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APPENDIX A | PRE-CHARRETTE PUBLIC FEEDBACK »

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DESIGN DOWNTOWN POSTCARDS

Question Posed: What is your “big idea” for the Downtown?

1. Empty nesters & young families need more downtown condos.
2. (1) Homelessness solved (2) pedestrians protected (3) ≤ 5 stories high - max!!! (4) coach/lane house encourage & don't need city council approval
3. Rainbow bridge pedestrian Timmy's to Red Bridge
4. Develop 600 Seymour mix commercial multi-family
5. re Speeds - posting speed is #1. Many forget what the City speed is. Post 50 km/hr or... + Ensure branches etc don't obscure these signs. More signs = better informed drivers :) Thx
6. (1) Housing upstairs over existing downtown buildings (2) Scotia Bank underground parking lot could be used for more than just the bank (3) Sagebrush needs more south shopping amenity corner stores, meeting spaces
7. (1) Creative management of the homeless (2) A health care hub for seniors (3) Development of Mission Flats for community use (4) Walk & bike friendly (5) Plastic free (6) Arts centre (7) Improved public transport
8. Tap for a healthier life combine tap technology with public transit and destination activity. Example in January I tap on the bus to visit coliseum for walking where I tap in/out & earn 3 bus credits (non peak) in the evening my wife & I tap the bus to go to a Downtown library recital where we tap in/out & earn bus credits also. Allow winter mobility. Boost non peak transit use. Help breakdown social isolation. Boost attendance.
9. Free parking.
10. Brighter lights. All light stands etc. the same colour. Trees along Seymour.
11. Building code to provide shelter from the elements if we are forced to turn off engines. Weather protection stations with access to water and free access to internet at City Hall and all public buildings. More bus shelters.

DOWNTOWN PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DTAC)

The following are ideas provided by DTAC members at a June 6 meeting held in preparation for the design charrette process. This list includes ideas that were not already captured by the public feedback presented in the Downtown Plan Charrette Design Brief (available online at www.kamloops.ca/downtownplan), and are organized by theme.

Land Use and Urban Form:

- Build destinations and amenities along the waterfront
- Combine a performing arts centre with a convention centre to create new “civic centre”
- A new civic centre could also be used for emergency situations (Kamloops is evacuation site for lower mainland residents in event of major earthquake and we have limited spaces for evacuees)
- Have more parking integrated with buildings rather than surface lots and incentivize where possible

Transportation and Mobility:

- Introduce eco-friendly, driverless busses
- Start a Downtown hop-on / hop-off bus service
- Provide free Downtown transit
- Start a heritage transit service (e.g. horse and buggy)
- Attract an e-bike share service and make more room for bikes on buses to help overcome Kamloops’ topographical challenges
- Build more sidewalks where gaps exist in the network (e.g. north-south corridors in Sagebrush)
- Install more sidewalk bump-outs
- Increase visibility of crosswalks (e.g. paint with different/bright colours) and install at more intersections (e.g. 1st Avenue and Battle Street)
- Improve driver education on crosswalk use/safety and on the parking “issue” Downtown
- Make 1st Avenue two-way to improve resident access to West End
- Redesign intersection at 1st Avenue and Victoria/Lansdowne Street to improve flow (e.g. make a roundabout; remove left turning lane from Seymour Street onto 1st Avenue)
- Attract a car share program
- Increase parking prices where demand is highest (e.g. Victoria Street)
- Provide free parking Downtown for first hour (e.g. Victoria Street)
- Change parking limit on Victoria Street to 1 hour
- Provide free parking after 5:00 pm
- Allow golf carts to be driven Downtown

Housing:

- Encourage a diversity of housing types for Downtown infill (including high-end condos)
- Provide incentives that increase density in exchange for affordable units
- Locate affordable housing across the city
- Allow flexibility (variances, parking reductions, etc.) for non-profits working with landowners to provide housing
- Provide more flexibility in development guidelines for suites and other housing forms

Arts, Culture, and Heritage:

- Create a sidewalk style museum
- Provide business façade improvement and heritage preservation incentives

Health and Safety:

- Add more people through infill development to increase perceptions of safety Downtown
- Apply CPTED principles to make pedestrian and cyclist pathways safer -- safety issues currently limit use of certain trails, pathways

Economic Development:

- Have more hotels and hospitality services Downtown

Community Well-being:

- Encourage more daycares Downtown
- Improve access to amenities for seniors Downtown
- Provide more venues/activities for youth Downtown (e.g. youth centre/sports complex)

Public Realm and Urban Design:

- Improve pedestrian wayfinding signage
- Create greenway on 2nd Avenue between Farmers' Market/Stuart Wood and waterfront
- Create greenway through the Downtown core by extending Peterson Creek Multi-use Path from Columbia St to the waterfront
- Create urban design standards/guidelines for buildings, signage, etc.
- Incentivize streetscape improvements
- Install more water fountains
- Provide more play opportunities for adults (e.g. giant chess set)
- Remove dumpsters from alleys and repurpose alleys for other uses (e.g. entertainment, retail)

PUBLIC LECTURE & PANEL DISCUSSION

The following are comments submitted by the public while attending the public lecture and panel discussion event at the Paramount Theatre on June 13.

Question Posed: What is your “big idea” for the Downtown?

1. Increased need for seniors apartments & condos
2. get bikes off of sidewalks
3. Move “redundant” bike rings to short metre poles to provide more bike parking.
4. More trees & fountains
5. Public toilets a must year round
6. Lease rates rising + people shopping on line = shop closures
7. Keep the CN railway building!!! Major asset
8. Transit shelters with benches
9. Games & chairs on Victoria Street all summer
10. Walkable and charming pocket parks?
11. Conservation of heritage houses and trees, green spaces - walkability
12. Performing arts centre at Downtown site with city square like sketch in Rob’s presentation skating rink (winter) / park (summer).
13. Light up our heritage buildings from top like Vienna & European cities - magic!
14. Keeping the back alley behind Victoria Street clean of street junk
15. Any new “low income” housing to be developed on the green belt - not Downtown
16. Outdoor skating rink
17. We must ensure that there is a school Downtown!
18. Tackle noise pollution
19. Bring back elementary school - keep young families Downtown
20. Trees
21. Street improvements > put power & telephone lines underground - let trees flourish
22. Curb single-family development conversion to professional offices. Keep family housing.
23. We need corner stores, little markets, post office, places to meet & say hello
24. Traffic calming
25. Green spaces with playgrounds
26. Downtown toilet
27. No cars on Victoria from 2nd - 5th
28. No cars on Victoria from 2nd - 5th on Saturdays
29. Mixed use development - housing + retail + commercial
30. More multi-use public spaces like St. Andrew on the square. Spread out to include east end as well.
31. Put condos on top of stores - flat no stairs inside each condo. 2-3 bedroom + den. Balcony to grow plants & veggies.
32. Make Downtown a destination not a pass-through - eliminate multi-lane one-ways
33. No parking 300 Block of Victoria Street
34. Heritage + heritage trees
35. Save heritage railroad stations - a real asset
36. more drinking water fountains on biking/walking trails and in downtown areas
37. Shops allowed to have racks outside on sidewalk.
38. Keep pan handlers away from banks & people trying to shop
39. Benches downtown
40. A safe bicycle bridge from north shore to south shore
41. A dock for small boats, kayaks, dragon boat, etc by the old yacht club

APPENDIX B | CHARRETTE PARTICIPANTS »

The following list includes any individual who received an invitation to attend the charrette. Some invited individuals were unable to attend.

NAME	ORGANIZATION	POSITION	PARTICIPATION GROUP	ATTENDED
Rob Barrs	MODUS	Principal, Senior Planner (Lead Consultant)	Design Team	✓
Edward Porter	MODUS	Senior Urban Designer	Design Team	✓
Jessica Mann	MODUS	Junior Urban Designer	Design Team	✓
Frank Ducote	Frank Ducote Urban Design	Principal	Design Team	✓
Calum Srigley	Placemaker	Urban Designer	Design Team	✓
Justin Barer	Urban Systems	Land Economist	Design Team	✓
Jason Locke	City of Kamloops	Community Planning & Sustainability Manager	Community Planning Team	✓
Carmin Mazzotta	City of Kamloops	Community Planner	Community Planning Team	✓
Andrew Macaulay	City of Kamloops	Planning Assistant	Community Planning Team	✓
Dave Freeman	City of Kamloops	Assistant Director/Real Estate Manager	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Tammy Robertson	City of Kamloops	External Relations Manager	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	
Barbara Berger	City of Kamloops	Recreation, Social Development & Culture Manager	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	
Lee Lundgren	City of Kamloops	Senior Building Official	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	
Deven Matkowski	City of Kamloops	Engineering Manager	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Glen Farrow	City of Kamloops	Streets & Environmental Services Manager	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Darren Crundwell	City of Kamloops	Capital Projects Manager	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
John Ramsay	City of Kamloops	Bylaw Services Manager	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	
Steve Robinson	City of Kamloops	Assistant Fire Chief	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Elnaz Ansari	City of Kamloops	Traffic & Transportation Engineer	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓

