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Millar Addition Citizen's Coalition

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COMMUNITY VISION FOR CONNECTING DOWNTOWN PRINCE GEORGE INTEGRATING SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES

THE VISION

Visualization:

- Pedestrian mall situated below the banks of Patricia Blvd.
- A wide Boulevard will connect to the Fraser River, Cottonwood Island Park to the north east, Fort George Park and Exploration Place to the south, and to City Hall, Two Rivers Gallery, Bob Harkins Library, swimming pool and Spirit Square to the north.

Possibly Incorporating:

- Webb Management ideas of Building Cluster
- Cultural District
- Performing Arts Centre, Studio Theatre
- Farmers Market
- Outdoor green space, performances & special events area
- Tourism Destination
- Integrating Smart Growth Principles
- Green Corridor
- Connection to the river and Heritage River Trail system
- Promotion of alternative transportation, walking, cycling and cultural routes

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Improvements:

- The City Works yard will be eliminated and the site reclaimed
- The existing sheds could be used for potential arts / cultural studios and workshops, farmers market etc. - similar to Granville Island.
- Connection of an existing, thriving downtown neighbourhood to the downtown city centre. This would assist with the revitalization of downtown as it would provide a link and route which residents and visitors would use in both directions. (The Millar Addition is a vibrant neighbourhood with a healthy mix of mature and young families concerned about quality of life and Smart Growth development principals).
- Potential for condominium development and business centre in the area
- Mixed use areas (business, culture, residential) can create an energy and atmosphere that would bring new life into a tired and decaying downtown.

Attraction:

- Tourism potential would be magnified by direct access from Via Rail, Highway 16 traffic from the east, airport visitors
- Cultural walking tour circuit: Art Gallery - Performing Arts Centre - Exploration Place. Route would take in the new green boulevard and trails, Heritage River Trail, Fort George Park and Connaught Hill Park.
- Pedestrian, Cycle and Disability friendly utilizing a paved trail system that would connect even the furthest city neighbourhoods such as the (proposed) Hart Highlands and College Heights city wide trail system.

** The City of Prince George has signed on to be involved with the Smart Growth on the Ground program through SmartGrowthBC.*

Please visit their website to find out more at: <http://smartgrowth.bc.ca/>

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