

## October 25 Downtown Partnership and Action Plan Workshop – Record of Group Table Results

During the October 25 workshop, participants were asked to rank their top priorities for the Downtown Action Plan.

The following is a list of those top actions that were arrived at by the participant groups.

These results will help inform the planning team as they prepare the draft plans.



**Table: Group 1**

<b><u>DOWNTOWN PLAN</u></b> <b>Priorities</b>	<b>Reasons</b> <b>Criteria for Selection:</b> Broad support, resources, ease, impact for the dollar, achieves mandate and objectives	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Designate a formal network of trails (loops). Example includes the escarpment trail system and loop.		City, Downtown Residents Association, Yukon Government, Urban Cycling Coalition, Whitehorse Walks	Short-term	Focus on loop completion
2. Public washrooms Downtown	It is a base essential need for Downtown	City, YG	Immediate	Consider multiple locations Should be near Main and Front Streets City Hall is a possible location
3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Corridor Study	Focus should be on safety, multi-modal flows, and pedestrian environment	City, Chamber of Commerce, businesses, Urban Cycling Coalition	Short-term	In study include an examination of protected intersections for bikes Related to proposed transit hub, parkade idea near Main Street
4. Establish collaborative working group to address social issues and foster social connections	Foster accessibility and inclusiveness	City, YG, First Nations, RCMP, Anti-Poverty Coalition, many other groups	Medium-term	
5. Transit hub/parking solution		City, Canada, Chamber of Commerce (possible PPP)	Medium-term	
6. Upper escarpment trail	Views, amazing perspectives	City, YG Airport, Downtown Residents Association, Whitehorse Walks	Short-term	
7. Pop-up patio program for Main and Front Streets	Easy to do Can test and pilot it	City, Chamber of Commerce, YG Tourism	Immediate	
8. Pedestrian bridge across the Yukon River	It's authentic and makes a statement Improves quality of life for Downtown residents Can include First Nation themes	City, YG, Canada, First Nations, ATCO, Chamber of Commerce	Medium-term	FN theme Connect to trails on east-side of river Connects hospital, YG Health, YG Education employees.
9. Cycling infrastructure along 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Downtown North		City, Urban Cycling Coalition, Downtown Residents Association	Short-term	Consider Chilkoot Way as a connector Connection to waterfront also needed
10. Key greenway streets – Downtown. East-west connectors and 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (north-south) Old Town greenway		City, Downtown Residents Association, Urban Cycling Coalition	Medium-term	Downtown Residents Association are bringing forward a resolution to have 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue as a proposed greenway route

**Table: Group 2**

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1. Establish collaborative working group to address social issues and foster social connections		All governments, NGOs, businesses, citizens, people with lived experiences	Now	Safe at home Vulnerable people at risk
2. Explore upgrades to (e.g. lighting, seating, wind protection) to high-priority transit stops. Not just transit stops, other areas in town.		City, Yukon Electric, ATCO	Short-term	
3. Construct an enclosed transit hub/possible parking structure near Main Street.			Short-term	Design with safety in mind
4. Undertake a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor Study			Now	
5. Install public washrooms in a highly accessible commercial core location			Short-term	Also include drinking water station
6. Work with large Downtown employers to encourage alternative forms of transportation for employees		Chamber of Commerce	Now	Consider group transit passes Subsidized, low-income passes
7. Identify key east-west streets (Ogilvie, Black, Wood, Hanson, Hoge Streets) for cycling and pedestrian infrastructure			Short/medium term	Identify and <u>build</u>
8. Install bike storage infrastructure and rider amenities at key locations (e.g. the proposed transit hub)			Short-term	
9. Integrate more First Nation themes, language, and names into Downtown places and wayfinding infrastructure		KDFN, Ta'an, Council of Yukon First Nations, Parks Canada	Now	
10. Explore potential for additional community garden space along the escarpment. Don't do escarpment but instead extend to all Downtown. Flowers and food.		Downtown Urban Gardeners Society, food NGOs, Golden Age Society, Growers of Organic Food Yukon	Now	To feed people and beautify city
11. Protect the upper escarpment, Black Street		Airport authority, City	Now	