NAME	ORGANIZATION	POSITION	PARTICIPATION GROUP	ATTENDED
Liam Baker	City of Kamloops	Utilities Engineer	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Ian Franks	City of Kamloops	Drainage Engineer	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Eric Beach	City of Kamloops	Planning & Development Supervisor	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Natalie Serl	City of Kamloops	Social Development Specialist	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Mike Doll	City of Kamloops	Parks Planning Supervisor	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Derek de Candole	City of Kamloops	Community Energy Specialist	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Darren Angman	RCMP	CPVS	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Jim Anderson	Venture Kamloops	Executive Director	City Staff Technical Working Group (STWG)	✓
Danalee Baker	Thompson Nicola Cariboo United Way	Executive Director	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
Tom Calne	Canadian Home Builders Association – Central Interior	Director, Board of Directors	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
Carl DeSantis	Kamloops Central Business Improvement Association	Executive Director	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
Jason Fawcett	Kelson Group	Vice President, Operations	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
Brad Harrison	Sagebrush Neighbourhood Association	President	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
Trevor Koot	Kamloops & District Real Estate Association	Executive Officer	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	
Leslie Lax	Downtown Neighbourhood Association	Board Member	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
Carol Lindsay	Heritage Commission	Citizen at Large Member	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
Michael O'Brien	Kamloops Arts Council	Board Member	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	
Paul Ross	Kamloops Chamber of Commerce	Past-President, Board of Directors	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
John ter Borg	Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc	Manager, Planning/Engineering	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	
Denis Walsh	City of Kamloops	City Councillor	Downtown Plan Advisory Committee (DTAC)	✓
Graeme Sykes	Ministry of Citizens' Services – Real Property Division	Real Estate Manager	key stakeholders	✓
Quinn Daly	Ministry of Citizens' Services – Real Property Division	Manager, Real Estate Partnerships	key stakeholders	✓

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Robin Levesque	Ministry of Citizens' Services – Real Property Division	Executive Director	key stakeholders	✓
Vanessa Lloyd	Ministry of Citizens' Services – Real Property Division	Workplace Planner	key stakeholders	✓
Doug Levell	Interior Health Authority	Manager, Real Estate Services	key stakeholders	✓
David Fowler	Interior Health Authority	Director, Major Capital Redevelopment	key stakeholders	✓
Lila Mae White	Interior Health Authority	Capital Projects, Community-Based Services	key stakeholders	✓
James Johnson	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Pacific Gateway Branch	Manager, Network Strategies and Infrastructure Development	key stakeholders	
Mike LoVecchio	Canadian Pacific (CP)	Director, Government Affairs	key stakeholders	
Ted Ockenden	BC Lottery Corporation	Director, Corporate Services & Facilities	key stakeholders	✓
Casey VanDongen	Total Concept Developments	President and Development Manager	key stakeholders	✓
Sheila Minten	Total Concept Developments	Manager and Customer Care	key stakeholders	✓
Finlay Sinclair	The Reach at TRU	President and Chief Executive Officer	key stakeholders	✓
Bev DeSantis	Tourism Kamloops	Chief Executive Officer	key stakeholders	✓
Monica Dickinson	Tourism Kamloops	Director of Industry Relations and Communications	key stakeholders	
Lisa Strachan	Tourism Kamloops	Director of Destination Development	key stakeholders	✓
Dan Wallace	Thompson Nicola Regional District	Planner	key stakeholders	✓
Anita Ely	Interior Health	Environmental Health Officer	key stakeholders	✓
Jenny Green	Interior Health	Community Health Facilitator	key stakeholders	✓
Alison Sidow	School District No. 73	Superintendent of Schools	key stakeholders	✓
Robyn Reudink	Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources Operations (MFLNRO)	Ecosystems Biologist	key stakeholders	
Brandon Gustafson	Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI)	Development Approvals Technician	key stakeholders	✓
Clark Grieve	Venture Kamloops	Economic Development Specialist	key stakeholders	✓

APPENDIX C | CHARRETTE WORKSHOP OUTCOMES »



MOBILITY & CONNECTIONS

WOW

- ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION FROM SAHABUSH TO DOWNTOWN — ~~NICOLA ST.~~ 9TH + 5TH
- BETTER ~~THE~~ VEHICLE CONNECTIVITY IN + OUT OF DOWNTOWN
- MORE SMALL SCALE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMERCIAL IN SAHABUSH
- **CONVENIENCE STORE @ THE GOVT PRECINCT**
- COMMERCIAL AMENITIES @ THE GOVT PRECINCT

SUMMIT OVERLAP TO UNIVERSITY TRAIL

USE RIVERS AS AN ACCESS ROUTE

CONNECT AND IMPROVE CYCLING ROUTES IN THE DOWNTOWN

MORE NORTH + SOUTH SIDE WALKS

BETTER CONNECTIONS TO DOWNTOWN FROM WEST END + JACOBSON

VICTORIA EAST OF ROSE STN MORE DESIRE

SLOW DOWN *traffic ON ONEWAYS SEYMOUR LANES/DOWNE 1ST / 3RD

IMPROVE WALKING / CYCLING FROM WEST END TO SAHABUSH

GET DUMPSTERS OFF STREETS

ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE & COMMUNITY

NEED ARTS + CULTURE CENTRE + PARK SPACE → walk

can be multi functional purpose

- civic BLDG
- performance
- music venue
- meetings

USE EXISTING RESOURCES (brochures) etc.

HERITAGE ART

EMPHASIZE FN IN DOWNTOWN

⇒ TIE TO SCHOOLS / EDUCATION

NORMALIZE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

PROTECT HERITAGE AREAS (formal policies / reqs.)

through community consultation and collaboration

PROTECT HERITAGE TREES (Nicola St.)

celebrating PLAQUE PROGRAM

- expand beyond West End
- maintain reqs.

PRECEDENT: HERITAGE KELLOWNA

PERMANENT OUTDOOR FARMER'S MARKET (where?)

Trade offs: parking req? risk of losing its "charm" MAKE IT WALKABLE

Allow for liquor & market (SEAN CULTURE) local dance

ESTABLISH "TASTING ROW" FOR LOCAL PRODUCTS beer wine cider

WWW REGULATORY BARRIERS

allow for testing / innovative ideas

Food trucks (didn't get regulated catch on... competition) (start works elsewhere)

PRECEDENT - PORTLAND (find sim. scales)

Lost Cultural + Arts Events in CoK:

- Cattle Drive
- Kamloops Air Show
- 24H rides to Armstrong
- Spoolmak Days
- Overlander Ratt Races
- Folk Fest

LONDON ONT. PRECEDENT

- adapt as per seasons

GRANDVILLE VANCOUVER

CALGARY, PORTLAND

HEALTH & SAFETY

THE WAY

- WAYFINDING SIGNAGE TO PETERSON CREEK
- LIGHTING, POLICE PRESENCE → CPTED
- CAP TEAM → WELCOMING, INVITING PRESENCE
 - ↳ OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPANDED HOURS
- RCMP FOOT & BIKE PATROLS IN PARKS, ^{ON} DOWNTOWN STREETS
 - ↳ EVENING AS WELL
- DEVELOP VACANT BUILDINGS / SITES → BROKEN WINDOWS THEORY
- SENIORS → SENIORS HOUSING
- ACCESSIBILITY → CROSSWALK TIMERS, SIDEWALKS LEVEL, CURB LETDOWNS
- WAYFINDING SIGNAGE → DIRECT PEOPLE TO AMENITIES, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS

TOPICS
HEALTH & SAFETY (CARMIN).

LAND USE AND HOUSING
(CAR) FRANK

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & RETAIL
(JUSTIN)

PUBLIC REALM / WALKABILITY
SAFETY (FRANK)
CAL

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT
(EDWARD)

MOBILITY & CONNECTIONS ^{DEVEN}
TRANSPORTATION (JASON)
(JEFF)

HERITAGE, ARTS, CULTURE &
COMMUNITY (JESSICA)

① ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & RETAIL

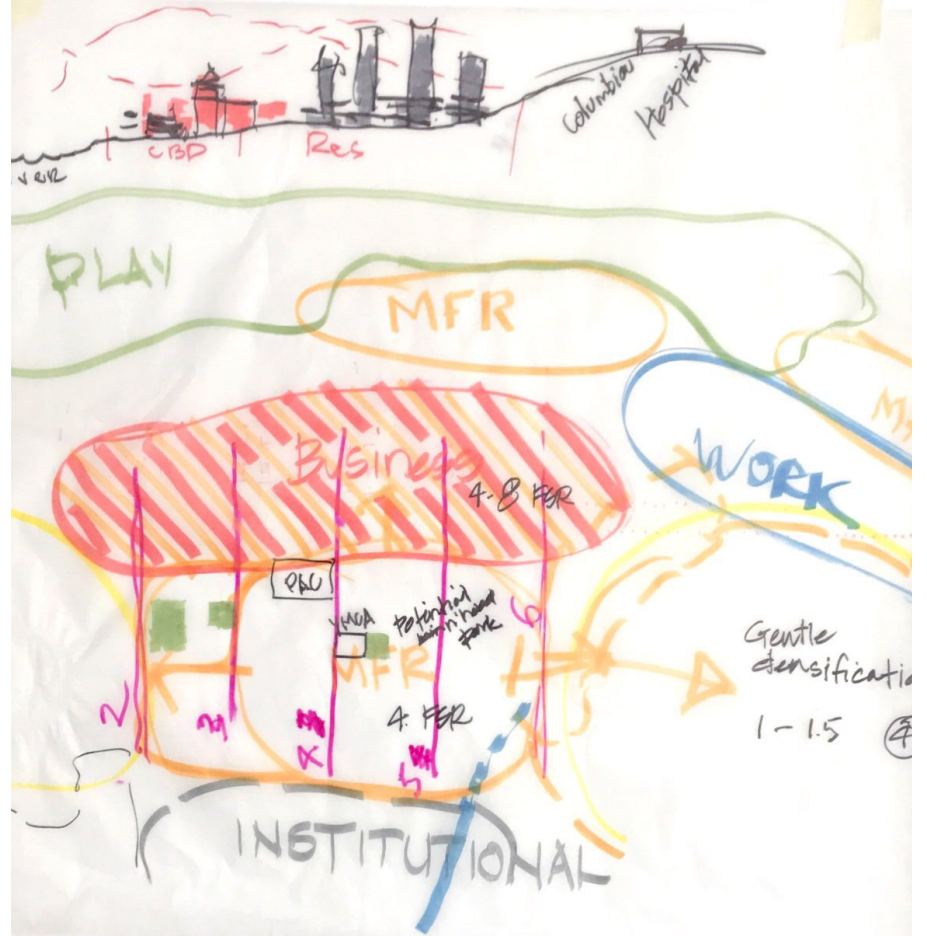
THE LOW

Daily News Site → Cultural / Arts Facility
↳ potential for P3

Value Village Site → Prime for development
600-Block Seymour → higher density housing

