

# Cadboro Bay LOCAL AREA PLAN

**Online Village Housing Session** 

June 22, 2022



## **AGENDA**

7:00 pm Welcome

7:10 pm Presentation – Context and Workshop

Results

7:45 pm Q & A

8:50 pm Summary, Survey and next steps

9:00 pm Adjournment

#### **Ground Rules**

- 1. Maintain a respectful dialogue
- 2. Ask questions through typing in a comment in chat
- 3. Preference to questions from new participants please add "NP" before your question in the chat
- 4. Opportunity to ask questions verbally at the end
- 5. Keep mics muted unless prompted by facilitator



#### **Presentation Overview**

- 1. Highlight where we are in the Local Area Plan update process
- 2. Provide background on community housing context
- 3. Share opportunities and challenges to achieving potential new housing in Cadboro Bay
- 4. Provide a summary of key ideas emerging from the June 11 Village workshop
- 5. Q&A / Discussion



## Why we Are Here

- Direction given by Saanich Council as part of Draft Plan review
- Explore options for expanding the Village Centre to accommodate a broader range of housing options
- Specific areas of exploration are purpose built rental housing and housing accessible to a broader range of incomes
- Part of a broader process to update the Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan

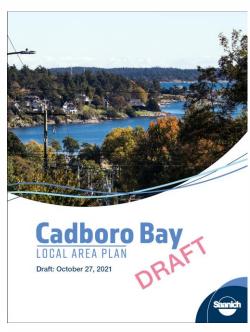
## Draft Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan



## **Local Area Plan Update – Process to Date**

- Multi-year process undertaken to develop update of Local Area Plan
- Guide change in area over next 20-30 years
- Draft Plan presented for public feedback in November
   2021



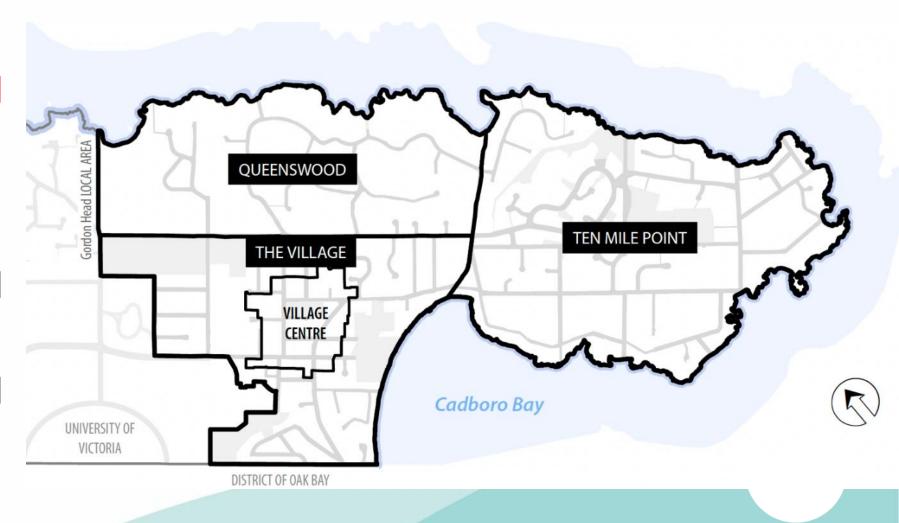




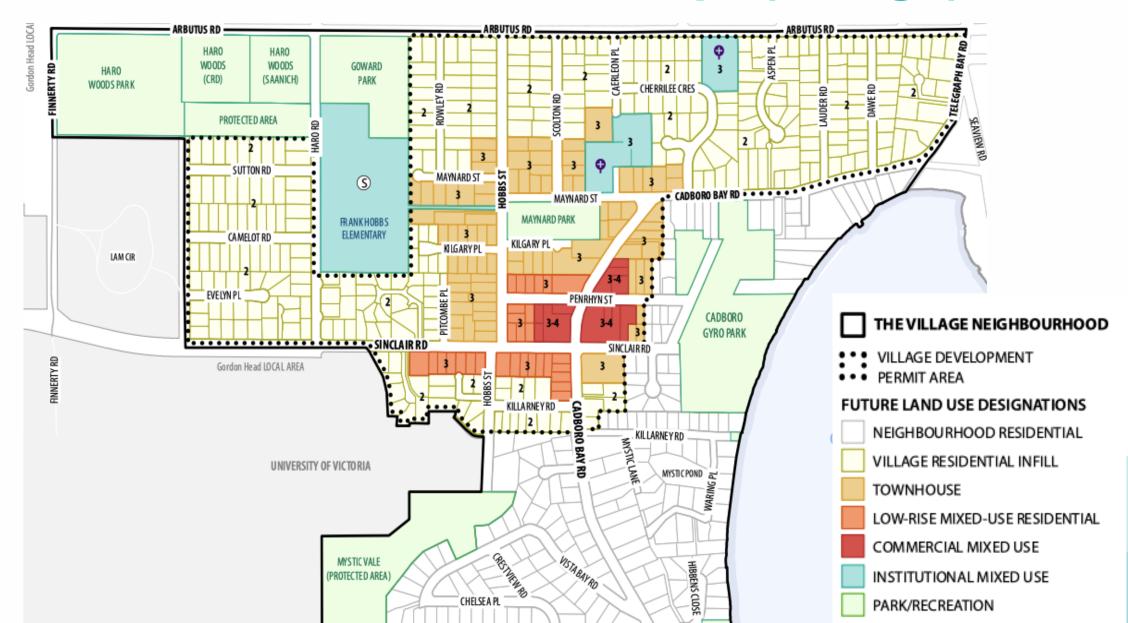
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## Cadboro Bay Local Area

- The Village
   Neighbourhood
   (includes
   Village Centre)
- QueenswoodNeighbourhood
- Ten Mile Point Neighbourhood



