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The significance to the Cowichan Valley of the transformation of the Bamberton site should not be underestimated.

Three Point Properties is proposing to build a new town, complete with retail and commercial areas and 3,200 homes.

While it won't happen overnight, the project will accelerate the southward shift of people, services and power.

Mill Bay Centre may well become the new southern capital, surrounded by residents tuned in daily to Victoria, perhaps using the Brentwood ferry docked at Bamberton.

It's true people have seen grand schemes come and go at Bamberton but this one seems for real.

Three Point, having spent \$10 million on site remediation, appears to have the cash and the public relations savvy to deal with the environmental lobby.

The company may have its concerns about the CVRD board but it's hard to imagine it would have invested so much without some form of encouragement.

In truth, something has to go on that site. Why not this?