- Extend Victoria St treatment east
- Grave / parking lots along 3rd Ave
- West Victoria gateway beautification
- Rail tracks a major barrier to waterfront
- More residential infill between 6TH, 11TH, Battle, and Columbia
- Need res. infill to support economy / business
- Need larger stock of new / modern office space (class A) to attract new business
- Laneway opportunities for retail / restaurants etc.
- Improved connectivity with West End / Sagebrush could bring more people Downtown to shop etc.
- ↳ Shuttle service could improve connectivity

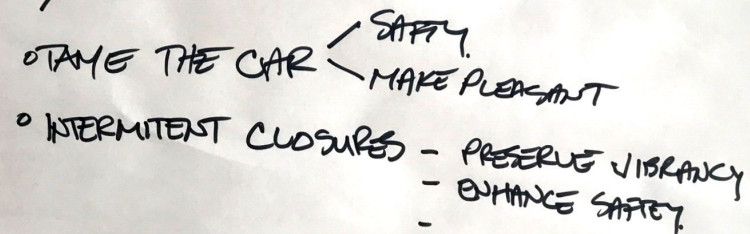
LAND USE & HOUSING



PUBLIC REALM & WALKABILITY



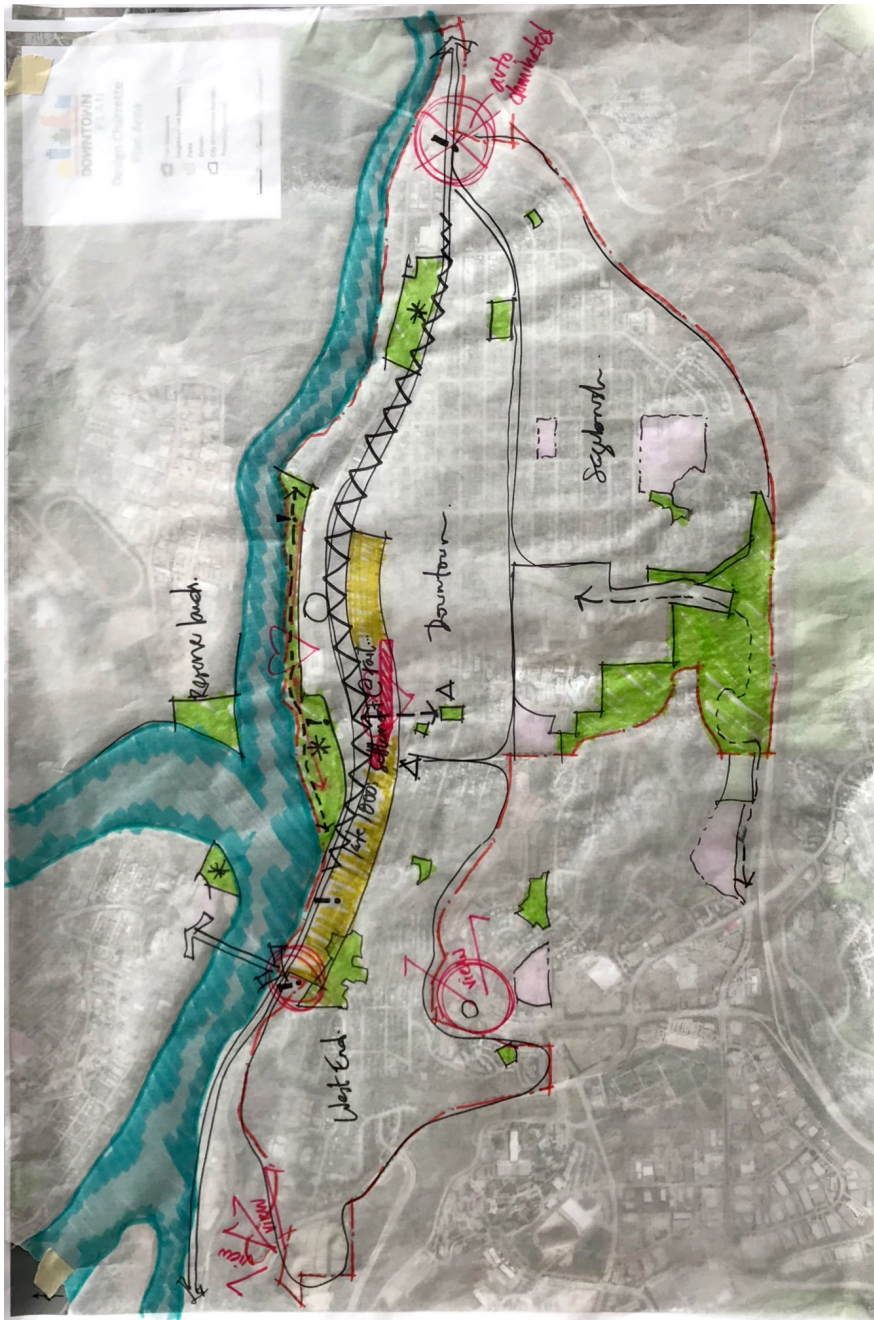
CARS / PEOPLE

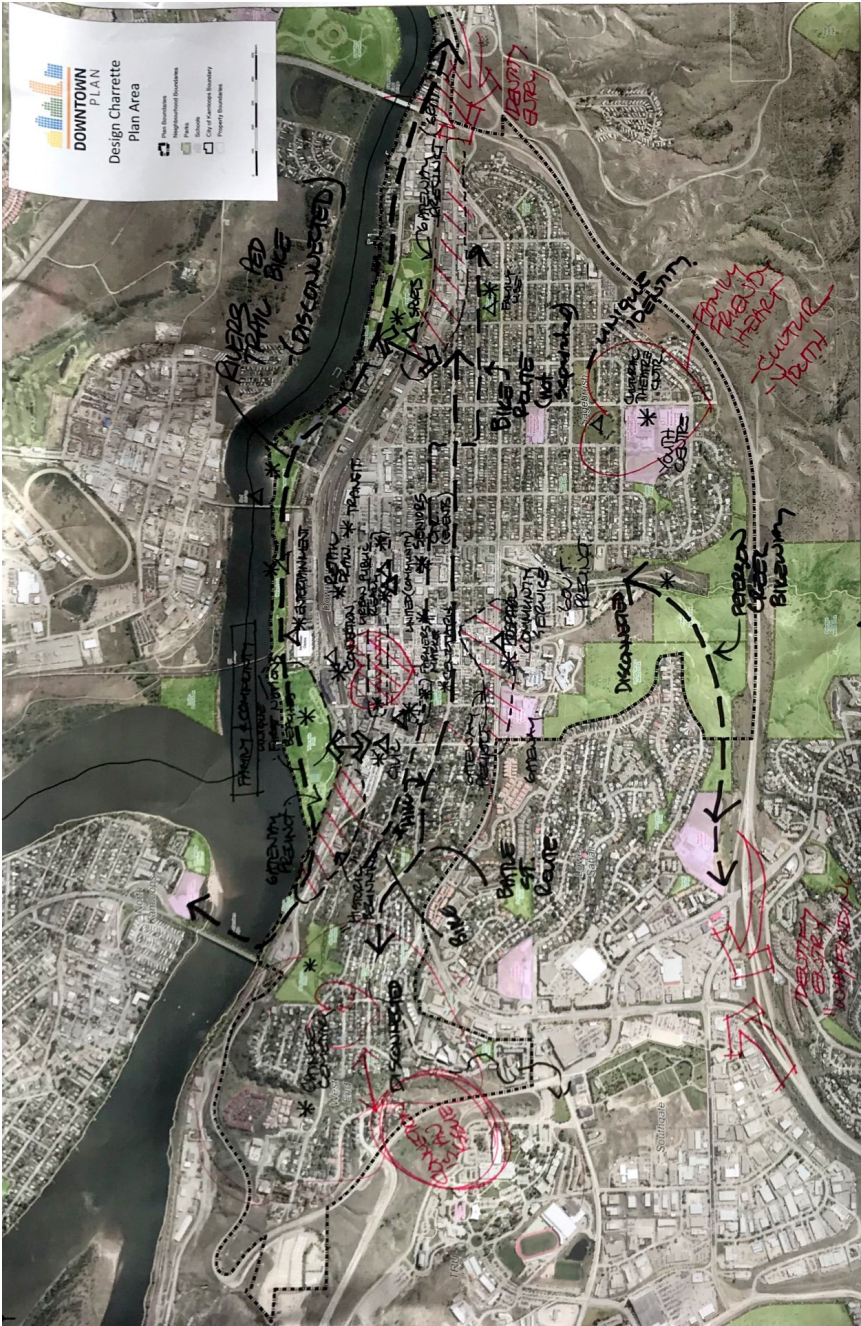


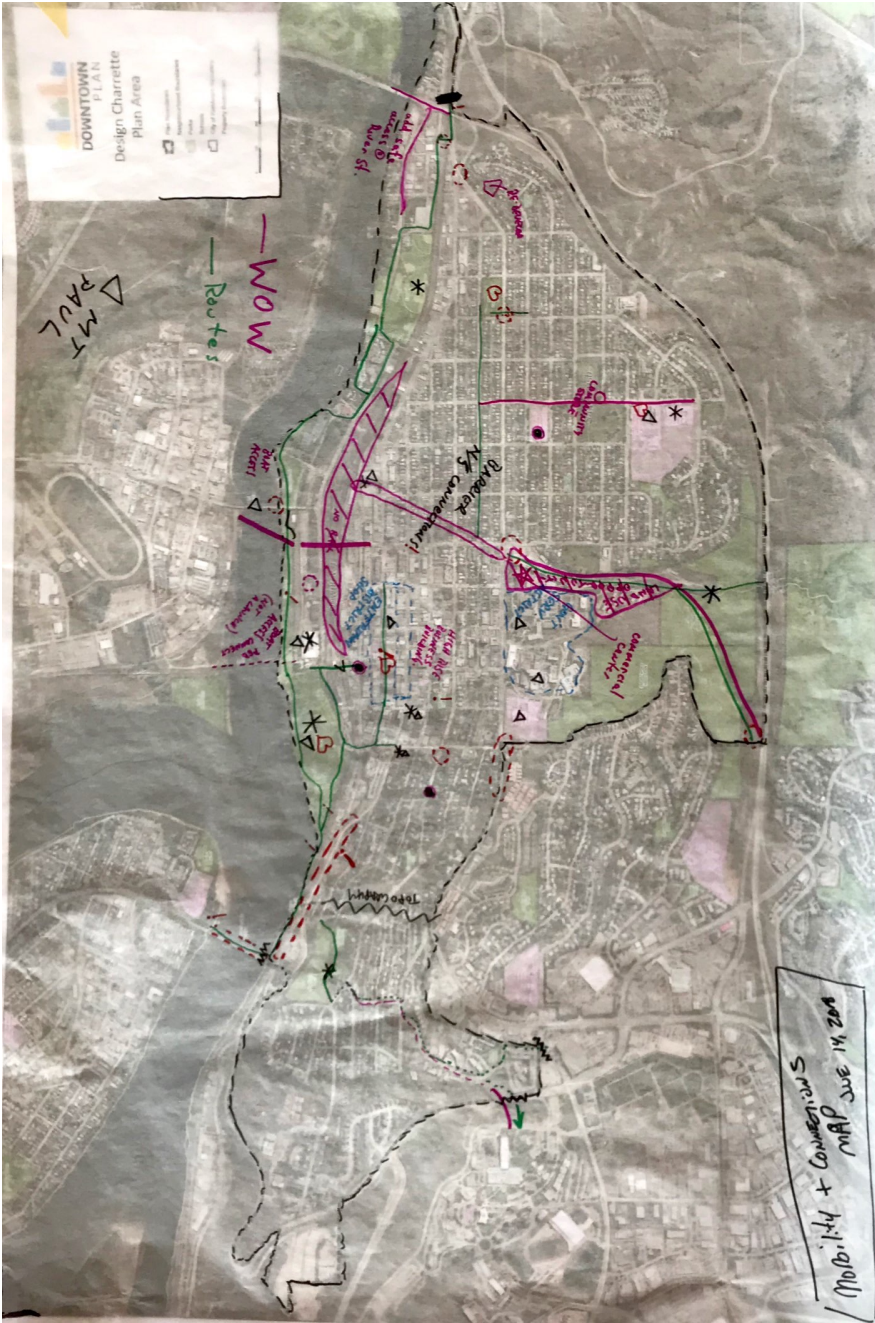
OPPORTUNITIES - P

- Paramount Theatre
- ~~Daily~~ City News Site
- Stuart Wood School.
- ~~Kaylapp~~ Square Government Site
- ✓ Seymour - Taming
- ✓ Value Village Site
- ✓ Peterson Ck. Greenway/District ^{EP}
- N. hood Commercial Sagebrush.
- YcMA site
- New School
- ✓ BT Heart

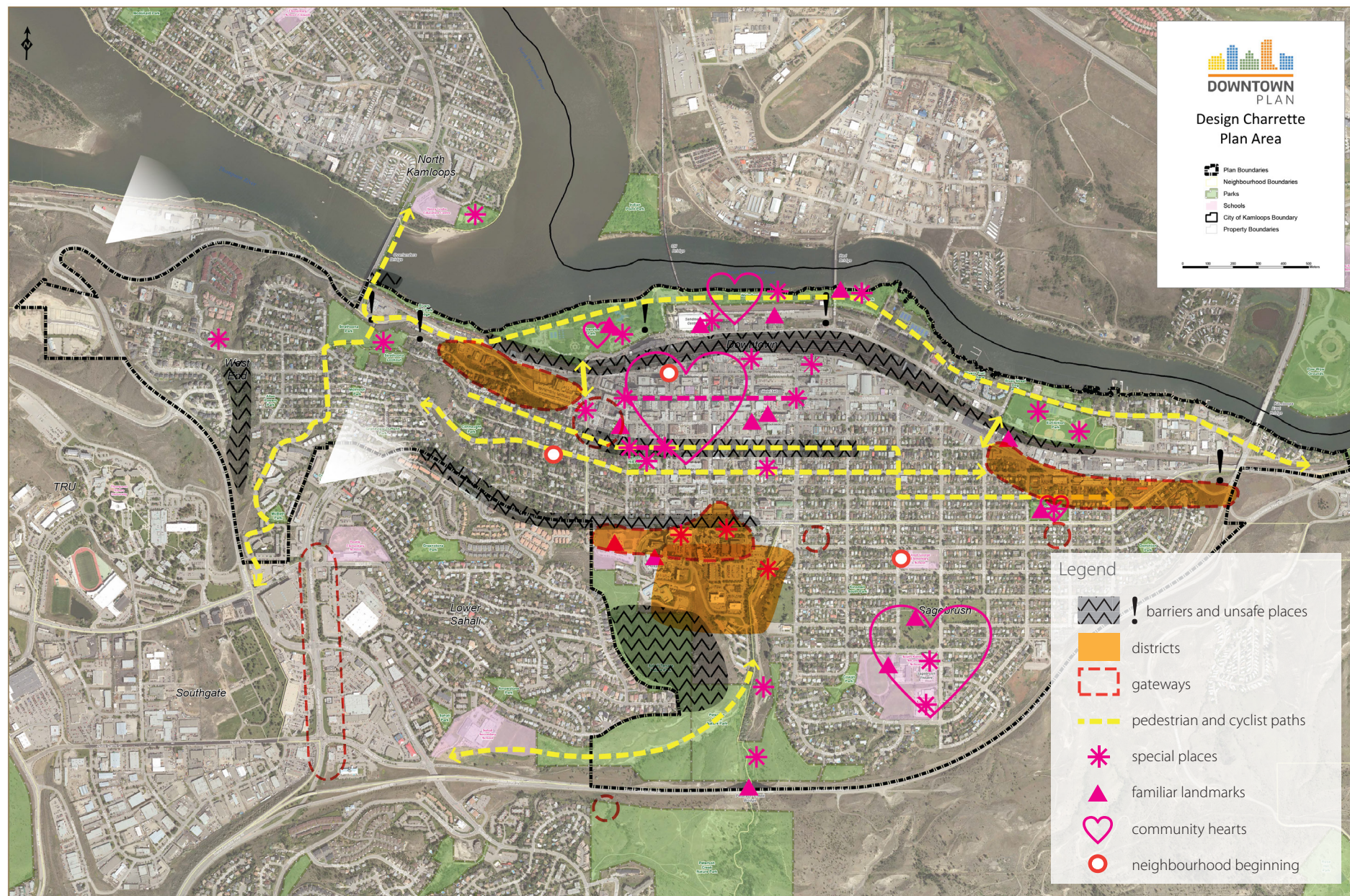








COMMUNITY MAPPING SUMMARY



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APPENDIX D | PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON CHARRETTE CONCEPTS »

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COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

1. No more development in Riverside Park. Keep it as it is. More trees.
2. It's time for a design advisory board to make the vision happen
3. Keeping the back alley behind Victoria Street clean of street junk
4. Diagonal street parking to reduce the cost of parking
5. What about the homeless population. This has to be addressed!
6. Bring back mini shopping mall @ BCLC / 1st & Victoria
7. Hold Culos to his property at CN to his agreement
8. No panhandling please!!!!
9. Daylight Peterson Creek - fish habitat
10. Bike rail up stairs on overpass
11. Schools - école
12. More nature trees - to support migrating birds
13. A (car free) school - walking to it & perhaps modular
14. School!! Community neighbourhood (modular??)
15. Walk a block to the next bench
16. Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles
17. No performing arts in immediate area
18. Design new construction... heritage buildings of tomorrow
19. Silva cells for all new trees Downtown
20. Resurface multi-use path on bridge