## **Draft Plan Land Use Concept (Village)**



## How Land Use Directions in Plan are implemented

- Plan provides clear "policy" on what land use and building height is supported on individual properties
- Change only happens when initiated by a property owner
- Rezoning with public / Council process is required
- Design guidelines address form and character of new development

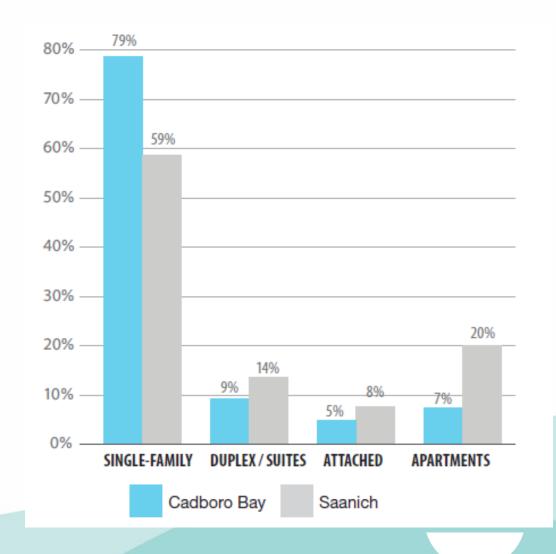


## **Community Housing Context**



## **Cadboro Bay Housing Context**

- Limited diversity of housing types
- 10% of residents are renters (primarily in secondary suites)
- No social housing
- Lower number of households with children
- Limited options to age in place especially affordable options
- Lack of workforce housing



## **Saanich Housing Context**

- Approximate annual demand of 600 units per year
- Limited housing options for low to moderate incomes
- 47% of future demand is for rental housing
- Housing Strategy completed in 2021 with focus on affordable and supportive housing, rental housing and housing diversity and supply

