TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair
Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee

DATE: May 28, 2014

SUBJECT: Downtown I’m In

ORIGIN
Motion passed by the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee at the May 8, 2014 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
Section 21 of the Halifax Charter regarding standing, special and advisory committees.

The Committee’s Terms of Reference – Section 3.4 ‘Active interest in the Agencies & Initiatives that support Community & Economic development throughout HRM’.

RECOMMENDATION
The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council accept the Downtown I’m In report, acknowledge the short and long term activities being carried out that respond to ideas raised at Downtown I’m In, and direct staff to pursue actions described in Table 1 of the March 28, 2014 staff report.
BACKGROUND

At the May 8, 2014 meeting of the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee, staff presented the report detailing the Downtown I’m In project, and the actions that have been identified as part of the project.

DISCUSSION

The Committee was pleased with the report. It was noted that many of the initiatives are easy to implement and will have a big impact on the downtown area, and can be completed within the current fiscal year. It was suggested staff consider issuing a press release when an initiative is being implemented, and to provide regular updates on the status of the initiatives. The Committee endorsed the staff recommendation as contained in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are as outlined in the attached March 28, 2014 staff report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee is a Committee of Regional Council comprised of six Councillors. The meetings are open to the public and the Committee’s agendas, minutes, and reports can be viewed at Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives were provided by the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Staff report dated March 28, 2014 regarding Downtown I’m In – Urban Core Community Engagement Event

A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

Report Prepared by: Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant
TO: Chair and Members of Community Planning and Economic Development

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 28, 2014

SUBJECT: Downtown I’m In – Urban Core Community Engagement Event

ORIGIN

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
HRM Charter, S.N.S. 2008, c. 39, section 71(1) respecting the promotion of the Municipality and the establishment and development of new, and the expansion of existing institutions, industries and businesses.

HRM Charter, S.N.S. 2008, c. 39, section 75(1) respecting agreements for the provision of a service or a capital facility.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council accept the Downtown…I’m In report, acknowledge the short and long term activities being carried out that respond to ideas raised at Downtown…I’m In and direct staff to pursue actions described in Table 1.
BACKGROUND

In March of 2011, Council endorsed A Greater Halifax, Economic Strategy 2011-2016. The strategy calls for building a vibrant and attractive urban core. It outlines a number of urban core\(^1\) strategic priorities, including the following:

- directing and overseeing a pro-development policy environment;
- furthering liveability and attractiveness;
- reinventing the current approach to mobility; and
- celebrating and enabling a rich variety of cultural and creative opportunities.

Downtown I’m In was a project that was developed to advance these strategic priorities by meaningfully engaging a cross section of HRM citizens. The primary intent of the engagement project was to:

- conduct a meaningful public engagement about urban core
- solicit public input on low cost/high impact opportunities to improve the urban core
- inform the public about municipal policies and activities related to the urban core

The “Downtown I’m In” event blended public consultation with a public event.

On January 15\(^{th}\), a “Downtown, I’m In” presence went live on HRM’s Shape Your City portal, inviting community input on how to make HRM’s urban core more vibrant, welcoming and attractive. The pre-event communications strategy encouraged people to attend the February 8\(^{th}\) event and/or to fill out an online urban core survey. See Attachment 3 for the marketing and communications overview.

Hosted simultaneously on February 8\(^{th}\) at both City Centre Atlantic and Alderney Landing Market, the day-long community engagement event included keynote speakers (Charles Montgomery, Mark Brand, Gordon Stevens and Zane Kelsall) who spoke live at either Halifax or Dartmouth and were simulcast to the other side of the harbour. Community engagement took place throughout the day of the event through facilitated table top discussion, a visioning wall and roving pollsters collecting survey responses on site. To further enrich and enliven the attendee experience, subject matter experts were on-site to answer questions on the urban core. See Attachment 3 for a detailed event overview.

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\(^1\) For the purposes of this community engagement project, staff used the graphic definition of urban core from the Economic Strategy 2011-2016. See Attachment 1 for an urban core map.
DISCUSSION

All data were collected and analyzed including survey responses, discussion group contributions, and social media commentary. See Attachment 3 for data collation and analysis. Survey, discussion group and social media data sets are being made available to members of the public at downtownimin.ca. To protect participants’ privacy, all unique identifiers have been removed.

Although revitalizing the urban core will require sustained attention and longer term interventions, the emphasis of this report is on taking immediate steps towards enlivening the urban core.

A wide variety of urban core revitalization actions have been identified as part of this project that are within HRM’s existing scope of authority, only require direct municipal action, can be completed within the current fiscal year, can be completed with funds currently allocated in the 2014-2015 budget, and have immediate, tangible impacts.

These actions are detailed below in Attachment 1. They include such actions as:

- installing additional bike racks and bike repair stations,
- installing more picnic tables,
- having outdoor playing surfaces for chess or checkers,
- improving lighting, and
- having more benches and places to sit in public spaces.

Some larger scale initiatives already in progress address ideas and input gathered from Downtown…I’m In and could be enhanced with the feedback received from Downtown…I’m In. These include:

- A number of responses to the Downtown…I’m In consultation referred to improved lighting in the urban core. There is a plan to upgrade all municipal streetlights to LED lights. As part of this implementation, the successful proponent will have to design a lighting plan to current, recognized lighting standards for replacement lighting across the municipality including in the urban core.

- Throughout Downtown…I’m In, the idea of streets closed to motor vehicles and geared towards pedestrians was frequently raised. HRM’s street closure policy for special events and parades is under review in response to a motion brought forward at Transportation Standing Committee. A report is expected to come to Transportation Standing Committee in summer 2014 in response to this motion. Feedback from Downtown…I’m In is being considered in this review.

- “Municipal WiFi through the downtown core” came up frequently as an initiative of interest. HRM staff is currently exploring the feasibility of providing free WiFi in the urban core. A free WiFi initiative would strengthen the bid to have HRM be declared a Smart City. The project is still in the exploratory stage. Staff anticipates that a recommendation report on free WiFi in the urban core will be put before Council in
October 2014. Free WiFi has also been included as an eligible project in the 5 Year $50 million investment for the downtown.

- “Bike lanes into the downtown.” is representative of many comments supportive of more bike lanes and a more bike friendly urban core generally. HRM’s Active Transportation (AT) program aims to help residents bike, walk, roll, blade and use “human power” to walk and bicycle more around the municipality. An AT Functional Plan provides policy direction for the development of an AT network in HRM. A 5-year review of the 2006 AT Functional Plan is ongoing and is expected to be completed in June 2014. The 5-year review will identify suggested bike lanes in the urban core with a focus on continuity/connectivity of bicycle infrastructure. Winter maintenance will also be included in the AT Functional Plan review. At the direction of Council and following from the Mayor’s conversation on a healthy liveable community, staff will work to champion the development of a solution to the cycling connectivity challenges related to the Halifax Harbour Bridges re-decking project.

- Parking awareness was raised several times through the process, an example: “Automatic parking inventory of parking spaces (automated meter), better system to identify parking areas.” Staff is currently engaged in an assessment of parking technologies as part of an ongoing review of the Regional Parking Strategy. Pay-by-plate parking solutions are being considered that may support automated, real-time communication of parking availability. Private sector and quasi-private sector parking providers in the urban core are also currently assessing the feasibility of real-time communication of parking spot availability. Staff will continue to work with the private sector to explore options for tracking and communicating parking inventories.

- “Active transportation trails (ATT) should be encouraged.” Staff is currently working on the Dartmouth Canal Greenway Project to complete the Active Transportation connections in the Regional Trails System. The project envisions an integrated open space, park and trail system stretching from the Dartmouth waterfront to Lake Banook.
  
  - The Canal Greenway will be the centre of many activities that include recapitalization of the storm water system, improvements to the existing intersection, and traffic control. HRM is working with partners, including Halifax Water Commission, Waterfront Development, Shubenacadie Canal Commission and private developers, to coordinate multiple projects and minimize disruptions to the public.

A number of items require work with partners, more consideration of policy or operational implications or additional information and analysis in order to implement.
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<td>“More access for boaters to moor boats.”</td>
<td>The Halifax waterfront has over 1 km of public berth space, including 1500’ of floating docks that are free to access during the day. Public boat launches are available at Mill Cove (in Bedford); Jubilee Road (in the Arm); Horseshoe Island (in the Arm); and at Seaview Park (in the Harbour). Staff will explore the possibility of opening up additional harbour access to boaters (boat slips and boat launches). Waterfront Development is currently in discussions with HRM to manage the wharves and docks at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth. Further discussions will be held with the Port of Halifax regarding the feasibility of expanded harbour access.</td>
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| More activation of public spaces including temporary commercial uses in public spaces. | Staff will look to activate public spaces including by giving consideration to temporary commercial uses to encourage more public use of public spaces. |
| “Make downtown more dog-friendly” “Allowing dogs on ferry…” | Staff will investigate the operational impacts and consider the feasibility of allowing dogs on the ferry. |
| Clear active transportation corridors (bike lanes and trails) | HRM currently plows approximately 35km of paved Active Transportation (AT) trails and unpaved linear park trails (located both within the urban core and outside of the urban core). Staff will consider the feasibility/advisability of Fall/Winter maintenance of additional urban core AT corridors, in particular the Dartmouth waterfront trail. Consideration of winter maintenance will be included in the AT Functional Plan Review. |

Next steps:

HRM staff will develop a an operational plan that will: (1) ensure organizational participation and support to implement initiatives; (2) manage and track progress on directives/actions related to the urban core; (3) maintain on-going communication/reporting back to Council and citizens on progress. Staff will also continue to review all of the ideas put forward to include them as appropriate in the operational plan.

The Downtown…I’m In event elicited an enthusiastic and positive response from participants and on social media. Members of the public demonstrated an interest in the downtown areas, in contributing to their vitality and in knowing more about initiatives and municipal actions in the downtown areas. As such, the Downtown…I’m In website will be maintained in order to...
provide a vehicle to communicate ongoing activity around the urban core.

In addition, ideas whose implementation would involve partners were surfaced during the engagement process. In the interests of retaining valuable public input, those ideas are being collated and will be shared appropriately.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The projects noted in Attachment 1 will be completed within approved 2014-2015 business unit budgets. Other projects under consideration may be eligible for funding under the Parking Strategy Reserve which will be coming forward to council for approval of a business case in 2014. Per the approved 2014-2015 Reserve Budget, an amount was placed in the reserve at year end which is intended to be used to support the parking strategy and projects identified through Downtown…I’m In.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community engagement took place before, during and after the day of the event. Public feedback was collected through electronic surveys (online forms and on-site pollsters), facilitated table discussions, question-and-answer (Q&A) periods, and vision walls. Approximately 200 people took part in the facilitated table discussions and 290 surveys were filled out on the Shape Your City Portal. Every electoral district was represented by survey respondents. The event garnered considerable social media attention, with over 500 individual interactions on Twitter (not including re-tweets). Online traffic was significant, with more than 6,500 site visits on downtownimin.ca. The project was also responsible for 219 new Shape Your City user registrations. Live radio broadcast of the event on Radio 96.5, and other paid and unpaid media coverage further enhanced the event’s impact. See Attachment 2 for additional community engagement details.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications from this report.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Committee could recommend that Council reject one or more staff recommendations.
2. Committee could recommend that Council add to the staff recommendations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1 Table of 2014/2015 Low Cost/High Impact Actions
2. Attachment 2 Urban Core Map
3. Attachment 3 Downtown I’m In – Urban Core | Community Engagement Report
4. Attachment 4 Verbatim Comments from Downtown…I’m In Participants
A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Financial Approval by: FOR Greg Keefe, Director of Finance & ICT/CFO, 490-6308
Attachment 1

Table 2 – 2014/2015 Actions

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<td>“Bike racks.”</td>
<td>HRM’s AT group has been responsible for installing 350 bike racks in the urban core over the past eight years. Private sector developers have also installed additional bike racks. Up to 50 additional bike racks will be installed in the urban core during the upcoming fiscal year.</td>
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<td>“Bike parking stations and quick repair stations.”</td>
<td>HRM has one existing bicycle repair station on South Park Street. It is equipped with a tire pump and various basic bicycle tools. Dalhousie University has also installed bike repair stations at several locations on their campuses. 2 bike repair stations (one at each ferry terminal) will be installed in the urban core during the upcoming fiscal year.</td>
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<td>“Picnic tables in more places to encourage al fresco eating and bring more people together.”</td>
<td>10-15 picnic tables will be installed in the urban core during the upcoming fiscal year.</td>
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<td>“Oversized board games.” “Outdoor tables with checkered patterns to play chess/checkers.”</td>
<td>2-3 gaming sites be “installed” in the urban core during the upcoming fiscal year. These gaming sites may include playing surfaces for outdoor play of chess, checkers or other commonly played board-games.</td>
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<td>“More benches/seating.”</td>
<td>20-25 benches will be installed in the urban core during the upcoming fiscal year.</td>
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<td>“ Beautifying functional things (like bike racks, benches).”</td>
<td>Wherever feasible, artistic elements will be incorporated into municipal street furnishings purchased for installation in the urban core. This may include, but is not limited to, benches, tables, bike racks and gaming installations/surfaces. Purchasing decisions are to be made with a view to increasing the amount of functional art in the urban core. Four additional Dolphin Bike Racks will be installed at the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal.</td>
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<td>“Better Lighting for Safety!” “Lighting that is tailored”</td>
<td>Staff have conducted a lighting audit along Barrington Street (between Duke Street and Spring Garden Road) and Argyle Street (entire length).</td>
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<td>to the pedestrian…”</td>
<td>Lighting will be upgraded in at least 3 locations in the urban core. Lighting will be installed along the Dartmouth waterfront trail.</td>
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<td>“More public art.”</td>
<td>4 pieces of public art will be installed in the urban core during the upcoming fiscal year. “Public art” could be, but is not limited to, murals, 3-D art on buildings, sculptures, and art installations (including interactive art). The public art would be placed on municipal property, or, where permissions are secured, publically facing/publically accessible private property that abuts the right-of-way.</td>
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<td>“More garbage containers and frequent collection.”</td>
<td>HRM staff has implemented a strategy to improve litter collection efficiency. A new supervisory structure has been implemented and scheduling and routing changes have been made to make better use staff resources. Locations of litter bins have been reviewed with downtown stakeholders. HRM has also renewed financial support of an enhanced maintenance partnership with HRM’s urban core Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). This partnership makes it possible for the BIDs to hire people in the Spring and Summer to collect garbage and remove graffiti in the urban core.</td>
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<td>“Better advertising of events like for movies in the park, etc.”</td>
<td>Staff will consider options for better communicating events programming and HRM recreational opportunities to residents and visitors. Use of publicly accessible spaces to advertise urban core events will be explored. Mounting screens at the ferry terminals to improve communication with the public is in planning stages. Use and promotion of Apps and improved use of the HRM website to communicate urban core programming and recreational assets will also be explored as part of the HRM web transformation strategy and re-design.</td>
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<td>“Better parking wayfinding signage.”</td>
<td>Staff will work with the Waterfront Development Corporation and Downtown Halifax Business Commission on parking wayfinding signs on Hollis, Sackville and Bishop Streets.</td>
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In March 2011, Council endorsed A Greater Halifax, Economic Strategy 2011-2016. The strategy calls for building a vibrant regional centre and furthering the livability and attractiveness of the urban core. HRM staff were directed to develop a project to engage a cross section of HRM citizens to solicit ideas to improve the urban core. The primary objectives of this engagement project were:

- to conduct a meaningful public engagement about the urban core;
- to solicit public input on low cost/high impact opportunities to improve the urban core; and
- to inform the public about municipal policies and activities related to the urban core.

To meet these objectives, a public engagement process, called “Downtown...I’m In”, was designed to generate conversation and capture as many quality urban core renewal ideas as possible. The focal point was a public event on February 8, 2014 in Halifax and Dartmouth featuring two visiting and two local “Downtown Champions”.

The role of the champions was to inform, challenge and inspire event participants to define a shared future for HRM’s urban core. The champions were:

- Mark Brand, Vancouver-based restaurateur and social entrepreneur (and Dartmouth native);
- Charles Montgomery, Vancouver-based author of Happy City;
- Zane Kelsall, Dartmouth-based restaurateur and founder of I Love Dartmouth;
- Gordon Stevens, Halifax-based entrepreneur and founder of I Love HFX.

Public engagement methods used before, during and after the event, included input through HRM’s Shape Your City portal downtowniminc.ca, via Twitter, and with pollsters, volunteers and subject matter experts at the event.

The event was supported by Emera, the Mayor’s Office, the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, the Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP), Telus, Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, Alderney Landing, Spring Garden Area Business Association, and the Quinpool Road Business District.

The engagement project was supported by the Strategic Urban Partnership, and by a wide range of urban partners including: NSCC, Waterfront Development Corporation Limited, GHP, Halifax Water, Breakhouse Design, the Ecology Action Centre, Fusion, Common Roots Urban Farm, Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project and the Discovery Centre.

Engagement statistics from Downtown I’m In include:

- 219 new registrations on the Shape Your City portal;
- More than 6500 site visits and over 10,000 page views on Downtownimin.ca;
- 290 people completed online survey;
- 1816 viewed three promotional videos produced for the event;
- 207 people participated in table talks;
- Every electoral district was represented in feedback;
- 90 volunteers participated on the day of the event.
Feedback from the event and engagement process was generally positive. Volunteers and participants expressed interest in working cooperatively towards improved outcomes for the urban core, and made valuable connections through the event. Some community projects gained momentum as a result of the engagement. Members of the public demonstrated an interest in the downtown areas, in contributing to their vitality and in knowing more about initiatives and municipal actions in these areas.

More than 2,700 separate comments were logged by Dunn and Associates, the consultant engaged to help coordinate the project. The most frequently repeated comments were in the categories of: Business, Transportation, Parks & Recreation, Active Transportation, and Infrastructure.

Frequently heard comments included:

- Citizens should participate and use the downtown more;
- Create more parks or green spaces;
- Create more public spaces;
- Create pedestrian-only streets, or streets closed to traffic for periods;
- Install more public washrooms;
- Make improvements to all forms of transportation;
- More benches and greenery;
- More local cafés, restaurants and other small businesses;
- Provide free WiFi access;
- Provide indoor play facilities or more activities for families with young children;
- Provide more winter activities.

HRM staff sorted and identified ideas as follows:

- work already in progress;
- ideas for immediate consideration and recommended action; and
- ideas for future consideration or action (including those which may require working with partners).

To maintain and build on the event’s momentum, HRM staff has created an operational plan to assist with tracking and reporting on progress.

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1.1 Urban Core as Corporate Priority

In March 2011, Council endorsed A Greater Halifax, Economic Strategy 2011-2016. The strategy calls for building a vibrant and attractive urban core that attracts $1.5 billion of private investment and 8,000 more residents by 2016. It outlines a number of urban core strategic priorities, including the following:

- directing and overseeing a pro-development policy environment;
- furthering liveability and attractiveness;
- reinventing the current approach to mobility; and
- celebrating and enabling a rich variety of cultural and creative opportunities.

Aligned with this process, Regional Council approved the three priority categories for federal/provincial infrastructure funding on June 11, 2013. The three priorities included the urban core investment campaign, public transit and water and wastewater.

HRM's urban core is representative of the broader community’s economic health, culture, history, and community pride. Its function and appearance are important to the attraction and retention of commercial, retail and industrial businesses, as well as the recruitment and retention of what is one of the economy’s most important assets – people. The urban core is the nucleus of the hub city of the Atlantic Provinces and the showcase for greater Halifax because of its concentration of historic, cultural and economic assets.

According to the 2013 City Matters survey produced by MQO Research for the Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP) and Metro News, the urban core is important to a broad cross section of HRM residents. Results showed 44% of the respondents indicated that revitalizing the downtown is very important, and an additional 41% considered it somewhat important.

1.2 Defining the Urban Core

This report uses the definition of urban core developed for A Greater Halifax, Economic Strategy 2011-2016. Urban core means the core business areas of downtown Halifax and Dartmouth, including Spring Garden Road, Agricola and Gottingen Streets north to Young, Quinpool to Connaught and the areas encompassing Saint Mary’s, Dalhousie and King's College universities. The urban core is graphically represented in Figure 1.0.

1.3 Engagement Project Origins and Objectives

In the summer of 2013, HRM staff were asked to develop a project that would advance urban core strategic priorities by meaningfully engaging a cross section of HRM citizens. The intent was to encourage HRM residents to feel comfortable, reflect and share their best ideas.

The primary objectives of the engagement project were:

- to conduct a meaningful public engagement about the urban core;
- to solicit public input on low cost/high impact opportunities to improve the urban core;
- to inform the public about municipal policies and activities related to the urban core.
1.4 Policy Context

The municipality has a variety of means by which it can influence the use of and growth in the urban core. These include direct investment (undertaking capital projects, maintenance and operations, activating downtown spaces, hosting or supporting events), regulatory framework (e.g., planning policies and by-laws), and fiscal tools (e.g., taxation or incentives).

While materials prepared in the course of this event made reference to a variety of ways the municipality influences the urban core and various indicators of urban core health, the focus of the event was on low cost, high impact changes. Many of these fell into the realm of municipal support of, and investment in, the urban core, in areas such as public realm improvements to parks and public spaces, more activation of public spaces and improvements to active transportation.

Ongoing or anticipated policy projects with a potentially significant impact on the urban core include:

- HRM’s Regional Plan and RP+5 Regional Plan 5 Year Review
- HRM by Design
- HRM’s Economic Strategy
- the Centre Plan

Projects of note in the Urban Core in recent years include (as of 2013):

- The new central library that is currently under construction, representing a municipal contribution of over $20 million;
- Approximately $3.9 million invested in the Emera speed skating oval;
- The major restoration of City Hall, representing over $70 million;
- The Dartmouth Transit Terminal represents a $14 m investment;
- Waterfront related work in Dartmouth is valued at $13.2 m; and
- Active Transportation investment in downtown Dartmouth and Halifax of $450,000.

Over the past five years, HRM has invested approximately $8 million in road and sidewalk renewal, $4.7 million in streetscapes, and $1.8 million in public park upgrades on both the Dartmouth and Halifax sides of the Urban Core.

Staff are also working on a number of other significant future initiatives, at the direction of Council, including:

- Cogswell Interchange
- Canal Greenway
- Active Transportation Network connections
- Dartmouth Common
- Public realm improvements under the economic strategy’s 5 year public realm improvement campaign
- Dedication of sale of lands funds from 90 Alderney for a municipal museum in Dartmouth
- Provision of $2 M capital grant toward the development of a new Discovery Centre building on the Waterfront

The Downtown... I’m In event provided the opportunity to highlight information that may be infrequently presented in other forums, such as the number of developments in various stages of approval in the Regional Centre, HRM supported events in the urban core, and information on parking availability in the urban core. This information is included in Appendix 1 to this report.

2.0 Engagement & Event Concept & Plan

2.1 Securing an Engagement Consultant

Following a competitive procurement process, HRM secured the services of Dunn and Associates Communications and Public Affairs (Dunn and Associates) in October of 2013 to deliver various aspects of the event including engagement and logistics.

