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Town of Gibsons Aims to Engage Community on Holland Lands Revitalization

April 6, 2022 –The Town of Gibsons will launch a month-long community engagement program on April 22, 2022 to share information about, and collect community feedback on, a proposed revitalization of the Holland Lands.

The Holland Lands comprise a 1.5 hectare piece of land situated in Lower Gibsons, across from Winegarden Park. Currently, the lands are home to the Gibsons and District Public Library (GDPL), the Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives (SC Museum), the Arts Building/Huckleberry Childcare, Gibsons' Town Hall, a Visitor Information Centre, FUSE community work hub and the offices of School District 46.

As several of these organizations are running out of space, the Holland Lands Revitalization Select Committee (the Committee) was formed in June 2021 to explore whether they could collaborate on a revisioning and revitalization of the property. With the help of a consultant, the Committee has established key project parameters and is now seeking input from the community on the potential approaches which could be taken on the lands.

The first engagement event will be an Open House, to be held at the Gibsons Public Market on Friday, April 22nd from 4pm to 7pm. Large presentation boards will provide attendees with information about the initial work that has been done by the Committee, as well as options for future initiatives. Several Committee members will attend the event and be available to answer questions.

"We are very excited to share our ideas for the revitalization of the Holland Lands, and to hear what the community would like to see happen in this significant civic space," said Councillor Aleria Ladwig.

"Currently, the lands are quite under-utilized. We think the potential exists to transform them into a vibrant community hub that offers the public increased opportunities to fully use and enjoy the area."

Feedback on the revitalization project will be collected from April 22nd to May 20th, with most comments expected to come through a community survey, which will be available online and in hard copy format at Town Hall, the GDPL, and the SC Museum.

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