

Downtown Urban Design Strategy

What We Heard Report

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Engagement Overview

In the fall of 2022, the City of Kimberley launched the Downtown Urban Design Strategy to engage with residents, community members, organizations, and businesses to identify ways to increase inclusivity, resilience, and liveability in anticipation of the future needs of the community.

The Downtown Urban Design Strategy will build on and reinforce direction in the Official Community Plan and other recently completed projects including the Active Transportation Network Plan, housing availability and affordability Zoning Bylaw amendments, and the Signage Strategy. It will establish a framework and provide guidance to Staff and Council to plan for necessary investments and enhancements for the downtown over time including coordination of infrastructure improvements and upgrades.

As part of Phase 1 of the design process, the City of Kimberley engaged with the community on the draft vision and goals, and ideas for the future. On February 7th, the City of Kimberley hosted a community open house and stakeholder meeting. The City also met with the Youth Action Team in mid February. The community was invited to participate virtually, through *Engage Kimberley,* an online engagement website which hosted an interactive map and discussion forum between the dates of February 7 and 22.

This report provides a summary of what we heard across all engagement activities.

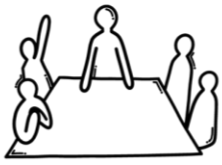
Engagement by the Numbers



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Online web map Comments



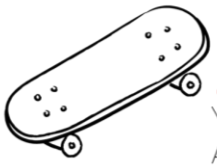
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Online discussion forum comments



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Stakholder meeting attendees



31
Open house attendees



12
Youth on the Youth Action Team

Draft Vision and Goals

The draft vision and guiding principles were developed based on a review of the City's planning documents, input from staff during a workshop session, and feedback from the stakeholder session.

Downtown Kimberley is a good place for people. This inclusive and safe community core is built to be a great place for people to gather at any time of the day. Downtown supports a vibrant economic atmosphere where businesses and entrepreneurs thrive and serve our community's diverse desires, interests, and needs. The Platzl "feel" expands throughout the downtown.

It is easy and safe to travel to and around downtown. Infrastructure meets the demands of the growing downtown population and reflects Kimberley's distinct style while respecting the environment.



MOBILITY

- Ensure mobility options for people of all ages and abilities are included in the downtown transportation network including walking, biking, and transit options
- Create safe access to, through, and around downtown for all modes of transportation
- Ensure people of all ages and ability can access downtown comfortably and safely by foot or by wheel



SENSE OF PLACE

- Provide inclusive, comfortable, and welcoming spaces for residents and visitors of all ages, lifestyles, and abilities
- Prioritize places for people in the downtown that create memorable connections
- Foster enhancements that reflect the diverse history of the City and celebrate community identity



LIVABILITY

- Embrace downtown as a good and easy place to live
- Shape the public realm to serve as a "backyard" for downtown residents
- Invest in infrastructure to support the future needs of downtown residents



VIBRANT

- Welcome creativity and innovation in downtown redevelopment
- Promote a vibrant atmosphere that attracts and supports businesses, entrepreneurs, and talent to provide diverse employment opportunities
- Encourage a compact mix of land uses to provide opportunity for everyone to access places to live, shop, interact, play, work, and eat



ENVIRONMENT

- Incorporate green spaces into the streetscapes and public places that reflect the beauty of surrounding natural areas
- Adapt to the changing climate by enhancing the resiliency of our infrastructure and reducing the impact of infrastructure on the environment
- Value the environment and protect ecological functions for everyone's enjoyment

What We Heard

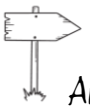
Stakeholder Session

On February 7, 2023, 26 key stakeholders that included downtown business representatives and community organizations joined a facilitated discussion about the draft vision and guiding principles. The session was hosted at Centennial Hall at 2pm.



Draft Vision

- Keep the word Platzl (3)
- Highlight gathering spaces/community (2)
- Simplify/use fewer words (2)
- Highlight the diverse, active community (more than a ski town) (2)
- Emphasize economic viability
- Acknowledge and collaborate with Ktunaxa
- Reach out to youth



Amenities and Events

- Add signage/wayfinding (especially to the washrooms) (4)
- Provide more access to public washrooms (4)
- Provide spaces for youth (4)
- Build outdoor music venues (3)
- Open Farmers Market weekday evenings (2)



Public Realm

- Invest in art (outdoor galleries, art walks, murals, public art) (8)
- Install more gathering spaces/outdoor seating (6)
- Add more outdoor lighting year-round (3)
- Update the fountain (2)
- Develop apps (walking tours, local businesses) (4)
- Add decorative hydrants, boxes, and benches (2)



Transportation

- Add parking downtown (9)
- Improve snow removal for drivers and pedestrians in downtown core (8)
- Connect Rails to Trails to downtown (7)
- Manage congestion on Howard Street (5)
- Install bike parking (especially at Trailhead) (5)
- Increase safety (wider sidewalks, safe crossings, seniors' accessibility) (3)
- Provide transportation options to and from the ski hill (3)
- Lower speed limits near Platzl (2)



Environment

- Grow the tree canopy/more shaded areas (6)
- Prioritize food sustainability/edible growing spaces (4)
- Invest in EV charging stations (2)
- Improve Kimberley Creek
- Plan for heat waves
- Manage dog waste

Project Website

In early February, the City launched the project website on the *Engage Kimberley* platform. Website visitors were invited to learn more about the project online and share their ideas for the Downtown Urban Design Strategy.