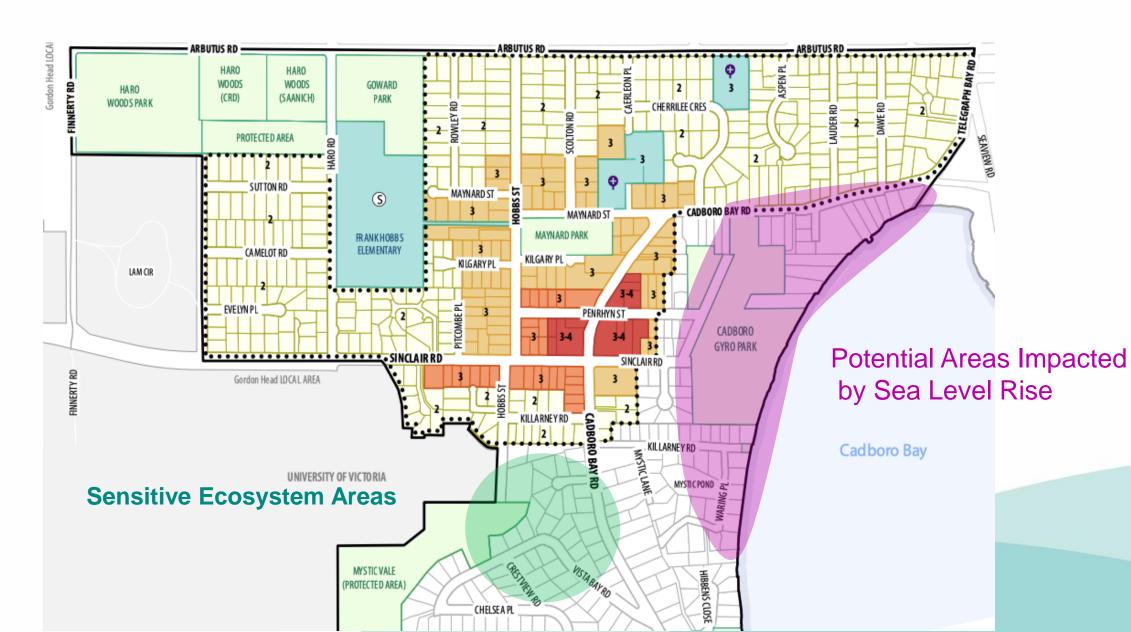




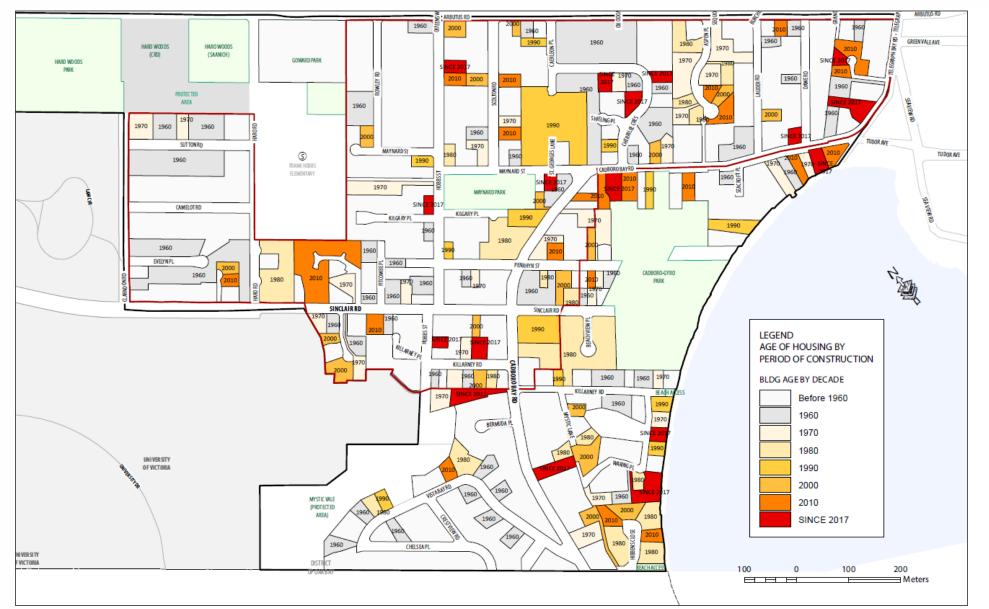
# Opportunities and Challenges



#### **Land Use Considerations**



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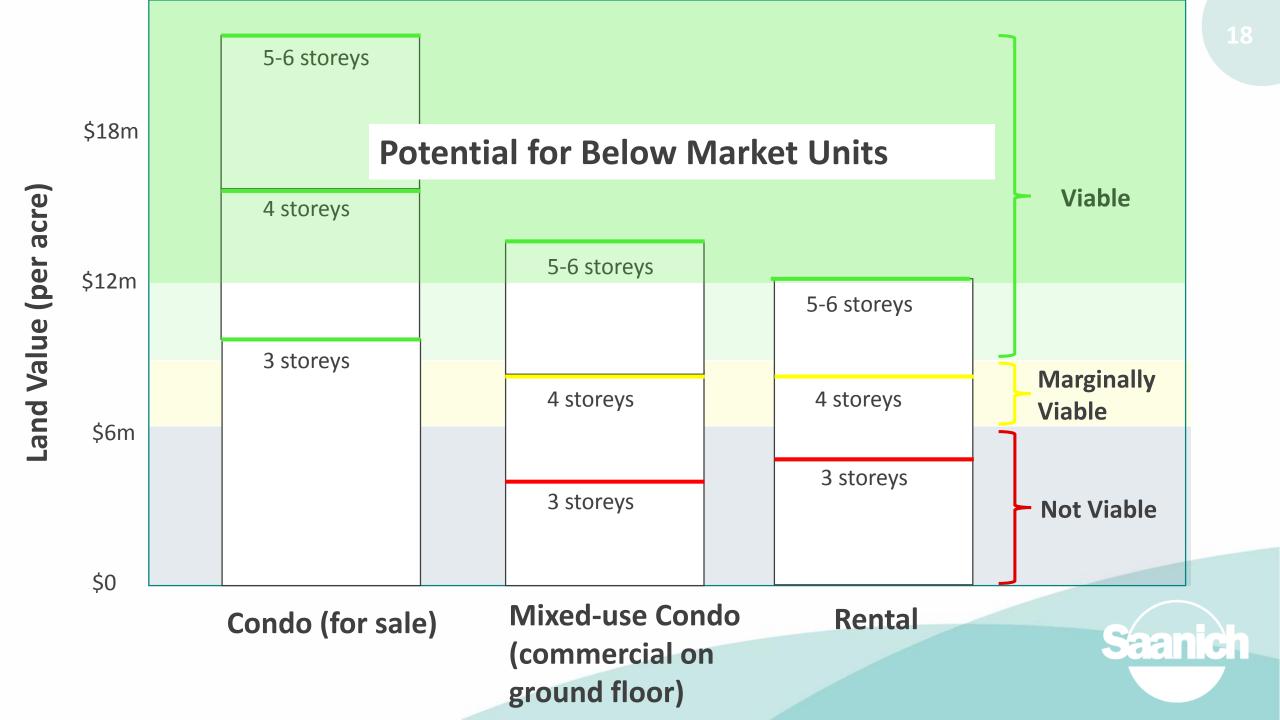




## **Development Economics**

- New development would likely all be accessible to households with very high incomes
- Unlikely that purpose built rental would be developed under Draft Plan policies
- ~\$200,000 household income required for typical townhouse unit
- ~\$185,000 household income required for typical condo unit
- Land cost and parking requirements impact viability





# Workshop Results and Areas for Discussion



## **Workshop Overview**

- Purpose: Explore opportunities to provide more of a diversity and choice of housing opportunities including rental and below market housing in Cadboro Bay Village area.
- 120 attendees
- 9 tables each developed a concept based on 4 alternatives in three areas of the Village