21. No farmers market at Riverside Park
22. More senior/disabled friendly - more benches, public washrooms, longer crossing signals
23. Save CN Building!!!
24. Heritage Buildings need a higher profile - use them!
25. Shade trees cool the area during global warming
26. Painting alleyways co-operating with paint stores & volunteering public
27. Crazy idea... Build a full-block connection over the railyard @ 3rd & 4th Avenue - rail service on bottom with retail/residential above
28. Train City workers, bus drivers, taxi drivers, boy scouts, high school students in CPR - first aid... we are safe city, a la Seattle... safe city for seniors, tourists, athletes = a marketing opportunity for TOC, Chamber, Venture Kamloops
29. Use and love our heritage buildings - Stuart Wood, CN Building, Federal Building
30. We must ensure that there is a neighbourhood school Downtown
31. Health & safety - washrooms in the Downtown - more benches please!!
32. Increase residential density to maintain buzz
33. Bike rail on 3rd Avenue bridge/overpass
34. Work to move CPR rail yard to Mission Flats... regain many acres for Downtown asset/opportunity - box in the main line with elevated crossing
35. Any parkade... ground floor along the sidewalk be used for small retail kiosks & studio spaces... creates people vs car spaces
36. Pet friendly senior rentals - pet friendly shopping if pet in carrier or arms
37. During winter keep walks & intersections clear so seniors & others can get around without climbing over piles of snow - merchants clear their walks promptly
38. Public produce - edible landscaping

DISPLAY BOARD COMMENTS

The following are public comments attached to display boards posted in the lobbies of City Hall and the Development, Engineering, and Sustainability building from June 27 to July 23, organized by design concept.

4th Ave Pedestrian Plaza

1. yes -->
2. I LIKE THIS IDEA! :)
3. I like this idea!
4. Love this European feel!
5. I like this idea
6. :) I like this idea!
7. Thanks for these ideas to re-imagine the downtown! A pedestrian street would be wonderful!
8. Nice idea but how many parking spots are lost? Downtown parking is hard enough

Kamloops Square

9. I like...

Former Daily News / Taming Seymour Street

10. yes -->
11. I hope Kamloops does not miss another opportunity for an Arts Centre Downtown. The addition of a residential tower is a good idea.