2.2 Engagement Strategy and Public Event

Dunn and Associates worked with an HRM staff team to conceptualize, define and implement key components of an urban core public engagement event, including engagement opportunities and methodologies (before, during and after the event), event marketing, public relations and media relations, venue, AV and technology logistics. In collaboration with HRM staff, Dunn and Associates developed an event ‘brand’ and an associated community engagement strategy that blended public consultation with a public event.

2.3 Target Audience & Engagement Goal

As an open public-engagement process, all HRM residents were encouraged to participate. The organizing team set an engagement goal of 200-500 people. Between Halifax and Dartmouth events, 207 people representing 23 different postal code areas participated in table talks, 290 people completed a survey online.
2.4 Engagement Principles

The engagement process was grounded in internationally recognized public engagement principles that are consistent with HRM’s own community engagement principles.1 International Association for Public Participation: The public engagement process was designed consistent with engagement principles endorsed by the International Association for Public Participation (IAPP).2 The IAPP’s core values for the practice of public participation are:

- Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
- Public participation includes the promise that the public’s contribution will influence the decision.
- Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
- Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
- Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
- Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

Deep Democracy: The project design was influenced by the principles imbedded in the Deep Democracy approach to engagement. Deep democracy is a practical facilitation approach for anyone who is working with groups or individuals. It is “democratic” because it emphasizes that every voice matters and that decisions are wisest when majority and minority voices are both valued. It is “deep” because it goes far beyond the conventional methods of facilitating the exchange of ideas and instead surfaces emotions, values, beliefs, and personalities to inform and enrich the group’s process.3

Open Space Technology: The approach taken to the urban core consultations was also influenced by the facilitation methodology promoted by Open Space Technology (OST). In Open Space, participants create and manage their own agenda of parallel working sessions around a central theme of strategic importance. OST is intended to do the following:

- identify, explore and address all of the most important issues;
- gather new ideas, resources and people and connect them to these issues;
- document all conversations;
- establish strategic themes, clear priorities, immediate actions steps;
- distribute all of this information to a (re)energized and action-ready community of people;
- empower participants to tell the emerging story to the rest of the organization, community, or world; and
- seed cycles of invitation that will continue to pull people into places where they can maximize their own learning and contribution.

1 A copy of HRM’s Community Engagement Strategy can be viewed online at https://www.halifax.ca/crca/CommunityEngagement/Documents/CommunityEngagementStrategy.pdf.
2 Additional details on the International Association for Public Participation (IAPP) can be viewed online at http://www.iap2.org.
3 More on the Deep Democracy approach to public consultation can be read online at http://deep-democracy.net/.

2.5 Engagement Project Concept – Downtown...I’m In

Downtown...I’m In was conceived as an inclusive, collaborative effort to make downtown areas better and engage citizens in a way that identified and built momentum for specific, actionable ideas. The concept encouraged as many residents as possible to attend, encouraged discussion before and after the events and put the onus on citizens to take an active role in making their downtown better.

2.6 Engagement Model

Dunn and Associates recommended a hybrid-engagement-model that fused a “forum” model and a “community meeting” model. The resulting hybrid model used short, focused conversations to minimize participant time commitment. This was key to the engagement model’s design, since participants were likely be able to give a maximum of one hour of their time (due to other commitments).

A hybrid approach also made it possible to interact with more participants than would have been possible with other engagement models. Given the importance of targeting a diverse cross section of attendees, multiple interactions were seen as a significant benefit to the proposed hybrid model. A hybrid model also worked well with the variety of participants expected to attend the event (shoppers, visitors, tourists, passersby, local stakeholders, vendors, etc.).

Organizers recognized that participants would vary in terms of their interests, attention spans, and comfort speaking in public. It was, therefore, critical to structure the facilitation approach to encourage open, productive discussion. The recommended hybrid model accommodated the goal of creating an inclusive, collaborative effort to improve the urban core.

Given the project objective of encouraging urban core ownership, Dunn and Associates designed the public engagement facilitation to build capacity among volunteers. Volunteers could learn new skills, shift perspectives, share ideas and skills and uncover a deeper sense of greater community in themselves. The hybrid approach presented unique opportunities to build volunteers’ capacities and to motivate volunteers to remain engaged on urban core issues.

2.7 Engagement Paths

The public engagement process was designed to trigger and capture as many conversations as possible to generate as many quality urban core renewal ideas as possible.

To secure the largest number of attendees, while ensuring quality interactions with participants, the engagement project employed multiple engagement paths.

- online interactions with urban core feedback survey;
- online interactions with website content;
- social media interactions on Twitter;
- survey-driven interactions with roving pollsters (on site at events);
- unstructured interactions with subject matter experts (SMEs) staffing;
- structured and unstructured interactions with facilitators and other attendees during table talk sessions;
- unstructured interactions with idea walls; and
- structured and unstructured interactions with inspirational speakers/downtown champions.

Having a variety of data-gathering points and engagement methods increased the number of opportunities to encourage public participation and to record residents’ feedback on the urban core.
2.8 Communications Strategy

Consistent with the project’s stated objectives of encouraging public engagement on the urban core, the communications efforts focused on creating awareness of the event and conveying a call-to-action to participate. The two phases were as follows:

- **Phase I – January 15 to February 3:** Create initial awareness using a robust social media strategy that incorporated partners and stakeholders. Leverage non-paid media (newspaper articles, radio interviews) promotional opportunities.
- **Phase II – February 3 to February 8:** Increase unpaid media opportunities. Utilize a minimal media buy to push the Halifax/Dartmouth events and encourage the public to participate.

2.8.1 Event Branding and Logo

“Downtown... I’m In” brand developed for the engagement project was meant to evoke pride in celebrating HRM accomplishments and provoke curiosity in the public engagement project. The brand’s catch-phrase reinforced a call-to-action to participate for HRM residents, particularly those working and living in the downtown core.

To support the “Downtown... I’m In” event brand, a visual identity was created for use on all event-related materials and communications. The retro inspired logo was designed to best represent the HRM and to connect with a broad spectrum of its citizenry. The Garrison Clock icon was chosen as the backdrop because it is a well-recognized landmark in one of HRM’s downtown areas. The event logo appeared on the following:

- buttons (distributed prior to the event and at the event);
- footers of branded event emails;
- website splash page;
- event slideshow slides (projected on-stage during the day of the event);
- branded t-shirts (worn by roving pollsters);
- event business cards and
- all print materials generated to support the event.

2.8.2 Promotional Materials

As a way to promote the event, Downtown... I’m In buttons were distributed to downtown stakeholders and event partners two weeks before the event. Downtown... I’m In business cards were printed and distributed at and in advance of the event.

2.8.3 Dedicated Website Domain

HRM’s engagement hub (www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca) was an effective tool for generating buzz about the public engagement project and gathering input. Dunn and Associates worked with HRM staff to design and create content for a website to be hosted on HRM’s citizen engagement portal, ShapeYourCityHalifax.ca. HRM staff registered the domains DowntownImIn.ca and .com and pointed them to the project page on the ShapeYourCityHalifax.ca portal. This allowed promotional efforts to focus public recall on the project brand and its .ca web site. On January 15th 2014, DowntownImIn.ca went live on HRM’s Shape Your City portal.

The website included event details (date, time, location, agenda), urban core background materials, stakeholder links, promotional videos and an online version of the engagement survey. Continual site updates helped to keep the information fresh and engaging throughout the lead-up to the event.

Visitors were driven to the website through search engines (Google, Firefox, Bing etc.), Halifax.ca, Facebook, and HRM Matters. Online traffic was significant, with 6,578 site views, 10,696 page views and 3,217 visitors (“lifetime” website statistics to February 21, 2014). The engagement project, and associated website presence, was responsible for 219 new Shape Your City user registrations from every district in HRM.
2.8.4 Promotional Videos

Dunn and Associates worked with HRM staff and the Mayor’s Office to produce three promotional web videos that were served from the event website:

- Mayor Savage and Councillors McCluskey and Mason asking citizens for their ideas on how to make our downtown areas even better (see http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqvuojhcEt4) – 947 views
- Various ideas from citizens and some “Halifamous” people including Lil McPherson and Sarah Dennis (see http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THFrLDGH234) – 383 views
- Mayor Savage February 6 interview with Radio 96.5 FM hosted by Dominik Diamond (see http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgrcItPmzas) – 486 views

2.8.5 Twitter Social Media Campaign

The event’s organizing team used the @hfxgov Twitter handle as the primary day-to-day communication tool for the event. Probing questions were asked during the lead-up to the event to encourage Twitter followers to discuss the urban core. Downtown partners and stakeholders were invited to tap into their social networks in support of the engagement project. Event updates (new partners, video postings, etc.) were pushed out on Twitter to keep followers continually updated. HRM staff live-tweeted the day of the event and answered follower questions online. The event garnered considerable social media attention. There were over 500 individual interactions on Twitter (not including retweets), including over 200 unique Twitter interactions on the day of the event.

2.8.6 Media Buy – Paid Media Coverage

To better communicate the engagement project to the general public, HRM staff made limited media buys. Paid media ran from February 3rd to February 8th in three outlets: radio (Radio 96.5), newspaper (The Coast, Metro) and online (chronicleherald.ca).

2.8.7 Earned Media

Earned media coverage raised the event profile and created considerable goodwill for the ‘Downtown…I’m In’ brand. The official announcement of the event was made on January 15th, 2014, to coincide with the downtownmin.ca website launch. Several media outlets, including Metro News, The Chronicle Herald and CBC, picked up the urban core engagement story following the release of Public Service Announcement (PSA). A number of media outlets ran ‘downtown revitalization’ stories and tied those stories back to HRM’s urban core initiative. The launch of the public engagement project also received positive write-ups on the Dalhouse student’s website and on the Smart City Blog.

Persistent interest in the urban core community engagement project led to additional earned media coverage. The Mayor, members of Council and keynote speakers were interviewed during the lead up to the event and were interviewed on the day of the event.

Multiple media outlets conducted interviews as part of their programming schedules, including: Radio 96.5 (Morning Show and Afternoon Show), CBC (Information Morning, Mainstreet and Evening Newscast), and Global Television (Morning Show). The event itself also garnered very positive print coverage including: Global Online, The Chronicle Herald, and Metro Newspaper. Live broadcast of the public engagement event was done by Radio 96.5 from the Halifax location.

2.8.8 Advanced On-Site Promotion

On the Saturday before the event (February 1st), the event team visited both venues. They distributed buttons and invited passerby to attend one of the venues on the following Saturday and to complete the online survey if they could not attend in person.

2.8.9 Street Teams

Two street teams, made up of six people each, were created to draw people inside on the day of the event. Team members were recruited based on their ability to engage the public. Dressed in event-logoed white t-shirts, each street team worked the streets close to their venue. Well versed in event key messages, team members handed out event business cards and event buttons, answered questions about the event, and encouraged people to go inside to participate.
3.0 Engagement & Event Implementation

3.1 Urban Core Survey

HRM staff collaborated with Dunn and Associates to develop questions for a participant survey. The survey incorporated one multiple choice question, three open-ended questions, and one demographic question. See survey questions below. The survey was intended to solicit respondents’ ideas and comments on the urban core and to gather limited demographic information (i.e., postal code as a proxy for place of residence).

A fillable online survey was integrated into the ShapeYourCityHalifax.ca/DowntownImIn portal. The survey went live with the launch of the event website on January 15th.

The web-based survey was intended to engage HRM residents who would not be attending the February 8th event. The online survey remained open until February 15th.

Some survey respondents did the survey online and also participated in the February 8th engagement event. Other survey respondents completed the survey but did not take part in the February 8th public engagement event.

Survey questions were as follows:

Question 1: How do you spend your time in our downtown areas? Are they places you: a) Live; b) Work; c) Play; d) all of the above; e) none of the above; f) other

Question 2: We’re looking for cool, easy-to-implement ideas. What enhancement would make our downtown areas even more vibrant and enjoyable for you?

Question 3: We’re looking for cool, easy-to-implement ideas. What enhancement would encourage you to spend more time in our downtown areas?

Question 4: What can YOU do to make our downtown areas even more vibrant and enjoyable?

Question 5: What are the first 3 digits of your postal code?

A total of 290 surveys were completed on the ‘Shape Your City’ portal. Every HRM electoral district was represented in the responses.

3.2 Event Locations

Downtown Halifax peninsula and Dartmouth venues were strategically chosen for their central locations and for their high pedestrian traffic counts on Saturdays. On the Halifax side, City Centre Atlantic was secured. On the Dartmouth side, Alderney Farmers’ Market was booked. Given space constraints and infrastructure requirements, careful planning was necessary. Limited space ultimately contributed to the event’s sense of liveliness, intimacy, and may have increased interactions among participants.

3.3 Simulcast

Each speaker was simulcast to the other side of the harbour. This allowed participants at both locations to hear all the speakers’ messages. It also served as a way of connecting the two locations.

3.4 Downtown Champions

Rather than having “speakers”, event organizers elected to have “Downtown Champions” – people with compelling stories of urban core advocacy and urban core action. Four Downtown Champions (two with national profiles, two with local profiles) were recruited based on their expertise in, and experience with, urban core dynamics. Their role was to inform, challenge and inspire event participants to think of a shared future for our city’s urban core – a place that provides an attractive environment for residents, workers and visitors to live, work and play.

The Downtown Champions were:

• Mark Brand, Vancouver-based restaurateur and social entrepreneur (and Dartmouth native);
• Charles Montgomery, Vancouver-based author of Happy City;
• Zane Kelsall, Dartmouth-based restaurateur and founder of I Love Dartmouth
• Gordon Stevens, Halifax-based entrepreneur and founder of I Love Halifax Local

Downtown Champions were simulcast to each venue and to the web portal. Speaker order and placement was as follows: Mark Brand (Dartmouth), Charles Montgomery (Halifax), Zane Kelsall (Dartmouth), Gordon Stevens (Halifax).

3.5 Table Talk Discussions

Facilitated discussion was the project’s central engagement tactic. Attendees at both the Halifax and Dartmouth sites were invited to listen to a Downtown Champion and then take part in structured table talk. Downtown Champions warmed participants up by outlining their own paths to making their downtowns better, giving participants permission to think outside the box, challenging participants to think beyond asking government to pay for and fix everything, and showing participants that anything is possible if they personally become involved in revitalizing the downtown.
Table talk discussion was facilitated by a volunteer table host, and recorded by a volunteer table recorder. Volunteer table hosts and recorders – where they had relevant experience and/or skill – gave the discussions authenticity. They modeled an important aspect of vibrant communities: citizens who step forward to do something for the greater good.

During the table talk discussion period, five questions were posed to participants. These questions mirrored the questions appearing in the online survey and mirrored the questions being posed by roving pollsters. This approach ensured consistency and made data comparisons possible. Table talk sessions were limited to 30 minutes, both to respect participant time commitments and to allow for multiple table talk sessions at both venues.

Table hosts encouraged participants to make use of paper tablecloths and markers to record their comments, to write the first half of their postal code and to doodle. This was done because not everyone is comfortable speaking in groups and some people can better express themselves by writing or by drawing. Tabletop space for writing also allowed participants to capture their thoughts as they listened to other participants.

3.6 Lead Facilitators

Four experienced lead-facilitators were assigned to each venue (Halifax and Dartmouth). Their role was to ensure that the public engagement conversations were inclusive, constructive and as-focused-as-possible on strategic outcomes. At each venue, one experienced lead-facilitator was assigned to support the idea-sharing booth volunteers, while the other three focused on supporting table talk discussions and roving pollsters. Each lead-facilitator was encouraged to record emerging themes on a note pad. At the end of the event, all note pads were gathered for compilation and analysis.

3.7 Idea-sharing Areas

Idea-sharing areas were designated at both venues (Halifax and Dartmouth). HRM staff, and volunteers from industry and community organizations, staffed the booths as subject matter experts (SMEs). The SMEs were meant to inform participant understanding and trigger discussion on what might be done to make downtown areas even better. Participants engaged with SMEs in unstructured conversations, sharing information, comments and ideas. SMEs were also available to lend their expertise to group discussions led by table talk hosts.

The idea-sharing area SMEs got to share their initiatives and meet other people and experience their unique perspectives, visions and insights. In addition to meeting people in their communities, SMEs were able to network with other SMEs. SMEs recorded highlights of conversations with participants on notepads. Note pads were transcribed by Dunn and Associates for compilation and analysis.

In addition to staff from many HRM business units, a wide range of urban core stakeholders participated by sending SMEs. These organizations included:

- NSCC
- Waterfront Development
- GHP
- HFX Water
- Breakhouse
- Ecology Action Centre
- Fusion
- Common Roots Urban Farm
- Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project

The Discovery Centre also participated by providing staff and hosting a children’s activity corner through the day.

3.8 Idea Walls

Organizers suspended a 4-foot x10-foot plastic sheet at each event venue to act as an “idea wall”. The words “Share your ideas at: [Downtown...I’m In logo]” invited participants to use the provided markers to write down their thoughts and to doodle. Data from the idea walls was transcribed for compilation and analysis.

3.9 Roving Pollsters

HRM recruited seven persons to poll event participants who were not taking part in table talks. Each roving pollster was given a mobile tablet computer connected via WiFi to the Downtown...I’m In survey on the ShapeYourCityHalifax.ca/DowntownImIn portal. Survey data was later exported for compilation and analysis.

3.10 On-Stage Slideshow

Dunn and Associates and HRM staff collaborated to produce a slide show loop designed to help welcome, orient, inform, inspire and provoke participants at the joint events.

The slideshow included slides profiling the following:

- What is already working in our downtown areas. These were intended to help participants appreciate and value their downtown areas and the efforts of those who made them happen.
- Initiatives from other cities.
- Four event speaker profiles, speaking times and locations for each
- Downtown HRM development and business-retention information
- Different ways participants could engage in the event
- Social media channels and #DowntownImIn hashtag
- Door prizes and how to enter
- Event sponsors
4.1 Event Sponsorship
To supplement HRM's contribution, HRM solicited donations from a variety of sponsors. Cash sponsorship was received from Emera, the Mayor's Office, the Downtown Halifax Business Commission and the Greater Halifax Partnership.
Teksys provided in-kind sponsorship in the form of smart hubs that provided high-speed broadband links allowing the roving pollsters to connect to the online survey, and served the live video stream between venues and the event web portal. Alderney Landing provided in-kind sponsorship in the form of facility related support.
The Downtown Halifax Business Commission, Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, Spring Garden Area Business Association, the Quinpool Road Business District and the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia provided prizes for the event. Prizes were either purchased and then donated to the event organizers or donated to the event by members of these supporting organizations. Staff members from these organizations also volunteered at the event.

4.2 Volunteer Recruitment
The Strategic Urban Partnership (SUP) recruited most event volunteers. The SUP crowd sourced 40 volunteers, including 5 lead-facilitators and 35 table talk volunteers. Dunn and Associates recruited an additional 5 table talk volunteers.
HRM and Dunn and Associates collectively recruited an additional 45 staff and volunteers to staff the event's Idea-sharing areas, to act as pollsters, to function as street team members and to fill miscellaneous event logistics roles.
Multiple downtown stakeholders also helped out the volunteer recruitment effort by contributing staff and/or by using their own networks to encourage people to put their names forward as volunteers.

4.3 Volunteer Debriefings
Debrief sessions were convened on-site immediately following the public engagement activities. Dunn and Associates used a custom-designed debrief model to debrief the event's 90-plus volunteers and a custom-designed data gathering tool to collect data for compilation and analysis. The debriefing harvested themes that emerged at the event, and captured volunteers' perceptions about how being involved with the event had built their personal capacity to be urban core advocates and change agents. Overall the event was felt, by volunteers, to have been positive, optimistic, and constructively critical.

5.0 Public Participation

5.1 Event Attendance
HRM and Dunn and Associates agreed that there would be a higher level of public participation if people were not required to register. Since there is no registration data to confirm how many unique individuals participated, attendance data is somewhat imprecise.
A steady stream of people came through the event spaces in both Dartmouth and Halifax. Many people stopped and interacted on some level (listened to speakers, spoke to idea-sharing booth volunteers, spoke to roving facilitators, wrote on the idea wall or paper tablecloths, and/or completed surveys). Some people just passed through. Both venues were packed.

5.2 Participant Counts
The table below (Table 1) shows participant counts by source.

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5.3 Postal Code Data
Given that getting feedback on the regional centre from a cross-section of HRM residents was an engagement objective, the geographic distribution of postal codes is significant. See the map of the urban core (below) overlaid with the top six postal code prefixes represented in the engagement data (both venues). A total of 39 postal codes from every district in HRM were represented by those who completed the online survey.

5.4 Data Analysis Methodology
Dunn and Associates merged comments from table talk discussions, idea walls and surveys into a custom-designed electronic spreadsheet. Volunteer debrief comments were not included in this compilation. An initial list of response categories was created following a review of idea wall comments. From there, Dunn and Associates began tagging each comment with a category tag. Multiple ideas or comments, given in response to survey/discussion questions #2 and #3, were separated out. This approach allowed each idea, or comment, to be categorized separately. Verbatim participant feedback is included in Dunn and Associates’ consultant report (see www.downtownimin.ca.)

Downtown I’m In specific emails (received by HRM) and Twitter social media interactions (monitored and logged by HRM) were not included in the consultants’ report. They are included in Attachment 7. HRM staff reviewed Twitter logs and emails to glean urban core revitalization ideas. Ideas from those sources, together with ideas gathered by Dunn and Associates, have informed the recommendations put forward by HRM staff and have been addressed in the operational plan conceived to respond to public feedback coming out of the Downtown... I’m In event.

6.1 Frequently Occurring Comments
Dunn and Associates identified 2,736 separate comments from the various Downtown... I’m In data sources. They identified the following comments as those repeated most frequently (not ranked, no frequency data):

- As citizens, we should participate and use the downtown more;
- Create more parks or green spaces;
- Create more public spaces;
- Create pedestrian-only streets, or streets closed to traffic for periods;
- Install more public washrooms;
- Make improvements to all forms of transportation;
- More benches and greenery;
- More local cafes, restaurants and other small businesses;
- Provide free wifi access;
- Provide indoor play facilities or more activities for families with young children;
- Provide more winter activities.

Although frequency of mention was not used to determine which ideas to surface for recommendation, it is, nevertheless relevant. Frequency is a relatively good proxy for level of interest and/or level of concern. One of the reasons for the engagement project was to become better attuned to perceptions of the urban core. Ideas that came up frequently were noteworthy in that they gave staff a clear sense of what residents felt to be lacking in the core. Staff did not, however, discount an urban core revitalization idea simply because it was mentioned infrequently – or even mentioned just once.

Every participant comment is reproduced verbatim in Dunn and Associates’ Downtown... I’m In consultants’ report (see downtownimin.ca). The infographic (next page) represents distribution of the 2,736 comments analysed by Dunn and Associates.

