Downtown Brantford Streetscape (Class EA)

PIC#1 Town Hall Presentation **Question and Answer**











Virtual PIC # 1 Process



Q&A Town Hall posted to Project Webpage **December 21, 2020**

Additional Question Period **December 21, 2020 – January 15, 2021**

Q&A Document posted to Project Webpage January 25, 2021



PIC # 1 Recap

The PIC video can be viewed at www.brantford.ca/NewDowntown

The PIC presentation covered the following topics:

- Study area, process and EA status
- Vision for Downtown and project objectives
- Review of key background studies
- Constraints and priorities
- Results of stakeholder workshops
- Sample cross sections
- Evaluation Criteria and process





Online Engagement Survey – Conducted by the City of Brantford Included 11 Questions, with 418 Responses

Residents were asked to provide feedback on the Downtown including:

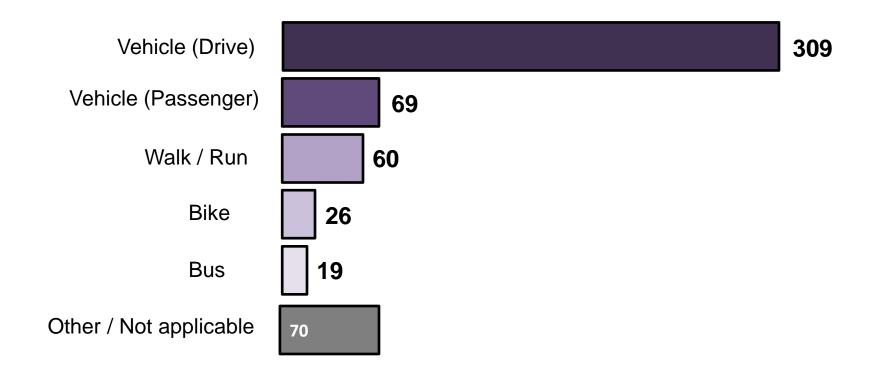
- Travel frequency
- Mode of travel to / within Downtown
- Reason for coming Downtown
- What makes a 'Downtown' attractive to visit
- Favourite elements
- Areas for improvement





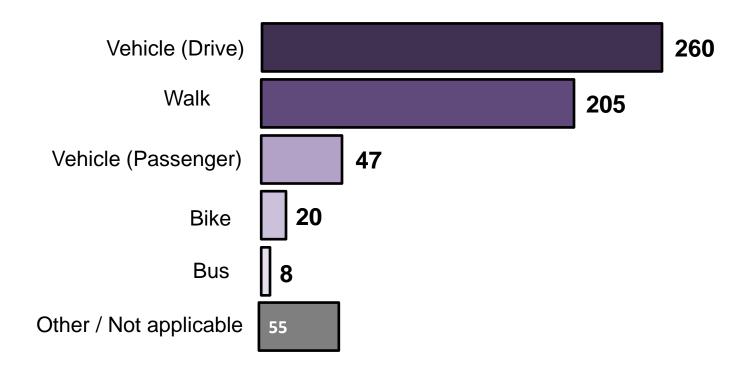


How Do You Usually Travel To Downtown (select all that apply)



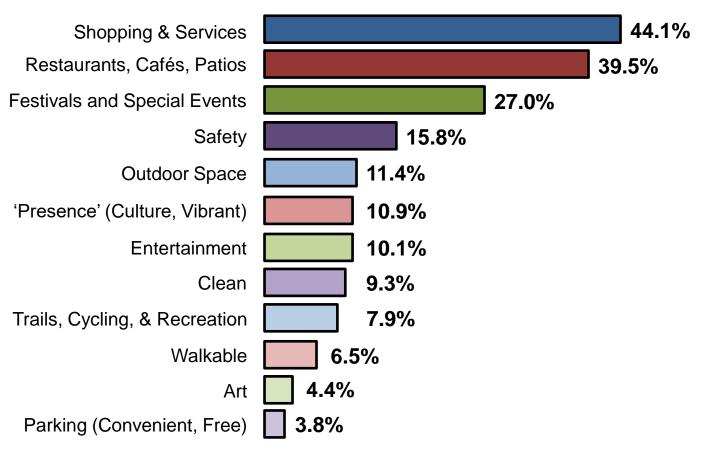


How Do You Usually Travel Within Downtown (select all that apply)





What are some things that make you want to visit a City's Downtown?





Q10 – When thinking about Downtown Brantford, which of these elements are most important to you? (rank options below from 1 to 10, 1 = most, 10 = least)

	#1 Priority (%)	Average Rank
Enhancing Public Safety	201 (50.9%)	2.9
Attracting New Businesses	54 (13.7%)	3.9
Better Walkability	32 (8.1%)	5.4
Keeping Streets/Walkways Clear of Litter	24 (6.1%)	4.8
More Greenery	24 (6.1%)	5.2
More Place to Sit & Socialize	20 (5.1%)	5.4
Bike Lanes & Parking	13 (3.3%)	7.8
More Vehicle Parking	11 (2.8%)	6.8
More Outdoor Events	9 (2.3%)	6.0
Enhancing Corridors Into Downtown	7 (1.8%)	6.4



Questions and Answers

Since the PIC slides and walkthrough video was posted on November 30, 2020, we have received a number of questions and comments.



The remainder of this video will focus on addressing your questions and comments.