Civic Plaza & Market Hub

12. I like the idea of having places to sit & enjoy Downtown. Moving cars underground is a great idea. Adding public WCs is needed. Thank you!

Peterson Creek Precinct

13. Drawing attention to the creek is a wonderful idea. I also appreciate the development of a habitat area. :) A school in the Downtown. Excellent idea!

Government Precinct

14. I walk past this corner daily & it is an eyesore! These are exciting ideas to bring life to this corner.

LET'S TALK ONLINE FORUM COMMENTS

The following are public comments posted on the Let's Talk online forum from June 27 to July 23, organized by design concept.

Question Posed: What are your thoughts on the design concepts presented?

4th Ave Plaza (Aerial View)	Agrees	Disagrees
Take away a performing arts centre and see what remains. There are so many big ifs here and this idea revolves around, enhances, a performing arts centre. How will we fund an underground parkade and how much will it cost. How about a concept that rests on affordable housing that does not have auto parking and is surrounded by mixed, smaller and versatile entertainment spaces. A dance venue, small live theatre, innovative chamber music hall and dance studio - artist studios. We need to be more daring and somehow get cars out of our downtown life as much as possible.	0	6
I love that the idea of a Performing Arts Centre is still being considered. These ideas are beautiful.	6	0
I love the idea of more pedestrian areas, but I feel keeping traffic moving along the Avenues (4th) would be better, then create Victoria St as limited speed/access pedestrian corridor.	1	4
looks great, PLEASE build a performing arts centre	11	0
I love the idea of underground parking as many people that use the restaurants and businesses downtown are currently deterred by few options during peak periods as my husband is handicapped we need access that allows for handicapped parking on the street that allows a flat surface and short distance for him to get around	2	0
If this is to be the heart of kamloops I believe it would be better to make Victoria from 4th to 5th a pedestrian only road.	3	0
I don't like that there still is traffic. Building more apartments would mean more parking needs, which is we want to avoid.	0	1
Looks great! The landscaping and public spaces will be make residents and tourists feel welcome. The densification is key to creating a healthy city and strong downtown economy. A performing arts centre will be perfect for hosting events and gathering people downtown to enjoy dinner and drinks before or after the show.	4	0
This looks great. So much opportunity for growth and opportunity to create vibrancy and activity the right way in the 400 and 500 blocks...	4	0
LOVE the walkability focus as well as adding outdoor plaza space, public market and PAC		
I like the idea of more public spaces and more car-less areas, although would prefer victoria steet.	3	0

This is an admirable process. I only wish more citizens were responding, though that has much to do with timing - being early summer. Still, this is a detailed plan and there is much in it to praise. I remain though a sharp critic, holding that it is easy to gush enthusiasm but possibly it's more helpful to make pointed observation. Kudos though to the planners for all their work and ideas. Can we spin out the public comment into early fall, have a major newspaper feature or better a real town hall discussion in, say, mid to late September? Thanks for all the effort to make our city a better one. By the way, we already in many regards have a terrific downtown and I patronize it a lot.	1	0
This is genius and I sincerely hope it goes through!	4	0
It looks great. Please build a Performing Arts Centre. All these ideas would really enhance our city.	7	0
Love the idea of a car-free area. Let's do it!	7	0
Love the idea. Fully in favour. I am interested in Kamloops showing it's pride by engaging in these projects. I will help us all succeed in the future and I'm happy to pay more taxes to achieve this vision.	4	0
I think this would be amazing! There is nowhere inviting downtown for people to sit outside and visit, eat good food, bring kids and dogs. It is time to revitalize!! Bring it on, Kamloops! We baby boomers are just beginning to move into the downtown core. This number will only increase in the years to come. We need housing and activities and friendly spaces. Enough procrastinating. Enough parking lots. Let's get the show on the road!!	5	0
Am in favour of all projects to make downtown more pedestrian and neighbourhood friendly . However we must first have a neighbourhood and pedestrians. This would require more condo type residencies in this area. If the downtown area could be developed as let's say False Creek area of Vancouver it would be an attractive area to live and enjoy the amenities proposed.	3	0
Absolutely love these concepts to improve our City! Both my husband and I have lived in Kamloops our entire lives and any and all improvements are welcomed. My only concern is with the outdoor seating areas, as much as I believe we do need and want this concept will there be patrol of the areas to avoid it all being taken up by the hanger outers as benches etc are now utilized in our downtown core? We enjoy going for coffee and to the library but there is no where public to sit and enjoy the downtown presently.	4	0
Excellent ideas! This is exactly what Kamloops needs. The downtown area has such incredible potential and its smart and modern ideas like this that will only improve our beautiful community!	4	0
Very exciting! I live downtown and can't wait to see this get started. Brilliant visioning.	3	0
I really like this idea. Underground parking with an open air square on top sounds great. Having a public/farmers market on the Value Village site is also a good idea. Also like the idea of mixed use residential and commercial.	2	0
Great ideas! I think shade will be critical to the usability of these plazas and closed streets during the hot weather; I'd include awnings (or other shade producing objects) as well as the trees, and be sure there is enough shaded seating. These awnings could be a public art opportunity?	2	0

I really like this. I like the underground parking idea. Hopefully that will put an end to the endless (and overblown) complaints about parking. I've never had a problem parking. You just need to be willing to walk a couple of blocks. The residential is a nice touch. You need more of it downtown. If the performing arts centre is permanently dead, maybe get another condo tower instead. Need people to liven the place up a little. Also get business to open later into the evening. Everything closes at 5pm or 6pm! Its crazy.	4	0
I like this concept. If you expect people to come from other parts of the City to downtown, there must be more parking, ideally not clogging up the streets and surface but either underground or forming part of a tower. Like the combination of performing arts centre and residential tower. Traffic coming out of Lansdowne Village wanting to go east would either have to work their way east through the parking area of the mall to 5th or 6th, or go west on Lansdowne to second and go south to go east. Would want to see the City do this in partnership with private developer(s).	0	0
I have read through all of the proposals and I think even if ONE of them happens the people of Kamloops will see and feel a remarkable change in their city. Rocky Mountaineer is aiming to double the amount of people coming through Kamloops in 5 years. As we increase the amount of visitors and the city continues to rapidly expand we need to think past Kamloops of 1970's that wanted more parking and let parks, wanted more roads and less pathways, and wanted to hang alone instead of together as a community.	1	0
This is a "combination" proposal - its first focus is the pedestrian plaza on 4th, but there is much more tied in, including a return to the Performing Arts Centre at the Daily News parking site. The idea of a pedestrian zone is excellent, although the option of the block of Victoria between 4th and 5th should be considered. The grand sweep of this particular proposal is subject to being upset significantly if the Performing Arts Centre goes ahead in a different format or location.	0	0
4th Ave Plaza (Street View)	Agrees	Disagrees
Hello, I've been a small downtown business owner for 20 years. Not once have I been asked my opinion on any downtown plan ever. I've always been told "this will bring foot traffic and enhance business," however my spreadsheet data would argue that. How about an in depth questioner with EVERY downtown business owner to find out how we feel. Maybe this would be a great plan, but please don't forget that without our little mom and pop shops there would be no downtown.	5	3
This is your chance to participate in the conversation. Please share your ideas/opinions.	5	0
I agree with the writer. The key to a vibrant downtown is diversity and activity. I am certain the city listens mostly to establishment and investment interests. What they see is an upscale downtown, with towers, concert halls and fine restaurants. Nice, and no doubt adds to property values but often sterile and near vacant much of the time. Can you imagine a downtown where there is plenty of low income housing, diversity and one full of colourful small shops and lively, walk-in entertainment venues? A downtown where most people who live there do not want or even need cars. A downtown where families who cannot afford cars can fully engage with community and feel at home.	1	0
Pedestrian only streets are fabulous in other cities I visit and Kamloops has yet to jump onboard. This location seems like a great way to connect the revitalized blocks of Victoria Street (as proposed around the library) with Riverside Park. Would provide a lot of value to the downtown core.	9	0

And also a shuttle to Riverside Park for events such as Canada Day, Ribfest and even winter events if there was an outside rink.	0	0
Riverside park and especially the Heritage House (for senior activities primarily) very much needs to have a bus service.	0	0
Does anyone else wonder about a critical design process - one that will hugely affect the future of our city - that starts from the presumption that a hypothetical major cultural facility (PAC) will exist on the old Daily News site and then proposes physical amenities that almost all buttress that glittering anchor. Equally troublesome, is that the important review period, and opportunity for public reaction, is taking place at the very start of summer vacations when most citizens and families are not engaged at all. We need a longer and more thorough review process - public forum certainly and maybe a major feature in our community newspaper. Maybe we should revisit the notion that the PAC must be located in the downtown where it will have huge impact on property values, bring invariably more vehicles and ultimately drive up the cost of living downtown. Seems to me something, maybe a few things are flawed. Not to say there are not some admirable ideas in the draft proposal and concepts, but maybe it would be better to slow down some and invite broader and more thorough public input.	0	5
No pedestrian only blocks! Cars important	0	8
The trees will provide some needed shade. I can see people enjoying their lunch or a coffee here. People love dining al fresco - more patio space will be great.	5	0
A pedestrian plaza would offer wonderful opportunity for citizens to engage with one another and enjoy Kamloops. Excellent idea.	4	0
This is a great idea as long as you can get the business to open when people are off of work. Everything closes at 5 or 6pm. It's crazy. Get shops to open at 11am or noon, and stay open until 9 or 10pm! Then this plaza might have a little life.	2	0
Civic Plaza & Market Hub (Street View)	Agrees	Disagrees
I love this idea, with the centralized common area. A spray park idea is fabulous for Kamloops, since it's so hot! I like that you keep the roadways for cars. This would make a great area for a city Christmas tree and a lighting event to go with it in the winter. I love the idea of extra trees being added to the downtown.. you can't go wrong with adding greenery and shade! I also like the idea of admin office on site to maintain control, cleanliness etc.	7	0
This is an excellent idea. While parking is still important at this point to encourage people to come downtown, no vibrant pedestrian area features surface parking lots. Years ago I remember going to Montreal, which featured large, popular sidewalk patios. Having such a feature would be an excellent feature that will hopefully come alive with more pedestrians as more density is achieved within walking distance.	6	0
I like the form and function of parking below street level and pedestrian friendly plaza space above. This would likely work well in tandem with the Wednesday Farmers Market as they look to grow and expand, the current Impark lot is nothing but a hindrance. It would be great to revitalize this section of Victoria Street, increase foot traffic, and stretch our "downtown core" into multiple blocks instead of the one or two it seems to be at the moment. Love the idea of a flexible public space that can host brewloops/block party/etc...kinds of outdoor events. Kamloops needs more life downtown.	7	0