Visitors could provide their feedback on the Strategy by leaving a comment in the discussion forum or dropping a pin on the interactive mapping tool. In total, there were 16 comments left on the discussion forums. Ideas for the future of downtown Kimberley included the following:

- Investments in active transportation (walkways along the creek, better sidewalks downtown, bike parking, bike lanes, trails above Chapman Camp) (6)
- Mountain-themed timber frames/green aesthetic buildings (3)
- Lighting (warmer shades, minimizing light pollution) (2)
- Advertising support for businesses/digital sign on the Platzl
- Traffic management to ease congestion
- Affordable housing near Coronation Park
- Youth spaces and activities

Community Open House

As part of the Phase 1 engagement, community members were invited to "Keeping it Kimberley, a Downtown Urban Design Strategy Open House". This open house was held on February 7, 2023, from 6:00-8:00pm at Centennial Hall in downtown Kimberley. In total, 31 people attended.

There were eight (8) boards set up in the hall, which provided information on the project and collected feedback on the current strengths/challenges of the downtown area, ideas for the future, and input on the draft vision and guiding principles. Attendees were invited to leave sticky notes on each board. The notes that were placed on the boards have been summarized below.



Strengths

- The Platzl (4)
- Community walkability (3)
- Unique and aesthetic community (2)



Challenges

- Lack of parking downtown (3)
- Traffic volumes and speeds downtown (3)
- Lack of public washrooms



Public Realm (25)

- More greenery and green spaces (6)
- More public art and murals (4)
- More gathering spaces and seating (4)
- Public recreation (park, rink) (4)
- More water features (3)
- Expand the Platzl (2)
- Prioritize public space instead of parking (2)
- Leverage alley ways
- Fire circle



Driver Safety/Traffic (22)

- Better access to parking (7)
- Traffic management for congestion (6)
- Lower speed limits downtown (4)
- Consider roundabouts at intersections (3)
- Realign Ross Street



Pedestrian Safety (17)

- Safer crosswalks and pedestrian facilities (6)
- Continue to prioritize pedestrian spaces (5)
- More connecting trails (Rail to Trail) (4)
- Consider winter pedestrian safety (2)



Cyclist Facilities (8)

- More bike lanes (safe bike routes, biking connections) (4)
- Bike parking (3)



Support for Local Businesses (6)

- Allow more outdoor patios (3)
- Support local businesses (not big box stores) (2)
- Support for branding and design (1)

Open house attendees were also invited to vote on their favourite images displayed on four (4) additional display boards. These boards included photos of downtown Kimberley today, and potential concepts for the future. The most preferred images are shown below.

For a full breakdown of the voting, see Appendix 1.

