



## OPEN HOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

1. Do you think the City should accept this Offer if the Province makes it? *Note that the Province must also complete their consultation process with First Nations prior to finalization of this process.*

Response	Times Mentioned
yes	14
no	0

2. Do you agree the Gas Works building should be saved and restored? *Note that the building was erected in 1886, is one of only three former coal gasification plants that still remain in BC and that underneath the building is soil contamination.*

Response	Times Mentioned
yes	13
no	0
not sure	1

- Or at least some portion of it.
  - The old building reminds us of the past. Incorporate if possible
  - Somebody must check the possibility. The materials in the construction are possibly health hazards “ASBESTOS”.
3. If the decision is made to keep the Gas Works building, in your opinion, what is an appropriate amount of money that the City should spend to restore it?
- Define the usage then make an estimate.
  - Depends on the structural stability. Every effort should be made to preserve the building, however, how can one state a sum when the costs are unknown.
  - For me, the preservation of the Gas Works Building as a civic community facility would be my first choice; and if the costs were too much, preserve at least the walls as a walled community garden.
  - Depends on ultimate use - to save as a suggested (no roof) walled garden space is a terrific and likely lesser cost option.



- If we chose the option of the Gas Works building - without the roof - the “walled garden” option than the cost would be lower.
- Don’t know. Whatever is realistic.
- 1 million.
- 2.5 million.
- A sum equal to the construction of an equivalent new structure.
- Good grief, whatever it takes after careful analysis by consultants. Every decision should not be based on “cheap”.
- Whatever it takes within reason.
- 2 - 5 million would be within reason.
- I have no idea what is generally spent on these types of projects. I think we should spend whatever it takes. We can’t keep destroying our History. The has to be something we can do with that building that we can all be proud of.

4. Do you agree that the City should use this site for community and civic uses?

Response	Times Mentioned
yes	14
no	0

- We don’t have any public recreation centers, community center in 12<sup>th</sup> and surroundings.

5. Community and civic uses that have been suggested in the process so far have included a fire hall, parks and open space, and community uses. Are there other uses that should be considered?

- We are talking about budget to. How many more projects can we inject to it.
- Exhibition space in the gas building for perhaps historic, artistic, redevelopment (area) displays. Perhaps a small area for a museum concerning the industry and transportation importance of the area. (BC Electric Railway car shops - built over 200 interurbans and street cars).
- \*Industrial museum - working history of the Fraser River with particular emphasis on New Westminster. Why not involve the Power Pioneers?
- Brow of the Hill has very little green space and park availability. Maximize this option.
- Fire hall option is good. Also think of a possible amphitheatre for outdoor concerts.
- Outdoor concerts, picnics, green space for Brow of the Hill.
- That sounds good.
- No.



- No.
- A branch of the New Westminster Library would be a pleasant addition.
- Fire hall, parks & open space & community uses are appropriate. A community center - although small & park space are needed in the area. The picnic tables & green roof of the fire hall are good concepts.
- That pretty well covers it.
- I love all 3 potential proposals shown just follow through on these great proposals. You could contact "Steve Nash" maybe make a large basketball/youth centre combined with police soccer group.
- Leave the wall up for an art project?
- Parks - open space, community centre community gardens (raised beds).
- Green Space - to my knowledge there are no green spaces (community centre combo park combo garden).

6. Other comments:

- I like the proposal to retain only the heritage walls and to create a walled courtyard or similar.
- I like the idea of some sort of small community facility - the City (with only 2 currently) needs more space.
- Good place for fire hall - particularly if it could be created "in ground".
- Many major industrial concerns can trace their beginnings to New Westminster. BC Mills Timber and Trading began as Royal City Planner Mills; Vancouver Iron and Engineering began as McGillivray's Engineering Works (New West water line from Coquitlam Lake to the City). As a park site, there is a shortage of space in this area. The conversion of this area to housing requires more park space and community/recreation space.
- Clean up is mandatory but to save a portion of Gas Works as a heritage garden as suggested (walled courtyard) is a fabulous option.
- It would be nice to save this building if it is economically feasible. It should not become a money pit. We should also be realistic in our expectations. In hindsight, purchase of the Burr Theatre was probably not realistically thought out. Don't make that mistake again.
- Let the City Council do as they like!
- No comment.
- Please consider this as a first step on the rehabilitation of Lower 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- I feel the building should be retained despite the additional cost. The consultant idea of partial restoration does look interesting & is a useful use of the building but my choice is to restore the building.
- I feel the building should be retained with a roof and the interior renovated for use. I really like the idea of the green roofs and hidden parking. The street frontage



should be sympathetic in style and materials (brick/wood) to the heritage building. Street trees in place of covered walkway. Water feature (waterfall) from green space down to plaza area beside steps.

- I live right next door, please do the right thing just make it nice! (About 10 years ago they pulled down 3 buildings on the site, I stopped a worker hooking up a chain to pull down the Gas Works, so please do something with it)!
- With the green space been considered down by the Quay (parking lot) and with the Quay renovations lets keep working at creating the Best City Ever!
- Living and Working on 12<sup>th</sup> Street (between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Third Avenue) can be pretty dismal and depressing. Let's turn that Brown site into the envy of every neighbourhood!