There are many attractive features, but at its core it does not deal with some important issues. How can we stop more cars from coming into downtown? How can we preserve the intact waterfront? How can we keep it affordable to live in the downtown while discouraging crime and pan handling? How can we deal with the Landowne speedway. How can we encourage walking, and safety, in the winter? The plan seems timid in regards to Victoria Street, says little about a broader entertainment concept and does not reference any tower height restriction.. More than anything the concept seems to be built around, and intended to enhance, a performing arts centre on the old Daily News site. The taxpayers rejected that once, and may well do so again. We need a plan that is more imaginative and one that does not put all it's chips on one performance square.	0	0
Love this idea!!!	4	0
Great Idea -- we need to better utilize our surface spaces and surface parking isn't -- I fully support this idea and it's a stepping point for a Riverside Park marketplace!	2	0
excellent idea to enhance the vibrancy of the downtown core	7	0
This needs careful examination. We are creating a plaza - which already could exist by removing the parking stalls - through building an underground parking. Underground parking is vastly more expensive than surface parking. Who is the underground parking being created for and at what cost? This seems like a way to get the underground parking that is only really needed - or wanted - for a performing arts centre. The failed earlier proposal for an arts centre failed, in my view, because it was manifestly too expensive, significantly because of the proposed underground parking. Is this all another approach to get underground parking for a performing arts centre. I suggest that the way to get the much desired PAC is to keep the costs down by forgetting about underground parking. We need to reduce the number of cars using the downtown. Can you imagine a PAC concert and a Blazer hockey game on the same night? PAC yes, underground parking no!	0	5
Go to any major city and you will see significant underground parking infrastructure. Vehicles are a necessity in Kamloops. Our public transportation system is poor and our geography makes it difficult for anyone outside of the City Centre, North Shore and Brocklehurst to use a bicycle as their main form of commuting. This plan recognizes that any increased density in the downtown will inevitably require increased parking, and if this can be accomplished underground than it leaves more space to street level developments.	6	0
BrewLoops or other community events can be held here. What a great location to host residents and tourists during an afternoon of shopping or live music.	6	0
I agree, the Brewloops event downtown was excellent and having this space would promote additional events like that one in the City Centre.	3	0
I like it & probably a quicker win than some of the other opportunities	1	0

I like this idea the most - the current parking lot that is there is a total eye-sore and it'd be nice to bring something to the city centre that'll give it some life. Love the idea of an outdoor skating rink and event space. I can't say I really see the need for an underground parking lot there. The current above-ground ones seem under-utilized because they're more expensive than street parking and once you get a downtown core that extends beyond Victoria st. (reviving Seymour) people won't mind walking a few blocks from other above-ground locations because there's more to see. If we do get a performing arts centre it could be useful I suppose, but I don't want to see these other good ideas become contingent on that plan. Adding more greenery like in these pictures would go a long way.	3	0
Like it a lot but don't think we need underground parking.	0	1
Exciting idea. A skating rink in the winter would be wonderful. I'm sure it would get a lot of use and be a real attraction for visitors.	2	0
More strategic shade, please. Interesting awnings or shade structures will ensure usability in snowy, rainy or hot weather. This is also a public art opportunity?	2	0
Civic Plaza & Market Hub (Aerial View)	Agrees	Disagrees
Excellent use of this space with the Market (farmers & artisans) and Civic Plaza ideas. Buskers and musicians in the Civic Plaza may be better than a spray park??	5	0
I love the multi season approach, an exciting downtown core will bring more businesses and tourists to our area. These sorts of projects are worth the investment in the long run	5	0
Certainly an expansive downtown plaza is an essential. How about Victoria Street with a year-round market in the old silver curiosity building anchoring on one end and a restaurant row on the other end. I think of street in Spain where it was all a plaza with so many walkers, tourists and restaurant seekers. It seems to me we are missing the obvious. Besides, a little stroll after a fine dinner greatly aids digestion. Musicians would fit in as well and a plaza is not really such unless it encourages walking some ways.	0	1
The mixed use 6 story development is in a great location. The public market is a great way to showcase wares from local artisans and farmers while adding charm to downtown.	3	0
thumbs up, more walkways the better	3	0
A public market would be really great for the community. Great idea for the old Value Village building.	2	0
Love these ideas! I wanted to mention that the Kamloops Art Gallery needs additional space for the Collection and Prep areas, as far as I know? This is a primo opportunity to do that, as the addition shown on the west face of the TNRD connects directly to those areas. Re: the plaza and pedestrian only areas: plan more than enough shade to make them usable in the heat!	0	0

Public Plazas (Plan View)	Agrees	Disagrees
Please, have your artist use fonts that can be read. I know that this is conceptual but it seems rather scrawled. Getting over being grouchy, we need to generate some community excitement around all of this. Let's have a lively forum where we can truly debate/ discuss these ideas in a civil manner. Many of our citizens are not computer literate and still deserve to be involved. We need also to hear exchanges of ideas and more explanation behind maybe worthy ideas.	0	0
I like how it draws toward 6th & vic / govt area	1	0
Taming Seymour Street	Agrees	Disagrees
Great idea, we definitely need to enhance Seymour Street. It's current state is discouraging new businesses from opening and pedestrians seem to avoid it as well (there is little there to see and do). Widening the northern cross-walks to allow for more welcoming store fronts and patios is a start. I would hope the City would seriously explore the pros and cons of making it a two-way street. The argument is that Seymour is an arterial road, and this probably mostly the case for people commuting from Brock/ North Shore to Valleyview, etc. If you're in Westsyde, you avoid Downtown by taking the Halston Connector and if you're in Sahali/ Aberdeen, you can use the Petersen Creek by-pass or Columbia Street to get east. I don't think changing Seymour Street into a two-way would lead to chaos downtown when we have these additional avenues. Especially Columbia Street, I think the City should continue improving it further east of 6th Avenue and also improve the intersection at Columbia and Battle where the Highway junction is. This should be the main artery from Sahali to Valleyview.	0	0
Looks good!! More trees, and pedestrian friendlier. This is great, and I believe will attract businesses to Seymour St. As far as the Performing Arts Centre goes, not sure what the long term plan for this is, but if the city is involved I would like to see some sort of funds allocated on a yearly basis to this (i.e. a down-payment) so we don't have to borrow all of the money.	5	0
Definitely yes to the wider sidewalks, but Seymour St (along with Lansdowne) should say one-way as it allows for a much similar traffic flow for a main downtown arterial which allows for more traffic movement.	3	0
This is actually an interesting idea. The only way you could widen Seymour this much to incorporate wide sidewalks two lanes and pull out areas, is if all the buildings on the south side of seymour between 2nd and 4th at least, were torn down and the new buildings were further set back.	0	0
We need to give thought to the arterial nature of Lansdowne and Seymour, both major feeders from/to the North Shore. Lots of heavy trucks on Lansdowne too. If we are going to increase pedestrian friendliness on these two thoroughfares (presently speedways), we need to slow traffic through the city core. I know people will resist but certainly become used to it in time. I mean what would an imposed forty kilo speed limit on these two arteries for say four blocks on Lansdown and eight blocks on Seymour actually cost in transit time - very little really. Enforcement - there's none or little now - and technology could provide an answer. Speed bumps, maybe or other traffic calming strategies. It is largely a matter of attitude and culture change. Could be done. I think so and would help to transform the city core.	0	2
I commute those directions. You are already going 40 because of all the lights.	1	0

You make a really good point. I can understand the frustration in commuting through downtown during the drive hour - when as you say the average speed is less than 30 k maybe. It though does become a speedway during non- commute hours when drivers are trying to hit all the greens. You do sharply define the problem in that we have a downtown with 3 major arterial (commuting) streets in a small area. I am not at all sure there is a solution. Someone in Kelowna is proposing a tunnel for the drive problems in that town. One solution maybe - and it will much irk some - is to create a new, or sister, downtown on the North Shore for either the arts or the business dimension of our city life. That would take some pressure off the old core. We for sure need to think of different ideas, and it may be there are few answers. Long term, public transit - maybe even tram - might help but it's hard to get people out of their cars. Thanks for your sharp and to the point response.	0	1
DO NOT CHANGE SEYMOUR ST. TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC PLEASE! I live downtown and I rarely ever drive but I cycle and walk daily. I greatly appreciate the one-way Seymour/Lansdowne system for traffic flow and if you ruin the only ways to get into downtown, it doesn't matter how pretty anything is because no one will come! Widening the sidewalks and narrowing the road will certainly improve aesthetics and calm traffic, which will help, and I echo other comments that the traffic lights already control speed to 40km/hr. Please, please, please leave Seymour St. as a one-way, Lansdowne as well. Don't ruin one of the few great systems.	0	0
I certainly agree that you cannot slow traffic down during commute times. We do though need to look at broader and long-term solutions.	0	0
A rethink of Seymour St. is a key to revitalizing our downtown. We have a couple of blocks of Victoria St. where trees, people, and slow traffic make for a welcoming environment. Seymour could be something similar, but traffic calming and alternative usage (pedestrians, cyclists, greenery) are all urgently needed. I'd suggest Seymour is currently our "ugliest" and least welcoming downtown street. It, and the tracks, act as stale bread sandwiching the heart of our downtown.	7	0
Completely agree. This street needs some work. Love the proposed ideas for the sidewalks and trees.	2	0
Yep, it's next up from 1-6th, take away one side of parking for sidewalk etc.	1	0
The bike lane idea is much needed, although it doesn't seem like there is any separation from pedestrians.	2	0
Wider sidewalks are definitely more welcoming for pedestrians and a plan like this could definitely help bring more small businesses to the downtown. A lack of small, cool, modern businesses downtown is a major part of the sorry state of our downtown. We can't just fill buildings with offices and wonder where all the people are. These plans for more welcoming infrastructure and increased density are great. They deal with parking too. As a small business owner one of the major hurdles I've faced is affording rent downtown. There are lots of empty spaces and landlords aren't motivated to work with you. I think the city needs to take a look at this if they want vibrancy downtown.	6	0
Completely agree. We need more reasons for people to come downtown. Enhancing streets and enticing innovative business owners are ways to attract people to the neighbourhood and increase enjoyment!	3	0