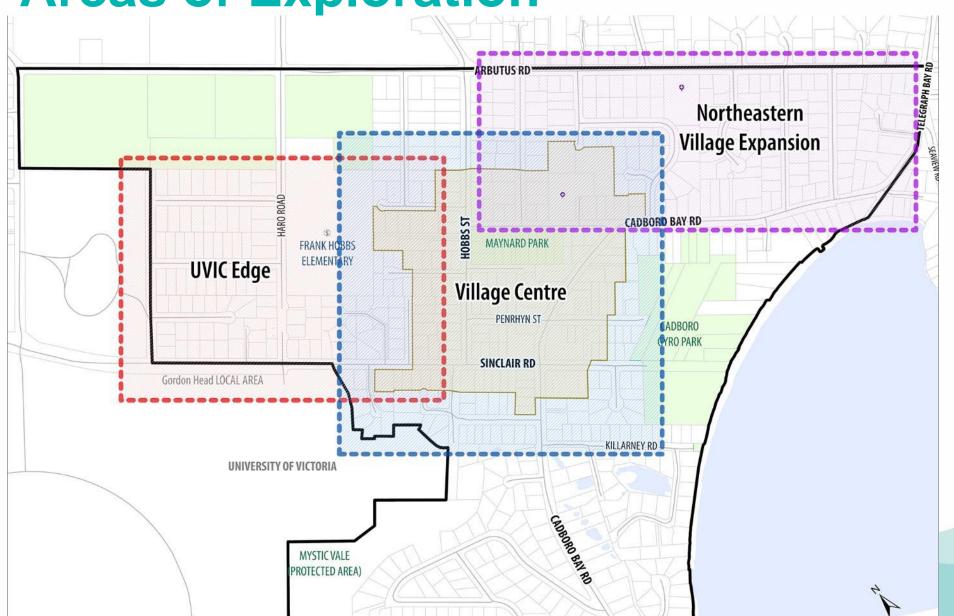








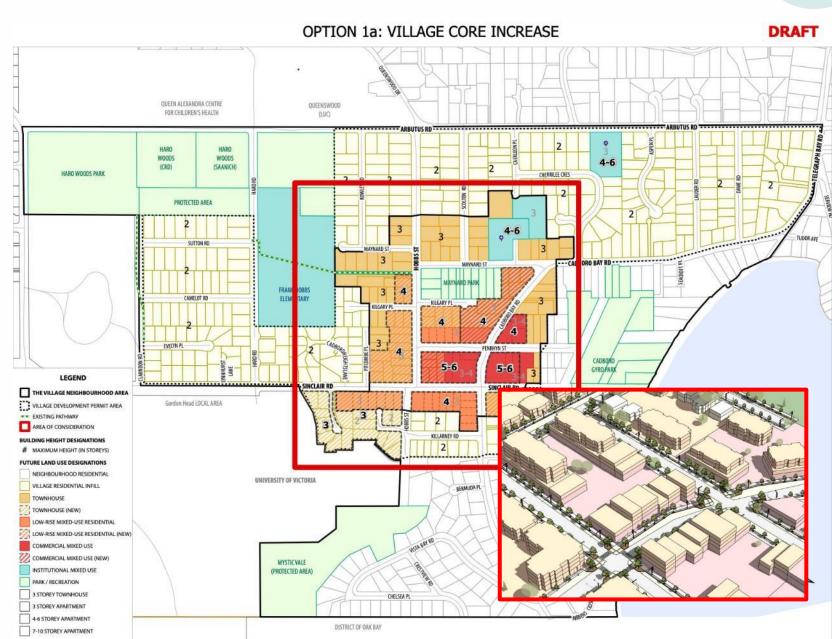
**Areas of Exploration** 





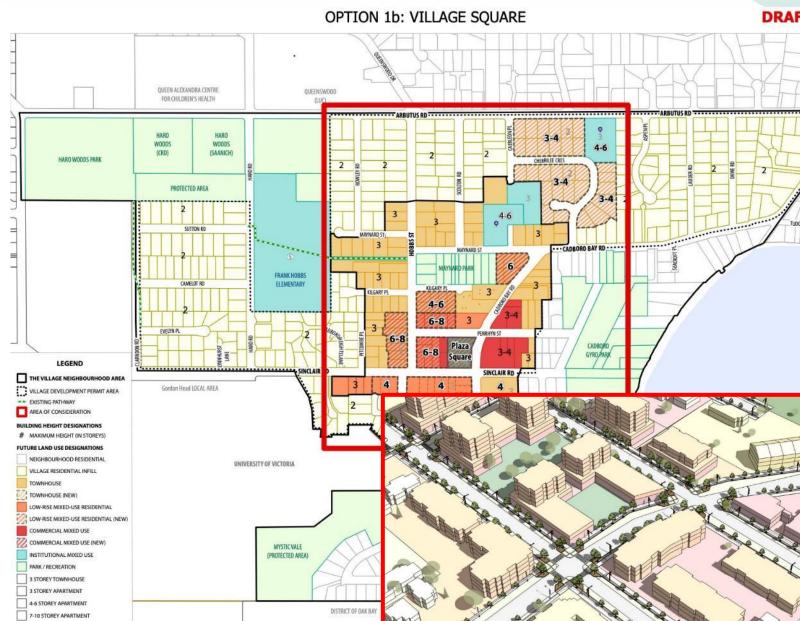
## Option 1a: Village Core Increase

- Maintain Village centre geography and expands northward
- Increase density and height on central parcels
- Hobbs Street focus expand commercial area to Hobbs
- Expand commercial core by 1/3, more space for commercial uses
- Maynard Park as a central focus
- More 4 storey multi-family buildings
- Added height to church sites (increased non-market housing opportunity)



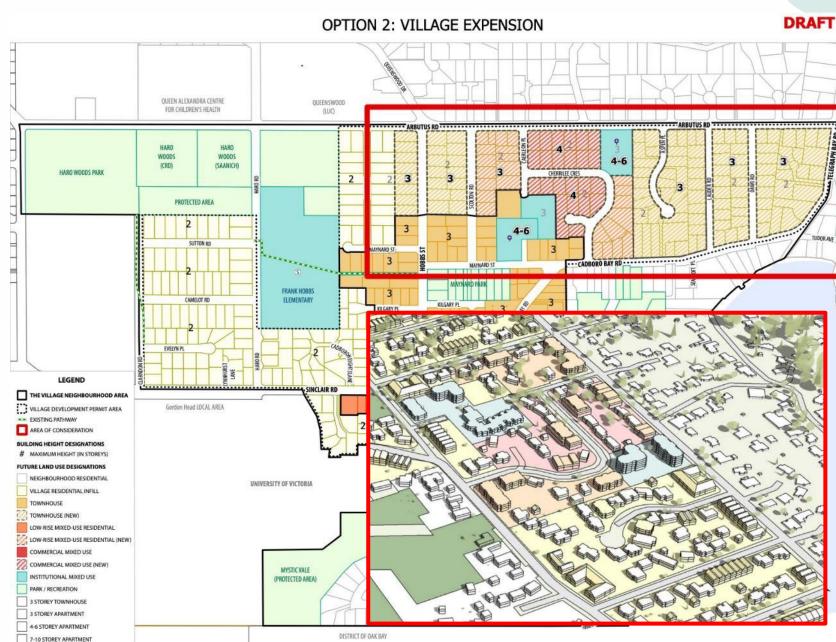
## Option 1b: Village Town Square

- Shifts the Village core to Hobbs Street
- Hobbs and Penrhyn as main focal point for density
- Central square/plaza on Cadboro Bay Road (Penrhyn to Sinclair Road)
- Added height to church sites (increased non-market housing opportunity)
- More capacity for housing near church sites
- Square on private property may be challenging to achieve (density transfer?)
- Improved walkability and public spaces
- Creates a focal point in Village (pedestrian focus)
- More suited to underground parking and associated increase in costs



