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<p><i>Last Update 5/31/2008</i></p>				
323	6/9/08	Concept Planning	David M. Curtis	<p>Dear Mr. Johnson,</p> <p>Thank you for your letter of May 20th. I picked it up today with the rest of my forwarded mail.</p> <p>I am pleased that you and the others on the City’s waterfront redevelopment planning team are considering some of my suggestions. I continue to feel that dramatic, straight line view corridors connecting the heart of Downtown to the Waterfront District to Bellingham Bay; vibrant pedestrian connections between Downtown and the Waterfront District; and spacious, well designed parks are absolutely essential elements of any final plan. While I realize that there may be a variety of excellent ways to achieve the objectives, I believe that if they are disregarded The Waterfront District will be just “another” development instead of the “crown jewel” of Bellingham.</p> <p>From the beginning, I have attended numerous public meetings on the redevelopment of the waterfront. At the meetings, I heard a number of interesting suggestions (e.g. Use the large diameter Georgia Pacific water line from Lake Whatcom to supply water to The Waterfront District for attractive streams, pools, rapids, etc.) from other citizens. They have not been included in the current CollinsWoerman concepts. Consequently, you may want to relook at past public input to determine additional ideas should be added to the ongoing planning process which would significantly enhance the final plan.</p> <p>I look forward to reviewing the proposed redevelopment plan for The Waterfront District when I return to Bellingham in the Fall.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>David M. Curtis</p>