I live downtown and hate walking along Seymour street- it isn't picturesque, and it's very hot in the summer. The speed of traffic hasn't bothered me though, even walking with my young kids. I love the idea of trees and beautification. I would ask small business owners what would attract them to Seymour. As a cyclist too, it would be great to have a bike lane, and imagine one where my children could bike too! What about the idea of having parking on one side, and a 2-way bike lane on the other side, with a buffer like a small median of flowers dividing the bike lane from the road? Or if there's parking on both sides, enough room so cyclists don't get hit with a car door. Some bike lane designs are better than others... Do the local bike shops have any thoughts? It may be Utopian, but throwing ideas out there...	3	0
I am very pleased to see bikes being considered in these plans. I prefer to bike rather than drive in the downtown area but it can be extremely scary -- in danger of a door opening on me or running into a pedestrian on the walk. Bike routes will serve drivers, cyclists and pedestrians well.	2	0
Great care warranted on this proposal. Going from downtown to the north shore can be done on Lorne or Lansdowne, but there is only one route travelling east and that is Seymour, which is congested every time I travel it, always a non-peak times. Agree this part of Seymour needs work. Would like to see this proposal given further consideration in conjunction with performing arts centre on the KDN site.	0	0
Our family loves this idea! In a way it would help "expand" the main downtown area that is often considered Victoria St. This would help draw tourism away from what is the obvious main street at Victoria St to also explore Seymour which could help small businesses. I also love the idea of widening the sidewalk. The bike lane is an excellent idea and from this image appears separate from the road. Having a dedicated bike lane that is separate from drivers as been found to increase ridership and I think this is a great area to expand Kamloops' bike paths. Exploring several European cities recently we always commented on the wide sidewalks and separate bike lanes which were heavily used. Yes, I realize our cultures are different in terms of cars vs. pedestrians but in an area such as downtown where there are local shops for getting everyday items in walking/biking distance i.e.: groceries, pharmacy, shops etc. there's no reason not to promote the same healthy lifestyle of walking/biking for errands, to get to parks etc. in Kamloops! Shade in the form of trees is also an excellent idea, particularly with the added heat from the pavement etc. Some great ideas being planned for Kamloops!	0	0
While making Seymour Street more a part of the "downtown" is a highly desirable goal, as others have commented Seymour Street is a major traffic artery connecting downtown to other parts of town, and connecting other parts of town to each other. It would be a fundamental mistake (and have very obvious and unpleasant consequences for everyone) to move away from that concept, unless an equivalent alternative is put in place at the same time. Finding an alternative would be the only way of avoiding the need for Seymour to remain one way. Again, making the sidewalk area more friendly is highly desirable, but great care must be taken in putting in the same track cyclists and people who wish to stroll or stop for coffee or to shop - the sidewalk on a retail area is not the same as a multi-use pathway such as the Millennium Trail through the riverfront parks.	0	0

Kamloops Square (Aerial View)	Agrees	Disagrees
Looks good! much better utilization of the available space	4	0
I appreciate the grand vision, esp including mid-block path, That space currently has lots of opportunity & room for upgrade.	2	0
Government Precinct (North Plan View)	Agrees	Disagrees
It would be a great mixed commercial / residential venture -- if it could include some height density too (4-5 floors) and extend the Peterson Creek Greenbelt down to "backyard" and Columbia St access it would be awesome	1	0
This may be a fine site for hopefully innovative seniors housing for low income, folks who must be near hospital or other medical services. On a bus route, near to downtown and other resources including, importantly, access to nature. I mean for largely self-sufficient elders and truly inspired in creating a village with new concepts. There are models elsewhere in the world. Not a stereotypical retirement community which on the well-to-do can afford.	0	0
Like the grand vision and the connection with multiuse path & only other natural water feature downtown. Particularity like the opportunity for it to also create a friendly access point for family & folks south of Columbia & Sagebrush area	3	0
I know some people are interested in putting in an intentional, multi-generational permaculture type community here, and I think it would be really amazing.	0	0
This is my FAVOURITE one! These buildings are a huge eyesore right now, in prime real estate. Bring on a cafe, small grocery store, residences! Add this to the top of the list!	4	0
A few comments- instead of housing this would have been a nice extension to Peterson Creek Park; without the road some of this creek could be restored from its current "straighten" state- it appears that housing will back directly onto the "greenway" thus basically privatizing the greenway from the east side and making it ugly (i.e., viewing backs of housing) from the west side- given the closeness of the housing on both sides, this walkway up the middle is not going to be very appealing for people who do not live there- I think that you are dreaming that a grocer will be able to survive at this location (i.e., density doesn't appear to be high enough to support a grocer. Okay maybe a bakery/coffee shop could be supported by gov't workers.	0	2
I agree with Jeff's comments about ensuring that housing does not "privatize" the greenway. Vancouver's south False Creek area could be used as a model for how to ensure co-existence of public greenways with private residential units. Integration of commercial space as noted will also be key. On this I'll disagree with Jeff, I think a small grocer like Nestor's Market would thrive, serving the Sagebrush neighbourhood in addition to this envisioned residential area. If/when the Kelson Group redevelopment of the Nicola/4th/5th Ave area happens it will add further population to support commercial interests.	2	0
Agree. Currently the closest place to purchase groceries is Coopers, which is a fair walk for residents in the Sagebrush neighbourhood.	2	0
Having a grocery/cafe/bakery at this site is a great idea. It's something that could be used by Sagebrush community residents and would be a convenient place for people from the hospital, commuters, those picking up kids from school etc. Excellent proposal!!	5	0

I see the existing community garden is proposed to be retained. This community garden has had a long waiting list for years. Adding more residential in close proximity will increase demand. Suggest new community garden space be incorporated into the concept. If this is not practical, gardening space for new residences could be incorporated into the multi-family developments instead of traditional landscaping.	3	0
I live close to here and would LOVE to walk over to a cafe, bakery and small grocer. Some comments mentioned the residential area catered to seniors- as someone with a young family, I would love to see a mixed environment that would be appropriate for both downsizing seniors in the neighbourhood and welcoming to young children with spaces for them to run and play. I am curious about traffic at Dominion and 6th. It can be busy when the high school gets out- lots of ways for residents to move in and out of the area easily, while having some pedestrian green spaces to walk to the cafe would be fun. I can't wait for the eyesore on the corner to be revitalized! A commenter also mentioned the existing community gardens; they look so lovely! Maybe there can be more if there's a waitlist! Could there be less residential? A cafe fronting onto Peterson Creek to stop for a drink after a little hike and enjoy the greenery?	3	0
Revitalizing this entrance to the park into a grocer, cafe, bakery, attractive walkway, and housing would be a great enhancement to Kamloops. This would benefit recreational users: people walking, hiking, biking, and drinking coffee, downtown employees, and local residents. Building the creekside walkway to be an extension of the park would be vital to encourage a flow of people through the area. Townhomes could still back onto the creek, but the pathway should run right alongside the creek to be a pleasant place to stroll from the shops to the park. Having housing with elevators, as oppose to the walk-up apartments proposed, would give access to people with mobility issues.	1	0
This development will not only benefit nearby residents, but hospital, courthouse, school and other local workers and visitors. An excellent opportunity to provide some commercial development on the south side of Columbia St. Overall, a great proposal and I hope it moves forward.	0	0
Government Precinct (Full Plan View)	Agrees	Disagrees
Please don't consider a "shared road and bike path". Cities the world over are proving that sharing bikes/pedestrians with cars discourages those not in a big metal box. Road access to this development could come in via the northwestern side, shielding the greenway from interaction with cars.	0	0
Whoa, this is a gem of a property that is possibly another great site for an arts facility, while providing midnight shift and possibly day parking for hospital employees and visitors. Is this possibly a better site for a PAC, being in effect a gateway to downtown and one with great visibility. Could a land swap be done with the provincial government? It is something of an eyesore at present. Otherwise it might be a great site for innovative low income housing - with no parking spaces. Folks living there could walk most places and handily catch a bus.	1	1