Existing Conditions: Kimberley Today

Transportation: Top Voted



Downtown Vibrancy: Top Voted



Environment and Recreation: Top Voted



Future Possibilities

Transportation: Top Voted







Downtown Vibrancy: Top Voted









Environment and Recreation: Top Voted







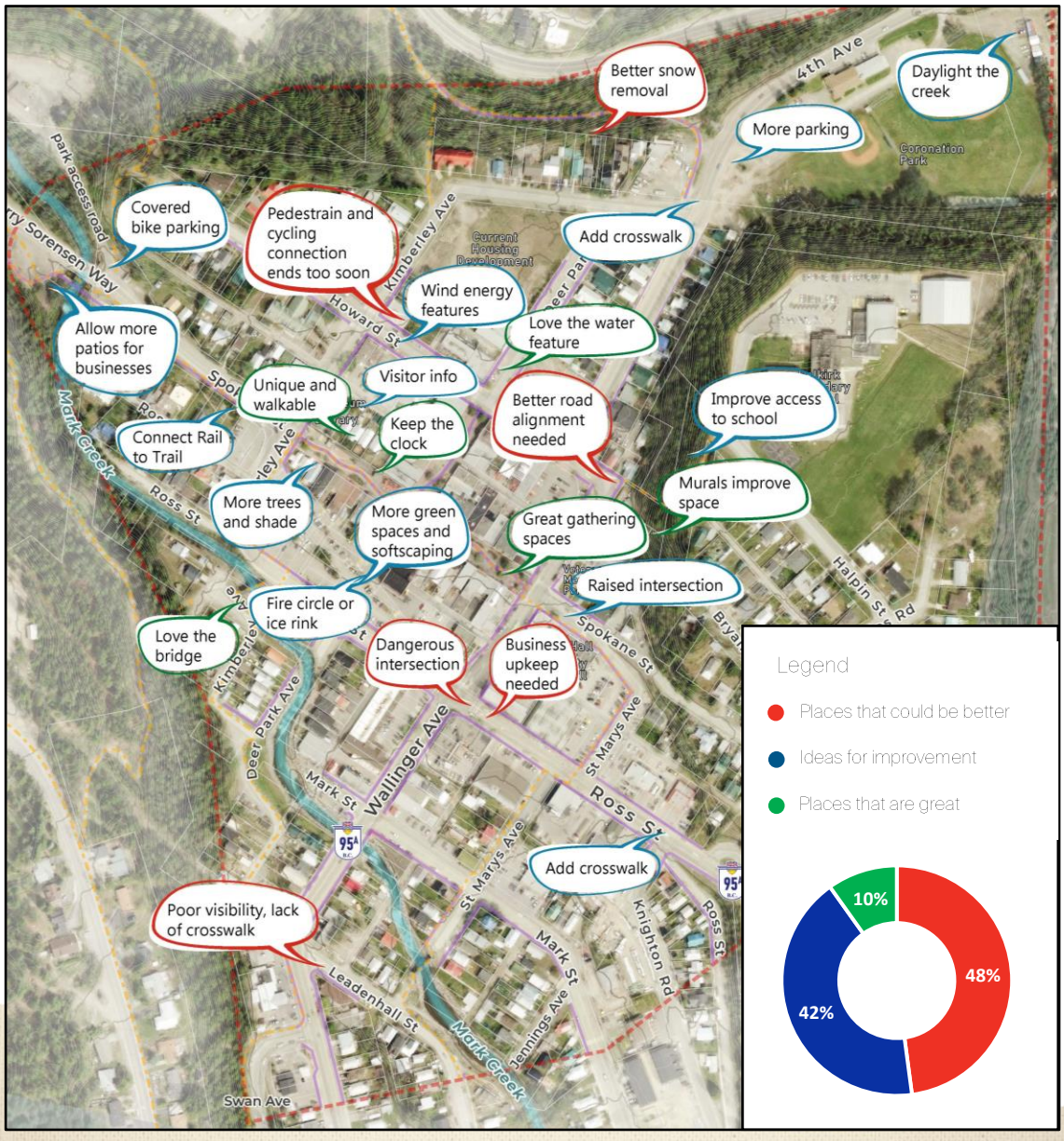


Community Mapping Exercise

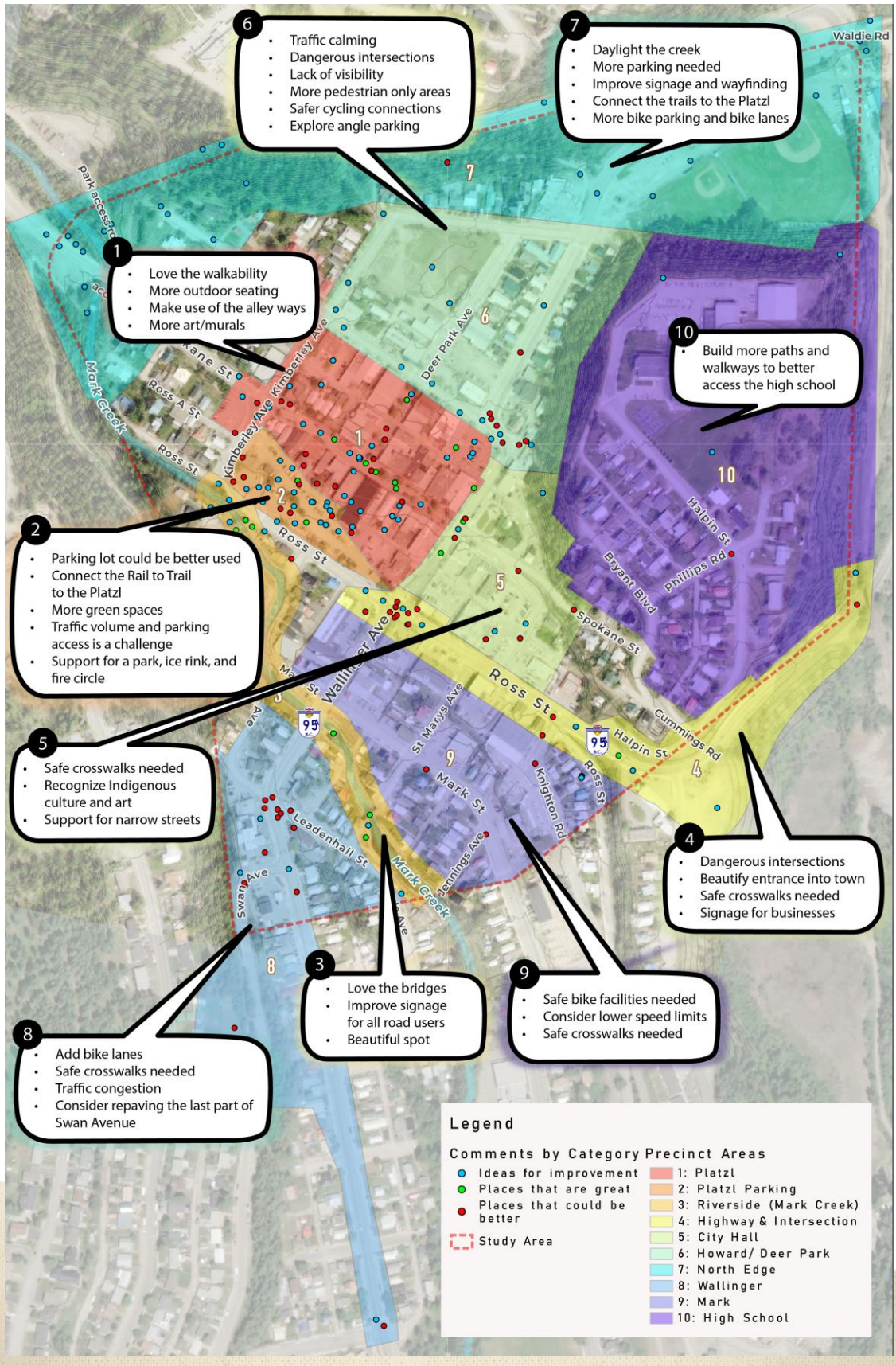
As part of both the project website and community open house, participants were invited to leave location-specific comments on a map of the community. In total, there were 151 pins left on the online web map, and 66 comments left on the in-person map. These comments are summarized and synthesized below. The verbatim comments, and comments sorted by location, can be found in Appendix 2.

Comments most often referred to the guiding principles of Mobility and Sense of Place.





The map below illustrates public comments grouped into 10 precincts. The precincts were created to help organize, capture, and summarize the general location a comment was made. For example, comments related to the Platzl were concentrated in that area and similarly with comments made in other precincts within the Study Area. The comments are summarized for the precincts below.



Youth Action Team

In addition to the open house and stakeholder session, the City of Kimberley hosted a Youth Action Team made up of 12 local youth on Monday February 13th. The youth participated in a workshop and discussed their vision for the future of Kimberley's downtown area. Their ideas include the following:



