

# 3.0 Workshop One Results

#### 3.1 Workshop Questions

On October 22nd, the RDN held a community visioning workshop at Cedar Secondary School. Two questions were asked, with one specific to the design of Cedar Main Street. Listed below is a summary of the responses gathered during the round table discussion of questions 1 and 2 (refer to the RDN report: "Results of the Community Workshop" for a full summary of the workshop). This represents an emergence of several common themes that include traffic calming, the desire for a common community gathering space, access to the adjacent natural amenities, and a desire for more diverse and additional goods and services. Several diverging themes also became apparent. Some community members have a desire to see more and diverse types of housing located within the corridor while others would like to see Cedar Main Street stay as is or grow just its shops and not housing.

Question 1: What is your vision for the Cedar Main Street? In answering this question think about what it is that you like about your community and what it is you would like more of. Feel free to include design details that you feel are important.

- Cedar Main Street is envisioned to include sidewalks.
- The use of turnabouts (traffic circles) is envisioned to both slow traffic down and to signify the entrance to Cedar Main Street.
- There is a strong desire to slow traffic down and improve pedestrian safety.
- A trail/boardwalk around York Lake is supported.
- Create a gateway to Cedar Main Street.
- The design should include a dedicated bike lane and boulevards.
- Limit development to a maximum of two storeys.
- Boutique shops are preferred.
- Preserve the rural village feel.
- There is some support for mixed use buildings (commercial on the ground level and residential above).
- Parking on Cedar Road appears to be undesirable.
- There is a split between those who support some residential densification and those who think it should be either left rural or only include commercial and other community uses.
- There is support to include landscaping, trees, and natural areas.
- A range of additional services were supported (health, bakery, farmers market, etc.).





• There was support to accommodate the use of the area by horses.

Question 2: What are the most significant challenges that must be overcome and/or what are some of the most exciting opportunities that the Cedar Main Street could provide?

#### Challenges:

- Finding a balance between sustainable growth and maintaining rural ambiance
- Water and sewer supply
- Jurisdictional issues are a major challenge (sidewalks, water, etc.)

#### Opportunities:

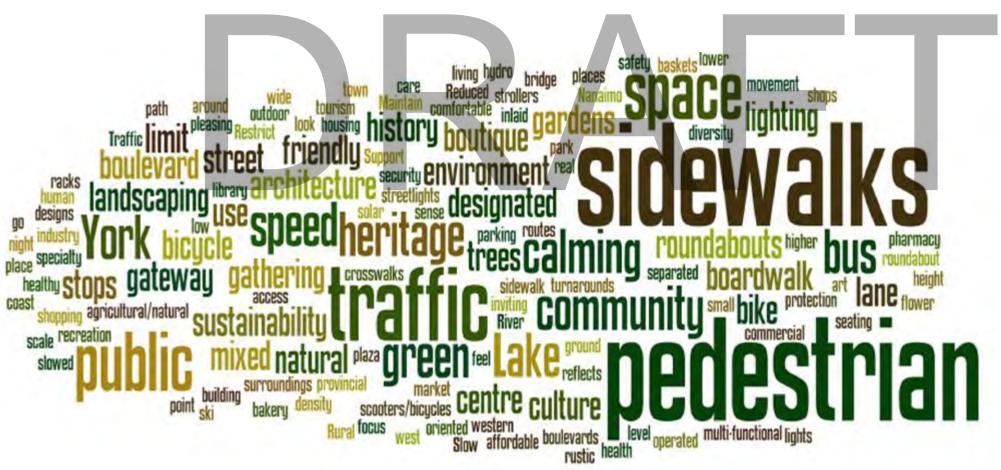
- An opportunity to create local jobs and additional local services
- To improve safety of pedestrians and cyclists
- To improve public access and enjoyment of nature (York Lake and Nanaimo River)

## To improve local services

Distilling the feedback further, we can see that the diverging opinions about what a Cedar Main Street may look like in the future supports the exploration of more than one design concept that will help the community visualize what options are possible for the future of the Cedar central business district.