6.0 Conclusion
6.2 Volunteer Comments

Volunteer comments were sorted and grouped into the following categories:

- Volunteer perceptions of “tone” of the event and participant conversations;
- Participant comments/ideas of note as recalled by volunteers

Volunteer perceptions of “tone” of the event and participant conversations were:

- They described the tone as very positive (like an HRM pep rally), collaborative and cooperative, focused on the future.
- A few had conversations that felt “policy heavy” to them.
- Some were genuinely surprised at some participants’ degree of mistrust toward government.
- It was a day of “casual and comfortable” conversations.
- Overall positive, optimistic, and constructively critical.

Table 3: Participant Ideas/Comments Recalled by Volunteers

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<td>There’s an opportunity for the municipality to host a social entrepreneurialism roundtable and accelerate concept within the city.</td>
<td>Mirror what is happening on Agricola in rest of downtown.</td>
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<td>Create more opportunities for people and small business to gather.</td>
<td>Day bus passes.</td>
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<td>Everyone loved how the speakers spoke to local issues.</td>
<td>More landscaping, fewer high rises.</td>
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<td>More joint art-history celebrations such as the mural on Waverley Road.</td>
<td>Need to hear from more communities to make informed decisions.</td>
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<td>More community gardens.</td>
<td>Broader – reach this out more.</td>
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<td>Connect bike lanes from ferry to beyond the bridge.</td>
<td>Take this show on the road.</td>
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<td>Encourage creation of a harbour taxi system.</td>
<td>Better access to water.</td>
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<td>Bike lanes and more bike lanes.</td>
<td>Splash pads (Dartmouth Cove).</td>
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<td>Add Wi-Fi in urban core and on buses.</td>
<td>More connection to both waterfronts.</td>
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<td>Use the lakes more in both winter and summer.</td>
<td>More lights on the Harbour Trail.</td>
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<td>Encourage vacant lot ice rinks.</td>
<td>Broader discussion on the division of the downtown and the regional centre.</td>
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<td>Volunteers to help with new coats of paint.</td>
<td>More opportunities for active living.</td>
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<td>Easy access for street artists for more community art.</td>
<td>The AWESome Foundation.</td>
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<td>More signage in different languages.</td>
<td>Rebrand the ferries (more connectivity for less division).</td>
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<td>More shared spaces for businesses - like the HUB or Plan B.</td>
<td>Destination Halifax promote Dartmouth in Dartmouth.</td>
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<td>More community activity notice boards in residential areas.</td>
<td>Wood Carvers’ Association wants to donate a sign at Alderney Landing.</td>
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<td>More of a “yes” attitude.</td>
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6.3 Next Steps

HRM staff will develop an operational plan that will:
1. Ensure organizational participation and support to implement initiatives;
2. Manage and track progress on directives/actions related to the urban core; and
3. Maintain on-going communication and reporting back to Council and citizens on progress.
7.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 - Background policy information
Appendix 2 - Additional comments received

Appendix 1 – Background Information

Background Information – Policy Links

Economic Strategy 2011-16

Regional Plan
http://www.halifax.ca/planhrm/RPS.html

HRM by Design: Regional Centre Urban Design Study
https://www.halifax.ca/capitaldistrict/RegionalCentreUrbanDesignStudy.html

Taxation Benchmarks – Commercial Taxation
http://www.halifax.ca/revenue/tax/benchmark/Commercial.html

Altus Study on taxation

City Matters Survey

5 Year Public Realm Improvement Capital Campaign
http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/140211ca1121.PDF

Background Information – HRM supported events in the urban core

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Background Information – Free-low cost activities in HRM

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<td>Afterschool Program</td>
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**Change in Commercial Assessment, 2013 to 2014**

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Appendix 2 – Additional Comments Received

Additional Comments Received

Facilitation Notes:
1. Street Performers
2. Rainbow Steps
3. Pedestrian Only Spring Garden
4. Make Downtown a destination, not a corridor
5. Turn Johnson Building meeting room into retail (active frontage)
6. Underground utilities
7. Proper street lights
8. Schmidtville into a heritage area
9. University Avenue, pilot a bikeway
10. Heated sidewalks
11. Tree Sculptures
13. Daytime Mardi Gras
14. Make St. Pats a Cultural Mosaic Marketplace
15. Close Rainnie Drive
16. Bring back the tram
17. Bring back Grand Parade water fountain
18. Have a Red Bull Crashed Ice on George Street
19. Sleep under the Stars event on Citadel
20. Glass bridge on waterfront
21. Portable beach barge
22. Bring back the Barrington Arches
23. Have a ‘Dartmouth, We Love You’ sign on the waterfront
24. Make ‘Shine a light’ happen every night at City Hall
25. What is it about other places that make you want to leave? Make it happen here!
26. Kids love giant bugs
27. More people living Downtown
28. More boutiques
29. Incentives for small business
30. More trees
31. Canopies
32. Transparent ground floors
33. More & free parking
34. Just do it, stop studying
35. Interactive and Lively
36. Incentivize Residential
37. Build connection amongst stingers
38. Hot chocolate is warm, encourages interaction
39. Get people hugging
40. All about experiences
41. Strong positive social connections
42. Increase face to face interactions
43. Activate the Citadel, urban gardens
44. Keep charging for parking, make on-street more expensive, parking garages cheaper
45. Montreal style parking kiosks
46. Pilot projects, the City is your laboratory

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Electronic Mail Submissions
1. Improve the Commons area (new wading area for children, new washroom/change facility, and update existing pool)
2. Provide public space for locals to exhibit their art
3. Make the downtown more appealing to visitors by eliminating panhandling
4. Make Halifax the Charleston, SC of the North
5. Ensure the Cogswell Interchange land is a coherent and appealing residential mixed-use precinct that can be the northern gateway to the downtown core
6. Improve parking downtown
7. Free waterfront parking on Sunday
8. Give businesses a tax break
9. Have more residential development downtown by having lower tax rates on condominiums
10. Give walking and bicycling more emphasis downtown over cars
11. Improved bike racks and bike lanes
12. More picnic table in public spaces
13. Rooftop and community gardens
14. More sponsorship for outdoor public concerts, such as those at the public gardens
15. Green space on waterfront
16. Close of Barrington Street from Scotia Square to Blower or Spring Garden
17. Signage on downtown projects
18. Better signage for visitors and newcomers
19. Make the downtown more walkable
20. Create a mid-peninsula green walking trail loop
21. Spruce up Dartmouth areas where people come into city
22. Improve downtown so it is more accessible for seniors
23. Have a winter garbage clean-up initiative
24. More pedestrian streets
25. Reduce number of cigarette butts by following Vancouver’s cigarette recycling pilot program:
26. Start as an experiment
27. Slow down EVERYTHING, better for business
28. Encourage stopping, conversations
29. Speed kills
30. Encourage involvement
31. People don’t know how to get involved
32. Want access to water
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Ideas Raised on Twitter
2. We’d love it if you’d set somewhere that Dartmouthians can walk to.
3. @DartCarousel A new initiative to bring family fun to the Dartmouth waterfront Help us spread the word!
4. I was really wishing the Public Gardens were open today. year round public access 8 AM - 9 pm
5. Dresden Row & Birmingham between SGR & Sackville are such a nightmare for traffic anyway. Should be ped-only.
6. Thursday eves in Ottawa, from 5-8 pm, all museums have free admission. Why not try that, or even pay-what-you-can
7. Investment in heritage restoration sparked by Ellis Square project. Tax $
returned on city investment pic.twitter.com/EXLz39BIJ

8. Be ambitious with public space. Ellis Square Savannah pre2004 was a parking garage. Shubie Greenway. pic.twitter.com/6TlFeJPDy

9. Youth need more all ages venues

10. How about some play and whimsy in our public spaces? These giant chimes are well used in Savannah.pic.twitter.com/XTQMBhY0G3

11. @hfxgov More dog friendly MT @Glen-denning_L, I don't go to markets on the weekend because I prefer stuff our dog can join in.

12. Lots of talk at #DowntownImIn about walking, sidewalk repair, transit and places to chill. That's on @hfxgov. Show me the money. # hxpoli

13. Pedestrian-only streets? Yes, please! Look to Cuba Mall in Wellington, NZ, as inspiration.

14. Dreaming of the days when we'll see this again on Barrington St. I believe that this is possible. http://ow.ly/tqrjq

15. Okay. DartCarousel is a perfect example of a great #community-led idea. Put an idea out there and work to make it happen!

16. Free Scooter Parking...

17. If we created streets that were engaging to walk on, we'd be happy to park far away!

18. Food trucks becoming exciting norm throughout HRM. Need to see more downtown

19. making sure the Library is not just a Library, but a Cornucopia of Culture in the Core!

20. Enabling Grand Parade to allow more public usage.

21. I've always thought the Metro Centre could use a green roof. Like a 2nd Cita-del.

22. Can creative ways for additional parking areas be discussed?

23. Can someone PLEASE build me an aquarium already? And I want it in #Dartmouth

24. Do something. Get to know your neighbours! Who's going to a street party?

25. Make a few popular streets pedestrian only walkways and lower business taxes to encourage investment pop into mind!

26. We need - less red tape for food trucks, more streets closed for community events, and municipal WiFi in the #Downtownmin

27. More of this pls!! @CRRurbanfarm Thank you, the kids are enjoying this #Downtownmin pic.twitter.com/FKY9cyKcwo

28. Savannah has free transit (ferries and buses) Downtown #downtownmin pic.twitter.com/6BIE0BzV9Z

29. Carnival with skiing, snowshoeing (my dream), sledding, themes, contests (ie snow angels) prizes, treats!

30. Serpentine Studios @SerpStudios Feb 8

31. How about public dance spaces? All ages, a room, wired music, dance it off @DiscoveryCntr

32. IN THE WARMER MONTHS LOCAL FOOD CARTS CAN ADORN THE WALK-WAY FROM THE #DartmouthCarusel

33. Bike lanes, gardens on sides of Cita-del Hill, make it easy for pedestrians to move around = economic development. #downtownmin

34. Mark Brand: too much parking in the world. Keep taking it away. #DowntownLInn # halifax

35. Partnerships are key to a vibrant downtown. HRM, provincial & federal govt, union, schools, hospitals, community & YOU

36. now its a city for cars. The commuter train would help make it for pedestrians again

37. Also: free, clean, drinking water stations downtown.

38. how about plowing snow banks into safe play areas - lets use that snow!

39. My own #downtownmin ideas: more benches on the streets, bike rental stations, more trees, close SOR to traffic.

40. For our downtowns to prosper we need to come to terms with our heavy drinking culture.

41. someone suggested a rope tow, a great place to oearn to ski, HRM rec could hold classes!

42. Ideas at my table: fewer highrises, more greenery, ease food truck rules.

43. Food security, supporting each other, revitalizing our spaces and strong local businesses. Good place to start!

44. Look what trees can do when the power lines aren't in the way. Cathedral like streets! #downtownmin #savannah pic. twitter.com/jex9ECwHq5

45. Later #hrmferry on Sundays and more public art

46. I would love to see more outdoor public art works, a sculpture trail by local artists would be fantastic!

47. we should have some sort of veterans hangout dt. Give back to those who gave so much to us

48. Would pedal powered bicycle bars make our downtown more vibrant? pic.twitter.com/GBDzL6WjNb

49. Maybe we could get the hot chocolate cart, eh?

50. for our downtowns to prosper we need more small shops and permanent patios

51. More artistic murals on blank facades of businesses. Good place to start!

52. bring back F.R.E.D @hfxtransit, even if its temporary & free gallery space? A win for both residents & visitors.

53. Public #art that's interactive - brings people together & creates a "downtown destination" Inspiring architecture too!

54. I think On some Sundays Ped only streets

55. Close @AEDHalifax from Neptune Th-}

56. Halifax should offer citizens weekend access to transit/walk-ing is not an option

57. free parking in parkades on select days to attract people for whom transit/walk-

58. Use empty storefronts! Temporary & free art works, a sculpture trail by local artists would be fantastic!

59. Halifax should offer citizens weekend access to transit/walk

60. Release pedestrian only streets, and affordable rents

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64. I think On some Sundays Ped only streets

65. maybe we could get the hot chocolate cart
to downtown after hours!

66. Downtown wi-fi! Downtown wi-fi!

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68. Hey @hfxgov would help if our tourist #HRM map identified our streets with better identities

69. Bike lanes, music, & hot chocolate on a winter's day.

70. Let's have a night market to bring people downtown after hours!

71. Halifax should offer citizens weekend access to transit/walk

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Below are the responses to the questions below and general comments gathered throughout the Downtown...I’m In consultation.

- Question #2: We’re looking for cool, easy-to-implement ideas. What enhancement would make our downtown areas even more vibrant and enjoyable for you?
- Question #3: We’re looking for cool, easy-to-implement ideas. What enhancement would encourage you to spend more time in our downtown areas?
- Question #4: What can YOU do to make our downtown areas even more vibrant and enjoyable?

### Comments

| Make the harbor more accessible because it is the common ground between Halifax and Dartmouth, view it as a functional thing for events on it or on either side of it, do NOT see it as a barrier. Water events! Make it easier to put in kayaks, there are no piers, no places to dock a boat, a kayak or any water vehicle to walk up and have a meal along the boardwalk. The harbor is underutilized. More young - family friendly - need more play areas, more accessible for strollers (need s/th more than the library) Able bodied – but not sure we need so many disabled spots. Too many empty spots. Are we building them just for the sake of building them? Need more accessibility. Scariest things is to take my father out in a wheelchair. Accessibility, more theatre, businesses should have portable ramps (eg Stopgap in Toronto) curb cuts must be visible and accessible! They are not currently wheelchairfriendly. Accessibility ; friendly use what we have ; only way he enjoys coming is by boat and better accessibility to every corner of the downtown. Better pedestrian access - particularly for strollers. Better walking and more accessible fresh out of “cool” ideas, but some practical, not too much extra cost now possibilities: much better snow clearing in Winter, especially on brick sidewalks, so I, as a frail senior am able to get around in the downtowns/ soon after storms, every big storm, at least cutting out an area for me to enter and exit, safely from a Metro Transit bus; More young friendly need more play areas, more accessible for strollers. improve accessibility accessibility Downtown accessibility for elderly more accessible to services centralized services See above, plus timely sidewalk snow clearing for those with young children and strollers (as well as the disabled), and innovative promotions to encourage shopping local. Wheelchair accessibility (someone added “yes!”) |
| Accessible - wheelchairs, walkers, canes More accessibility More disables parking spots? Or too many? Ratio wrong? Walking is difficult for seniors Accessibility for people and bikes and strollers (sidewalks and businesses) -esp in snow Sidewalk trampolines! URBAN ZIPLINES! a pathway to travel the entire waterfront (Halifax & Dartmouth to Bedford), Bike Share Program Secure areas for locking bikes up Advocating for bikelanes Bike Bike more. Buy local. Ride, or walk, not drive. Go for a walk at noon. Get outside at lunchtime and walk. I could bike downtown on sunny weekends, leave my bicycle in a secure bike parking and walk to an event. More pedestrian Plan a get away walking tour on my own. Trying to get people to understand that walking isn’t a bad thing. Walk in the downtown Walk instead of drive Walk the downtown area Smaller sidewalk As basic needs as fixing things we already have. Sidewalks ARE NOT safe to walk for seniors, wheelchairs. Nothing accessible: walking is my business. Big bike circuit connecting from Downtown Dartmouth around North End and beyond Sullivans Pond Extend Harbourwalk trail from ferry to bridge Extend Harbourwalk trail to Trans Canada Trail
Get the walk sign on all the time at crosswalks


No pushing for pedestrian crossings

Sidewalks have potholes and heaves – you can fall.

Connector street paths such as Hawthorne to Camden and Joffre to Outhill. Currently they are not maintained, better maintenance would increase use.

Standards, uniform planning. People on the streets, shoppin. Making streets like spring garden pedestrian friendly

Wider sidewalks

Crosswalks, dangerous.

Spring garden Pedestrian only

Transportation: Bike lane, 24 hour access through harbor

Widen sidewalk on spring garden

Bike path connecting N. Dartmouth to Ferry terminal.

More pedestrian lights and more mood lights.

VERY HARD to bike.

Waterfronts – working well, bike paths and walking paths could be extended.

More separated bike lanes wherever possible.

Contiguous trail from “old” bridge to at least Woodside, Fisherman’s Cove better for bikes and walkers, cleared in winter

Great big path that unites the two city for active transportation

Make walking easier especially in the winter

People like to walk – they need more opportunities to walk and be seen

Should be pedestrian only street between noon and midnight

Bike lanes! Trails seem safer, less threatening ones, ones that don’t cut off abruptly, steel barriers or barriers of some kind to make it safer (from cars)

Safer biking: barriers

Two sidewalks, one for walking one for biking (x2)

Unblock the park alongside the darmouth boardwalk, its been closed off for the entire winter.

need zebra crossing lines like the they in other cities

More walkable: cleaner, walkable park network

If you don’t have the density to support closing off the streets then it may not be very effective.

Lowcost/highimpact: trial closure of north lane of University Ave to cars (convert into active transportation)

make south lane 2way – only cost is paint and a few Jersey barriers

A boardwalk that takes you closer to the cruise ships when moored.

Adjust traffic signal timing to reduce pedestrian wait times on east-west streets leading to the ferry terminals.

and bikes for rent, especially for the Harbourwalk Route in Dartmouth.

Better Bike access,

Better bike lanes and bike parking would be great. Bicycle rentals would be great; perhaps I Heart Bikes could be part of that contract.

Bike lanes and access to quick repairs

Bike lanes into the downtown.

Bike lanes.

Bike lanes.

Bike lanes.

Bike parking, bring back FRED!

Bike racks and bike lanes

Bike racks.

Bike rental on Dartmouth side

Bike trail

Cycling

Development on the waterfront should not impede pedestrian access

Guided walks and bike rides

I think also the the bridge over the water behind the Nova Scotian Crystal building needs to be widened as it is very busy during tourist season and it is narrow when a lot of people are on it.

Improve on the Dartmouth waterfront walk - have more reasons to take that trail other than the view.

Less cars more pedestrians

Less traffic, more bike use, routes, and safety education. A variety of city blocks that are congested and are composed of walkable storefronts and services could be car free ex. Portland Street from Alderney to five corners a walking zone. Revitalizations with real issues in mind.

Love all the above suggestions. Bike lanes all over.

Make crosswalks more visible.

Make streets more pedestrian and bike friendly - for year round use.

Mike bike rentals.

More bike lanes

More emphasis on bikes

More focus and attention to the street environment. Make cyclists and pedestrians feel safe. Lighting that is tailored to the pedestrian, traffic calming, bike lanes, place-making, etc.

More paths for active transport

More pedestrian areas - which would result in more outdoor eateries,

More pedestrian friendly areas.

more pedestrian friendly streets.

More walkable spaces.
Outdoor walking
Painted crosswalks.
Public bike system
Repaint crosswalks each spring to reinforce that downtowns are pedestrians friendly;
Safer and more efficient (quicker) bike connections from mainland to Halifax peninsula.
Separated bike lanes.
Sidewalks that are inviting to walk, free of loiterers.
Streets converted to pedestrian and bike traffic only (Spring Garden Road).
Time shared spaces .. cars and pedestrians. Reroute buses to make it more people focused and pedestrian friendly
We love the Dartmouth waterfront trail, and would love to see more multi-use trails connected in our city for safe family biking.
wider sidewalks,

Sidewalk patios
More promotion of the trails between ferry stations woodside (publisize it as a walk)
Bike and equipment rentals
Bike rental and maintenance space.
Better bike routes.
Bike rack that looks like a can funny.
Easier for pedestrian , for examples close Argyle to cans especial around night.
Lighting for says walking around night.

Scatter cross walks?
Spring Garden, and Barrington is dangerous area for walking.
Walkability, make the walk interesting.
More bike lanes – connected (right now it’s not safe)

Pedestrian only streets for a day or afternoon

Cycling/walking city
Heated sidewalks in winter so seniors will get out
Walking streets: huge consequences for tour buses.
I like to have more walking facilities: like Barrington is very congested and busy streets, and hard to walk in.
We should encourage ppl to walk more and less transportation
Pedestrian walkways and overpasses, pedways – work with the green space.
Portland Street – pedestrianize it and close to traffic.

Improved priorities: improve trails/bike lanes instead of stadium (diverts funds into more practical areas)
Longer jogging trail on the waterfront, improvements to trails, better for getting from A to B
Yay for transit bike racks!
Active transportation bike trails (ATT) should be encouraged.

Expanded boardwalk.
Again, being able to get there easily and improved pavements for walking - less traffic
Also focus on improving bike and pedestrian friendly pathway network beyond the north end, like Dartmouth from the Ferry Terminal to Alderney, what fun!
better bike lanes
Better pedestrian and cycling access to the area.
better way lining for pedestrians and cyclist
Better winter clearance of sidewalks to allow people to walk.
bike connections
Bike lanes
Bike lanes
Bike lanes
Bike lanes and walking paths.
Bike lanes.
Bike parking stations and quick repair stations.
Bike rentals and repair stations.
Bikes
biking trails
Easier bike access.
I just desperately want downtown to be more walkable. This city bends over backwards catering to vehicles, it’s awful. Our culture of having to park right in front of the final destination has to change and pedestrians have to be seen as more than just a nuisance. I’m tired of feeling like a second-class citizen because I choose to walk everywhere.

Improved bike lanes
Improved bike lanes
Improved bike lanes

Invest in AT for safety and healthy lifestyles. Better bus AT connections.

Keep going with the bike improvements

Less cars, more pedestrians
Make it easier to get there and back without a car. Specifically -- much, much better bike lanes. (Look at Montreal.)
Make it more bike and people friendly.
Making downtown more accessible for people who do not have vehicles. Plowing sidewalks more quickly.

More pedestrian friendly areas

More pedestrian friendly areas in the downtown.

Safer and better marked bike lanes along roadways.
Separate bike lanes to facilitate access.

The walking and multi-use trail around Lake Banook needs to be completed up on Crichton Avenue..... there isn’t even a sidewalk! Please. A few signs to guide people up from the ferry to this great trail would be helpful.
There absolutely have to be protected cycletracks for all ages and abilities going into downtown, and then sufficient bike parking downtown for when people get there. (Yes, you told me you were looking for "easy to implement" ideas. But making downtown the vibrant hub it deserves to be isn't necessarily going to be "easy").

Walkways connectivity.

Walkways in the downtown.

Bright + painted crosswalks.

Painting cross walks where citizens think it's needed

Cycle tracks for bikes = lane with protective barriers for cyclists = good flow, lights set up for them = says space for cyclists plus pressure of motorists.

Bike Safety – make sure bike paths are salted – take responsibility

I don't believe in bike lanes – I believe in integrating traffic and bikes on the street though proper education of hand signals(bike lanes give falseness of security, they are okay for novice cyclists)

It's really about educating the cyclists and cars to learn to integrate and safe traffic flow. Safety awareness.