Public Realm (13)

- More art (LQBTQIA+ art, murals) (3)
- Enhance the Flume (2)
- Outdoor seating (2)
- More accessible spaces for seniors, kids, and those with mobility limitations (2)
- More community events/bulletin board to advertise events (2)
- Youth-friendly spaces
- Expand the Platzl



Amenities and Recreation (4)

- More green spaces with native plants and parks (2)
- A bike park
- More washrooms



Active Transportation (4)

- Bike parking
- Safe crosswalks
- Access to the school
- Better transit options



Indigenous Culture (2)

- Community events with First Nations culture and youth
- Indigenous art and murals

Appendix 1

Image Boards: Full Voting

Existing Conditions

Transportation


1 vote


1 vote


1 vote


1 vote

Downtown Vibrancy


2 votes



0 votes



0 votes

Environment and Recreation



2 votes



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Transportation


8 votes


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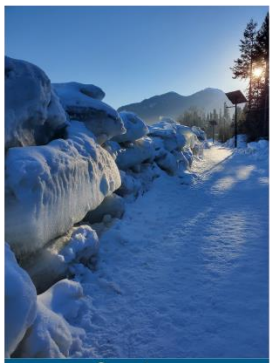

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Downtown Vibrancy


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4 votes


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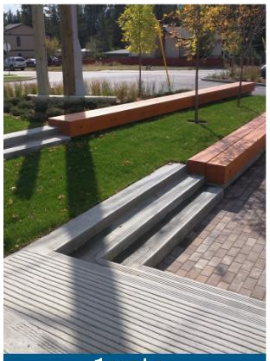

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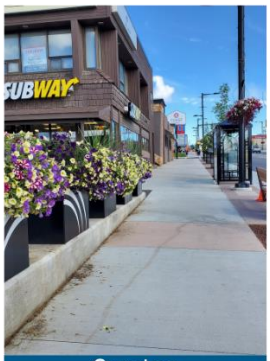