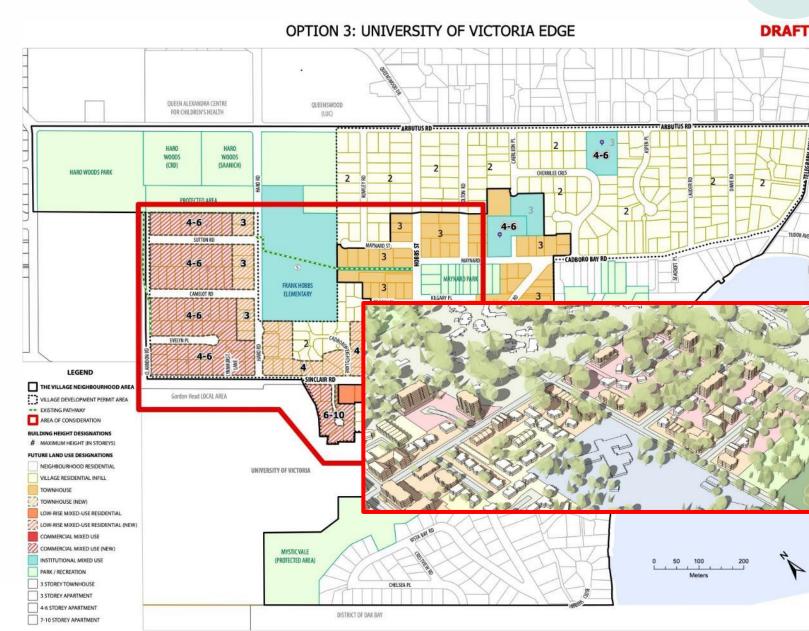
## Option 2: Village Expansion

- Church sites as focal point (increased non-market housing opportunity)
- Slope can mitigate impacts of height (in this enclave)
- Better linkage to institutional lands and green spaces
- Less housing potential than other options
- Integrated with institutional units
- Could be well-suited to the needs of seniors and young families



## Option 3: University of Victoria Edge

- Development closer to existing / proposed development at UVic
- Sinclair as a continuous connection / avenue housing area - within walking distance to Village Centre
- Plateau area, flat terrain, and older housing stock
- Proximate to amenities (school / parks) - suitability for family-oriented housing
- Tucked away from core village area
- Can potentially connect to the UVic road network
- Village intensity is moved northward
- Limited development constraints
- Potential for student housing adjacent to UVic (6-10 storeys)



## **Workshop Feedback Themes**

#### Common points / ideas from the 9 tables:

- Strong support for original Draft Plan
- Preference for housing up Sinclair / UVic Edge area
- Maintain Village character / centre
- 6 8 storeys is too high
- Would like MF housing to look like single family residential
- More secondary suites and garden suites
- Have design guidelines to ensure fitting/invisible density
- Emphasis to keep the Cadboro Bay Village character



## What we **DO NOT WANT**...

- Ignore Draft Plan (best option to adopt and time well-spent)
- Don't want/need more density, Cadboro Bay is not a good location to put more density (end of road area, earthquake prone)
- Lose the Cadboro Bay Village character and seaside neighbourhood vibe
- Negatively impact traffic flow and transportation
- Create a tall building wall along the street, pressed to the street, not pedestrian
- Impact the natural environment, creeks and migratory bird patterns
- Lose parking
- More than 3-4 storeys (but could consider increased height in UVIC edge area)
- Luxury rentals
- Become like Uptown, Shelbourne, McKenzie, Langford, Vancouver, Toronto ...

"Don't Change Cadboro Bay, Let Cadboro Bay Change You"

#### We Want...

- Many are in favour of added height/density in area north near UVic and on church sites.
- Provide for well integrated sensible density with added amenities, design guidelines to ensure taller buildings are stepped/tapered and fitting with the Village character and relationship to the pedestrian realm.
- Pedestrian/green connection to the Village Centre and amenity spaces.
- Better and safer walkability for seniors and families with young children.
- Support 4 storeys and some support up to 6 in area close to UVic (but don't want a concentration of tall buildings)