[Illegible] pedestrian controlled lights at Hawthorne and Prince Albert

Adjust pedestrian traffic signals to make it easier to cross Alderney Drive

Baker Drive bike lane to Woodside Ferry

Finish the multi-use trail between MacDonald Bridge and Alderney Landing

Good pedestrian routes through Leighton Dillmon Park (lit, paved and plowed) to enable pedestrian flow and help kids walk to school

Improve this walk (drawing of ferry to Woodside and walk to Alderney Landing and ferry back to Halifax)

More bike trails

More complete bike lanes

One day when cars are prohibited only bicycles or public transit allowed

Segway friendly

Buffered bike lanes and pedestrian only streets

More bike lanes and walking paths for commuters

More biking paths on streets

More pedways!

More walking friendly paths maintained in winter (not everyone buses)

Segway friendly

Turn SGR and Barrington St. into no-traffic pedestrian only areas - cafes, public spaces etc.

Bike and walk to school

Bike path from Ferry terminal to N. Dartmouth

Bike rental in Dartmouth - go on ferry. Do the trail come back

Boardwalk accessibility and raise awareness about it

Change pedestrian crossings so that you don't have to press button. Wait is wait too long for peds. Traffic lights not synched. Frustration can lead to accidents.

Connect harbourside trail to Trans Canada Trail by Sullivan’s Pond

Connect informal trail with rest of trail

Extend harbourwalk trail from ferry terminal to bridge

I heart Bikes on Dartmotuh side

Low cost, no cost reflective bands for peds

More walkable - bricks are awful, hard on shoes, poor connections, red lights - driving - hit every red light

Bike plan

Bike share program

Bikes lanes is an economic development strategy - people don't need to move quickly DT - the more traffic you have the less likely people will connect

Bixi

bright and painted crosswalks

Cycle tracks for bikes - lane with protective barriers for cyclists = good flow, lights set up for them = safe space for cyclists and pressure off motorists

Easier for pedestrians - close Argyle to cars esp. at night - SGR and Barrington is danger area for walkers

Faster bike lane implementation on Agricola

High quality bikes to share and move

Ped streets

Pedestrian downtown w/out closing streets

Pedestrian streets

Put overhead walkways

Scatter cross walks?

Spring Garden ped only

Street - close and up walk traffic

Why not dedicated bike lanes in roundabouts

Historic pictures to be brought into public spaces. Or historic walks.

Fence in public gardens used for art.

Incorporate music installations in public spaces.

Interesting lighting displays throughout the city. Not so expensive now, with LED lights being affordable to run. Perhaps even make it more of an artistic endeavor. They do this in Iceland... happening now actually. A great time to lift spirits and bring people downtown during the colder, darker months.

Graphic installations and murals: every area has a story behind it so it would be nice if Neighborhoods expressed their histories on murals. Colour is key to beautifying the city! And make it more welcoming.

The addition of a museum would be a wonderful attraction, perhaps a ‘Halifax History Museum' in the current library location (after the new library opens)!

Art alley (like Quebec city) with art displayed for sale on the side of buildings.

Library stalls in Public Garden (like Bryant Park in New York to take books out).

3D art on buildings (Google it for more info)
Functional art (benches, funny bike stand) bike rack that looks like a car
Be a street performance artists.
Bring limelight theatre to aldermey.
Buy an art gallery membership.
Maybe a permanent stage by the oval to draw on musicians and performers to do live shows at the oval.
Participate in theatre and concerts.

Working on community art projects
DART Gallery – good, want to do more with this
museum

Museum of the Atlantic should have a touch pool linking to the Dartmouth museum and free ferry service
promote authentic historic understanding
schools should take advantage of local attractions, museums etc
reach out to schools

Fill vacant store fronts by creative display
More large scale public murals – can be expensive but local artists that can perform at a fairly low cost, brings excitement and vibrancy, publics gardens are happening around Gottingen. Difference between graffiti and art, public art is not graffiti. Installing small scale billboards on different street corners, alderney, queen octerloney, Portland – art that is changed by local artists about 3 times a year. Interspersed with public spaces to sit. Smaller seating at the installations.

Opportunity right now to combat a negative perception of the downtown Dartmouth area – TAKE ADVANTAGE of the Roy building closing and other business that are housing artists and incubator businesses – and bring them to Dartmouth, Portland street, get Portland street to open its doors to these displaced artists and bring an art community to Dartmouth.

Entertainment: Artificial surf break in harbor
Public art that is accessible to everyone and that has more integrity and effort put into it, not passive art (i.e. the wave). Higher scrutiny/ peer review of public art

For kids – Discovery Centre, Museum, Wave
art galleries for local artists.

Open Georges Island (example of Albatraz in San Francisco) Ocean is the most important thing (to die for!) would people downtown in order to get to downtown

Toy library is awesome!
more artistic expression engage them to help revitalize the culture of downtown
More signage to showcase our history (both the good and the mistakes)

carousel downtown
Support vibrant artist community.
More music on the streets/free outdoor concerts on the weekends. The noon hour concerts are good in Grand Parade but not very much on weekends when you could attend with family and friends.

A new Art Gallery on the waterfront!

Aquarium
Art gallery become more accessible i.e better marketed and more central role in the downtown.

arts centre with studio space and equipment for rent (restoring the khyber),
Better care of HRM historic buildings like the Khyber on Barrington.

busking in DT Dartmouth.
concert venue,
cultural centre,

Dartmouth waterfront art walking trail - art installations from Dart Ferry Terminal to Woodside Terminal.

Have more music related events here.

Have music playing in the background (speakers at various locations) throught the summer/fall months along the waterfront, Spring Garden, Alderney Landing (NOT top 40 stuff, good jazz, maritime music, local artists!!!)

history walks
Interesting interpretive signage - so much history!

Low cost or free entertainment
More funding for Nocturne, offer once a month May - October.

more live music;

more murals; art installations (like the desk/eraser in front of Greenvale), projection and light shows on prominent buildings,
more music playing,

More outdoor music more often.

more public art

More public demonstrations to show the beauty. Take advantage of talent here.

More public outdoor concerts.

More public performance spaces for orchestras and good music groups are needed too, like the Halifax Music Co-op's Vesuvius group: http://thehmc.bandcamp.com/

more scuptures and art installations.look at portland Oregon for examples of what can be done... They are progressive in so many ways- a great example for HRM to follow.

More street art/music/sculpture/performance at all times of day and night.

Movie theater showing arts films i'm downtown.

Music, art, beautification projects

My number one is a free, public, interactive art installation along the Dartmouth waterfront. We also need a hub of affordable creative and performance spaces. And let's keep the Halifax Wave, shall we? Or relocate it. But it must stay. Need an aquarium for visitors and locals.

Nocturne draws more people to the downtown streets at night than anything I've seen since moving here 15 years ago.

Outdoor movie screenings.

Outdoor movies along Dartmouth waterfront in the summer!
outdoor music in summer.

outdoor music venue on the water.

Outdoor theatre amphitheater.

planned graffiti art;

Protect heritage. Develop in a sympathetic way to maintain culture and beauty.

Public art in public spaces.

Public art sculpture trail

street music,

The lack of a venue for major cultural events shows how much of a backwater Halifax is. The Metro Center is not a concert hall.

Keep heritage buildings.

Functional art (benches, funky bike stand).

More public art/murals

create more artist space downtown

subsidize arts, local artists

Interactive art

Permanent stage in garrison ground

Public library

more colour! Art!

Bilingual interpretation of important sites for these communities.

Garrison – 78th at the Citadel. Understand the story of how those groups were colonized. Conquered peoples coopted into serving the empire. Gaelic speaking regiment.

Incorporate other cultures and ideas as places and buildings are renovated.

Legislature – as a central landmark, is not reflective of the diversity of the city, and something that reflects the diversity of the province’s Mi’kmaq, Acadian, African Nova Scotian and Gaelic community, Irish, Lebanese, GermanDutch communities. Reflects only the people who built it – Colonialism.

Linguistic diversity, creative ways of including multiple languages – it is a multilingual city that is not seen visually.

Art bikers, popup community art space

Venue for graffiti and public art/painting

City needs to be more active in promoting the arts that already happen DT (more promotion to local market, not tourists).

Eliminate prop. Tax for arts/culture entities in the downtown.

Performing arts centre.

Dartmouth Library – use space for meetings, discussions, and improve availability of books, articles, etc

A cultural or arts centre

a new, purpose built home for our Museum as part of the culture cluster at Alderney

A stadium! (I’m starting to get a little more expensive here.)

Accessible, affordable opportunities to create and present art, and performing arts.

Artistic opportunities to create do art

Better artists for concerts and more "arts" activities. i.e art work shows

Build an arts centre - for film, visual arts, concerts.

Entertainment

Get that new D.H. museum built! Also, what about a movie theatre?

Give AGNS some funding or space to create a photography museum - the recent endowment could be the start of making us a photography lovers destination - people will come here to see this exhibition, maybe more endowments will happen if this one is handled really well

I would like to see more of the historic buildings open to the public, along with tours, similar to the open Halifax weekend last summer. Some of the buildings have a remarkable history, which I don't know, because I'm not from here.

Make downtown the cultural hub of the city

More art.

More arts and culture spaces.

More bucking and on street entertainment.

more concerts at Alderney stage

More direct routes by bus and bikeways to the large variety of HRM recreational, arts, cultural, and historic landmarks.

More international movies

More public art

more public art

More street entertainers

more theatre/live art

music on the waterfront on a regular basis.

Music, live music - all music all the time ....beyond The Carlton and a few remaining pubs. The Grand Parade, the new Library,

Outdoor movie nights are a great idea as well.

Showcasing local artists. Having craft activities in the neighborhood as well as murals. More color in the downtown.

Strengthen the status of the historic buildings, make people feel that the building s at both side are worth stop for enjoying.

The small, free music concerts on the dock last summer were wonderful. Do that again (but not on Thursday). Get that Multicultural Festival back in Dartmouth.

Murals to fill space

Museum of the Atlantic should have a touch pool linking to the Dartmouth museum and free ferry service

Community arts

Music brings people together carolers

Exhibits Photo Portraits on Portland

Support local artists

Music venues.

Support heritage buildings.
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<td>As a business owner, just being able to offer the services my patrons ask for within the neighborhood we do business, giving more reason for more people to move into and closer to the urban center, will make all areas of Peninsula Halifax more vibrant and livable; how could this not make for a more vibrant downtown?</td>
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| I could make a greater effort to go downtown instead of to the larger shopping centers. Something I would do with physical and infrastructure improvements to the landscape and buildings and an expansion within the business community for “destination shopping opportunities”.

I try to shop downtown, but there are few stores and some are not open when I need them (after 5pm). The year-round fresh produce store in Alderney Market is a BIG improvement, and my wife and I shop there.

Offer services like food options in the market |
<p>| Open business full time. |
| Run own business in the downtown. Continue to expand business operations in the downtown core. |
| Start a local business downtown. |
| support local business |
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| Support local businesses. Spread the word |
| Smaller local grocery stores |</p>
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<td>Open until late businesses.</td>
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<td>Could be better with restaurants/patio culture</td>
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<td>Seems to be monopoly on vacant retail spaces and entrepreneurs had trouble to find accommodations for their business.</td>
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<td>make signage of businesses more appealing not in your face</td>
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<td>need a department store downtown for basic stuff</td>
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<td>Convention center, cold and impersonal, make sure have stores on the ground level to keep activity following.</td>
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<td>Incentives to get more businesses and organizations into downtown spaces/buildings. I hate seeing the wonderful historic buildings empty.</td>
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<td>Agricola and Gottingen Streets are both bustling with people in the evening hours going to discover the new amazing restaurants they hold. I wish downtown Dartmouth had something like this happening to bring some crowds.</td>
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<td>allow an evening market (local artists) to open on Bedford Row.</td>
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<td>allow bring your own wine at restaurants (no corking fee),</td>
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<td>Allow external signage for businesses located inside Alderney Gate - e.g., Biscuit Lips Lunches.</td>
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<td>allow for more food trucks in busy work areas e.g. sth park st intersection with spg garden rd.</td>
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<td>Allowing restaurant patios to expand further into the streets.</td>
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<td>also, lower taxes for businesses in the downtown (property tax or perhaps income tax subsidy/ rebate for businesses in specific geographic area) to encourage more businesses to be downtown instead of business parks. Encourage businesses to be here, and people will follow.</td>
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<td>Attract more store front businesses (including big brand names and chains), there needs to be a better balance between getting people downtown to live and providing services for those people living there. As a person who has lived in the downtown core, it is VERY inconvenient to leave downtown to head out to Bayers Lake or Dartmouth Crossing to visit a store or service. To have a ‘vibrant’ downtown there needs to be something going on...not just a bunch of papered over windows.</td>
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Dartmouth market as more flexible

Dartmouth: family friendly cafes, eg a place with an area designated for kids play while parents can have a coffee and meet with other adults while keeping an eye on the kids - very important to get through the winter.

Decent stores; more restaurants

Development positive for the downtown. Nice retail for Portland street boutique retail. Be the sgr of Dartmouth. More promotion.

Encourage businesses to locate downtown.

Encourage late night business in downtown Dartmouth like bars etc. Create events for after 6pm. Make getting licenses easier.

Ensure smaller, specialty shops are favoured over chains.

fewer ugly temporary sidewalk decks in front of bars - unless bars are required to make them pleasing to the eye like the Economy Shoe Shop!

floating restaurant,

Food Truck Rally in Parade Square

Food trucks!

Food. Access to more food truck options in one area

Funky stores on Barrington st.

Give downtown merchants a tax break.

Give the small businesses a break on property tax, those little shops add personality!

Have businesses stay open later

I'd like to see more street level retail in downtown dartmouth, especially eating a drinking establishments, a food market/grocery store, and an emphasis on shopping local.

If Portland was a more interesting streetscape with more variety of shops like bookstores and antique shop. Closer grocery store. A workspace facility or incubator for entrepreneurs and artists

Improve store frontage downtown.

Keep the shops local. Don’t raise the rent so high that the local shops have to close and big box stores move in. Downtown Halifax has character, lets keep it that way.

less regulations for food trucks,

License a portion of the boardwalk

Little grocery stores downtown with fresh food.

Market music is great, more seating

More access to local goods.

More business opportunities

more businesses downtown. Barrington is virtually a ghost town

more family oriented restaurants, cheap and cheerful

More good restaurants.

More local businesses downtown

More local shopping choices downtown.

More opportunities for street vendors to set up shop providing more selection to consumers.

More restaurants and bars in downtown Dartmouth

More restaurants and local boutique stores.

More restaurants shops and options

More restaurants; cafes shopping

More retail shops and cafes

more shoppers downtown

More shops and cheaper commercial rent

More sidewalk cafes. Cafés at gazebo.

More stores

more street food would make our downtown experience richer.

more unique coffee shops, pubs, restaurants;

Not having all these closed buildings. I worry about the price of rent downtown being prohibitive. I think of the Hub recently closing, and JustUs barrington. Downtown would feel a lot more appealing if every single building had an active, open storefront. So first of all, we need more people living and working downtown to support more active storefronts (so HRM needs to implement policies to make living and working downtown the cheapest and most appealing option, both from employees and employers'/residents and developers perspectives). Until we get there, I would urge HRM to consider somehow controlling or subsidizing rent downtown. (reducing property taxes??)

Not that many years ago Halifax and Dartmouth amalgamated yet we still choose to separate the two. Old downtown Halifax tries to jam everything into that space yet Old Downtown Dartmouth is slow to attract real Buisness. If we are going two be Amalgamated then let’s do that so everything doesn’t have to be jammed in to Old Downtown Halifax.

Offer municipal tax incentives for business owners to spruce up storefronts adjacent to sidewalks.

Open air cafes,

Open air farmers market

organize fun roof top patio activities (i.e. at the markets)

Outdoor cafe in the summer along the waterfront

outdoor cafés in the winter too, if Quebec City can do it we can too! Music at these cafés and a fire to toast marshmallows would bring a community feel. Keep it clean and in good repair.

reduce table fees at market

Restaurants and sustainable retail.

Restaurants in the summer with patios

Revitalize Barrington street (or make rent more affordable for businesses).

Right now being in either of the downtowns feels like a constant game of chicken with racing traffic. Bylaws that require new developments whether residential or business in the downtown to have street front retail/restaurant. This seems to be happening in Halifax but not in Dartmouth.

Saving the independent food providers in Scotia Square is key.

Seeing more businesses downtown.

Shops
Shops that are unique and interesting’ e.g. local crafts, perhaps a bakery with a sidewalk cafe
Sign promoting local businesses Dartmouth market
Small kiosks selling crafts, goods, etc on the Dartmouth side;
Stop killing local businesses.
Stuff outside a Saturday shops
Support businesses to keep open.
thai restaurant/record store/brewery/another cheese curds in d/t dartmouth
Venue for bartering goods. More outside vendors and activities.
Walk up shopping
We need more businesses and more variety like halifax
More sitable café
Need more small business
Café or tea room around Sullivan’s Pond
North woodside school could be beautified with some shops and boardwalk.
Something more in Dartmouth other than TIBS and the Wooden Monkey
Even a small corner store that could expand
Jazz bar / bistro
LOCAL Grocery store on Portland!! (x3)
Ma Bell Café – Ootherloney
More restaurants / pubs to bring people down after work
Nice coffee shop in Kings wharf – walk a long distance, but people don’t know about it
Room for more shops – different environments
TIBS – there is a need for cafes and services, demonstrates the demand
Woodside – needs a grocery store
A lot of places close after the lunch rush – improve hours.
Better independent shops: food, bakery, delis
Pedestrian mall. (Alderney and Portland)
Affordable eating
Nightlife (affordable!) And restaurants that are open
Pubs, music, free/low cost
Social partnership: business people working with nonprofits [socially resposible developments].
Encourage those conversations and innovations and partnerships
Tables in restaurants that are conducive to conversation
Too hard to get businesses started and keep them successful/profitable (too high taxes?)
Encouraging business to relocate
Expand Farmers’ Market to at least one day during the week
If there was a mall on the Dartmouth waterfront with music and food
More food markets
Bring more shops and grocery stores to downtown. Malls and Big Box Stores sucked life out of downtown...
More seating and vendors etc in downtown for people to meet.
Better integration of big name stores plus independent stores in downtown, may need to relax zoning.
Need services (watch fixing, craft store ) plus more businesses.
Make it easier for businesses to rent/rent out to other businesses.
tasting tours with restaurants a dedicated night in the city showcasing aspects of downtown
More youth engagement and jobs
Having more emphasis on small businesses around the oval.
Eliminate or less red tapes for food trucks
Food trucks restricted. Some relaxation and accessible areas should b given.
allow businesses to take up sidewalk/parking spaces in front
if items of particular (shopping needs) are met downtown
Invitations form businesses, property owners with art or green spaces (i.e. green roofs) to the public to enjoy the space or art.
Dogfriendly places: stores and restaurants.
Flower shop
Get rid of the pawn shop on Portland st: threatening, associated with criminal activity
Hardware store close by
Inventory of downtown business association
More neighbourhood pubs, walk home after a glass of wine
Refillable container grocery store/bulk store (dishwashing soap, laundry detergent)
Sharedbusiness space of multiple businesses working together=lower rent
Things close by that you would otherwise have to drive far away to get to (ex. Shoe repair shop)
more small independent businesses that draw people in
Free tables at the farmers market (for farmers)
More promotion of DT shops.
Rental increases are driving out small/local businesses.
Food trucks!
affordable cafes and restaurants.
Also relaxed rules for food trucks so there is lots of variety.
An improved selection of retailers. Think Queen St West in Toronto, which has mall-type stores on the street storefronts. This will come as residential development attracts more and more tenants of different income classes requiring services and amenities.
And a good grocery store--maybe Pete's or a branch of that wonderful Montreal store, Adonis.
As mentioned above, more cafés, more stores, more businesses, generally.
Better market, traffic flow
Better shopping.
Better stores.
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Require downtown stores to remain open until 6pm. Some Downtown Dartmouth stores close just when we need them - after 5pm.

Shopping, eating and drinking places little downtown

Sidewalk cafés.

Small businesses remaining in the downtown core

Small cafes. Boutique shopping.

Spend a lot of time here now. More restaurants

The Alderney Gate area could be much more vibrant. Instead of ground floor offices in the Alderney Building, why not business that open onto the street side? What about an exterior entrance to the library at the bottom of Portland Street?, with a courtyard cafe outside.

There are no stores along Barrington or Portland to speak of.....two main thoroughfares and I might suggest looking at Montreal or Europe for answers as to why they are missing from our city...taxes? Parking?? Not sure. We could certainly use more coffee shops to hang out in.

Well built and attractive sidewalk cafes, more street vendors, business incubators, outdoor markets.

Would be awesome if Dartmouth had a coffee shop or something else that is casual, open downtown past 6 to hang out in and meet friends.

Invest and support all local businesses, try something new

integrate local businesses with the neighbourhoods – e.g support local block parties

Buy local even if it is a bit more expensive.

Kill the casino!

Make it easy to have a fast track for businesses who get stuck in red tape.

More foods trucks.

More water front shacks.

Pop up stores (Temporary businesses permits created plus stores promoted).

Shopping under the stars all the time.

Want popup restaurants.

Spend money at local retailers

Spend my dollars downtown

I Love local group

Support downtown busniess eby shop,eat there

Support local business

Sugar Shok started hello Dartmouth

Buy local

I find the DDBC is visible and a good way to connect in

People can do business downtown in the coffee shops etc..

Get to know your shops owners, etc

Shop

Work in downtown core

A centre for trading goods, no money just trade goods

Coffee cafe at Penhorn Mall (shops/goodlife)

Encourage people from Dartmouth to support Dartmouth businesses ala TIBS

Expand local farmers’ markets (someone added "x2!")

Fill up vacant store fronts in Dartmouth downtown - make business accessible for local, small business and keep encouraging people to buy local. We have a great start here!

Foster and support growth of ‘destination shops’ i.e. small business like the Hydrostone

Have a cafe on Sullivan Pond and have the park really lit up at night

Interesting affordable restaurants open in the evenings (not just for lunch).

Let the Dartmouth Farmers Market expand and thrive. Fress, accessible, affordable food in Downtown Dartmouth

Make downtown best place to do business - attract entreprenuers - taxes

Microbrewery

More cafes and little bars

No more bears (might be misspelling of “bars”) on Portland St.

Pedestrianize Lower Portland St. and encourage cafes - bars to outline this street - as for Argyle in Halifax

Support Alderney Landing and the cultural centre they have developed here

Support for Alderney Landing

Support for entrepreneurs

Support revitalization of DT Dartmouth by supporting small businesses and entrepreneurial spirit

The Dartmouth Farmers Market has been going on for centuries we could be much bigger with signage, advertising

Would love a local grocery store in downtown Dartmouth. Miss the one on Pleasant St. and Lower Portland St. Miss the neighbour contact there. Hate hate big box grocery stores.