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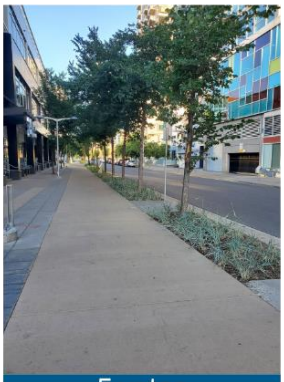


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Environment and Recreation


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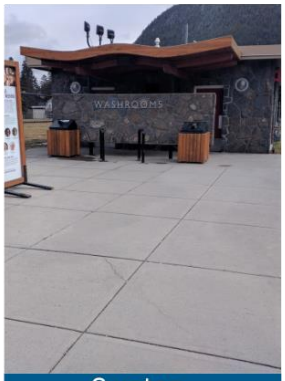

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Appendix 2

Web Map Comments

1: Platzl
Ideas for improvement
Christmas lights could look a little more "professional" rather than the appearance of "I found these in my basement".
Consider a mandate that new buildings adopt Mass Timber materials and construction techniques. This adds value to our timber industry, sequesters carbon, enables efficient building - and is fire-safe. See BC's Mass Timber Action Plan.
Have a bike parking facility, since many people ride their bikes to have coffee and breakfast, and there isn't enough space to park the bikes
If there are no development plans for this empty lot, can something be done to clean up the OSB wall?
Improved signage for transportation, sites, history, etc. This is the spiritual centre of town - show it! This is the primary non-vehicle junction of town for tourists/locals alike. And if not this - then pick another better place, and improve that one
Leave bike racks out all year. There are many people who bike in the winter but can't lock up safely.
Make better use of this space? Put parking underground/underneath. Super ugly.
More bike racks that aren't just at the edge of the Platzl.
More outdoor seating and picnic areas, plus shade from trees - very hot in summer
Murals!
Peak to platzl trail ends abruptly
Suggest that we refocus all parking for downtown at the Ross Street parking lot (see suggestions for upgrading that lot). This leaves space for a new amenity, or retail / living space. Accessibility around downtown provided by on-call shuttles.
The food in the platzl is amazing but a couple of reasonably priced items on the menus would go a long way!
The parking lot needs to have the snow ploughed well before business in the platzl starts. It is very dangerous to walk from either parking lot in the winter to shop.
The tree lights are a very good idea and at Christmas the multi coloured trees are fun to look at. However it may look better for the rest of the winter if the lights were all the same clear colour.
This parking lot feels unnecessarily large. It would be great to use some of the area near the platzl access lane for a pedestrian friendly area, with some bike parking. Also consider rezoning a part for commercial use.
Places that are Great
Clock Needs to stay. A little connection to a part of Kimberley's past.
Digital info kiosk for quick and convenient news.
Lots of benches, picnic tables, and flower beds make people want to hang out together in the platzl
Murals are fantastic. We have only a few, but they brighten up the spaces. Let's see more public art.
No cars! Its wonderful and authentic here!
Our family loves the water feature!
The brightly coloured building facades are so cherry. They hugely improve the quaintness of our town. More colour on building please.
The fact that the platzl doesn't have vehicles is amazing.
Places that Could be Better
Clean up build more retail spots to make it more inviting. Back side of the buildings are uninviting / ugly.
dog waste in the platzl tells a story about how much we care.
Kiosk makes one feel like their in the middle of a suburban mall while providing no useful information. A local art installation would be a better use of the space.

Put in traffic calming and improve pedestrian crossing here. It's difficult to walk across the street from the platzl to the path since cars don't slow down.
re-design of the parking lot should be considered to allow for one way traffic down ross street and howard
The electronic kiosk is an eyesore. The bright lights stand out and it doesn't blend with the feel of the platzl. Also, there's no useful information there.
The miner statues beside the library block access for wheelchair users and people with mobility restrictions. There is also a blue badge parking space here but the position of the statue makes access difficult.
The parking lot is awkward and wastes space (even though the stalls themselves are narrow). A full redesign would be beneficial here, and should include pleasant, wide, flat walking and biking throughways.
The parking lot side of the Platzl is ugly and unappealing. Allowing for re-development of the Parking lot into street-facing commercial/mixed use development would help showcase the vibrancy of the downtown to visitors.
The plywood wall needs to go. Either have this property developed, or make it a pretty or useful space.
The seating area outside of the library is old, dirty, cold to sit on in the winter and carved with graffiti (not the nice kind!) This area is well used by library patrons, especially teens looking for a place to hang out.
There is a noticeable lack of soft scaping in the platzl. This concerns me from an ecological perspective, limits wildlife (birds and insects), prohibits water absorption, and increase the heat island effect of our downtown.
We put the nice archway, but didn't pay any attention to the ugly, unfinished building beside it.
2: Platzl Parking
Ideas for Improvement
Create small urban park above a partially underground parking space. Amenity of green space in downtown core - no loss of parking. Open air concert space? Reduced snow clearance burden, cooling effect on urban area. Small retail on Ross Street?
Parking lot is too big. More parking encourages more trips taken by car, which in turn makes our streets less friendly to pedestrians.
Proper snow removal techniques would go along ways in the Platzl parking lot.
Support downtown park idea, hopefully with small kids playground. Feels like a concrete jungle currently
This parking lot is not too big, one thing is that the parking stalls are way too narrow. There is not enough room to open your door.
This space can be used better. Put parking underground or underneath?
Places that Are Great
Platzl awesome overall. Ensure development is somewhere else, this place is saturated with town dollars.
the free parking is greatly appreciated. such a welcoming addition to the community.
Places that Could be Better
car lot not reflective of the cool stores in the platzl
3: Riverside
Ideas for Improvement
Access to Mark Creek is very limited from downtown. Having dedicated park space within a short walk of the Platzl would make for a great feature where people could enjoy the water during hot summer days with close access to the Platzl amenities.
Add a sign of rules or create single-use areas. Children have been accidentally hooked by careless fishermen and stray hooks are dangerous for swimmers.
Community aquatic ecosystem park in this area would be a beautiful addition to downtown.
Community park needed in this location. Everyone would enjoy a picnic space beside beautiful mark creek
develop flume areas and create public spaces