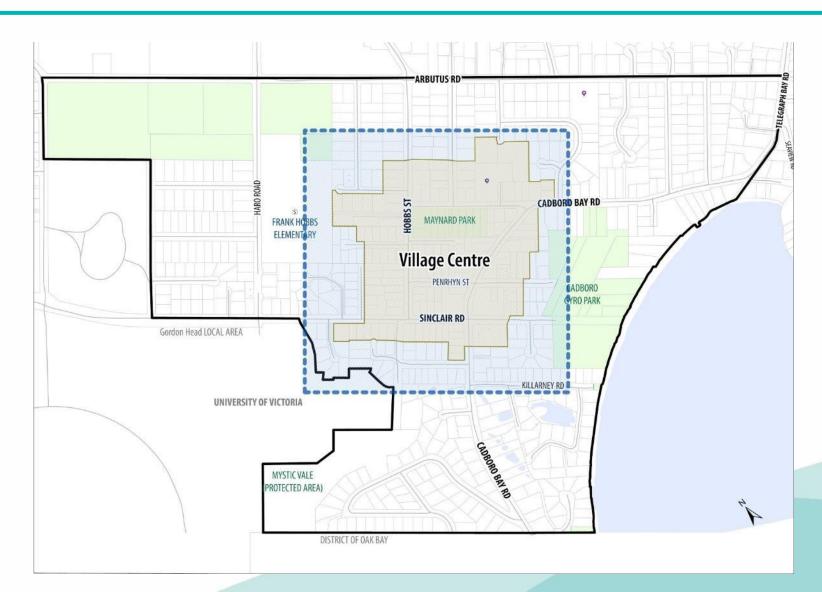
## **Emerging Concept Ideas:**

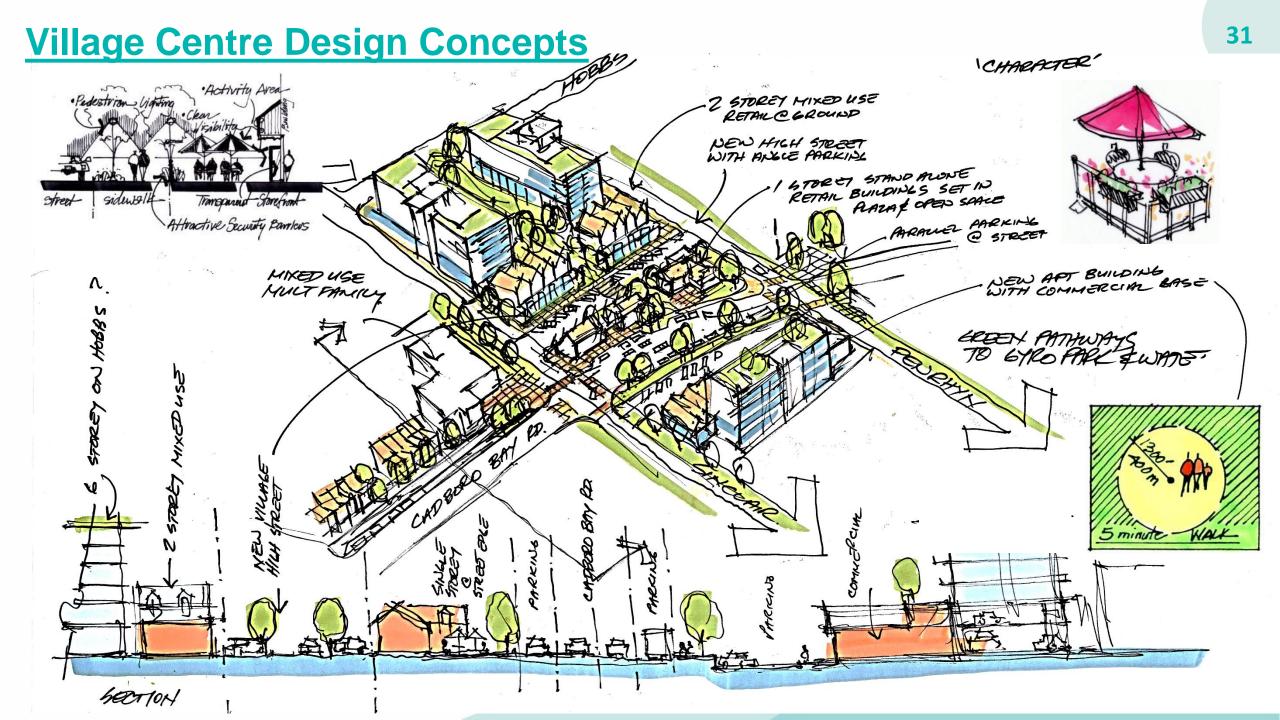
Back to the Future: Village Neighbourhood

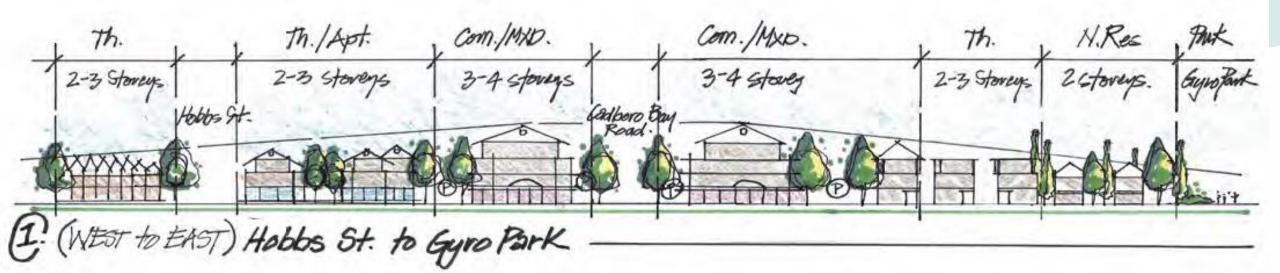




## 1. Village Centre









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**Village Centre Design Concepts** 

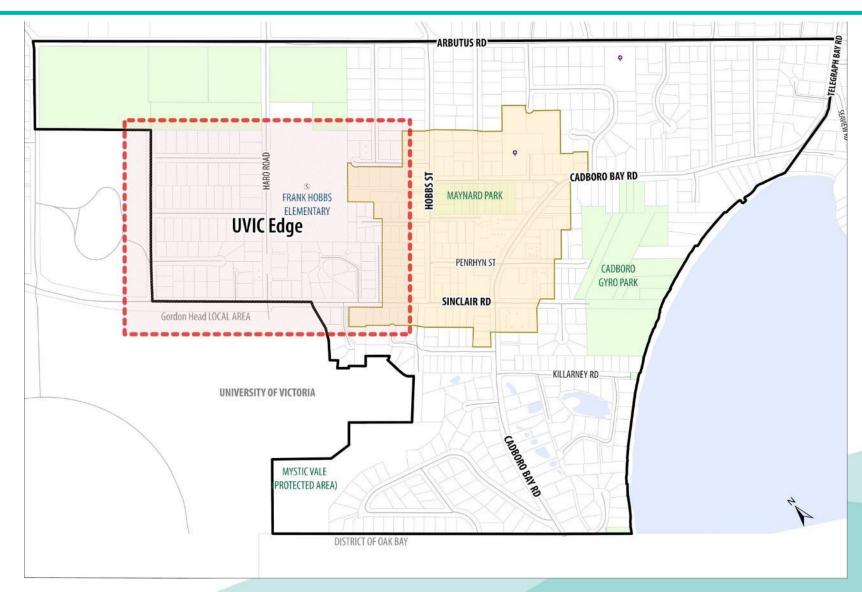






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## 2. UVIC Edge

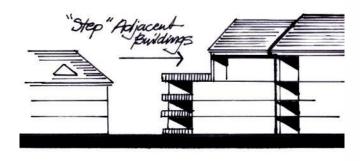


## Diversity of Low-Scaled Apartments









3 Storey Apartments u/g parking







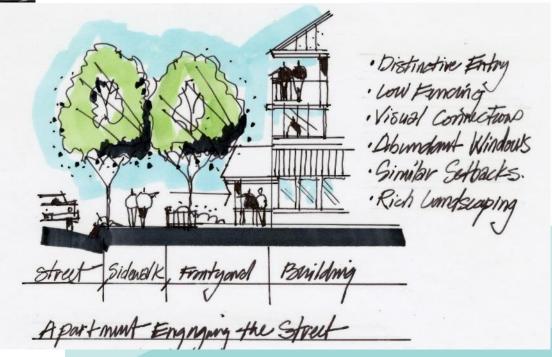
3 Storey Mixed Use (first floor commercial + 2 floors residential u/g parking