### 3.2 Visual Preferencing

During the community visioning exercise on October 15th, 2011 a slide show was given illustrating 107 images from villages in Canada, the US, and England. The participants were asked to rate each image to see if the content of the image would be an appropriate form of development (landscape, architecture, or urban space) for Cedar Main Street. For a complete summary refer to the RDN summary document of the workshop. Included here on the following pages are a series of 'image pages' that give the top 40 – 50 images polled by the workshop participants, grouped into relevant categories.



#### Left:

Word cloud which highlights the most frequently used words during the Oct 22nd workshop.

The more the word was used the larger it gets. You can see that sidewalks, traffic and pedestrian were are words that were echoed by many participants.



#### Right:

Visual preferencing images. The following images were the most popular images in the Main Street, Architectural Scale, and Architectural Character categories.











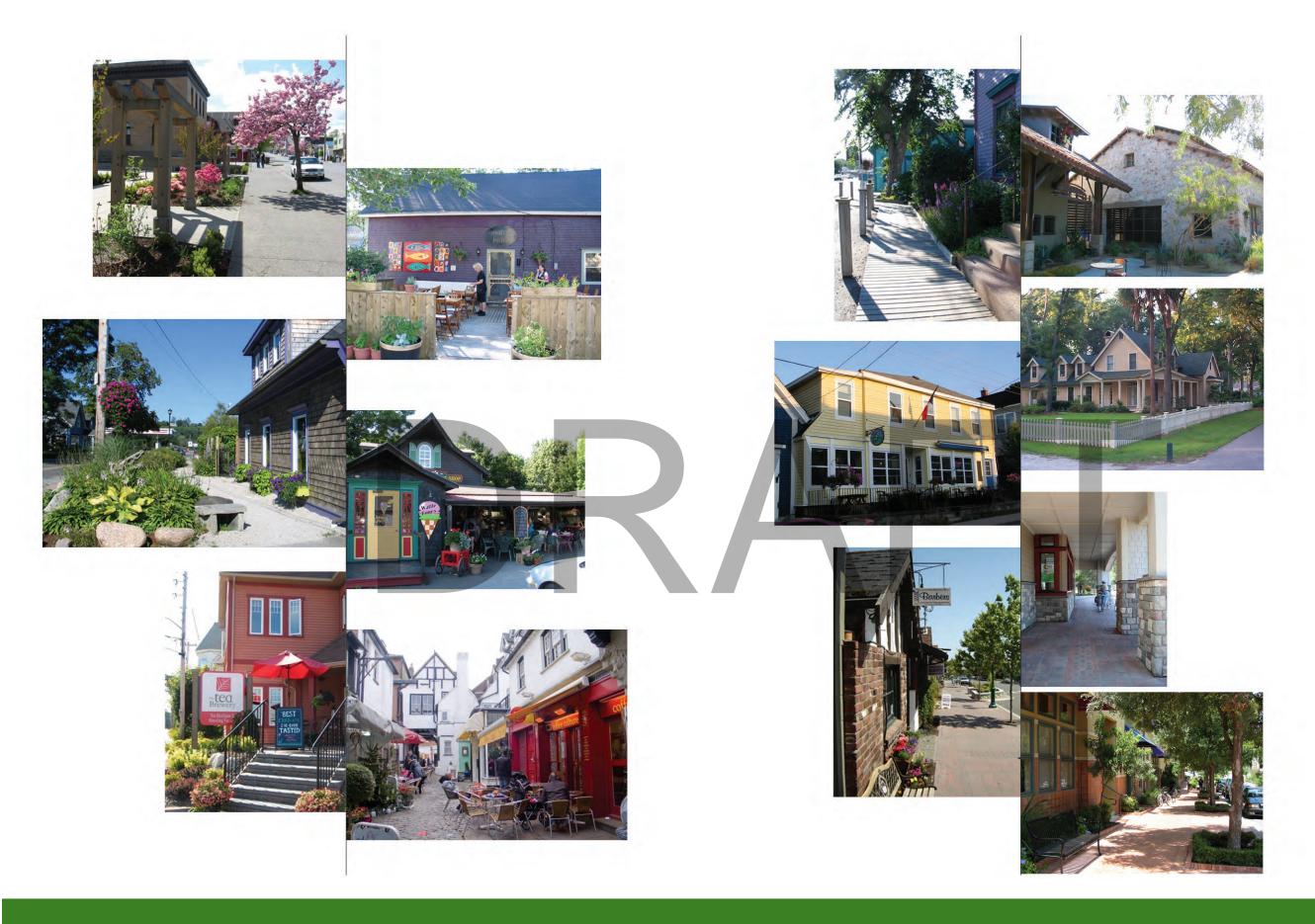














Visual preferencing images. The following images were the most popular images in the 'Places for People' category.



