

A World Class Waterfront (2 OF 2)

The following sections outline some key best practices and guiding principles that have helped shape a variety of successful and world class waterfronts.

MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC ACCESS

A successful waterfront is as physically and psychologically accessible as possible for all users. Important considerations include mobility, visual connections, lighting, daytime vs nighttime activities, the needs of different demographics and other design elements that make the waterfront feel welcoming, safe and secure for young and old alike.



In what ways can we maximize accessibility to Colwood waterfront areas?



BALANCE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS WITH HUMAN NEEDS

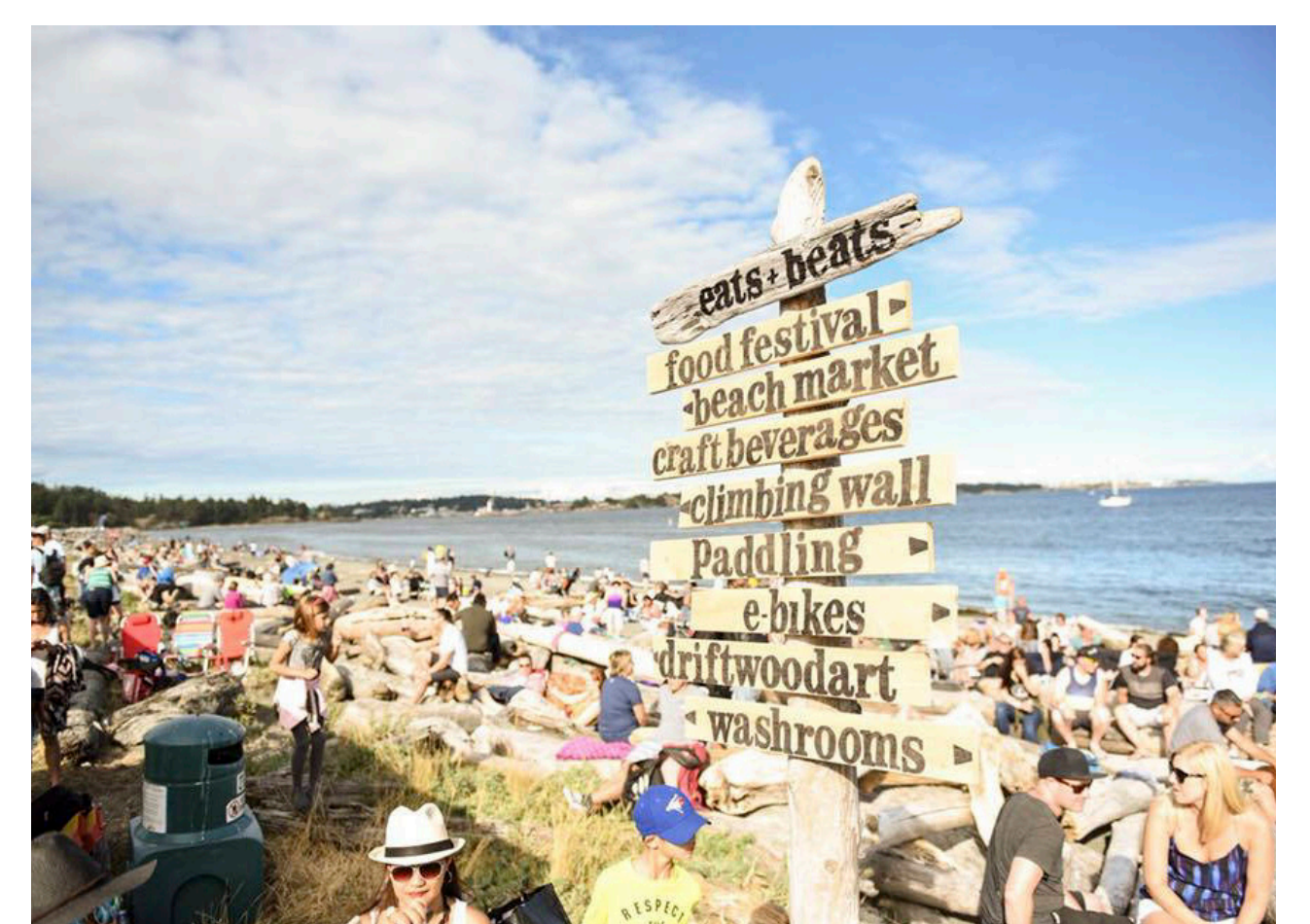
Maintaining and enhancing the shoreline sediment transport system and existing ecological considerations is critical but should not preclude the development of amenities to enhance the human experience of the waterfront. Boardwalks, interpretive signs, play amenities and so forth can be incorporated into the design in ways that minimize disturbance or create opportunities for enhancement.



In what key ways can we balance ecological health and community use of the waterfront?



What is the biggest challenge to achieving this balance?



START SMALL TO MAKE BIG CHANGES

Depending on a variety of factors, such as budgets, adjacent development rates and so forth, the holistic implementation of waterfront plans can take many years to come to their full fruition. Including inexpensive short-term actions within the long-range plan can help the community to feel like progress is being made.



What small improvement or change would you like to see in the short-term?



What big idea would you like to see realized in the future?