improve in general - transportation signage, local history. It's a key transportation route for bikes through town to get to St. Mary's/Marysville via trails. Connect with other key junctions
It would be cool to see some more seating options other than benches for outdoor spaces around the downtown area, similar to what can be found in Whistler and Vancouver parks
Love this spot - it would be great to have more trees for shade and picnic benches.
Picnic benches.
Places that Are Great
awesome river remediation - bye flumes
Beautiful bridge - nice job
great bridge - adding to Kimb vibe
Nice work on these bridges
really nice spot - river is a big highlight of Kimberley
sweet little spot - shh don't tell anyone
Places that Could be Better
Improved signage for traffic control, blind corner. High pedestrian and bike traffic area
4: Highway Intersection
Ideas for Improvement
an ideal place for town beautification - a key entry point for many tourists into town via Banff. Ideas: solar panel to show town values, or art piece, etc
Extend rails to trails all the way to downtown to create an easily accessible fully separated bike path.
Reducing the speed limit of roads in the downtown core from 50km/h to 30km/h will greatly increase safety for non-motorized vehicle road users and pedestrians. This idea is backed up my numerous, easily accessible studies like the one attached.
Round about
Summer parking and sidewalk, shuttle, bike lane, or gondola to platzl.
This intersection needs help. In the mornings with pedestrians crossing Ross and traffic backed up down Jennings and Halpin. I'd love to see a crosswalk for kids going to school and a roundabout. Maybe also rearranging traffic so Halpin is one way?
Places that Are Great
Love this vista when entering Kimberley - nice experience under the bridge, around the corner and having Kimberley reveal itself. Always a pleasure
Places that Could be Better
Connections onto and across Ross St are exceptionally dangerous, especially during the morning school commute rush. Pedestrian cross walks and controlled intersections are needed - only a matter of time before a tragedy happens here.
Develop and enforce bylaws that preclude property owners from having Tyvek as "siding" for ... well ... forever it seems.
Enforce business/city upkeep in this area and 100 metres in all directions - every visitor to Kimbo is likely to travel through here. Leave them with good memories and not crappy small town-ness, improve local pride
I cant see the lights. Crossing is sketchy. Dangerous.
Kootenay siding (Tyvek) cant we add a bylaw to encourage hi visibility property to put its best foot forward?
Make the locals clean up their buildings/businesses. Feels like a poor, lousy town driving through this area, up to Government Pits. Not a good impression for visitors.