## Right:

Visual preferencing images. The following images were the most popular images in the 'Landscape in the Village' and 'Places for Cars and Cyclists' categories.











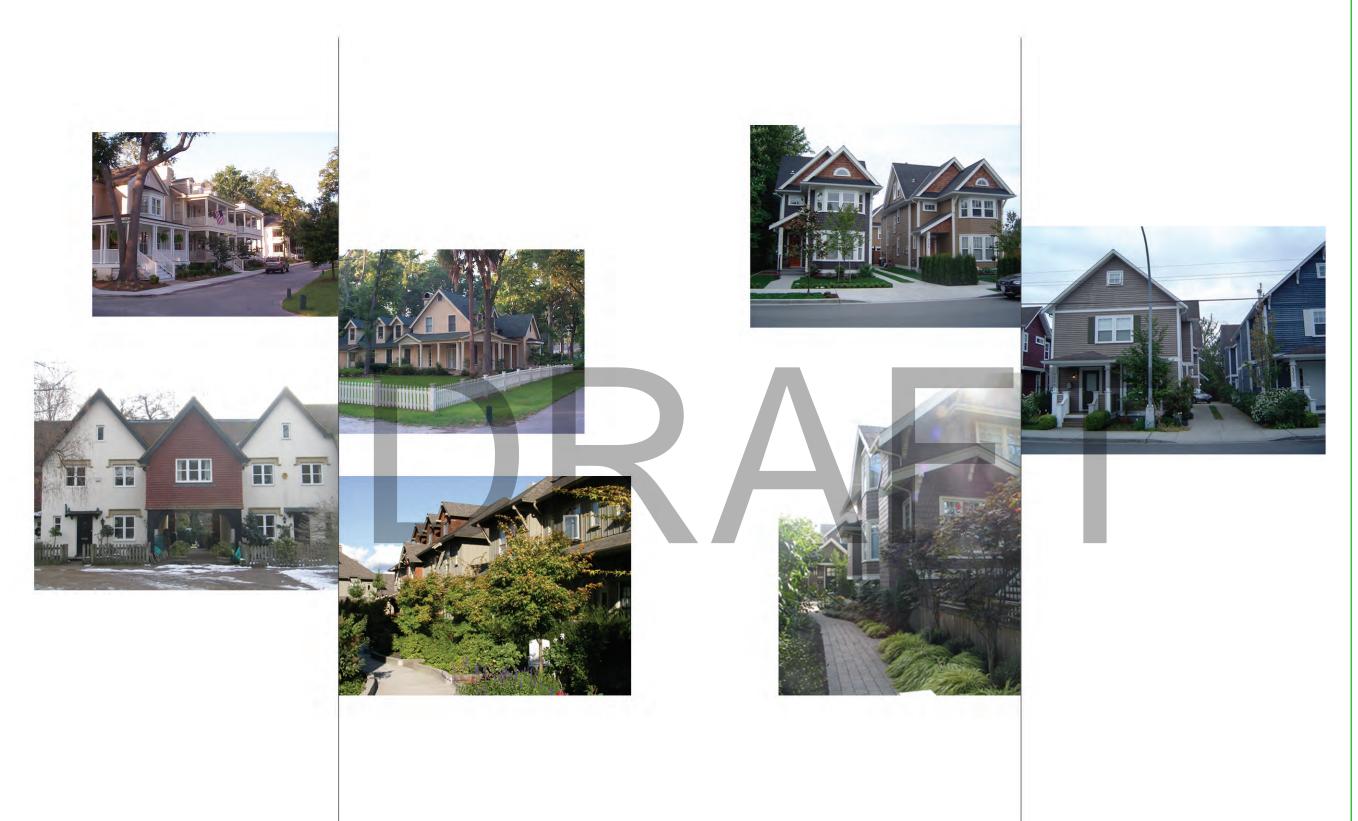








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Visual preferencing images. The following images were the most popular images in the Housing Form and Character category.

