

## **Lower Gibsons Development**

In the lower part of our town businesses have been struggling. This area is most suited to a variety of small retail shops and restaurants. These businesses cannot rely solely on the seasonal tourist traffic. To ensure the success of these businesses we will need to create opportunities for more residential density in the lower town. This is recognized in the draft Harbour Plan currently being developed. As well there may be some opportunity for a modest hotel convention complex which could generate year-round visitors. The further expansion of our harbour area to accommodate more moorage would also benefit the economic development of our Town.

Our council has been working on a Harbour Plan which is close to completion. It is available on the town's website. This will give you a broad picture of the possible long term development of this area. A component of the plan is to ensure public access along the waterfront. We are still considering public input on this plan so please provide any comments that you may have to our Town planner.