Please have automatic pedestrian buttons here and take away the "beg buttons". Advance walk signals or scramble signal would be a good replacement and would also support Kimberley's Active Transportation Network Plan to improve intersections
Sidewalks need shoveling. Ross street side is always icy--impossible for me to navigate with my walker.
signage for the businesses here needs an upgrade
Someone is going to get badly hurt here one of these days - I have seen so many near misses with cars turning right on red and nearly running pedestrians over. This crossing is heavily used by McKim students coming to and from school.
Someone is going to get run over at this intersection. When cars turn right off of Willinger onto Ross St (towards Shoppers) it is a blind corner and people are often driving too fast. Cars can't see the pedestrians!
This road needs a crosswalk, especially in the winter. It's extremely busy with cars and walking children
5: City Hall
Ideas for Improvement
Double up on the other comment - include indigenous people. My understanding is they were kicked out of Kimberley a long time ago, same as Chinese folks when the railways were finished.
Raised intersection/crosswalks/speed bump possible? (considering fire hall?)
We could use more bike lanes around downtown. Maybe narrowing non-arterial roads if necessary, it will slow down traffic and encourage more pedestrians.
Places that Are Great
This area has seen a lot of improvements over the years - better sidewalks/crosswalks/signage/etc. - good job
This is so chaotic and narrow that cars move slow, which is good. Don’t widen it and keep cars slow (Dutch style!)
Places that Could be Better
dedicated loading zone needed for the businesses in this area. lots of dangerous situations occur when delivery trucks are blocking lanes forcing traffic to drive in to oncoming lanes. Would suggest removing sidewalk and parking area indicated in plan
nasty road junction
re work the mural to recognize Indigenous community were here before the mine and the start of Kimberley.
restrict parking adjacent to both pedestrian crossings - give drivers a better chance of seeing pedestrians step into the road
too narrow in winter for the amount of traffic with snow.
6: Howard Deer Park
Ideas for Improvement
Can this also be pedestrian only?
Improve access to High-school - there's been no improvement for years. It's either a steep stairwell, nasty-ad hoc trail or drive. Consider switch-backed path up the hill. Get high-school kids to volunteer labor. Allow bikes, etc. to get there.
Improve signage? The intersection is not inclusive as locals get it but tourists are lost. A 3-way stop would help but be really irritating for daily users
Make Howard Street (east of Kimberley Ave) and Deer Park (north) pedestrian only. Operate electric shuttle service out of Ross Street parking to connect those who need assistance. Commercial vehicles have controlled access times.
make it a 4-way stop and end the madness. Will help the hapless tourists, improve pedestrian safety. As a former local I love whipping through this southbound but realize it should go

Make Kimberley a registered Dark Sky location. Only one location in western Canada (Waterton) is registered - making viewing of the night sky around Kimberley accessible might put the city on the map. https://www.darksky.org/
Make Kimberley avenue one-way (clockwise) from the Howard Street junction.
Resilient cities integrate energy generation into the fabric of their downtown. Vertical axis wind can function well in an urban setting, doubling as street light pylons and even street art. Power output can be significant, noise is low.
The parking lot and intersection need a redesign. Consider moving this lot all together, or at least making it much smaller so the intersection can be straightened out to make sense.
This area should have been a manicured public space with a playground. Now that it's being developed, we are still without a playground in the downtown area.
Traffic circle/roundabout
Places that Could be Better
feel as a pedestrian you have to run for life because both traffic both sides of traffic are whipping through
Non-vehicle access to high-school stinks. I literally had to walk uphill both ways to get to school as a kid (lived in townsite). Forces people to walk and drive. Stairwell dangerous. The other paths also dangerous.
sketchy on a bike. Need safer/better connectivity to Bob's way.
The intersection is awful! It's hard to see, hard to stay in your lane, and doesn't have clear pedestrian access.
This intersection can be confusing as the through-way is not the preferred alignment. Wallinger/4th Ave could be re-aligned with a traffic circle or chicane
this road layout is poor - lanes are not kept to, parking on the corner restricts view, lots of kids cross the road here.
7: North Edge
Ideas for Improvement
A sidewalk or separated pathway along 4th Ave would be a nice link for the community.
better signage for walk to / from hill
Daylight the creek please.
daylight the creek, kick the mine building out. An ugly part of town that could be important riparian habitat and all that brings
Gondola to the ski hill base, this would cut down on vehicle traffic.
How about a playground near the downtown?
How about some intentional parking for the Morrison Sub Nature Park entrance? It's commonly used but there's no indication of where to park that isn't in the way.
improve as a whole - improve transportation signage, local history signs, gondola to ski hill? It's a key junction for under connected townsite, close to DT, ski hill, railway
Make a key junction - add cross walks, transportation signage, local history signs. Key connectivity for under-connected townsite, and at key nexus of DT/high school/townsite/lois trails
make it big enough for vehicles to escape townsite if necessary. But make it for pedestrians/bikes/etc the rest of the time
Parking and public use park with trail to platzl.
sanctioned crosswalk. Kids cross here anyway, and others cross to get to Centennial hall
Places that Could be Better
I want to get to Cominco Gardens and the clinic but it's so steep. ouch, brambles. Why is it so hard? Maybe it's a secret place we shouldn't visit.
Plow this in winter with high priority. Lots of seniors with mobility scooters would use. Also many others, strollers, etc.

