

Downtown Plan - Summary of Proposed Edits to Draft Plan

June 15, 2018

#	Comment Raised by Public/Organization	Proposed Edit to Plan
1	The history section of the Downtown Plan should ensure it is authentic to First Nation values and history.	Do not include a detailed Downtown history section, but instead revise the Downtown and Marwell history sections to reference that Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, Kwanlin Dün First Nation, and the City are working together to produce a historically-authentic interpretation of the Whitehorse area. No further historical context will be included in the plan, but when the historical work is done, it will inform plan implementation. New section was developed with TKC and KDFN representatives.
2	2nd Avenue Corridor Study Big Action - concerns received over specific aspects of design (e.g. dedicated bus lanes).	Revise the 2nd Avenue Corridor Study Big Action to emphasize that it is a study and that specific design aspects will be examined later. Remove the 2nd Avenue renderings and instead replace with some photos of some best practices for arterial roads (e.g. transit stops). Make it clear that specific designs and decisions will be made during the study, but that this Big Action provides general support and direction for improving 2nd Avenue.
3	Concerns received about the lack of mention on transit, parking, and bicycle improvements in the plan. There needs to be more information on the Bicycle Network Plan, Transit Master Plan, and Parking Management Plan Update.	Similar to the Safe at Home Plan, emphasize that parking, transit, and bicycle improvements are being done and considered in other plans. Include more information on the Bicycle Network Plan, the Transit Master Plan, the Parking Management Plan Update, and the Local Food and Urban Agriculture Strategy. In the "Supporting Other Strategies" section include a summary of these plans with images and maps if possible. It is not appropriate for the Downtown Plan to focus on the specifics of cycling, transit, and parking when they are the focus for these other plans. However, demonstrate that all these plans are being done in a coordinated way.
4	Cycling not adequately addressed in Downtown Plan.	Create a new Big Action #9 that focusses on the bicycle network, infrastructure, and improvements to make Downtown is more cycle friendly. Reference the Bicycle Network Plan and the improvements that are proposed in it (e.g. separated bike routes, greenway routes, infrastructure improvements). Big Action #8 is more about wayfinding and trails.

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5	Comments regarding social inclusion and fact that the plan does not adequately cover marginalized/vulnerable populations in the Downtown.	Keep the focus on Big Action #7 - Collaborative Working Group to Foster Social Wellness/Inclusivity as it is more within the City's responsibilities (e.g. place-based improvements to the public realm). Place more emphasis that this is a practical action related to making public spaces more inclusive and accessible for all by doing improvements in these spaces. List some more examples such as a firepit (which was suggested by the public). Make it clear that other initiatives are looking at overarching issues with marginalized and vulnerable people (e.g. Safe at Home Plan).
6	Wayfinding comments - Downtown is difficult to navigate.	Include more emphasis on wayfinding improvements in Big Action #8, including the need for signage developed in collaboration with First Nations, Government of Yukon, arts, and community organizations.
7	2nd escarpment staircase - move to transportation section of the plan.	Add to the transportation section of the plan. Will also add it to Big Move #8 - Establish a formal network of paved and unpaved trails and complete loops to highlight the 2nd staircase more.
8	The proposed pedestrian bridge from the Visitor Reception Centre to the hospital area needs more emphasis in the plan.	Move it to transportation policies section of the plan. The bridge will also be mentioned in Big Action #9 and Big Action #6 for greater emphasis. The proposed bridge idea did not emerge as one of the high priority Big Actions in the plan. However, it remains as a longer term idea for further investigation.
9	Comments on need for more beautification and street trees Downtown.	Revise Big Action #8 to reference beautification, landscaping, and street trees on planned east-west streets. Reference a possible adopt-a-tree program that the City could pursue.
10	Comments on the success of Arts in the Park in LePage Park and ensuring it remains an important event.	Reference Arts in Park to ensure that any measures proposed in plan do not impact it. Have a photo of Arts in Park to highlight it as a successful example.
11	Names of sub-areas of Downtown. Some areas would benefit from specific names to help define them.	Add a new policy under Form and Character section 6.3.22 - explore alternate names for Downtown North and Downtown South.
12	The riverfront in general needs to be more active and needs to be programmed. Not just about heritage buildings but about activating the entire riverfront.	Expand Big action #6 to be about more active uses on riverfront in general. Include sketch on the proposed mixed-use building between the YG Administrative Building and Visitor Reception Centre as an example.
13	Big Actions 1 and 2 are similar to each other. Why have them separated?	Revise Big Actions 1 and 2 to distinguish them more. Big Action 1 is more about design solutions and improvements for the Civic Cultural Core. Big Action 2 is more about programming this area with temporary street closures, pop-up patios, food truck events, and alley activation. This edit involved a general reorganization of the two actions.