**Table: Group 3**

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1. Social wellness – safety, support marginalized communities First Nations engagement	Meets social needs Reconciliation	YG, KDFN, TKC, City, NGO’s, service clubs	Now	Supports the following actions: -establish a collaborative working group to foster community safety, inclusiveness and engagement of marginalized people -Integrate more First Nation themes, language, and names into Downtown places and wayfinding infrastructure -Explore an incentives based program to utilize vacant Downtown lots for community benefit -Establish a Design Review Panel to review development proposals in key areas
2. Active transportation – trails Safety and accessibility Culture interpretation	Safety Meets social needs Reconciliation	YG, KDFN, TKC, City, NGO’s, service clubs, Canada (federal funding)	Now	Supports the following actions: -Integrate more First Nation themes, language, and names into Downtown places and wayfinding infrastructure -Work with YG to secure continued public access to the upper escarpment trail and resolve ongoing erosion issues -In collaboration with YG, explore the re-use and public enjoyment of riverfront heritage buildings -Undertake a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Corridor Study -Identify key east-west greenway streets -Install bike storage and rider amenities at key locations -Construct separated bike lanes through the North Downtown area and along 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
3. Public Safety			Now	Supports the following actions: -establish a collaborative working group to foster community safety, inclusiveness and engagement of marginalized people -Explore upgrades (e.g. lighting, seating, wind protection) to high priority transit stops -Undertake a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Corridor Study
4. Transit Improvements				Supports the following actions: --Explore upgrades (e.g. lighting, seating, wind protection) to high priority transit stops -Construct an enclosed transit hub/possible parking structure near Main Street

**Table: Group 4**

<b><u>DOWNTOWN PLAN</u></b> <b>Priorities</b>	<b>Reasons</b> <b>Criteria for Selection:</b> Broad support, resources, ease, impact for the dollar, achieves mandate and objectives	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Install public washrooms (connected with transit). Open 24/7		City, business community, YG	Now	
2. Establish a working group to foster community safety, inclusiveness, and engagement of marginalized populations in key areas		First Nations, Chamber of Commerce, community associations, service groups	Now	
3. Yukon Housing Action Plan; affordable housing; 5 <sup>th</sup> and Rogers development		YG, Anti-Poverty Coalition, First Nations, investment community, Yukon Housing, City, Salvation Army	Now/Later (implementation)	
4. Walking/pedestrian bridge	Connectivity → waterfront to cliffs; flow	City, service clubs, walking advocates, YG	Now	
5. Parking: higher density parking		City, private sector	Now	
6. Integrate more First Nation themes, language, and names → make it their home again		First Nations, City, YG Heritage, private sector	Ongoing/Short	
7. Transportation route planning – transit, vehicles, travel in and out		City, YG Highways and Public Works	Ongoing/Short/Long Term proper planning	
8. Downtown festival atmosphere – Whitehorse is open after 6 PM		Service clubs, NGOs, First Nations, YG Tourism and Culture, City	Short	
9. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Overhaul: connect Downtown to waterfront		City, RCMP	Short/Long Term proper planning	
10. KDFN Waterfront Project		First Nations, City, YG Tourism and Culture, stakeholders	Now	

**Table: Group 5**

<b><u>DOWNTOWN PLAN</u></b> <b>Priorities</b>	<b>Reasons</b> <b>Criteria for Selection: Broad support, resources, ease, impact for the dollar, achieves mandate and objectives</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Establish a collaborative working group to foster community safety, inclusiveness, and engagement of marginalized populations	Downtown is becoming less safe, more people living Downtown	RCMP, City Bylaw, First Nations, NGOs, businesses, Salvation Army, Yukon Housing	Short	
2. Install public washrooms in a highly accessible commercial core location		City, Skookum, Rotary, Salvation Army, AFY, YG, businesses		
3. Explore an incentives based program to utilize vacant lots for community benefit		City, businesses, NGOs, food bank, First Nations, YG		Community gardens?
4. Repword action 17 to “encourage alternative forms of transportation”	Safety and wellness Environment	City, businesses, YG Climate Change Secretariat, Urban Cycling Coalition, YG		City/Downtown employers to review transit Reducing speed limits
5. More public spaces/playgrounds (e.g. Shipyards Park)				
6. Construct an enclosed transit hub/possible parking structure near Main Street				Hub on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue is too dangerous (too busy) Separate out parking structure from this action item One hub where all buses service
7. Designate a formal network of paved and unpaved trails in the Downtown area and provide information kiosks/maps at key points				
8. Initiate a pilot program for three-stream waste services in high traffic Downtown areas				
9. Work with local businesses to develop a “pop-up” patio program for Main Street (maybe)				
NOTE: Integrate “First Nations themes, language, and names” action into all actions above. Overarching action.				