Bring people to shop in downtown again

Cat Cafe

More shopping (someone added “yes!” :))

Advertise the growth of new business on Portland St. Recognize them on a visible list of shops at each end of Downtown Dartmouth

Alderney market is awesome - have it open during the week

Create biz that supports local people/community

Family - play cafe affordable 10 -15restaurant

Food on the Dartmouth waterfront

Get rid of Jacob’s Lounge

Get ride of guilt of shopping at food banks

Grocery stores - “Food desert”

Keep Celtic Corner

Make it more affordable to open businesses downtown

Make Portland street a pedestrian mall

More cafes to meet friends
| More clothing stores DT | Know that regardless of how Canada sees us, Nova Scotians are the best, most earnest, caring and capable of making real change. It’s time now to show our stripes! Big love, Mark Brand |
| More restos | No cost/low cost = no value. There is enormous value to public space in our downtown; civic value, citizens value. |
| Shopping expensive - department store - hai shop | Dartmouth getting better |
| Sittable cafe [illegible] type spaces, sidewalk patios | It’s not going to be perfect but focus on better |
| Work in Burnside much rather work downtown | NS are amazing people |
| Affordable smaller commercial spaces in areas with high pedestrian count - Canadian Tire laydown area for | Ambassador of good will |
| more containers pop ups | Be an ambassador. |
| Attract shoppers to downtown | Be positive, |
| Better integration of big name stores and independent stores in downtown - may need to relax zoning | Be warm and friendly. Be open to interaction with other people. |
| Cat cafe | Engage my neighbors |
| CPS - Sea container manufacturer in Dartmouth | Ensure that I and others around me respect our public spaces and keep them clean; talk positively about my downtown and hope that others spread the word |
| Food truck restrictions - relaxation, eliminate red tape | Promote our fantastic city to friends and family around the world. |
| Jobs - up pay | Smile and say hello! Help keep it clean, put garbage where it belongs. Tell family and friends about great experiences that have been had in both Downtown cores. |
| Kill the casino! It kills businesses and pub crawls and promotes addiction | Smile at people on the street. |
| Likes: good restaurants good shopping | Stay connected to the community |
| Lower rent to encourage businesses | Talk to everyone and be interested in what people have to say. Get to know my neighbors. |
| Make it easy ro have a fas track for businesses who get stuck in red tape | Encourage participation in events like today. |
| Markets are good | Keep our youth! |
| More food trucks | Motto: Great place to visit a terrific place to live. We need to make it this way! |
| More waterfront shacks | looking for gathering spaces outdoor |
| Need services (watch fixing, craft stores) and more businesses | more street parties! |
| Open until late - businesses (including retail) stay open until 12am on weekends in the downtown core, support with street parties | Happiness through strong positive social interaction. |
| Pop up stores (temporary businesses) permits created and stores promoted | Happy cities, need for this process to continue on a monthly basis. Brings a lot of people that wouldn’t normally talk. Sense of community. |
| Provide businesses on ground level | An easier idea might be to better highlight the neighbourhoods downtown - for example like mine, Irishtown or Schmidtville - and have street name signage and public art projects specific to those area. I just think we can do a much better job defining neighbourhoods and celebrating them in the larger context of “downtown” or “peninsula”. |
| Retail street level - year round outdoor seating | More opportunity for community building, ability to integrate different age groups and interests. |
| Scotia Square kills our streets | Portland Street & Barrington Street walks of fame highlighting the stars of HRM. |
| Shopping under the stars all the time | Meet friends and have a coffee |
| Supporting retail downtown | Have places where people and communities can meet. |
| Want pop-up restaurants | Community oriented; |
| Year round exterior commercial space | Get over the negative Dartmouth stigma: be more proud!, buttons “I heart Dartmouth” “Stay Calm, live in Dartmouth” |
| thank you for hosting the feb 8 event. Although I was not able to make I am grateful for the opportunity. Be thankful for what exists and for the minds that are working to make it even better. | Proud to live in Dartmouth |
| If you can walk – it’s Downtown. That’s why we love it – we can walk. | Think about Halifax and Dartmouth as one, not separate events |
**We need to adopt a more thoughtful attitude toward management of existing infrastructure.**

For example, it is a bad idea to shut off established and well used access to the Alderney ferry terminal from south Dartmouth by way of the waterfront and TransCanada trails for nearly three months (so far) without any apparent reason why a safe corridor could not be established through the construction area. During the same period access to the newly restored waterfront park playground has been effectively denied. This kind of cavalier attitude to public and pedestrian needs does not instill confidence in the responsiveness of HRM to services for its citizens. What effect does this have on encouragement of transit use?

**Take ownership of some of the issues**

- "There’s literally nothing more I can do to promote DT/"
- We’re already the coveted. We need to feel like a partner with the city/council.

**The city needs to have less public consultations on too many issues going on at the same time.**

**People get overwhelmed and confused.**

- The economy of a city is a complex organism, buzzwords like “red tape” don’t help in what must be a measured give and take discussion.
- Do not like roundabouts for pedestrians

**Downtown not people friendly**

- High end buildings for Toronto market destroy wind patterns increase pollution [illegible] more stagnant. Rise in pollution/density havok with traffic

**Horrible**

- I disapprove of this public takeover of a successful market place at the expense of the volunteer run [craig] art gallery and the much needed incomes of the farmers and sellers that made this venue successful

**Poor maintenance**

- Seaport area a white elephant

**Short sighted approach not sustainable**

- Woodside elevator - fixed after a month - not fast

- Since moving here 3-4 weeks ago, I have been “lost” several times

**Create events in our downtown store, Argyle Fine Art for the public to engage in.**

- Pedestrian only street fair – one day a week in the summer. (Barrington and Portland street) involve more artists more people from the community – felt too empty but overall it has been a big success – need to build on this opportunity!

**Programing that encourages people to take walks on the streets could be done more frequently.**

- Check out Vienna’s christmas stalls (they sell hot wine, not likely here!) but people stroll, sip, shop – it’s very pleasurable.

- Graffiti festival.

**More winter activities on Citadel Hill’s lawns,**

- Sidewalk chalk decorating party

**Attend events that are hosted and sell business products.**

**Attend events. Promote through word of mouth.**

**Community events**

- Go listen to the public speakers at the public speakers’ corner.

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**Be friendly**

**Interact with community members**

- talk to ppl around you not being afraid to engage with people in day to day life – make city more welcoming/inviting

**Respect diversity**

Respect everyone. Developing good behavior

**Get familiar with neighbourhood**

Pride in downtown Halifax

**Random acts of affection**

Support those you know

**People are happier with more activities - more [illegible]**

I already shop there and eat there...i could smack a few architects upside the head perhaps... and tell them All about what beautiful means...ie not concrete blocks.

**Not leave for Toronto....but it's too late for that. There are no jobs here besides entry level stuff and there is no spirit of entrepreneurship.**

- Without those things, nothing else really matters.

**Remind people that we have gone through many of these idea generating charades in the past 15 years. They are meaningless unless there is a real process and political courage to execute them.**

- There are plenty of great ideas yet to be implemented. Executing and drafting new policy is where the work needs to be done. HRM bureaucracy needs an enema. The last thing we need is more ideas theatre, to mask the real inaction. The last city design consensus said that green belting for HRM was the number citizen request. Where are we with that? Stop dreaming and roll up your sleeves HRM. We need action on our ideas.

**Sounds like a you problem.**

Feels dead – not enough people

**North end Dartmouth needs some thought and some help**

Stop talking and DO

- community trying to help out but stuck;

- Don’t commercialize Dartmouth Commons

**Eliminate bureaucracy officials to get things done**

- Our pop culture needs to grow up, along with our population.

**Disjointed, concern for Barrington. Quality of services and planning**

- Get away from booze and food... low wage jobs. Need for well paid jobs

- Hollis street is full of trucks

we need to do more to bring people downtown

**Bureaucrats need to be on board, starting with yes, so things will move faster.**

Dr. No! Is no coming from legislation, or just an attitude? More awareness of how the system works. Listen to common sense. Make rules more compact, more flexible, consolidate them. Have them control only the end result.

**Dartmouth is the forgotten side**

Stop talking, start doing!
Making presence at events
participate ;community events
Switch Open Streets! Frequently: gets people to realize what’s out there and exposed to new places
Activities to get people out and engaged in dwtn area
Close Portland street off for a month, sidewalk tables, community engagement, events, activities, festivals, booths, seating.
Do a survey of WHO is coming to our events like buskers? Is it locals or tourists? The thought is that its just tourists and its not as marketed towards locals, they don’t know anyone when they go downtown during those events.
SWITCH Open street – 3 times a year, attract people, spring summer and fall – this could be a part of the mural initiative. People LOVE open public art and being able to PARTICIPATE in the making of the public art!
Events, festivals, make downtown more like waterfront.
less commercialization of event
need more events like nocturne – more fluid and encompassing more space make more of a downtown connection
Block closure for entertainment, food, etc
City Mayor allows street enclosure And Street festivals
Make use of space in schools – gymnasium and outdoor space for a variety of events for community involvement.
Close some streets one day for walking (e.g. saturday evening) like switch it would create awareness and increase sense of community run into people face to face
Events draw people – need more events to bring critical mass
Have late night shows to encourage people to go to.
A free hot chocolate stand or even a free hot chocolate day in the city to liven up the downtown tour during the winter
Activities downtown, closing down the streets – bring people downtown.
Busking events during the winter along the boardwalks – activities like snow sculpture and ice sculpture competitions, snow forts, organized activities.
Show gratification for the people that do show up at events with warm hot chocolate
More Concerts and Festivals
Size of space matters when considering activity. Having yoga on pier at Purdys Wharf is okay if there is a large group but doesn’t work for smaller groups because atmosphere is important)
Sidewalk chalk decorating party.
Outdoor movies - especially for kids/families! The AFF outdoor films is great but they only show 1 family movie for the season.
More events where you can block off a street. It makes for great festival atmosphere regardless of the what the event is.
A wall of functions; tall ships
an app that people can submit their events to there are so many great things happening but it’s hard to know about all of them.
close a street and have a street party/dance,
Community events like switch.
evening light shows;

Events for the community
events like switch, Dartmouth -
Fair in the summer.
Family oriented events, safer, more police presence especially in market area
festivals free
Have more free events for citizens. Outdoor movies in the summer on the Dartmouth waterfront.
Full street closures on Octerlonely for events like the tree lighting. Why have the street open on the very corner where the tree lighting occurs?
Have more public events downtown of all kinds - cultural, artistic, heritage etc. and not only during the summer months.

have more street festivals (i.e. salsa fest), allow businesses to invest,

Hold Switch Open Streets weekly - it's awesome!
In winter, there could be out-door competitions like making a snowman. Exhibition of ice crafts ( creative stuff made of ice).
Make events more accessible.

More activities
More community events,
More event space,
More live music. More events.
More night-time activities in Dartmouth
More outdoor events in the downtown.
more small spaces to rent for events
More sports events, theater
More street events vending
More variety...change annual events at least bi annually so family outings aren’t the same old repetitive bouncy castles.
musical nights over the weekend.

Open air festivals and attractions in public spaces (Commmons, Point Pleasant Park, waterfront, North End) outside July-August window when many people are away at cottages
outdoor movie nights;

spot lights or light shows,

switch is great and should happen more often

Switch programs.
the hrm programs are great, nocturne events are great, alderney landings are as well so more of those
use citadel hill for events

Used to do picnic in aldermen parking lot .. bring it back. Vendors did well. Something on Sundays to bring people downtown.
We have some great events happening in the city, but with the lack of parking/transportation I rarely attend things in town.
We need more cultural events as well. I live in Eastern Passage, and there is nothing offered in that very busy community for people to do.

Youth events
More events to bring people in – they will see what is possible, what can happen

Events: including buskers, designated area for musicians, street performers, artists) this could be in all sorts of public places for example around ferry terminal.

Love the events at the public library

Concerts

Festivals

Leverage festivals such as Jazz festival

having more festivals that activate the city like pop explosion/dead of winter

make nocturne last past midnight and have more street closures to allow interaction and allow conversations

winterlicious/summerlicious like in Toronto

Allow street closures for big street events on weekends (ie. Spring Garden/Quinpool)

more public events and more chances for growth

CBC – concert in a tent, with fireworks on the waterfront. Let’s see more of that. Used Commons, City Hall, Waterfront.

Multicultural festival should be in Dartmouth.

Community events – outdoor galleries, crafts,

Free concerts for the public and movie screenings.

Any type of event that’s brings people downtown, better free transportation during events

at various times close lower Portland Street to traffic to have pedestrian access to a "street fair" which many residents enjoyed when it was tried as a pilot last year

Concerts, anything where streets are blocked off or socializing

Encourage events that reach broad audiences and keep people downtown to explore and spend money.

Enhancements will create themselves provided the correct policies are in place. An example would be a coherent policy for street closures. There does not exist a body or process to streamline approval for event street closures. Most major cities have this. HRM does not. The current process is full of administrative barriers and direct costs for even organizers.

Events,

Festivals

Have festivals reach beyond the waterfront to Spring Garden, Gottingen and up to the Commons.

I live outside the city and I think more outdoor rock concerts (especially free ones) would make me spend more time down town. I usually don’t make my way to the downtown when I am not at work.

More activities that bring people from Halifax to Dartmouth

More amenities & community events, and in downtown Dartmouth

More community events like concerts.

More concerts

More dedicated public events like Nocturne

More events

More events and festivals that are aimed at bringing people into the downtown at night – Nocturne is a good example. This year’s was perfectly vibrant and wonderful. So many people out and about.
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I already pick up garbage when I see it along the streets of the south end and spring garden. isn't this the cities job? |
I like to help people who don't know the area or transit system by assisting them with directions. I would love to be a tour guide of sorts once I retire. (Several years to go). |

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I can volunteer more; invite people to downtown Dartmouth more frequently; continue to foster partnerships between Park Avenue Community Oven and DT Dartmouth businesses, market vendors, etc. |
Participate and volunteer at local events (Jazzfest, FUSION Halifax, Design review boards for proposed developments). |

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Remove as much red tape from bureaucracy – and change the attitude from can’t do to try to Do!

Banning smoking on Portland street.

Create sign laws.

No smoking on public streets

Encourage public community gardens. Allow people to do this. Cut red tape.
downtown is expensive, needs to be more reasonable – subsidize more

City council needs to be free to talk/act about DT as a special place.

Amend sign laws that allow more imagination in style and location in and around sidewalk level businesses.

Vibrant and fun! Reduce enforcement make it more like New Orleans and make it easy for small business

Make it easier to have public events (permits organization).

Support density bonusing

The Mayor can champion ideas

Support bylaws to encourage downtown revitalization

Remove red tape that stops great ideas from happening

Ban smoking on Portland St.

Get drugs of Portland!

No exceptions to existing rules

Going from "no" culture to "yes" culture - government just do something - apologise later

Quick fixes need political will

Continue to live downtown

Continue to live here, use devices and pay taxes

Encourage homeowners

I have lived worked and played in downtown dartmouth and have been very sad to see the decline of the area over the years. I think it has a lot of offer and would do well to have more people living in the area to support the businesses. I would like to one day move back into the area again.

live
Live here

Good building designs to live in, affordable for students,

Affordable living downtown family.

More development to attract people. You can maintain the historic feel, but move forward too.

More people living downtown, affordable living to bring more demographics of people

Need an affordable housing strategy to bring people in.

Student housing (affordable)

Alternate levels of care for seniors, in Quingate apartments.

Building don’t have any greenery, high rents

Have more people living downtown

Taller buildings in downtown areas (it is more residential). Must have parking space and how it ties into other areas in the neighbourhood. A slender little tower and not a monolithic structure.

More housing in downtown

Zoning issues. People living in commercial buildings (Portland street)

affordable housing

tiny houses

Affordable housing options

Affordable housing Stop the highrises

Allow the core to be dense and well designed. Its a disgrace.

Allowing and encouraging more residential developments would bring more people to the core;

Also convert aldermen gate to residential

Ban frat house blight with crappy steel entry doors and treated wood balconies on historic shingle.

Ban vinyl siding, look at Montreal, coming back from the brink with controls.

Getting rid of citadel ramparts legislation so buildings can be talker and we could have even more densely populated area of our downtown.

High density residential.

Increase density, while limit building height adjacent to neighbourhoods - don’t alienate the people who have chosen to live downtown and love it!

Mixed residential/commercial buildings. Not just new condos.

More family friendly housing, affordable rent. I would love to see an investor who purchases several storefronts and restores these buildings, creating character and practicality. The investor’s upgrades would also include roughing in shops/spaces with particular services our community is asking for and needs. Rather, than charging inflated rents and leaving all leasehold improvements for the tenant. If the tenant is local small entrepreneur they most likely will struggle to make it past the first year. Having true ethical coaching and funds to support small entrepreneur's interest with a realistic vision of what can be accomplished in five years when you don’t have a huge backer. Otherwise, we have lost business to the big box and need to get in our car to access services.

More people living downtown.

More residential.

Need more people living there - make it easier for residential developments. Help/encourage developers trying to maintain heritage buildings rather than making it difficult/impossible.

Mandate/direction of Heritage Advisory Committee has to be re-thought.

Queen square needs to be converted to residential.

Residential buildings in the downtown core so that it is not a ghost town after 5 pm. This way more services/shops/clinics would be needed and therefore more life!

More affordable housing (NOT KINGS WHARF)

Student housing at NSCC

CANNOT push out people from downtown to bring in “better” people, Use the people who are here!!

Better and more affordable housing in downtown.

Need living space downtown.
Increase Residential

Change habits different mentality of living downtown
If Queen Square could be changed into some residential units

Need more young families living downtown – not moving outside of the city – Agricola/hydrostone area is an example
Already work and live downtown

And more nice condos...one question I have is why the new buildings are so butt ugly??
Can’t we try to encourage architectural beauty instead of the usual halifax utilitarian look??
Like Victoria has buildings with water flowing down the sides into a basin and into a park area.....
we have well, nothing much...except bishops landing....the library is ok but not really very beautiful just funky.

Friends who live here.

Honestly, I would live down town in a heartbeat and spend all of my time there if it wasn’t so darn expensive to buy/rent.

I live downtown

I moved from Downtown because we could’t afford the rent to live there anymore.

I would prefer to live in Halifax, instead of Middle Sackville, however, the rents charged for even a bachelor apartment, are far more than what my three-bedroom mobile home monthly lot rent and expenses are. I own it, and, I have a dog and cat. If I lived here, I'd spend more time walking around downtown.

More affordable condos

More living here.

More people on the street at night, which means more living units downtown.

more families downtown

Live in downtown core

Affordable downtown apartments

Bring people to living in downtown again

Good housing mix-low/middle income incomes apartments don’t crowd low income people out!
Homes Depot 2nd floor, low rise condos above, small businesses at street level

Affordable family living downtown

Allow pets in residential

I'm In... for a place that feels responsibility for each other (extended family, our neighbours) how?
Do density bonusing - empathy bonusing, social enterprise bonusing

More affordable housing

Need living space downtown

Residential [illegible] is weak - tax preference for DT residents - tax holiday for residents
Residential => allows business - tax preference
Residential increase tax preferential for them

The less activity you have in a block, the less likely people will stay

cleaner, Granville st is always lined with garbage. Parking lots are ugly, encourage owners to make it look nicer.
Construction always going on

Dirty, rusty, dusty, dirty sidewalks and sitting areas. Lots of litter. Make HRM smoking free.

How about a big tower, maybe like the Skylon Tower in Niagra Falls, not like the CN tower, but still high enough to take in the harbour mouth, Lawrencetown to peggy’s Cove.... would be a huge tourism draw, first for ATL Can.

More open spaces to eat and socialize

Offering what the public is looking and being able to provide that services.

Perhaps better access to the waterfront. Improve buildings already in the city and maintain heritage – not allow high rise buildings; visitors come here because of the maritime history.

Street light is too high

Free wifi downtown (make Walmart in Bayer's Lake pay or it, don't tax downtown to bring services to Bayer's Lake) (this would help with the parking issue, with the people who study and work in cafes or public spaces).

Infrastructure expenditures within the downtown core

More thought put into the design of buildings

Signage for everything like bike paths or public transit signs or directing to areas like beeches or parks

Access to the water is difficult – if you had access under the bridge, plus a boardwalk (from Lye to Aldeney landing) 24 hour zone – open alcohol – attract tourists

assess current assets and see if they meet community needs and how they could be reassessed shared “tool library” is coming...need more coops to support small businesses” promote church tours

need public toilets

take better care of public attractions

Congregational space where people can gather, podium, where people can sit in a circle and look at each other, not just benched on the side, outdoors, benches that are face each other to talk to each other (PUBLIC PLAZA)

Space between community college and Kings wharf

Intersections move people, let them move faster, easier, and make it INTERESTING along the way.

Make the town square an actual town square – use it.

Vibrancy – CHAOS is good. Use all of the space downtown – Victoria park set up cafes outside, cold drinks, beer, food – you could do tha tin the middle of the roundabout. Provide experiences for city dwellers as well as entreprenurail opportunities – dynamic alive better uses of spaces.

Use our resources (harbor is a common area on both sides should have lots of similar things for children and adults on both sides.

Center for volunteer opportunities

Focus for other seasons, not just summer.

make services more accessible to downtown (service NS) – because they are not downtown anymore, perception is that downtown is not important anymore

need more congregation space between waterfront and upper half

open public space
Space to use (like hub) maybe in Library
Better facilities for childcare.
Get going on center plan, have a future plan so things can start to happen. Centerpiece for development.
Halifax, from a city planner. Been here 7 times. City center is discombobulated. The waterfront is the only thing that ties the city together. Eventually discovered the small areas, spring garden road, commons. Says the buildings feel cold and impersonal on Duke Street. Wants to know why (!) isn’t part of regional center.
More access to water body in south
use paint to pilot ideas (eg bike lanes, roundabouts, road closures
Barrington needs a community space where you can hang out. Parade square doesn’t cut things.
Sidewalk clearing – better, but before some people never shoveled their walks.
Snow clearing – a good thing the city is doing it.
Public washrooms
Public washrooms
food banks
More of a focus on senior centers, we need to keep young people here so seniors can be supported.
Piazzas, gathering spaces are great for Halifax.
MORE HRM STAFF (PLANNERS ARCHITECTS ARTIST LEADERS!)
need more intergenerational spaces
Free WiFi downtownwide
touch screen directories outside
A longer Dartmouth waterfront.
accessible indoor public spaces for winter use - take advantage of already existing underused spaces by making them more welcoming, more well-known and attractive to a range of demographics
allow development without interference from residents
also, in better weather, ongoing active clean-up of litter to match our now 'clean' Harbour
Better infrastructure and permit process in Dartmouth commons.
Better-maintained sidewalks;
Clean spring garden rs...gone to rack and ruin, dirty.
Clean the filth from the sidewalks. Other large cities have sidewalk cleaning vehicles to clean the sidewalks. Clean the gum, vomit, urine and other filth off our sidewalks. And do it every day! Impose fines on people who post signs to lamp posts and light standards. Take a look at the recently installed light standards around the new public library. They already look like crap.
Clean up the streets (best: ban take away coffee and tea cups! easier than you think).
Clear downtown sidewalks of snow first,
Communal space
Don’t build up the waterfront any further
Donation of municipal buildings as non-profit centres, so multiple (large) non-profits can occupy one space, manage it themselves, and save the government money. I’ve done a feasibility study on this and can share my findings. Saving the building currently occupied by the Khyber Arts non-profit by removing asbestos and reintegrating them into the space, then donating the
space to them for $1 (or small sum).
Expedite sidewalk snow clearing on downtown streets.
Fix potholes.
free WiFi,
free wifi,
Garbage cans
garbage cans,
install more "pole-side garbage garbage cans" on downtown residential streets for dog walkers, pedestrians who walk to and from downtown;
maintain buildings,
Make better public use of the waterfront
Make seating available to the public.
Make signs smaller ie macdonalds
mix of buildings, old and great new designs go well together!
more garbage and recycling bins,
more garbage cans to cut down on street trash,
More informal places to interact with people spontaneously
more programming in public spaces ... need public washrooms in public parks including Dartmouth commons by pizza ovens.
nice pubic places to relax or eat lunch
No smoking on the sidewalks.
Not too many high buildings
Open washrooms for the public.
Park benches or picnic tables in places that are not "parks", with a few basic play structures to encourage picnic outings.
Picnic tables readily available
Pressure on owners on buildings on Portland and clean up
Stop developments based on heights.
trendy tables (see Bryant park in New York) with free wifi,
Washrooms at the Park Avenue Oven in Dartmouth, and more picnic tables and benches.
Wayfinding for pedestrians, cyclists and cars.
We should make Grand Parade a legit city square, which would require moving the monuments/ cenotaph (to either the park in front of the old library - goes well with the Churchill statue - or maybe Victoria Park - not a lot going on there.)
Wi fi everywhere
Free wifi
PUBLIC Washrooms
Incentive to get entrepreneurs/developers that incorporate fair, systemic, equal and considerate housing/developments

Space in buildings for nonprofits

Mixed development

Open Public Spaces

Public space design to hangout safe do to have to spend money

Remove the snow in downtown.