Preliminary Evaluation Criteria





Social Environment



Natural Environment



Heritage



Archaeological



Aesthetics/ Image







Vehicle Safety



Pedestrian/ Cyclist Safety



Capital Cost



Maintenance Cost

Will each of the evaluation criteria have an equal weight in the ranking of the various options as each one is evaluated?





One-Way versus Two-Way Traffic

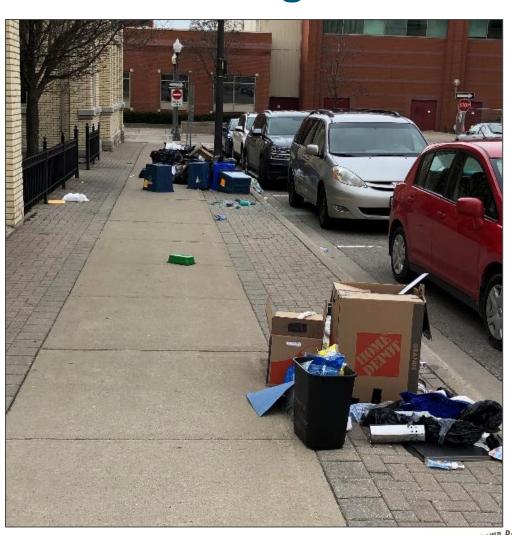
Preference for one-way versus two-way is fairly evenly divided.





Curbside Management / Garbage

Will there be significant Improvement to litter control?

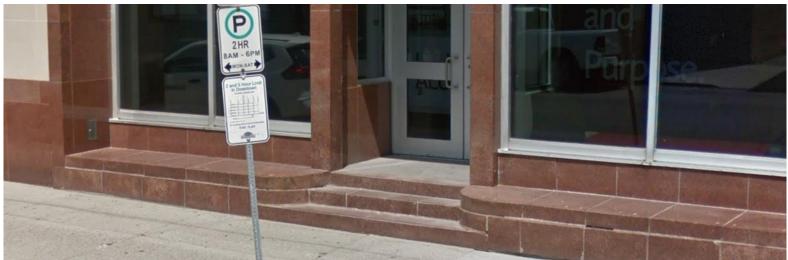


Accessibility

What are the distinct features of the downtown that support accessibility?



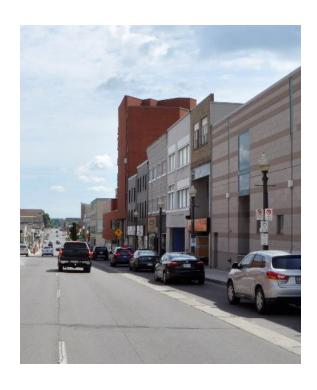




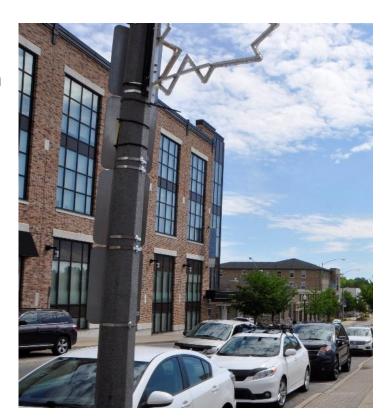


Parking

How will Downtown balance the need for convenient parking, especially for persons with accessibility issues, with demands for space?



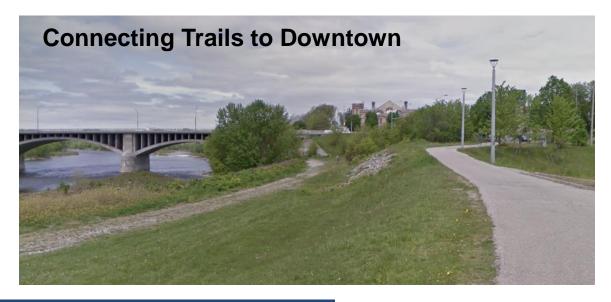
Is there opportunity to increase the quantity of on-street parking?





Active Transportation



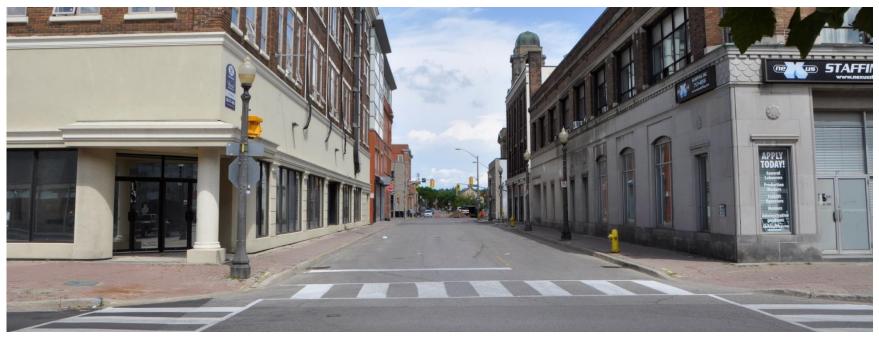


Cycling to school and work means fewer cars in the downtown, less noise and pollution. People would cycle to special events if bicycle stands were part of the streetscape.



Safety and Social Issues

How will the new Downtown promote a safe environment for walking and visiting?



How will the new Downtown address public safety concerns and social issues such as homelessness?

Businesses

How will Downtown attract new businesses?





How can environment Downtown be created that attracts residents and tourists?



Downtown Programming





What are specific features of Downtown that make it a destination for families, and which make it a must visit hotspot destination?





Comments / Questions

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