighting, and art



- New trees planted for an overall increase in the number of street trees
- Careful design and construction working to protect key existing trees like the big oak beside Diana
- Soil cells installed underground to provide space for tree roots to grow while protecting a smooth paving surface and utilities

FLEXIBLE CURBSIDE

Example Pic: Downtown flex space

Most of the curbside area remains available for on-

parking areas create flexibility in how this valuable

street space next to business is used — for parking,

trees, pedestrian routes, and loading zones

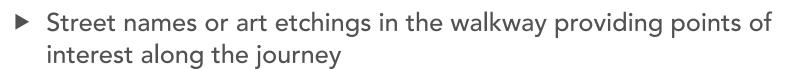
Retractable bollards and decorative paving in

temporary patios, or other uses

street parking, with adjustments to better incorporate



- Decorative concrete paving through pedestrian and vehicle areas to provide a smooth, modern, and attractive finish
- ► Contrasting feature paving in furnishings and flex zones that provide visual interest while maintaining a smooth finish





- ► A flush curb street and identified crossings that support movement of people of all ages and abilities
- ► A narrowed roadway that encourages slow vehicle speed for pedestrian comfort
- Accessibility indicators including tactile paving and urban braille to help people with varied abilities navigate safely and easily
- Shorter intersection crossing distances for pedestrians



Spacious flex zone areas that can be used by adjacent businesses for patios, signs, and displays creating inviting spaces and encouraging Downtown activity

DALLAS SQUARE PARK DESIGN DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY

- An updated plaza space with a focus on remembrance
- Existing cenotaph to remain
- Anticipated updated features: more seating opportunities, updating paving and surfaces, improved circulation, and enhanced lighting

Example Pic: Bollard with custom art features

Artistic elements, to be developed in

Public art featured in adjacent plazas

partnership with local artists, featured

within bollards, benches, and light columns



Commercial Street is one of several planned upgrades happening around

Downtown. Below are other planned projects that will also enhance the area.

- 6 Commercial Avenue Development ("Jean Burns" site)
- 500 Terminal Project (not shown)

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Nine principles were developed with the community during Design Commercial. They are guiding the design of the future street. The symbols below show how the proposed design elements connect with these principles



CONNECTED

clear and intuitive route between the waterfront and surroundi hbourhoods will encourage and enable people to acces



y access to walking paths and the availability of safe and secur arking for cars and bicycles will remove barriers and encourage eople to spend time downtown.



COMFORTABLE

ion of ample room for walking, traffic calming, and ample space r people to stay and play will enhance the comfort of Commerc treet for visitors, residents, and businesses.



ENGAGING

ding colour through greening and public art and enabling pub vents that bring people downtown will create a space that is engaging



ACCESSIBLE

lider sidewalks, flush curbs, and continuous crossings and publ paces, combined with places to sit, play, or relax, create a downtov that is enjoyed by all ages and abilities.



entrasting colours and materials, and delineation through use of ees and clearly defined parking, will create a space that is legible and easy to navigate in all seasons.

Measures that reduce conflicts between road users, reduce isolate r dark spaces and increase visibility through lighting will create a



uitable design encourages visitors of all ages, abilities, background

nd economic means to enjoy the street and its plazas withou

scrimination or exclusion.

FLEXIBLE

ush curbs, flexible parking areas, and continuous spaces throug tersections and plazas allow for flexibility in the use and enjoymer of downtown while supporting a sustainable and resilient future.



► A renewed plaza space with a focus on Example Pic: Retractable bollards performance and celebration ► Retractable bollards that allow convenient Structural review currently underway to

temporary closure of Commercial Street for the

activity spaces, and uses

- Night Market and other downtown events ► Anticipated key features: stage area, movable tables and chairs, interactive play elements, ► Flush curbs provide flexibility for the street to accommodate a broader range of set-ups, shading, sculptural features, decorative lighting
 - ► Encouragement for more future retail businesses and patios that generate activity

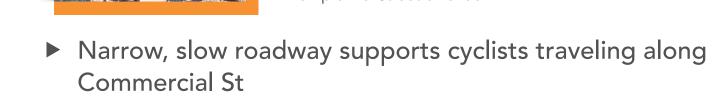
understand loading limitations



- Existing heritage-style street lights remain, with addition of new lights at key locations like intersections
- New decorative light elements including overhead canopy lights, bench lights, street tree lights, and projected light art onto paved surfaces added for atmosphere



the elevated intersection at Bastion and Commercial, providing landmark for downtown



- Bike rack design and layout that supports a variety of bicycle types (e.g. cargo bikes, e-bikes)
- Integrated spaces for covered / secure bike parking along the street, at plazas, and/or in parkades







CYCLING-FRIENDL

- Bike racks distributed throughout the street for end of trip