More access to water

Loan facilities for international students to pay huge tuition fee

Municipal WiFi facility for all Halifax

changing streets from oneway to twoway or reverse must have community consultation and must prioritise pedestrians (who are the people who spend money)

don't use asphalt to patch concrete!!!!!

painting drainage grates with reminders of where the trash ends up

Green space through buildings.

Narrower pavement

Smooth sidewalks.

WIFI WIFI WIFI WIFI WIFI!!!!!!

WIFI EVERYWHERE

Should plan community so all stores (i.e. food, grocery) and service (i.e. dentist, doctors, banks) are nearby

public showers

public storage space ie lockers and stuff to put your stuff in if you are biking so you can drop off your backpack and go to a meeting

And it has few advertised public clean washrooms. Washrooms! Where do poor tourists and shoppers go? I'll tell you...No where. Big cities and even small cities with better planners have bathrooms!

Benches!

Better parking/wayfinding signage.

Better signs, especially in dartmouth

Buried power lines on every street downtown + Spring Garden.

Clean streets

Clear sidewalks, benches, clean up garbage

Developing Croswell interchange


Free wifi.

I'm curious as to what the inside of some older government buildings look like. I know there's a day when the public has access to view these buildings, but erg, I missed it. Perhaps this could happen more frequently? I always wanted to see the atrium in the Dominion Building.
| **Designated non-profit queer space, gender neutral washrooms** | nothing |
| Keep sidewalks, streets snow free (someone added "agree fully - Mell Kirkland") | nothing |
| Municipal wifi through the downtown core | Nothing in particular |
| Better sidewalks | Stay in this province if I see signs of hope |
| Clear bike lanes of snow first | Stop reading Tim Bousquet in the Coast and on Twitter. |
| Community spaces | Unknown at this time. |
| Dog friendly street and restos | Work there. |
| Fix things we already have | Focus on a cool corridor that runs from sullivan’s pond down ochetloney, across on a free ferry and up to the clock tower |
| Khyber - need to seal off basement for asbestos so that centre can still function | test things out before we spend large money |
| More garbage containers and frequent collection | A cat at city hall. |
| No infilling of Bedford Basin. Preserve the waterfront | and help the needy |
| Open building encouraging togetherness | Clubs, schools |
| Public bathrooms - kids, ageing population. Businesses have been good but that's a group with limited funds | Community activity hubs - use the Southdale North Woodside Elementary School, slated for closure, as a community hub and business space for daycares, yoga, local businesses and youth engagement/activities/recreation and preserve the greenspace - great coasting hill in winter. |
| Schools as community centres | Funding for the Hub Halifax to operate on a larger scale (we don’t have the population density in the city for the Hub/CSI model to work, yet we have a larger entrepreneurial and arts culture in Halifax that need affordable and versatile work spaces in order to grow). I have research on that to share as well. |
| Sidewalks in rough shape, too old | More interactive inclusive community building workshops with explanations that everyone can understand and relate to. |
| Size, space reflect type of activity | More shared spaces where people can interact with things ... tactile tool library. |
| Street lights are too high | Space for (green space) not more, but places where people can congregate. Parade Square might not be somewhere they can get to, but closer through the neighbourhood. |
| Centralize NSCAD campus locations | The waterfront belongs to the people and we should have access to it |
| Chamber/Service ns back downtown | Distinction between being ‘vibrant’ vs. ‘populated’. |
| Comfortable seating | Affordable |
| Free wifi | Already spend a lot of time downtown |
| Halifax needs to replace missing street signs (at least one set of 2 signs at each intersection) | I already spend all of my time in the downtown core. |
| More comfortable chairs, back rest, armrest, drink holders | I would like to see more things open in downtown Dartmouth on the weekends to make it a destination. |
| more public places | less homeless |
| Move container pier | More accessible healthcare professionals. |
| Roads better paved | Nothing |
| Snow free streets and sidewalks (Ottawa, Toronto do it well) | Spend a lot of time already. |
| Transportation - nooks and crannies off the beating trails | Spend a lot of time already. |
| Using the water more access to the water | assess current assets and see if they meet community needs and how they could be reassessed |
| Winter-friendly spaces, rain-friendly spaces (look to Quebec City w outside fireplace and food shacks) | Plant exchange community greenhouse education |
| We need to have the opportunity to test ideas out for the city. Cheap solutions that Staff will let us accomplish. Leave and see what works in other cities and bring them back with you. | More jobs targeted @ youth. |
| Noise => how does this play a role in the “user” experience - sensitivity to noise pollution – how do we keep vibrancy but cherish peace and tranquility (even in downtown!) | Capitalize on new investments...ie the oval. What can we build on |
| Deliver projects on time, on budget! | |
| I do plenty! | |
| Not a lot | |
Red tape busters within city hall, form a committee with weekly meetings. Positive, polite, respectful and brave.

Little small things can do much

Attend community events – and especially put your money where your mouth is – at some meetings we've been talking about the same issues for years yet nothing has changed and thoughts need to be put into actions effectively.

Appreciate that the soup kitchen is across from Founders Square, both can exist together

It's all the SME that make up the community

We need to focus on our community, neighborhood we are serving

This needs to be more than just a council report.

Stop talk about homelessness and trying to get sound bites and do something about it. – Bill Zebedee

"Speed track" HRM by Design for more and better development downtown

Do the little things: bring back the buskers all over Halifax, don't charge me for sandwich board signs - charge me for the common sign (someone added "very important")

Give panhandlers something to do. Community service

Keep public land in public hands

Teen focus - build on the energy - create opportunities

Assume people want awesome stuff and give it to them

Better Life Foundation

Concerns about infilling Bedford Basin - disrupts wind patterns will increase pollution and make area stagnant. Will play havok with traffic. Building of high end building units for sale to the Toronto market. Jobs are only temporary. Short sighted approach, not sustainable

Go where the people are and give them what they want

Hot beverage good for people

Important to connect with N. Dartmouth because of income bracket.

Keep the environment at the top of the list

Ruined environment jobs go

The city is your laboratory

Work with the community

Build the area!

Consider different ages and cultures - zero one stop strategy

Effect of nature on people

Hugging releases oxytocin - encourage New Yorkers to hug!

Less noise

Panhandlers - give them something to do - community work

People care more about each other after improved social connection

Social interactions improve GDP

We have to support our people

When holding something warm, people open chairbombing

raised planters for pilot parklets (temporary toward permanent)

Downtown playplace.

Edible planters on Portland st (everywhere), Municipal Edible Food Plantings! Trees too!

Add cooking BBQs at parks (i.e. Point Pleasant Park),

Parkettes in place of parking lots,

providing public exercising machines

A winter garden. A "green" space that allows for enjoyment all year round.

Waterfront boat rentals in the summer

Food forest. All around the world food forests are going up in cities and we should too

Ball room - Soul Pancake (Google it)

Public gardens on Citadel Hill sides

Rename parks, community to have a chance to name ownership - connection and fun

Carving clubs and support for downtown.


I frequently visit the Public Gardens so I think I'm a big supporter.

I'm with a group called Start with a Smile and we're all about creating fun happenings for people to get involved with to make Halifax a happier, healthier place! All of our projects, to date, have taken place in the downtown core - Spring Garden Road, Waterfront and Alderney Landing areas primarily. Please visit www.startwithasmile.ca for links to videos of what we've done so far!! Lots of other great ideas we'd love to discuss!! You can reach me at lorelei@startwithasmile.ca

Public recreation spaces.

Any place where you can take advantage of the outdoors.

Boardwalks and Marinas.

Community Gardens.

More dog friendly watering stations, bag disposal, small off leash parks.

better understanding and availability of info on permits needed to use the commons

Dartmouth commons underused

gazebo in the Dartmouth commons decrepit compared to the gazebo on in the Halifax public gardens;

pizza oven – need to repair the underutilized shed and provide access to the toilet( !!!)

public skating on lake Banook – maintained by HRM manmade structure near Sullivans Pond for skating

Way to go Dartmouth Commons! But nothing to draw people there, nothing to go there for, needs popup vendors, washrooms (!), Better landscaping and flower pots

Community gardens.

Dog Parks.

do something with hockey on the waterfront like it is done for beach volleyball in the summer flooded ice rinks on the streets
| Community gardens. |
| Create a splashpad on Dartmouth waterfront for kids, and a harbour beach area for the public. |
| Dancing fountains, |
| Dartmouth needs a draw for outdoor enthusiasts and spectators....somewhere between Lake Micmac and the harbour (walking distance from the ferry) |
| Downtown outdoor swimming pool. |
| Enjoyable, inviting green/common space |
| Family focused activities and a splash pad playground. |
| Fix-up the old garden shed in Leighton Dillman Park and update the washroom within to serve park-goers and those that frequent the Park Avenue Community Oven, better yet build public washroom facilities within the park similar to those on the Halifax Common; |
| Free public exercise (outdoor yoga, skates, runs, etc). |
| Green spaces in the summer |
| Green spaces, |
| Gym playground |
| Have a kids water park, |
| Having more (as in the the number of) welcoming 'gathering' areas, swings, 'play' areas. |
| Honestly, the best idea I can think of is levelling point pleasant park, and creating a massive amusement park that could draw on all of atlantic Canada during summer, and regions well beyond HRM. |
| I think that outdoor work out equipment would be very nice, especially along the boardwalk somewhere. Joggers and people on their lunch hour walking could stop and use the equipment. I think that it would encourage people who don't have Gym memberships to exercise. I believe that there is equipment like this in Dartmouth. I am including the website http://www.outdoor-fitness.com/ I think this would be fun to use and also there is a social aspect. |
| Ice rink in downtown Dartmouth. |
| Immediate funding and completion of the skateboard park in downtown Dartmouth. |
| Improve the walkway on the Starr property site behind the condos perhaps create a park-like space, |
| Indoor skateboard park. |
| Keep the Public Gardens open year-round, especially when there is deep and lovely snow. |
| Kids play place |
| More [...] community gardens |
| More city hardens and green spaces. |
| More community gardens, Particularly like the idea of making gardens/planters edible - with herbs, small veggies etc that look great and people could take advantage of. |
| More gardens for both vegetables and flowers, |
| More green space downtown halifax. |
| More green spaces |
| More green spaces. |
| More greenspaces in our community. |

- take waterfountains and make them more recreational resource like on bishops landing where kids can run through them |
- not park snow plows on common |
- Tried to implement dome rinks, rejected due to lack of sprinklers, more red tape, 18 000 in world not one had this. |
- Winter public garden open |
- Change the names of parks to funny names – eg Victoria park to “the best park ever” or “dude park” |
- things for people to play with (playgrounds, fun busstops, adult gym equipment, swings! |
- Urban gardens |
- Beautify Citadel Hill, trees and shelter |
- More planning for green spaces in specific areas, smaller and more frequent |
- City has planted thousands of trees – great, keep growing. |
- Cogswell – fill in and create gardens. Already dug out. |
- Gardens and landscaping between the sidewalk and the road. |
- Gardens between sidewalks and curb. |
- Hammocks in downtown parks. |
- Liverpool – worked with superstore to bring in trees and plant the trees. Star dogwood trees. |
- Beautiful. Theme for the town. |
- Underground marine park, where you can see under the sea. |
- More parks and green space downtown |
- We have the best lakes promote and use them |
- Ice rinks in winter and basketball courts and community gardens in summer on vacant lots |
- Safe places for kids to play |
- Use lakes year round |
- Community gardens (event just a for plots) on boulevards, around parks, etc. |
- More parks, green spaces, more trees |
- snow activities in the winter snow/ice sculptures, |
- 2. Definitely more small part [parks?] with things for kids to do. |
- 4. Free art activities for kids - NSCAD has great programs for kids but they are expensive! |
- a dance floor in the Alderney Landing park area--similar to what's on the Halifax dock down near the old Electropolis. A large gazebo/dance floor would be even better! |
- add park benches and flowers (micro parks), |
- Adding color and greenery to public spaces, |
- and lots of green space. |
- And parks open later |
- better maintenance on the trail in Dartmouth cove. Look at the landscaping and infrastructure there appears to be some deficiencies |
- Better management of public parks/areas. We could tear down the old library when the new one opens and make the whole area a park. |
- Community gardens
More play spaces
More playground workout equipment
More public spaces like the oval,
More recreational and green space instead of Mega developments, especially on the waterfront.
more small cozy gardens/parks,
More stuff to do with a toddler!
More things for kids to do.
More things to do with young kids downtown.
more trees (protect canopy),
More trees,
more/protect/encourage trees,
Move train tracks to open up spaces to be used as a park. Have been evacuated because of spill
Natural playspaces for children.
New park at queen and alderney public plaza. More furniture. Nice chairs pedestrian friendly
New pool at the commons,
Outdoor chess/checkers.
Outside playgrounds,
oversized boardgames;
Picnic tables around lake banook and Sullivan's pond. Better lighting around Sullivan's pond.
Staff to clean the sidewalks of Sullivan's pond of duck poop on a daily basis during summer months.
Play Plazas. We have two small kids, they need to climb all the time. We don't need or want
tot lots everywhere, but creative public spaces that encourage play (maybe even by older non-kids!)
are greatly enjoyed by our whole family. This, and
Playground downtown Dartmouth
Playgrounds made for older children. Oxford school has a good example of playgrounds designed
for older children.
Pocket Parks in empty lots or underused space
Preserve green spaces.
Provide older youth with free recreation opportunities....for example, a Free Outdoor skating rink
in Dartmouth. Halifax has the oval and various outdoor community rinks. Dartmouth has none of
these.
Public barbeque pits! Please, there is nowhere on the peninsula where you can. It can be closed
overnight for safety.
safe bike placed for kids, paks, playgrounds, trails,
Save the Hasting’s Brambles between Rodney Road and Hastings Street for a community path
and bird and urban wildlife/forest refuge.
Sculpture Park
skate parks,
Small community gardens maybe in large planters along sidewalks, with edible crops that can be
tended by families on an informal basis, don’t expect commitment, just keep it fun, there will be
enough interest to keep the crops growing.
Support development of Dartmouth Skateboard Park.
The commons playground needs a place to buy coffee and public toilets. This could be achieved i
n the short term with a food truck and a portapotty. In the long term, with a redeveloped Pavilion
area.
There needs to be more places to ‘play’ in our city, as well as in the outlying areas. We need to
create venues where people can go on lunch hours to meet/walk/interact, etc. Too often people
are in a huge hurry to go nowhere, or stay at their offices/desks rather than get out.

Three season gardens
Urban nature,
Utilize Sullivan pond more... maybe n ice cream stand. Light up Sullivan pond at night.
we need a wave garden for kayakers, SUP’ers, & other water enthusiasts 9 months of the year,
a standing wave....see www.the-wave.co.uk seriously, please look and consider!

Floral planetarium
Places to chill
Outdoor skating rink with free rentals.
Park benches.
Aquatotum.
Need gathering space (somewhere to sit, ie: picnic area, art, pool, ?).
A skating rink on the waterfront.
Adding more to the commons.
more family spaces
Downtown swim club, surfing
Musical water fountain like saltlake city
Public chess table
Snowboarding in Citadel
Swim lane harbor
Volleyball courts
Children’s activity centre on the waterfront
QEH site – good example of how to reuse a vacant space
Trees arching over the road and sidewalk
Vacant lot – why not make people put in concrete planters with trees, bike parking
Urban Farm.
Forest trees next to urban areas with trails
Skate on smaller ponds, walking trail around ponds
Create labyrinths like one outside Veteran’s Memorial Hospital in Halifax
More green spaces
Build on success oval = commons should be year around attraction.
Canoe and kayak rental facility.
Green spaces, bicycle trails, walking trails – continue to connect people with the environment.
A sports team
Aquarium on the Waterfront

Carousel on the Dartmouth waterfront/Ferry Terminal Park;

Easy parking/access to various outdoor activities. Advertise them more, as the place to be!

Fun, excitement activities.

Give me more reasons to go down there :) Shopping is not enough of a draw (obviously shown through the wave of business closures in the last few years), I need unique and free activities to draw me in. There’s a lot of cool stuff going on in the city already, but I feel like there could be a better, more collaborative effort in promoting.

green belt; implement it

Green space

green space

Having more leisure time

Improved parks.

Inexpensive activities that promote alternatives to a night out drinking - similar to the Board Room Game Cafe.

Kid-friendly activities.

More activities other than drinking and eating

More free time.

more green space

More green space on waterfront

More green space with areas to relax, enjoy, play. An outdoor gym, keep some of the old but modernize with new.

More green spaces

More greenspace

More outdoor development on the waterfront. Another green space in downtown Halifax. In winter having skating rink at city hall.

more park spaces, more outdoor public spaces (like oval)

More playgrounds for children.

More public parks

More recreational opportunities e.g. the Oval.

Nice parks and places to walk.

Outdoor activities - Point Pleasant Park could be much more dynamic.

Outdoor athletic parks

Park on the waterfront. Picnic benches

Places to do yoga and exercise in the downtown.

Playgrounds interactive outside attractions.

Regional Amenities to bring me there (like Oval, or Art Gallery, or Discovery Centre) outside work hours.

Should we consider constructing a lido on the shores of Dartmouth Cove? One once existed on the shoreline in the Woodside area.

Some other cool attractions. Such as Ground Zero Climbing Gym or The Putting Edge mini golf. Or an aquarium!

The park between South Park and Tower Road has such potential for events/markets/exhibits, etc. I think we are truly lacking in utilizing all of the space we have!! We need a stadium now!!! We needed a stadium years ago - please, please do not miss the opportunity to finally bring a stadium to the city - Shannon Park.

More green spaces in Dartmouth and Halifax, particularly smaller ones which people would use more.

More independent/individually organized groups (like the running club)

Better use of bandstand on Sullivan’s pond

Use Lake Banook for skating

Create ice rinks,

Hockey rinks for kids to play on vacant lands in downtown in winter

In summer, use vacant lots for community gardens

Can we have a ferry services for Georges plus McNab Island plus some attraction there.

More smaller community skating

Outdoor exercise machines should come back for public workout areas.

Winter – friendly spaces, rain –friendly spaces, look to Quebec city around outside fire place + good shacks.

design spaces for families with dogs, kids and bikes;

garden

Dartmouth skate coalition great

Free outdoor swim pool

More awesome playgrounds !!

Play in downtown core

Plant fruit trees in public spaces, and in parks.

Natural playgrounds (trees, rocks, stepping, stones, etc).=see Bridgetown website.

Another outdoor rink (at city hall downtown)

Aquarium (people added: "yes!" "I second this!"

Bocce Ball, horse shoe, croquet tournaments in the commons

Free children’s indoor playground that serves coffee for the adults

Greenhouse with natural play area for children and cafe

Harbour beach in Dartmouth

Heterosexual Bath House for council?

Improve and celebrate the D. Commons. ie, include small businesses cafe, ice cream, play equipment rentals

Indoor playground

More green space. SNWS school closing: keep as green space for community

more trails and public gathering places

Nature inspired play area in Dartmouth Commons (for youth)

Please move community oven to a place that has washrooms, parking and shelter (e.g. Findly area). Current location is ill-conceived and impractical. Think carefully when choosing locations for these things - haste makes waste

26/45
| Safe places to bike and play and grow food and flowers |
| Skateboard park |
| Let neighbourhoods name local parks |
| More city gardens |
| Needs to be people, bike and family friendly: create recreational and leisure space facilities and more downtown accommodation |
| Outdoor exercise machines |
| Outdoor exercise machines |
| Outdoor ping pong tables (Google Henge) |
| Splash Pad Playground |
| Findley Community Centre - exercise |
| Grassy areas |
| Marine Park, underground waterpark (like Kent’s Pond St. John’s, NL) can see underwater |
| Places to congregate, meet people, talk, [illegible] kids can run around |
| Trail system - get Killam to clean up sewer pipe - connect to treatment |
| Build on success of oval - commons should be year-round attraction |
| Celebrating winter. Keeping public gardens open |
| Chess top tables |
| Coffee shop/inside space at Oval |
| Community gardens (even just a few plots) on boulevards, around parks, etc. with shared ownership |
| Greenbelt could help protect lakes/river |
| More community rinks with buildings that have a wood stove and a place to get a soup or chili |
| More smaller community skating rinks |
| Natural playgrounds (trees, rocks, stepping stones, etc.) - see Bridgetown website or YouTube Jubilee Park |
| Need gathering space (i.e. somewhere to sit and s/th to look at and a purpose for the area i.e.: picnic area, art, pool?) |
| Outdoor exercise machines should come back for public work out areas |
| Plant fruit trees in public spaces and in parks |
| Splash pad - kid |
| Walkable trail with statues |
| Please contact me!!! stephanie@commongoodsolutions.ca and 902-483-4845 - I know a lot about local non-profits and community groups who are making this city vibrant! I want to help! |

| Be more of an ambassador for downtown Dartmouth which, to date, many of my Halifax friends seem to think is not much worth visiting |
| Be out and about more and participate in events |
| Be present and enjoy it! |
| Be there participate |
| Beyond attending public meetings about the downtown, I don’t feel that there is anything I can personally do...aside from taking surveys on the shapeyourcityhalifax.ca website. |
| Come down |
| Come down and spend time and tell |
| Come downtown and use resources |
| Come downtown regularly. |
| Come often |
| Continue campaign to reduce speed limits in the downtown |
| Continue to come down |
| Continue to come downtown |
| Continue to plan cultural events, take part in events the city offers, participate in public forums |
| Continue to use the area on a near-daily basis to demonstrate critical mass. |
| Continue to visit the downtown even if it’s a 40 minute drive and there is a parking problem. |
| contribute art and activity |
| Discourage council from encouraging suburban sprawl like Dartmouth crossing. |
| do surveys like these, and take the opportunity to voice my opinion. Have trust in our council and hope they listen to the people they serve. |
| Doing it now here on this form, please ensure you ask the average civilian that lives downtown and not the folks that own condos but don’t live there. |
| Donate money for play places |
| Encourage community involvement. |
| Encourage land use changes to make residential and commercial development possible |
| Frequent the locations that exist now and those that may appear in future |
| get involved if there are working groups or activities |
| Get involved. |
| get involved |
| Get out and participate & spread the word |
| Give suggestions to the officials. |
| Go more often |
| go there |
| Help with beautification. Make more use of public spaces. |
| Hopefully by participating in surveys like this |
I and colleagues teach art classes for adults in Christ Church Hall and organize folk dancing on the dock in the summer. I help with the wonderful Craig Gallery. I think we're doing "our bit". I plan to participate in the Downtown Dartmouth celebrations next year. I didn't find out about it this year until just a couple of days before the event.