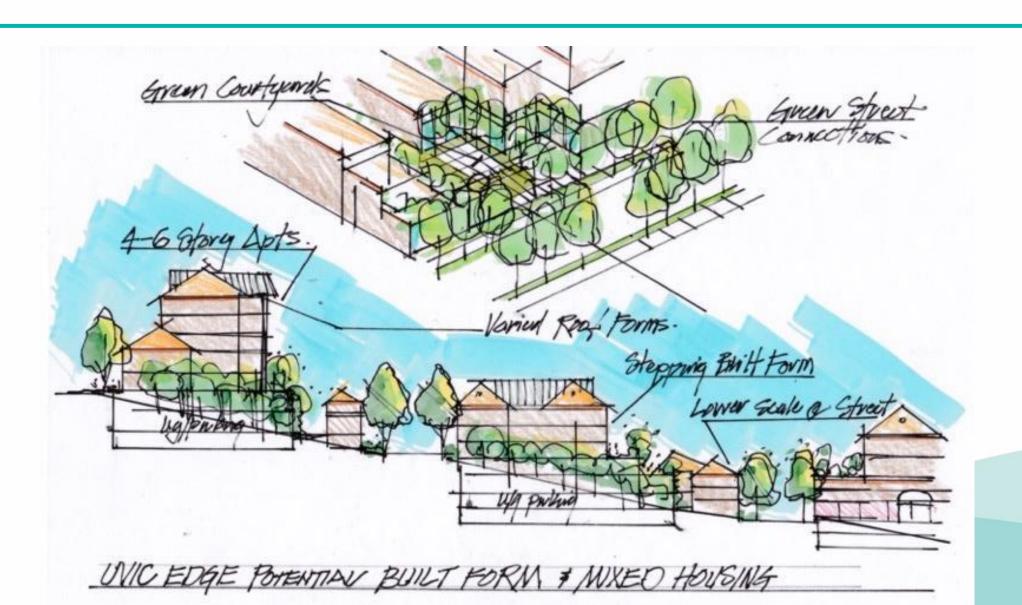




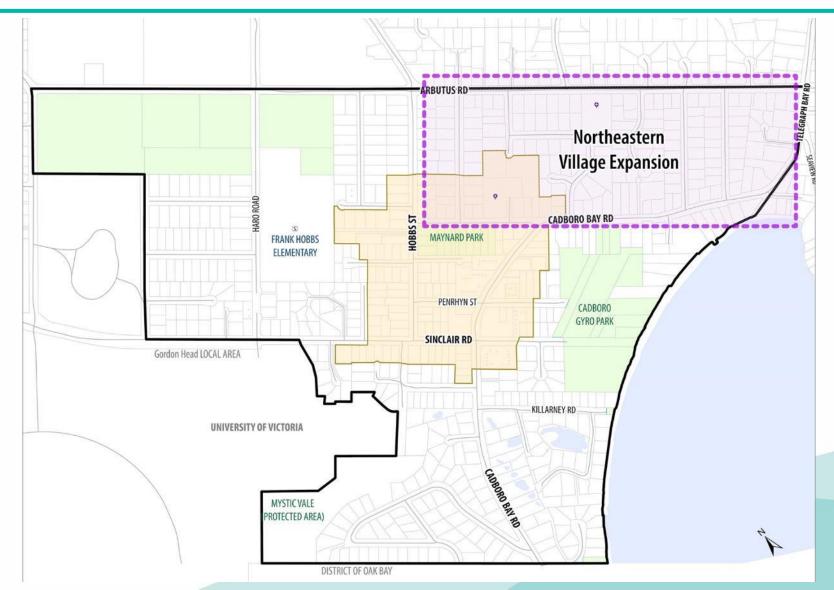
4 Storey Apartments u/g parking



#### UVIC EDGE SLOPE MIXED HOUSING



## 3. Village Expansion



## Diversity of Duplexes and Others

- Opportunity for "invisible" or "soft intensification
- Duplex, Triplex, 4-Plex (2-4x Density with similar form and massing of existing housing
- Mortgage helper and more affordable housing integrated seamlessly into neighbourhood
- Low profile alternative with minimum disruption to character













## Courtyard Cottages

- Retain and improve the streetscape
- Retain mature trees
- Generally smaller homes for different demographic mature adults, singles, and others
- Central open space for local community gathering
- Low profile homes intensification that are generally more affordable due to reduced size and outdoor parking