Put sidewalk here pls.
8: Rotary and Wallinger
Ideas for Improvement
Can we extend and switchback this path so it's not steep and scary in bad weather?
Extend rails to trails all the way to the platzl!
On demand crosswalk lights to allow pedestrians to cross safely
The entire length of Wallinger/Warren could use a separated, safe, and visible bike lane. If we are serious about building community resilience and climate mitigation, we need to be serious about alternative transportation.
Places that Could be Better
Blind corner. Maybe consider keeping the speed limit the same as the school zone for all of Mark St.
cross walk needed
Hoping that the park/play structure that was supposed to be done last fall is still going in!
Its dangerous here on foot or bike. Too much random parking.
Need a crosswalk here. There are bad sight lines when trying to walk across Wallinger to Leadenhall and it is also a link between the pathway down Swan Ave and the bridge across Mark Creek to St Mary's Ave.
Needs crosswalk
No continuous sidewalk and/or bike lane into downtown from Rotary or the Mark Creek Trail. This creates a clear barrier for people using active transportation to access the downtown core.
Parking in front of church means one cant see cars coming when crossing. Super dangerous.
parking needs to be improved. In Centex parking lot, general area. It's a key travel/stop point but a nightmare to navigate some days. Have had car doors dinged and every time is a risk
This is scary/dangerous on a bike. Wide multi-use path?
Why wasn't the last 10m of Swan Ave connecting to Wallinger repaved with the rest of the street?
Why wasn't the last 10m repaved with the rest of the street? It's a mess again.
9: Highschool
Ideas for Improvement
Build switchbacked path here, ending at bottom of hill. Would improve connectivity and provide non-vehicle access. Also stop rocks falling on the house below from kids/teachers going down the hill
Downtown area should not include Selkirk high school and neighbourhood.
rails to trails connector up to the high school? Improving non-vehicle connectivity for high school.
Places that Could be Better
difficult junction

Map Comments from the Open House Boards

1: Platzl
Ideas for improvement
Alternative access to Town Site? Slow down?
Better public transit options
Business variety on a long term
Exciting signage/ branding
Howard one way angle parking
Make it easy to be a pedestrian
Make use of all the space like shops in the alley. Make the alley ways inviting
More outdoor seating for restaurants
Move Visitor Info
Pharmacy Parking and accessibility angle would help on Howard
Put a traffic circle at Forest Crowne entrance
Roundabout at Forest Crowne with bike/ pedestrian priority
Urban Art
Water and gathering areas
Places that Could be Better
Could there be alternative access to Town Site? Slower speed limits
Paint the library a vibrant colour. More Murals. Outdoor art
2: Platzl Parking
Ideas for Improvement
Connect Rails to Trails to Platzl
Don't make new apartment buildings provide parking stalls. Lots of people now don't own or need them.
Fire Circle
Flower baskets! Make Howard 1 way. Extend the Platzl 'feel' along Howard
Fountain - like Rome
Increase the car free areas. Extend the Platzl
More green space
Outdoor art in and around Platzl (in green spaces and alleys)
Platzl is beautiful. More green space necessary
Skating rink in Platzl. Actual one, not by nature
Water and gathering areas
Places that Are Great
Places that Could be Better
Expanding walking only area
Platzl needs upgrading, lighting, and seating
Platzl Parking is an embarrassment
Traffic volume exit & access to parking areas is challenging due to traffic volumes

Traffic Volume: Exit and access to parking areas is challenging due to traffic volumes
3: Riverside
Ideas for Improvement
Like the idea of realigning Ross Street
Places that Could be Better
Dangerous at Gym 67 traffic circle
More Greenery
4: Highway Intersection
Ideas for Improvement
Speed thru downtown too high
There is not a main street
5: City Hall
Ideas for Improvement
Downtown Park with Playground
Places that Could be Better
Consider pedestrian safety at this cross walk
6: Howard Deer Park
Ideas for Improvement
Bump outs/ boulevard with green space, slow traffic, easy pedestrian crossing
Connectivity of pedestrian and cycle ends too soon
More forms of Art
Speed bumps or raised crosswalk at bottom of townsite stairs
7: North Edge
Ideas for Improvement
Allow restaurants, cafe's and bars to have larger outdoor terraces/ patios
Better walking from mining museum to Platzl
Connect rails to trails to forest Crowne and Platzl
Consider Parking spaces for future developments
Continue to support active transportation - get out of cars!! Stop planning around cars!
Covered bike parking
Ktunaxa language and culture integration
Lack of bike lanes and bike parking. Very poor clearing of snow and ice during winter
Make a trail connection here
More green space, seating, child and dog friendly. Patio for all hospitality venues
Parking: long term parkin can be tough. Teck, residents
Rails to Trails connect thru town
Seniors housing in downtown
There is a lack of bike lanes/ routes. Lack of bike parking. Horrendous winter walking conditions.
8: Rotary and Wallinger
Ideas for Improvement
Over the highway crosswalk, lights are dangerous crossing Gym 67

There needs to be a pedestrian crossing at Wallinger and Mark Street
Places that Could be Better
Lots of traffic around center, unsafe crossing
There is too much traffic congestion because there is too much traffic. Prioritize alternate forms of transport
Traffic congestion by Centex
Traffic light is not pedestrian friendly
Ugly entrance to the City