I can be a part of the discussion. Help with ideas and be a part of the change.

I can make more of an effort to go downtown and hangout, arrange to meet friends in the park areas for a walk. More people = enjoyment & vibrance, it has to start somewhere.

I can participate in events, and buy locally if farmers markets, bazaars, etc are held during lunch hours. Never underestimate the passion people have for their dogs/children, etc.

I can provide input when the city proposes changes

I can spend time downtown and tell people what's happening.

I try to visit downtown Dartmouth and Halifax as often as possible. I would like to see Dartmouth visited by more people.

I will continue to encourage encourage people to attend events downtown.

I would like to participate in more of the goings on. As a future business owner in DT I'm more than willing to get involved.

I, as a resident, can take advantage of what our downtowns have to offer.

I'll come

I'm prepared to be an active participant at events.

keep staying involved.

Lobby for changes that will reinvigorate the downtown.

Maintain communication with councillor and MLA. Encourage HRM, HRSB and dept. education in keeping schools in communities, support walkable communities. Participate by providing feedback and taking in great events, like today's.

More engaged and choosing projects to enhance vibrancy

Partake in the idea sessions, make sure my ideas, and other ideas from different age groups and interests are heard, so that HRM, Planners and Developers know what people are looking for.

Participate in community events

Participate in downtown more

Participate in events downtown

Participate in events.

Participate in initiatives like this one!

Participate in local activities.

Participate in public events; offer feedback on how to improve these events; be engaged.

Participate in the activities created as a result of more businesses being encouraged to be downtown.

Participate in these events

Participate in these sessions and with our neighbourhood group, and be there when events are happening.

Participate more and be an engaged citizen

Promote local Halifax, go to markets and support events.

show up, participate, enjoy

Spend more time downtown.

Spend more time downtown.

Spend more time out and about! Every smiling person on the street makes the core seem more vibrant to everyone else.

Spend more time there, I think. The more people hang out there, the more energetic it will feel.

Spend more time there.

Spend time here.

Spend time on them and participate in city events

Spending more time downtown.

Start coming to Dartmouth v halifax

Submit ideas; spend time downtown; tell people about great things to do

Support downtown community groups like golf club and rowing club and activities.

support events that are already happening.

Support local and participate.

Support local and participate.

Support local retailers, establishments and artists as much as I can.

Take advantage of things already happening in the downtown. Participate in community events.

Take part in community events

Take part in more of the events, which take place in the downtown.

Take part in more of the events.

Use it!

use my voice and urban planning knowledge to bring ideas to the many organizations working to make it a better, more attractive place to spend time

Use the downtown more

Use the facilities and participate and attend events.

Use them!

Use these resources

Use these spaces

Will participate more in these activities.

Increasing positive ways that businesses, organizations, and families can participate in keeping small schools in the Downtown and add more depth to the learning model.

Negotiating and discussion downtown

More citizen involvement

Show up to public events like this.

Support with time

Participate in downtown.

Use facilities.

Involed & engaged in community events

Giving feedback, listing all problems and giving feedback.

Mutual interaction
Spend time and participating public things,
Get involved, take part in community events.
People need to continue to share their voice and contribute and engage
Be more engaged.
This should not be a "municipal" activity - they should be addressed by local people "Caring Agents Reviving their Environment" (CARE)
Remove car traffic (maybe keep bus lanes) from certain street sections (like Spring Garden Road between Queen and South Park Streets). Entice shop owners, outside vendors and buskers to the area to create an outdoor market atmosphere in summer with lots of benches and picnic tables.
Pedestrian plazas in dartmouth
Spring Garden Road and Argyle Street should be pedestrian traffic on summer weekends. In Quebec City some streets are closed to traffic Friday night to Sunday in the tourist area.
argyle should be car free after 8pm at night – so people can interact more, entertainment in the streets like busker festival many years ago (now busker festival is too commercialized)
Street closures in special occasions & some permanent
3. Shut downtown to vehicular traffic and make long pedestrian walking shopping districts.
Argyle street blocked off. Pedestrian only day.
BIG IDEA: Barrington Street from Spring Garden, north to Scotia Square should be a covered promenade. Make it a walking city and people will walk. How hard-to-implement could this be? Get the developers to do it !!!
Close Argyle from traffic.
Close off downtown to vehicles.
Create a pedestrian street by closing Spring Garden Road to cars during the summer season.
Create pedestrian only areas (ie the bottom half of Portland Street the last couple of blocks).
Closing off roads to traffic and making them a pleasant place to spend time and allows for pleasant outdoor eating in summer months etc.
Dedicating one street to pedestrian and bike traffic, with social spaces.
make Lower Portland Street car-free (from Alderney Dr. to Alderney-Prince Albert-Portland intersection);
More pedestrian only spaces.
More pedestrian spaces or streets
More public spaces, especially in the summer. Like closing Spring Garden Road to cars (excepting service vehicles).
pedestrian friendly street. It doesn't have to be permanent, it could be during the summer Thursday -saturday nights at an allotted time for ex) 7pm-3am? Its much safer without many cabs and cars, the sidewalks can't hold the amount of people. The police were doing it sometimes last summer and I heard nothing but compliments about it. All great cities have pedestrian friendly streets, we should too.
Pedestrian only street - Argyle...
Pedestrian only streets; Putting cobblestone down Argyle and setting up patio tables all throughout the street.
pedestrian roads.
| **Make more flash light instead of stop sign** | **Transportaion – buses take up room, not used.** |
| **Better bus access to NSCC Waterfront Campus.** | **There have to be ways to get in and out for large scale shopping. Better bus services.** |
| **Better distribution of types of buses across the system.** | **improve public transportation;** |
| **One side parking on streets is problematic** | **Litereall, Bedford to DT** |
| **public transportation and access to vehicles can be better** | **Sunday – free transit** |
| **Stagger the bus schedule (too many buses going in the same direction that all come at the same time).** | **Empty parking lots, put them underground or a better transit system.** |
| **Better communication about when the ferry service is running off schedule.** | **no transport trucks downtown!** |
| **Parking – key for people who don’t walk.** | **quiet busses** |
| **Parking is always an issue – hesitate to use the library.** | **Bury it and put the parking underground.** |
| **enhanced active transportation links NSCC to Ferry Terminal – needs lighting** | **BURY THE WIRES in the Downtown.** |
| **promote the path** | **CN Tracks for commuters.** |
| **fourseason path** | **DOWNTOWN – NO PLACE TO PARK** |
| **shuttle bus to the Dartmouth commons to sullivans pond and back hop on and hop off** | **Ferry between Bedford, Halifax, Dartmouth.** |
| **More Frequency for ferry, run on later hours too, its better for young people security, at least last till 3am, there should be Ferry on Sunday nights,** | **Frequency of the ferry** |
| **Need to coordinate ferry with events in downtown – on days when we have events, we should have longer ferry runs to take people back home. Theatre/events coordination with Ferry to match timings** | **It’s a struggle to come into Halifax or Dartmouth – parking is a big deal.** |
| **Bus stops should have closed in areas to wait and sit, this can make your day better and improve your transit experience but filling the stops with art. Design and art should be a part of the transit system. Improve a day and a mentality.** | **Difficult Parking is the main reason we don’t go downtown.** |
| **Fix the ferries, take them out of metro transit, and make them run as fast as they can.** | **Ferry access from Downtown Dartmouth and Woodside to McNabs Island (especially Woodside!)** |
| **Make the ferry open earlier on Sundays – the 11am ferry is too late to begin for the day, for locals and tourists.** | **Ferry stops neat Seaport Market and NW Arm** |
| **Parking isn’t working very well – mark on the road where parking is allowed to avoid the distribution of tickets with paint! As simple as painting a boundary to designate the exact space that a car is allowed to be in, cheap and easy.** | **Free ferry service on weekend – would people from Halifax to the Dartmouth market it would just bring more people...something to see on the other side of the harbor easy way to experience it** |
| **Take the big busses out of the downtown, use smaller busses with more frequent trips for the downtown core, and leave the bigger busses for the outer core.** | **Reinstate parking if customer bought something downtown** |
| **The ferry is the glue between the two downtowns, TAKE ADVANTAGE of this fact. Should be able to cross anytime. It’s the main connection.** | **Transit connecting all cities – rail** |
| **Better bus services** | **U turns to move traffic closer yet away from pedestrian streets quickly** |
| **More access for boaters to moor boats.** | **Would people chance to try it, reduce the use of cars on weekends** |
| **Water divides us ferry should run longer,** | **Bus designated lane** |
| **Parking, get rid of pay parking. Forces people to otherwise go to Bayers** | **No cars on Portland street** |
| **Terminals in the wrong place (trucking industry). This is key. Electric buses, little buses like Quebec city that transport people to bigger terminals** | **Create a more natural flow of movement to and through the downtown during different times of the day instead of large influxes of traffic at known specific times that people tend to avoid if they can. Perhaps by shutting down some streets temporarily during different times of the day.** |
| **Transit buses should be clean** | **parking should be paid for like in other cities** |
| **electric buses[less noise, less pollution]** | **electric buses[less noise, less pollution]** |
| **Central parking area (for customers and residents)** | **Free metro transit.** |
| **Free metro transit.** | **Park n ride, so people can park outside DT and bus in.** |
| **[more] parking** | **[more] parking** |
| **A ferry that runs 15 minutes x 24 hours x 7 days between downtowns (cheaper than running busses). What's with this crappy ferry service?** | **A ferry that runs 15 minutes x 24 hours x 7 days between downtowns (cheaper than running busses). What's with this crappy ferry service?** |
allow parking access everywhere and two way streets until there is real public transit. How can there be commerce with no parking.

allowing dogs on the ferry may encourage more people to move from one downtown to the other for walks in the nice weather. it would encourage public transit use to downtown events and help decrease traffic in the peninsula.

also, parking information (ie signage that shows who has empty spaces or a radio station) and accessible transportation

better connectivity for buses

good ferry hours for Dartmouth nightlife

better parking that does not cost a spare tire. when spending $15-20 a day to go enjoy the area, takes the fun out of it. for shopping, dining and other entertainment it makes more sense to go to a park where parking is free.

better parking that don't have to worry about feeding the meter. more places to park

Better public transit and

better traffic flow, moving truck traffic from the container pier off Hollis & Lr Water Streets. There was talk one time about using the old train route to move truck traffic.

Better transit

Better transit. More convenient direct and short transit routes.

Bring back FRED!

bus service improved,

Car-free zones, dedicated bus lanes

change transit so it all doesn't travel down the same streets (eg Barrington after SGRd)

Conduct education to sensitize drivers to congestion whose intensity could give a feeling of vitality lacking.

Divert large trucks from the downtown.

Ease the traffic flow. there is a distinct lack of marked intersections and flashing green lights. i feel like these things will make it easier to get around. also, focus on the entire DT, not just the waterfront and spring garden road. there's a lot more to DT than those 2 areas.

Eliminate cars from the downtown

encourage businesses (park n ride would also help with commuter parking, but keep it going at weekends!):

fewer cars parked on the street, which would require AFFORDABLE (if not free or similarly metered parking lots);

Free and easily accessible parking. it's why i like the business parks...retail and services easy to get to.

free ferry service all weekend, every weekend;

free ferry services.

free Ferry to make both Downtown feel like 1,

Free hop on hop off open air bus that circulates the downtown core.

Free parking

Free Parking

free parking,
frequent service transit that connects well to the rest of our city

Get rid of articulated buses that have difficulty in narrow streets.

Get rid of the rail lines in downtown Dartmouth.

Get rid of the ridiculous interchanges.

give merchants an easy way to validate parking or give meter tokens,

i also recommend free underground parking, to significantly decrease visible parking structures to enhance green space.

i think downtown has great options for entertainment, dine, etc... i just see how the inconvenience of getting there, for somebody who doesn't live close by, would affect their decision of going.

i'd like to see buses and main thoroughfare off Barrington St.

Improve bus service from alderney.

Improved public transit.

Less one way streets.

Make it easier to park - more obvious spots, more lenient parking rules.

more bike parking options on or near Spring Garden and Barrington

More frequent bus and ferry service on the weekend

No toll on the bridges.

Not sure how easy it is, but getting heavy truck traffic out of downtown is a start. Massive containers, loud engines, heavy exhaust are a menace.

offer a boat taxi service with various stops from Bedford to Halifax, to Dartmouth and Georges Island,

park n ride to get downtown;

PARKING

Parking

Parking especially with children

Parking facilities

Parking,

Reduced posted speed limits.

remove a portion of bus-routes from Barrington Street, leaving one or two buses to serve that street, disperse remaining routes to adjacent streets to create greater options for riders, lessen congestion and over-preservation of buses on this corridor;

Restore lunchtime quarter-hour ferry service.

Second, aggressive traffic calming on all major pedestrian corridors to slow traffic down. (E.g., Spring Garden could be narrowed in order to widen the sidewalks, in order to have enough room for trees on the sidewalk!)

Shuttle that runs down Quinpool, Bell, Sackville with stops at major intersections.

Small ferries and mini buses.
Spring garden one way,
Take cares and buses off from queen to south park.
Take out railway from downtown Dartmouth.
Transit that runs often on several routes so its easy to get around without a car.
More free parking
Need free parking to stay downtown longer.
better transit routing (staggering the buses).
Rail system used as the public transit.
Bikes on the ferry – let people know how easy it is
Bridge closing big changes to commuting patterns – More bussies and ferry
Dartmouth bus terminal – big improvement
Ferry maintenance shuts down
Ferry ride – turn around and come back
Halifax – better connections between bus and ferry
Later ferry service – more all day service
New ferry terminal – better ferry service
Woodside ferry all day – will be a big plus
Ferries increase schedule on Sundays
Market the quality of life that taking a ferry gives as opposed to sitting on the bus. Quality of life is what people love about NS, incorporate that in the transit system. Should be able to sit back and relax as you make your way to the destination.
Better transportation.
Roads better paved.
A day pass by metrotransit on the weekend to promote ridership and vibrancy.
Leave a car in downtown overnight to promote nighttime living.
Make the busses free to get in to the Halifax peninsula. Cheaper for families to bus.
Open up georges island. Have regular service to mcnabbs island. Make it easy make it affordable.
Stop subsidizing parking lots
Day passes for Metro Transit
Signage is concealed by trees, paint road lines, so drivers know where to stop.
Better public transit
Decrease parking lot in surface
It is possible to close busy streets for transportation for specific time
bus shelters even on narrow sidewalks
Roundabouts
Stop slow drivers (jk)
WIFI ON BUSES!
Communication of transit routes, could be more clear
Frequency of transit

Move traffic why put lights at the end of the bridge
Valet Parking
Extended hours for ferries
a disincentive to bring your cars downtown increased transit services like woodside on weekend – really more geared to weekday commuters, not geared to playing downtown on the weekends
A light rail system
Although not a problem for me because I have parking downtown for work, I know accessibility of downtown is an issue for many folks. If this could be made easier, it may encourage more to come downtown especially if they don’t live on the Peninsula. Nobody wants to spend half their outing trying to get downtown.
an intelligent parking system that communicated with me before my trip where the best place for me to park a car may be
Better access to downtown. Right now, for an able-bodied person who lives on the Peninsula, by far the easiest way to get downtown is to walk. But that can take half an hour and it’s not so pleasant when it’s freezing. High-frequency, all-day-span transit access to downtown from all points on the Peninsula and downtown Dartmouth is absolutely crucial.
Better faster transit so it is easier to take transit than drive a car.
Better parking - free or at least with fixed fees. This will allow people to spend time, without being concerned about the cost of parking
Better parking for libraries and different centers where youth events are held
Better parking in the downtown.
Better public transit, particularly at night time. Busses, better ferry schedule to get people in and out more easily. Reduce the need for people to drive in. Hopefully this is being considered in the current review of Metro Transit services!
Better traffic control to ease traffic congestion - particularly rush hour traffic (eg. better coordination/timing of traffic lights)
Better transit would help. The #7 is not bad, right now, but the more quick rapid routes there were downtown, the more often I would go. I am torn about parking. I don’t drive, but many of my friends do... they find parking downtown prohibitive.. so either improve parking OR improve transit...
Better transport to downtown
Better transportation
Better transportation and connectivity
Better transportation on general
Better transportation to downtown from outer areas. Possible rail system.
Better/cheaper transit/ferry service to get you in and out on the week-ends, water taxis
Buses direct to the downtown.
Coming across on ferry to get to Hfx is great but once you get there you usually have to climb the hill to get anywhere which is not easy if you are all dressed up for dinner or the theatre and it is raining(a common occurrence here) Transportation up the hill would help
ease of transit, less “dead zones”
Easier parking. Promote more.
Easier street parking.
Ferry hours
| ferry service more |
| ferry to areas other than just dartmouth - bedford / purcell's cove |
| Fewer cars. |
| Fred hop on and hop off bus service for downtown Dartmouth |
| Free Parking |
| Free parking in the evenings. |
| Free parking round the clock. |
| free parking, Free/reasonable prices for parking. Parking is worse all the time, especially since the bus strike awhile back. Parking signs have been changing, spots on the streets are disappearing. |
| Getting rid of the Cogswell Interchange |
| I live next to MSVU. If I take my car it takes me 15-20 min to reach downtown. If I want to go and have fun, eat, drink, etc.. I would need to take a bus. The bus takes 40 min. Please make public transit a priority, take the step forward and make it hard for cars to get to downtown. |
| Improved parking and transit |
| Improved transit: Reliable and frequent service to the downtown. Coordinated schedules and consolidated routes to eliminate confusion and overlap. Comfortable and convenient transit facilities, especially at transfers (including real-time arrival displays, heating, seating, etc.) |
| Inexpensive PARKING |
| Lanes for buses only. |
| Less on street parking. |
| Less rigid parking enforcement, no 30 minute parking meters. |
| More accessible parking |
| More bus service out to Sackville, the 80 is way too long to take if you want to keep sane and the 87 from the bridge terminal is less than reliable and doesn't run past 10:00 PM. |
| More buses, later buses |
| More efficient transit system to get in and out of downtown so you don't have to bring your car and fight for a parking spot. A free trolley or bus to take people from the waterfront up the steep hill to the public gardens and citadel hill areas. |
| More free parking |
| More free parking so I am not tempted to go to Dartmouth crossing. |
| More frequent buses and accurate go time, better bus connections. |
| More parking |
| More parking. |
| More places to park downtown |
| Much better and more rational transit service. I live 4 kilometres from downtown and I can walk there faster than taking a bus. Ferries from Bedford, Eastern Passage, Herring Cove, with good parking at the hubs. |
| No street parking downtown - just delivery/loading zones and cab stands. Establish large all day municipal parking lots downtown and offer free shuttle on buses with parking stub. |

| Parking |
| Parking |
| Parking 
| Residential |
| Parking : |
| Parking especially downtown Dartmouth |
| Parking in Downtown is expensive and limited. At one of the parking lots I had to come up with $16 in change because I don't have a credit card and the park and display didn't take bills. Most inconvenient. |
| Perhaps moving some buses and traffic away from Spring Garden would make it less congested |
| Public transit vans (rather than big, stinky busses) that serve the downtown area - links to the Seaport and just getting around - - has to be fast and frequent |
| Public water transportation from Bedford to downtown core. |
| Reduce parking enforcement |
| see 2.5 as well if there was something that could be done to compete with the free parking the malls offer to draw people to the downtown with out it 'costing more' to be there. |
| slower/no traffic in immediate core. |
| The lack of parking is ludicrous. |
| the last thing would be a 24 hour 7 day transit system between the cities....I am sick of no transit... |
| No ferry running....how backwards can we possibly get? |
| Traffic; parking places ; 1 hour for such a small city |
| Well I spend *all* my time downtown as I live, work, shop, socialize there so I'm already sold. Really, getting people to come downtown without their vehicles would certainly help everyone. People who visit downtown are frustrated by lack/cost of parking and people who live downtown are frustrated by having their streets and neighbourhoods turned into parking lots. This of course is a major, major project well beyond the scope of "easy-to-implement". |
| Wider, easy access, high speed highway on Barrington for cars / trucks. |
| Expand the ferry service. |
| Provide a free day of ferry service to promote the usage and quality of life it can offer! Nocturne would be a great opportunity when there are thousands of people in the downtown core! |
| Fewer bus routes = express bus routes run between mayor terminals + irregular busses run in loops around the terminal. |
| Make ferry free. |
| More frequent busses to bring shoppers downtown on weekends. |
| encourage public transportation to drop more people to downtown |
| Charge parking |
| Downtown Dartmouth Bus Comission could help promote events and volunteer opportunities |
| I don't need a car living downtown, I can help share that learning with others |
| Better ferry service with extended hours (late night and Saturday and Sunday |
| Bus routes that connect homes with places where people work. |
| Need communities rail along tracks. |
Railway corridor should be developed as an active transportation routes alongside trains.

1/4 hour ferry service at lunch time

Better transit connections make it cheaper and easier to take transit and AT

Better transportation! More frequent and later at night

Bus services own lane cars after 4 o’clock

Ferry needs to run until after 3 am to support alcohol establishments on both sides of the harbour and to prevent drunk driving. Increase the toll after hours if required. (Another person added: Buses too!! Friday and Saturday)

Free ferries on Saturday all summer

Increase ferry service tie it into bar closings. Late nights and weekends. Let the city be vibrant – both sides

Keep the tracks! Provide a train shuttle Woodside - NSCC - Dartmouth Downtown - Burnside

Move the railway tracks

Reduced posted speeds

Small ferries, mini buses and no tolls on the Bridges, walking indoor

Wharf open for boats to tie up to go up town

Wifi on buses

Better public transit

Indoor pedway to the ferry terminal

Less car traffic in the downtown area! Promote public transit, car pooling, walking and wikes

More parking areas for downtown

Arteries clogged with parking on both sides so only 1 vehicle (or 2 very small vehicles) can fit through i.e. Gottingen St.