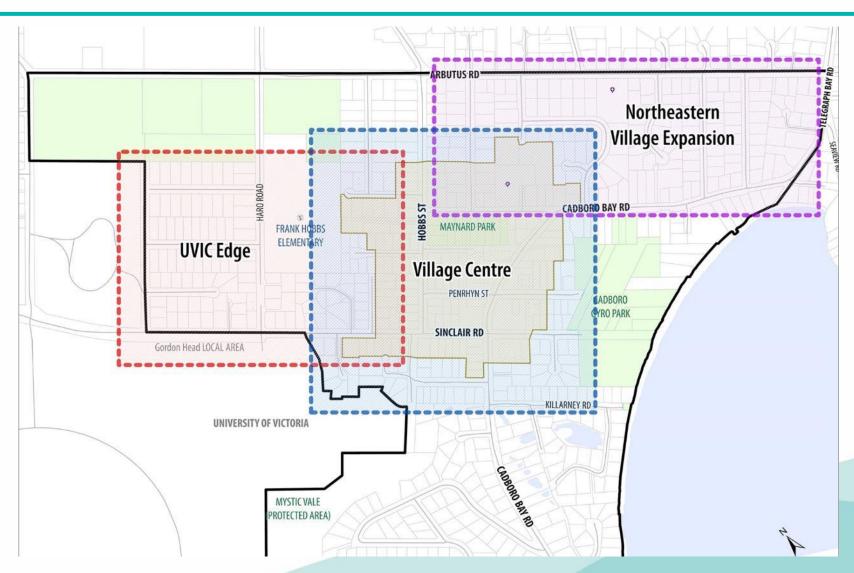


## Maynard Park Townhomes

- Retain and improve the streetscape
- Retain mature trees
- Improve the park edge with a pathways and traffic calming bulge with pocket parking
- Character of townhomes and setbacks in character with current street (yards and gable-end homes with similar scale and proportions)P



## 4. Universal Application



## Garden Suites/Coach houses + Suites

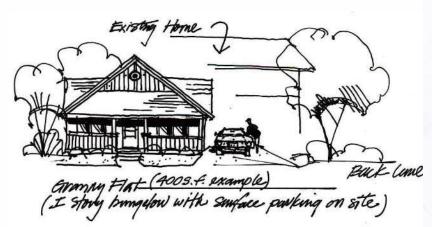
- Difference from existing policy: Both secondary suites and garden suites/coach homes on same lot (3 x density potential)
- Can be front street accessed also with appropriate parking allocation
- Mass should be smaller than main house
- Parking provided on property
- Form and character follows character of main house
- Maximum area and height for additional unit



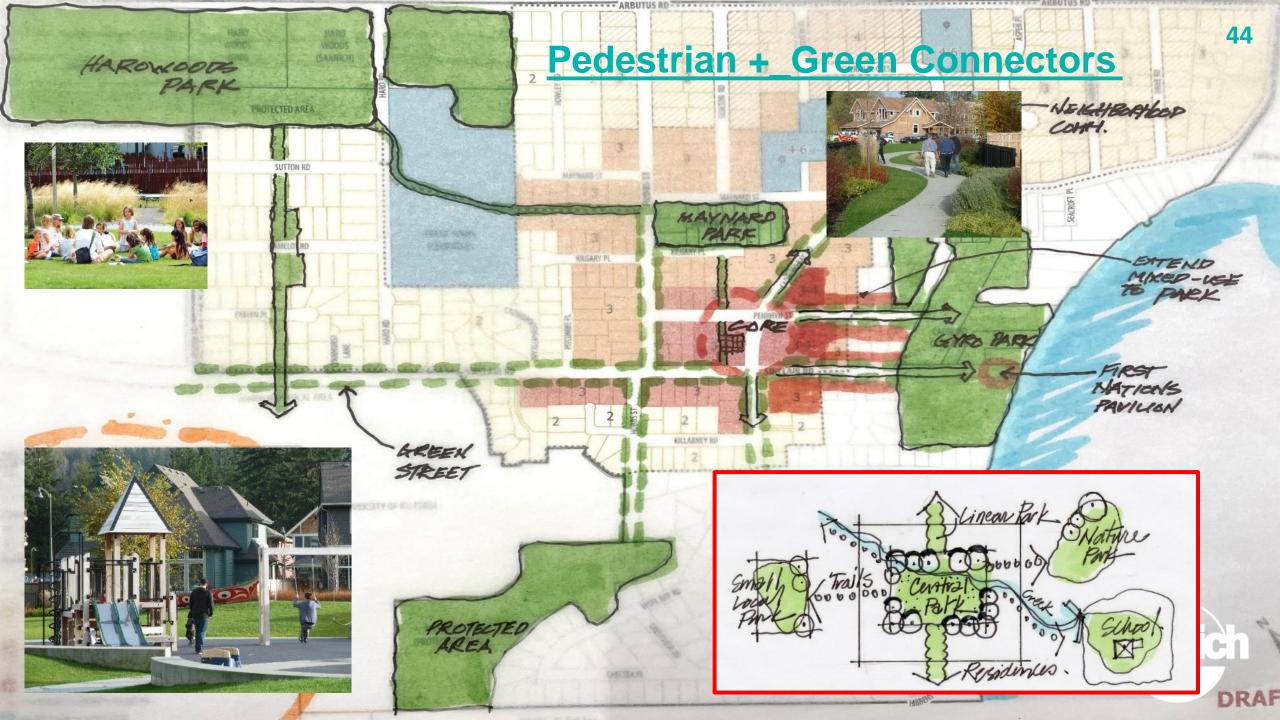




Coach Homes on lanes w/parking on ground and living above







## Summary: Housing Policy + Design Guidelines



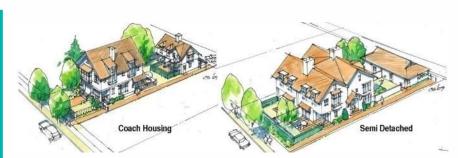
#### **POLICY**

- Diversity + choice of housing in size, tenure, and type
- Height limits with bonuses based on rental and other diversity of housing
- Green and amenity enhancements
- Gentle densities core (duplexes, courtyard houses, suites, garden units + townhomes)



#### **DESIGN GUIDELINES**

- Area character retention
- Green streets
- Green courts
- Main plaza/piazza
- Green connections
- Step back and shoulders
- Gable roofs focus
- Pedestrian oriented







## **QUESTIONS**

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## **Upcoming Events**

#### Community Survey (June 22 to August 1, 2022)

Following the community workshop and on-line event, we invite you to provide feedback and comment by participating in the community survey available at:

saanich.ca/cadboro