



Bowness Road NW – What we've heard

These comments were compiled from the Main Streets public engagement activities which took place from November 2014 through May 2015. The top issues, opportunities and outcomes were ranked in order of consensus and ratings from citizens. The dotted line on the map indicates the potential area to be considered for change as described by citizens (for example, potential areas for mixed use development). This input will be analyzed to inform the planning strategy for each main street.



**This boundary is based on preliminary discussions with citizens; additional analysis and research will be completed to determine future locations for change and transition.*

OUTCOMES

1. Small town feel

The scale and design of buildings along Bowness Road create a small town feeling. Maintain the current angled parking along Bowness Road.



2. Flexible and temporary active spaces

Allowing parking stalls to serve as patio areas on weekends. Roof top occupancies, sidewalk signage, etc. should be allowed in the Main Street areas to encourage animated streets and encourage business uses that add to street vibrancy, not discourage it. Processes like road closures for festivals should be cleaned up and standardized so street activity is promoted.



3. Close knit community

Promote and support a feeling of a small, vibrant, energetic and close knit community.



OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. Maintain angled parking along Bowness Road
- 2. More green space because there are lots of opportunities - Performance space/stage on main or in The Hub, outdoor concert area, Farmers' Market

- 3. Patios
- 4. Public art - murals, local artists
- 5. Pedestrian bridge across Bow River to Silver Springs/Bowmont Park
- 6. Continuous streetwall

- 7. Façade improvement programs
- 8. Small town feel
- 9. Street trees
- 10. Increase pedestrian safety
- 11. Bike route might be better on Bowwood Dr

- 12. Encouraging (or requiring) smaller Commercial/Retail Unit (CRU) bays in developments to promote independent, local businesses

ISSUES

- 1. Bowness Mall needs attention (multiple ownership is an issue)
- 2. Lack of green space and places for people to sit and gather
- 3. Street is not really animated in evening
- 4. Bike routes not well maintained

- 5. Barren, a lack of trees
- 6. Sidewalks feel disjointed with gaps and greater connectivity is needed
- 7. No boutique-type stores

- 8. Current retail that doesn't work: auto body shops and gas stations
- 9. Existing green spaces are underutilized and unwelcoming (clothing, furniture etc.) that would draw people to the neighbourhood

- 10. Speeding is a problem
- 11. Need to do more to discourage cut-through traffic
- 12. Main Street is underbuilt, more density is needed to support businesses