Better transit needed to help get people downtown

Buses only on MacDonald Bridge one lane [illegible] traffic anyway

Create more traffic

Easier to walk to ferry

Ferry between Bedford, Halifax and Dartmouth

Ferry system - posted schedule is only good some of the time - signs to say ferry is out of order is not hard

Free parking

Give the ferry an image/brand, one downtown, not HFX ferry or Dartmouth

Hard to find parking to visit Dartmouth (Halifax)

I come to the Alderney Market - free parking. Won’t go to Halifax Market because the parking is not convenient or the ferry is not convenient

Make a central lot to free up street parking

Metro Transit park at CH - how affects them?

More ferry, more accessible hours

New ferry

No info at ferry terminal when down to quarter boat

Parking: people don’t know where to park (where are available spots?) Automated meters that feed info to an app

Place a high occupancy vehicle lane on [illegible]

Publicize the ferry more. It’s the easiest way to get from one downtown to the other.

Put the parking meters in the big box store parking lots

Routes not connecting at Penhorn

Social Mobility - people in cars. [illegible] private drivers from people who are taking transit

Timing of traffic flow

Use the CN trails for commuters

Very against roundabout - hard for pedestrians, hospital workers. Currently Metro Transit parks at Citadel High, how will this affect them? Community events - 4/4 hockey, marathon, basketball events, will they be able to continue? Creates more traffic we want to encourage people to use Metro Transit

Very against roundabout north hard for pedestrian - concern for high schools and hospital workers

Want fols to use Metro transit - discourages people from downtown

Better parking

Better transit to downtown

Better transport (regular schedule dependable)

Bus late night

Bus routes that connect homes with places where people work

Can we have a ferry service for Georges Island and Mc Nab Island and some attraction there?

Unused space

Don’t bring every route downtown

Electric Transit (not spewing gas and noise)

Fewer bus routes - express bus routes run between

High quality transportation facility downtown

Less loading zones

Major terminals and regular buses run in loops around the terminal

Make ferry free

Make islands accessible

More frequent busses to bring shoppers on weekends

Need a commuter rail along tracks

No fees for bus, raise property taxes, free bus

Outskirt parking to leave car and walk around

Parking

Province owns the parking lot

Public transit should be more attractive

Railway corridor should be developed as an active transportation routes along side trains

Reduce traffic and speeds

Reduce vehicle traffic to one lane - ability to get [illegible]
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<td>Signs with points of interest</td>
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<td>We need to be more united and engage as a community – demand more promotion for Dartmouth</td>
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<td>Keep the “I’m In” campaign moving forward</td>
<td>If we are such an all season country, why would our city shut down during the entire season of winter – snowshoeing trails downtown! Promote tobogganing on the safe hills downtown, promote as winter activity for kids. Get the information out to people in the neighborhood about whats going on – Set up a system to get information about current events, cancellations, etc.out to everyone, twitter is an example of a way to do this use twitter as a community building calendar! Apps for smartphones!</td>
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<td>Promoting the use of smaller spots in public spaces like Dylan Park to host small concerts, perhaps music shows put on my younger bands – cut away the red tape, maintain it as a safe and respectful environment. Promote buskers and youth and productive graffiti/art instead of hindering that creativity. Give the community the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise.</td>
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<td>Help spread the word via social media</td>
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<td>Videos of Mike Savage have drawn people here today. Love out mayor.</td>
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<td>Get positive media coverage for Dartmouth</td>
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<td>more advertisements on upcoming events.</td>
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<td>Promote the harbor. People don’t know about what the waterfront has to offer.</td>
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<td>Support local businesses. And profile local businesses</td>
<td>Promote what can be done at lunch hours - flea markets/ farmers markets - use the downtown core (the parks/public gardens for outside concerts/events/yoga, etc.</td>
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<td>Talk to people about downtown</td>
<td>Downtown Dartmouth needs a unified vision.</td>
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<td>Advertising or big screens at ferry terminal and on boat to tell people about what is going on in and around town</td>
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<td>Events to make the entire space (Dartmouth Commons) known and circulated, brings people there to bring it to the front of mind, plays, Canada day picnic in Dillman Park</td>
<td>Getting the word out – how do you tell people there is stuff going on</td>
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<td>Things to make people discover what’s actually out there: good public relations with police since interactive rather than negatively</td>
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<td>Inform citizens about what happening/ when it’s happening. Direct communication</td>
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Reaching people who aren’t on social media – especially about the transit service
Lots that already exist, but needs to be enhanced and better known to the public
Advertising, activity board
Communications PR
People need to be more open about and understand the homelessness issues
We (Dartmouth) need more coverage from media
An app to promote community uses.
Promote activity in the winter.
Speakers' corners
green and sustainable living awareness
Our biggest challenge is bringing people from Halifax to Dartmouth – making it an attractive place – we don’t have enough to draw people in. – promote and communicate more – ‘hook’ people in with the museum or aquarium, environmental gardens – once you come over the first time and realize how great it is you won’t want to leave.
General communication on what is going on on subscription basis
Hello Dartmouth facebook page more well known
Improved promotion, bulletin boards, Hello Dartmouth fb page, Dartmouth section in Chronicle Herald, Sunday paper
A Downtown pride campaign
Ad campaign based on connectedness/compassion community building. Advertise a tight knit community.
More opportunities like this event today – it is crucial for community development to frequently listen to public opinion.
better communication of how me and my family can use the downtown
Bigger Hub, a very attractive website that lists all of the attractions - has articles and photos profiling great community members and groups. All of the above!
DT app - easy acces to all the services, businesses, events etc. in the DT.
It would be nice to have more explanation of cultural/historically significant places in both downtowns.
More media positivist. More good about downtown and less negative
City often tells us what we can’t do, we would like to know what we can do.
Reach people who aren’t on social media
advertise the area
split ad spaces print bags with all downtown businesses
Embassadors: CHOICE: choose and encourage your friends and people to come down to the market, to go to Celtic corner, etc.
Encourage social gathering
Having conversations with our friends and on our own social media
Helpful if there was a website to share info
Define vision with more detail
Better promotion and advertising of events in downtown core.

Need city advertising of special events, deals/specials in businesses.
recognize those that are helping us
tell the stories of things that are working – celebrate our successes i.e. we are making progress
Signs for new construction outside the building.
Challenging family, friends to support local
Central event website
Communication is key
Hard to even find out of fireworks are happening on the HRM website!
Snap magazines run on volunteer basis
Social media offers many opportunities
The Dartmouth oven needs to be promoted – the city has done NOTHING to promote it
Testimonials, ambassadors, people saying good things about what they love about Dartmouth
More public engagement opportunities to keep us vibrant.
If you are using social media, promote local. And if you’re not, talk to people – word of mouth is so powerful. Encourage people to participate in anything you strongly believe in and support.
Check out Hello Dartmouth on Facebook for tons of info on what’s going on.
Ad campaign based on connectedness/compassion and community building
Didn’t know how to get involved before this
Public education about urban nature
Raise awareness - recognize there are already lots of great things
Small table discussion format
Cool apps
Focus on local - promote/pride
Got asked to put in contact with developers to build new app and recognize local talent
HRM must continue - communicate with public - keep public engaged in next steps
Is there a HRM calendar of events? HRM needs a better website!
Lots downloaded Halifacation
More public engagement opportunities to keep us vibrant
Need city advertising special events, deals/specials in businesses
The #1 Having to promote happiness is strong positive social connections
Want to know where to download apps?
I don’t know what I could do personally to make the downtown more vibrant.
What do YOU need your citizens to do?
Why does the ferry stop at 5 pm on Sunday?
When people move into the city they bring their habits with them from suburbia. How can we work with these habits?
how do we stop people from going to big boxes
What have we done, where are we going, where are we going next?
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<td><em>will this feedback come back to this group before going to council?</em></td>
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<td>Community idea spaces - bringing people together and encouraging conversation - how can we implement our ideas</td>
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<td>How can you activate Citadel Hill as a better public space?</td>
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<td>What can we do to make it easier for student to find work</td>
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<td>The streets of Dartmouth are not felt to be safe at night. Organize night walks for all ages to own the streets</td>
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<td>I’d be willing to spend more money downtown if I felt it was safer to bring my family there</td>
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<td>Keep it clean. Look both ways</td>
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<td>Light up (brightness) at downtown areas after dark. Encourage people to walk about late at night. Because if it is dark, you want to run indoor or to your car.</td>
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<td>better feeling of safety after dark</td>
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<td>Lower part of Portland street feels dangerous. Need to have businesses animate their spaces.</td>
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<td>Make the walk from the Halifax ferry terminal towards the clock tower more appealing by increasing the lighting,</td>
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<td>Remove the pan handlers in front of Park Lane and the hooligans that hang out there!</td>
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<td>Safer crosswalks. We drive and walk and whenever we walk we have near misses with impatient drivers. This is getting Halifax the reputation of being exceptionally backward in young professional circles. Why would you walk when you risk your life to do so? What would this city look like if everyone gave up walking and drove?B3</td>
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<td>Be a customer at downtown businesses</td>
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<td>Be a patron of the places I think would attract people, and encouraging others to do the same.</td>
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<td>Come to the market and buy local.</td>
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<td>Continue spending more money downtown</td>
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<td>Continued support of farmers markets and local businesses. Congrats on wonderful turn out at Alderney! It was exciting! I love you Halifax and Dartmouth!</td>
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Continuing to support downtown businesses by walking everywhere

I can spend my money downtown

I can, and will, shop in my downtowns more often.

I do 85 per cent of my shopping downtown so I think I’m a big supporter.

I shop locally to support smaller street-front businesses. I bring visitors downtown.

I will continue to encourage spending at local businesses by everyone I know

I would spend more time and money in the downtown area.

If people want a great downtown, they can help by shopping downtown, going out to see shows downtown, etc.

Keep coming, and supporting local businesses.

Keep spending downtown.

Make an effort to spend all of my money downtown.

Market and business

Patronize local stores and restaurants over the suburban offerings

Patronize shops downtown

Patronize shops downtown

don’t have a great downtown, they can help by shopping downtown, going out to see shows downtown, etc.

Patronize the local businesses

Shop and dine downtown.

Shop and socialize downtown

Shop here buy local.

Shop local

Shop local

Shop local.

Shop local.

Shop local.

Shop local.

Shop local.

Shop local. Support local businesses.

Shop more downtown

Shop more in the downtown core.

Shop, spend

Spend as much time and as many of my dollars as possible there

spend money

Spend money and time.

Spend money down

Spend money there and buy local.

Spend more of my discretionary spending on restaurants and retail stores in the downtown core.

Spend more time and money

Spend more time downtown and support local businesses

Spend more time enjoying the community focused businesses in the downtown core and inviting friends

to enjoy the experience with me.

Spend more time supporting businesses in the downtown.

Spend my money there but unless I want to go to a bar there is not much to do with a family.

Spending money and hanging out in downtown Dartmouth!

Stop shopping at box stores.

Support local

Support local business

Support local businesses

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Support local businesses

Support local businesses. Avoid box stores and foreign companies.

Support local vendors

Support them with my business - which I do!!

Use resources like market

Utilize what’s available downtown. Support local businesses downtown so they can survive.

Visit and shop more often.

visit and spend money downtown

We could all try to patronize downtown businesses a little more than we do, and that’s something I try to make a point of doing.

Support with cash

Spend money

Plant trees on my property.

Be informed keep the properties beautiful

Pick up litter.

Plant greenspace

Public art, vibrant architecture (I think we’re slowly getting there)

Benches, especially as people are getting older.

Doesn’t have to be benches just at bus stops.

Revitalize Dartmouth Sportsplex – paint the roof!

Waterfront views are underutilized, nothing to draw people there and keep them there, nothing built up: lots of opportunity

Coat of paint, fix up building fronts! (façade improvement program) only drive it home even further, have paint provided at a subsidized paint. Brighten up the street, get the community to come out and help paint! Start a community building initiative GET NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO COME OUT ON ONE SUNNY DAY AND PAINT ALL THE SHOPS AND STOREFRONTS ON ONE STREET AT A SUBSIDIZED PAINT RATE!!! When things look better, the area feels better, and makes you want to go there.

More benches, picnic tables.

“pretty it up”

Garbage and streets are dirty, event like the parade. Filthy downtown, garbage pales are overflowing.
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<td>HUGE checker/chess boards in Grand Parade.</td>
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<td>Clean the street</td>
<td>I also agree with all ideas above, specifically creative wraps to conceal buildings during construction (seen everywhere across Europe);</td>
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<td>utility poles underground</td>
<td>Implement architectural review insisting on preservation or well thought out contemporary design.</td>
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<td>Gateway signage. Defines a district, identifier, not able to implement gateway signage into street (have funding, meeting barriers in placement of the signs). Less red tape. Need a yes atmosphere, too much of a no culture.</td>
<td>increase cleaning (too much chewing gum on the sidewalks),</td>
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<td>Less high rise building and more land scaping</td>
<td>Less cigarette butts, litter and panhandling...</td>
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<td>We want greenery natural views</td>
<td>Mandatory textures on glass surfaces (towers) to protect birds from crashing into glass windows.</td>
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<td>light up barrington</td>
<td>more benches and picnic tables,</td>
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<td>Stop planting under the wires, where possible.</td>
<td>More benches/places to sit that encourages folks to stay.</td>
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<td>Less concrete at sidewalk level</td>
<td>More green plantation in the downtown</td>
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<td>Better access for buskers (easier to do), stage up, podium, make the entire process friendlier</td>
<td>More green stuff such as planters. Green space.</td>
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<td>Be able to see into spaces before people will enter. (More visually inviting)</td>
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<td>More greenspace/landscaping, reduction in areas lost to surface parking.</td>
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<td>More public art like the lampposts on the waterfront. Anything to make you smile during the long winters.</td>
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<td>2. More benches/seating.</td>
<td>More public spaces like benches to sit and drink coffee</td>
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<td>3. Outdoor tables with checkered patterns to play chess/checkers.</td>
<td>more small green spaces where possible</td>
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<td>Add more seating modes for people to stop, sit and talk to each other, especially good for seniors.</td>
<td>More street art and bright colours to attract the eye (especially in the winter, and especially on streets such as Granville, Hollis, Clyde - streets that need revamping).</td>
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<td>Add outdoor seating next to Alderney Gate Library.</td>
<td>More things at street level</td>
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<td>Add windows on Dartmouth Ferry Terminal so Tim Hortons looks out onto Alderney Landing plaza, and add outdoor seating for customers.</td>
<td>More trees on SGR and Barrington.</td>
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<td>Picnic tables in more places to encourage al fresco eating and bring more people together.</td>
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<td>Dartmouth vs. Halifax - Dartmouth more disjointed - new buildings on Brunswick are ugly.</td>
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Tax system encourages/forces people to exit out of the downtown.
Tax incentives for improvements in downtown revitalization projects
Give taxable incentives to enterpreneurs.
Balance to make case to encourage people to live in the city. Revise taxation
Lower taxes and rent for local businesses
tax more parking lots
tax vacant lots
tax vacant lots(a lot), and incentive for infill
Use the 60% social innovation tax credit
Business taxes are too high,
Reduce property tax
Tax the malls where the life has migrated.
tax incentives for local businesses downtown, and for big franchises that encourage shopping (eg HnM, Winners etc)
Make downtowns the easiest places to live and work and play - attract more families and businesses with lower taxes for urban core.
Make it more expensive to live and do business in the burbs and places like Dartmouth Crossing/BLIP.
Adjust retailers taxes (person added "obviously yes!")

"Tax Holiday"
Balance taxes hard for small bus
Density bonusing
Tax Dartmouth Crossing tax more
Offer more for people coming in from the cruise ships
6. Historic walking tours.
Municipal tourist booths.
Small boat tours of the harbour from the Dartmouth side
REALLY SHOULD BE A TOURIST DESTINATION
Separate designated transportation to tourist sites
Tourist guide in downtown,
Tourist podium
Daypass for tours
teenage tour guide group (employing teenagers for summer)
Better hotel options, especially in dartmouth
More attractions
Tourist information in Dartmouth please!!
Waterfront tourist train between the two ferry terminals

Halifax needs to be more "tourist-friendly" in ways like this. "Tourism" needs to be reincorporated
Tour bus moves slowly and it can work
Tour guide engage tour campaigns work together
Avoid? Just go to the exact location I need to, then get out.
Be behind good projects
Be more supportive of local bus
Encourage work, help.
Offer more of what indo regularly (teach show and enhance floral design)
Talk it up slot and invite people downtown
People WANT to come, we have to make it easier for them.
maybe partner with NSCAD/DAL/SMU to help bring people downtown
think about how to make places livable
Small but might city, fortress and protector – small and feisty city
Thomas Radall – Warden of the North – Warden of the ... Atlantic Coast, North
Spring Garden Rd. at Portland Street !!
Make a stronger link between the harbor and the Dartmouth lakes
spring garden needs to be more inviting
Be brave, fight the right fights.
trial time: May – August 2014
Interactive musical architecture on Barrington to give a quite sidewalk and vibrant twang.
Aim to have less “shuttered” buildings in both Halifax and Dartmouth downtowns. This would make it more attractive for residents of HRM as well as for tourists/visitors.
attract offices downtown
Citadel hill orchid and different uses
Construct indoor gaming zones.
Enhance outdoor space to encourage people to come downtown.
groups of cool boutiques/activities together;
If HRM would focus on vibrant areas that currently exist. They need to be funded properly.
Light at night for instance a legislature at night in darkness
Make the Dartmouth waterfront less of a slum.
More culture come to downtown.
More downtown data.
more people downtown
More things to appeal to seniors
Orchid on citadel
Sit people watching and music
Stop "hotel" building on the arm.
Waterfront shut down... deserted
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<td>activities like groups of independent boutiques together</td>
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<td>Portland street – empty commercial buildings, empty space needs to be filled.</td>
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Make it better, even if it is a small step
Start as an experiment
Slow down EVERYTHING, better for business
Encourage stopping, conversations
Speed kills
Encourage involvement
People don’t know how to get involved
Want access to water
Improve the Commons area (new wading area for children, new washroom/change facility, and update existing pool)
Provide public space for locals to exhibit their art
Make the downtown more appealing to visitors by eliminating panhandling
Make Halifax the Charleston, SC of the North
Ensure the Cogswell Interchange land is a coherent and appealing residential mixed-use precinct that can be the northern gateway to the downtown core
Improve parking downtown
Free waterfront parking on Sunday
Give businesses a tax break
Have more residential development downtown by having lower tax rates on condominiums
Give walking and bicycling more emphasis downtown over cars
Improved bike racks and bike lanes
More picnic table in public spaces
Rooftop and community gardens
More sponsorship for outdoor public concerts, such as those at the public gardens
Green space on waterfront
Close of Barrington Street-from Scotia Square to Blower or Spring Garden
Signage on downtown projects
Better signage for visitors and newcomers
Make the downtown more walkable
Create a mid-peninsula green walking trail loop
Spruce up Dartmouth areas where people come into city
Improve downtown so it is more accessible for seniors
Have a winter garbage clean-up initiative
More pedestrian streets
Reduce number of cigarette butts by following Vancouver’s cigarette recycling pilot program:
So good: Van Gogh bicycle path paved with “light stones” http://ow.ly/tsw33
We’d love it if you’d set somewhere that #Dartmouth-ians can walk to.
@DartCarousel! A new initiative to bring family fun to the Dartmouth waterfront Help us spread the word!
I was really wishing the Public Gardens were open today. year round public access 8 AM - 9 pm
Dresden Row & Birmingham between SGR & Sackville are such a nightmare for traffic anyway. Should def be ped-only.
Thursday eve in Ottawa, from 5-8 pm, all museums have free admission. Why not try that,or even pay-what-you-can
Investment in heritage restoration sparked by Ellis Square project. Tax $ returned on city investment pic.twitter.com/EXL39IBU
Be ambitious with public space. Ellis Square Savannah pre2004 was a parking garage. Shubie Greenway. pic.twitter.com/6TlEeJPdy
Youth need more all ages venues
How about some play and whimsy in our public spaces? These giant chimes are well used in Savannah pic.twitter.com/XTQMB0IYG3
@hfxgov More dog friendly MT @Glendenning_L I don’t go to markets on the weekend because I prefer stuff our dog can join in.
Lots of talk at #DowntownimIn about walking, sidewalk repair, transit and places to chill. That’s on @hfxgov . Show me the money. #hfxpoli
Pedestrian-only streets? Yes, please! Look to Cuba Mall in Wellington, NZ, as inspiration.
Dreaming of the days when we’ll see this again on Barrington St. I believe that this is possible. http://ow.ly/tqriq
Okay, @DartCarousel is a perfect example of a great #community-led idea. Put an idea out there and work to make it happen!
Free Scooter Parking...
If we created streets that were engaging to walk on, we’d be happy to park far away!
food trucks becoming exciting norm throughout HRM. Need to see more downtown!
making sure the Library is not just a Library, but a Cornucopia of Culture in the Core!
Enabling Grand Parade to allow more public usage.
I’ve always thought the Metro Centre could use a green roof. Like a 2nd Citadel.
Can creative ways for additional parking areas be discussed?
Can someone PLEASE build me an aquarium already? And I want it in #Downtown
Do something. Get to know your neighbours! Who wants a street party?
Make a few popular streets pedestrian only walkways and lower business taxes to encourage investment pop into mind!
We need - less red tape for food trucks, more streets closed for community events, and municipal Wifi in the #DowntownimIn
More of this pls!! @CRUrbanFarm Thank you, the kids are enjoying this #DowntownimIn
pic.twitter.com/FKY9cyKcwo
Savannah has free transit (ferries and buses) Downtown #downtownimin pic.twitter.com/6FlEOBvZ9Z
Carnival with skiing, snowshoeing (my ), sledding, themes, contests (ie snow angels) prizes, treats!
Serpentine Studios @SerpStudio Feb 8
How about some play and whimsy in our public spaces? Thése giant ehemm are well used in Savannah
Eastern giant chimes are well used in Savannah
Ellis Square project. Tax $ returned on city investment
http://ow.ly/tsw33
Mark Brand: too much parking in the world. Keep taking it away. #DowntownimIn #halifax
Partnerships are key to a vibrant downtown. HRM, provincial & federal govt, univ, schools, hospitals, community & YOU now its a city for cars. The commuter train would help make it for pedestrians again also: free, clean, drinking water stations downtown.

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More artistic murals on blank facades of buildings

bring back F.R.E.D @hxtransit, even if its just the weekends

Close @AEDHalifax from Neptune Theatre to Blowers to car traffic and allow permanent patios

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<td>Food security, supporting each other, revitalizing our spaces and strong local businesses. Good place to start!</td>
<td>free parking in parkades on select days to attract people for whom transit/walking is not an option</td>
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<td>Look what trees can do when the power lines aren't in the way. Cathedral like streets! #downtownimin</td>
<td>Use empty storefronts! Temporary &amp; free gallery space? A win for both residents &amp; visitors.</td>
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<td>#savannah pic.twitter.com/jex9ECwHq5</td>
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