How is this area a "gateway to downtown"? You may drive by it briefly while travelling along Columbia Street on your way somewhere else. Unless you work for the Province of BC, go to Petersen Creek for a hike or live in that small town-house complex back there, no one is really ever in this area. The entire point of building the PAC is to increase the amount of patrons in the City Centre who will hopefully also eat at the restaurants and shop. There are no restaurants or shops in this area. Ask anyone who works in this precinct and they will tell you that they make the trek to Victoria Street for lunch. 4th and Seymour is the perfect place for the PAC. It's centrally located and close to other establishments. This proposal is a good fit for this space.	1	0
This intersection is a gateway to downtown in that Columbia St. is a significant arterial connector to the T.C.H. in both directions, as well as large neighbourhoods, notably Sagebrush but also all those to the South-West, Valleyview and Sahali. It is a broad thoroughfare. The redesigned intersection works tremendously well. Columbia is a busy route and one very much used by visitors to Kamloops. This intersections also has high exposure to drive-by traffic. Consider that in fifteen years or so, the downtown will have sprawled eastwards into the Nicola, Battle residential areas (where else is there?) and Columbia will no doubt be widened to four lanes for its length. So, in time, 6th avenue could well transect the very centre of downtown. I disagree on one of your points The entire point of a PAC is not to advance the interests of established downtown business and property interests. That is a factor sure, but the bigger point is to serve the artistic community and the wider population of greater Kamloops. Arguably, business interests on the North Shore, and restaurants there and up the hill have just as much interest in concert goer business. No matter where an eventual PAC is located - and I believe transparency around the proposed locations is much called for - concert goers will find their way to shops and restaurants. As well, new establishments will spring up. Finally, drive South up sixth and as you approach Columbia, consider the background views behind the old government building. It is remarkable, and would superbly frame an iconic cultural centre. The visibility and the background of this alternate site should rank it right up there. Besides, it is not far from established restaurants and bars, etc. I mean four of five , maybe six blocks, what's that - an nice stroll before or apres dinner.	0	0
like the use of gov't land that can be part of making a healthy built environment.	1	0
Peterson Creek Precinct (Plan View)	Agrees	Disagrees
While this would be great - I am just curious on how the City/developers plan to move from this "concept plan" to actually put it into motion over the long term. There are several Single Family Residential homes in this area (some fairly new or newly renovated, some heritage homes), in which the owners might not be keen on this type of re-development. I don't foresee this changing in the time frame of the plan. I know this is a bit of a pie in the sky idea, which is great, but I don't feel it has any real chance of moving forward in the next 20-30 years.	1	0
Downtown needs another school - but there should be engagement with the community associations where they can have a full-time dedicated space for community needs.	1	0
Like the vision and possibilities, unsure of appetite/cost, but keep on table	0	0

An elementary school is at the very heart of community. One factor, possibly, in reducing the number of families with very young children, is the rampant conversion - on eastern Seymour and surrounds - of single-family housing into professional offices and such. Great to see the city planners keeping the need for a junior school in mind. When we design apartment and condo housing for downtown we also need to make them family orientated so they are not all for young professionals and empty nesters.	0	0
I love this plan! Wow! I live in the 700 block of St Paul and can't wait for this to happen. Keep up the brilliant visioning! You have my full support. Let's get started.	1	0
I notice that there is no playing field included in the school site, nor playground space. Having a school right next to a creek that has very swift run-off conditions in the spring would potentially be a safety issue.	0	0
Although restoring the creek back to a more natural state is appealing, an important and potentially more attainable take away here is a connecting the city pathways. Having a safe route to connect the Peterson Creek pathway to downtown and the Rivers Pathway would be fabulous.	1	0
A "greenway" along Peterson Creek (presumably this is what is meant by "daylighting") and connecting Peterson Creek Park to Downtown are very nice ideas, but the acquisition costs (expropriation or agreed purchase) in connection with homes / businesses in the projected path will be enormous - and that is not even counting on the loss of roadway and homes projected in the 600 block of St. Paul, at the suggested school site. It will be hard to justify the expense of any part of this plan. This means that it should have a low priority in the new Downtown plan versus other more attainable goals.	0	0
Downtown Core and Key Opportunity Sites (Plan View)	Agrees	Disagrees
Surprised that there is no option for a block or two of Victoria Street to become a pedestrian only space. After traveling in Europe a few times it became apparent how valuable a pedestrian space is to a town's core. 4th Ave is nice, but is in the shade in the afternoons when people might want a warm sunny place to hang out, and is only available to a few social establishments. Victoria Street would be open to many different business frontages and patio spaces which are also much needed in this town.	2	0
I agree. It was a revelation for my wife and I to encounter streets in Italy and Spain that were for pedestrians only. Full of life and busy activity. You could walk for blocks. There were crowded restaurants, shops and entertainers. People met and chatted, spent idle time and kids were there as well, many teens. Ole people watched the crowd go by, chatted the hours away and played board games. All a delightful mix of people enjoying life together. Even more impressive in the evenings and on holidays.	0	0
Key Sites and Corridors Overview Map	Agrees	Disagrees
Can we be imaginative enough now to at least think on the potential for light/fast urban rail to come in somehow to the city centre - across the river (the old pylons possibly) with a branch from the airport direction and another from the North Thompson valley corridor. If you have travelled as I have been lucky to have done in Europe and Asia it is amazing and instructive how they have made fast urban rail such a an efficient way to move masses of people. Sure, they like Athens and Sydney are mega cities but not to say small cities could not look in that direction. It may well be the way of the future for all cities including smaller ones.	1	0

This comment pertains to bicycles. 1. One wonders why the present bike route was placed on St. Paul St., when Battle is a better choice. This is because where 2 avenues cross Battle (7th and 9th), the stop signs face the avenues and not the street, allowing cyclists to go 2 blocks without having to stop, unlike on St. Paul, where all stop signs are on St. Paul. Easy to rectify. 2. Ordinary observation will show that many cyclists are in the habit of disobeying the rules of the road - for instance cycling on the sidewalk, cycling the wrong way, etc. It is a feature of modern life that there are many who disregard the law in various ways. The planning "takeaway" from this is to make sure that designs take into account how roads and pathways will be used in reality and do not rely on assumptions that behaviour will follow the rules. This is particularly relevant for pathways which are intended for multiple users.

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FEEDBACK SUMMARY BY SITE

4th Ave Pedestrian Plaza

The 4th Ave Plaza concept was well-received by the community as most feedback was very supportive of having a pedestrian-dedicated gathering space Downtown where people could enjoy socializing, eating, and attending events outdoors. The addition of trees and landscaping to the area was viewed as a great way to provide some much-needed greenery and shade Downtown while creating a more inviting space for residents and visitors.

Some residents felt that adding more residential density to the area and having businesses open later would further support the vibrancy of this space, while others thought pedestrianizing a section of Victoria Street would be a more successful alternative.

Civic Plaza & Market Hub

Feedback on the Civic Plaza concept reflected a great deal of excitement and support for a large pedestrian space that could be used for recreation and events year round. The idea of a mixed-use space that includes residential and commercial components with multi-seasonal public amenities, such as a splash park and skating rink, was felt to be a much-needed community asset to support the vibrancy and economic viability of the Downtown.

The use of the former Value Village site for a permanent market was well-received, as was the potential for this plaza to support the operations of the nearby Wednesday Farmers' Market.

Providing shade trees, landscaping, seating, and public washrooms and having City staff permanently on site to manage and maintain the area were seen as additional benefits of the design concept.

Residents liked the idea of replacing a surface parking lot with a vibrant and attractive public space, while appreciating that an underground parking structure would ensure overall parking supply was not reduced. However, some residents thought an underground parking structure would be unnecessary or would add too much to the cost of the project, but recognized that partnering with a private developer may help to offset such costs.

Former Daily News / Taming Seymour Street

Residents were very supportive of seeing Seymour Street redesigned to be more attractive and friendlier for pedestrians and cyclists. Having wider sidewalks, a dedicated bike lane, and street trees to provide shade and combat the summertime heat were all welcomed changes. Several residents expressed how these changes would help to draw new businesses to the area, generate more pedestrian traffic, and expand the effective retail area of Downtown beyond Victoria Street.

Reactions were generally mixed whether to maintain Seymour Street for one-way vehicle traffic or change to two-way traffic, but it was commonly felt that in either case some traffic calming measures were required to reduce vehicle speeds and improve the pedestrian experience.

Public feedback was largely supportive of locating a performing arts centre at the former Kamloops Daily News site and suggested it would help draw more people Downtown. The inclusion of a residential component to this project was also well-received. However, some residents expressed concern that implementation of some of the other design concepts, such as the 4th Ave Plaza, would be dependent on the construction of a performing arts centre.

Kamloops Square

Feedback received from the public was supportive of the new design concept for the Kamloops Square site. Residents felt that the current site is underutilized and that the proposed concept, including the mid-block path, would be a welcome upgrade to an area that has much potential, given its proximity to the Kamloops Farmers' Market and former Stuart Wood elementary school.

Peterson Creek Precinct

Feedback from residents was generally supportive of the Peterson Creek Precinct concept, particularly the inclusion of a new Downtown school site, the naturalization of Peterson Creek, and the expansion of the Downtown multi-use path network. However, there were some concerns regarding potential costs associated with this project, potential opposition from existing homeowners in the area, whether the proposed housing form would be attractive for families and the children that would attend the school, and whether it would be possible to assemble all the properties in the area within a reasonable time frame.

Government Precinct

Feedback from residents was overwhelming positive about adding mixed-use development to the Government Precinct area, including multi-family residential and local-serving commercial uses. Residents were very supportive of having such businesses as a café, bakery, and small grocer located near 6th Avenue and Columbia Street that could serve nearby residents of Downtown and Sagebrush as well as healthcare workers in the area.

Its proximity to transit and healthcare services was thought to make the site ideal for increased residential density, particularly for seniors and low-income individuals and families.

The inclusion of multi-use paths in the design concept was seen as an excellent way to connect the Peterson Creek Greenway with the Downtown pedestrian and cycling network and serve as an attractive and family-friendly gateway to Downtown for active transportation users.

Enhancing and integrating Peterson Creek into the proposed development was also viewed favourably; however, some residents emphasized the need to ensure access to the creek is not privatized.

General Comments

Overall, the design concepts proposed for the Downtown Plan area were positively received by the public. Additional comments related to the broader planning area included a desire to see more affordable housing integrated into projects and to have more engagement opportunities on these design concepts prior to implementation. Some residents also wished to see a review of building heights in the plan area to ensure they are of an appropriate scale, while others emphasized the need to ensure any increased traffic and parking demand generated by new development is adequately addressed.