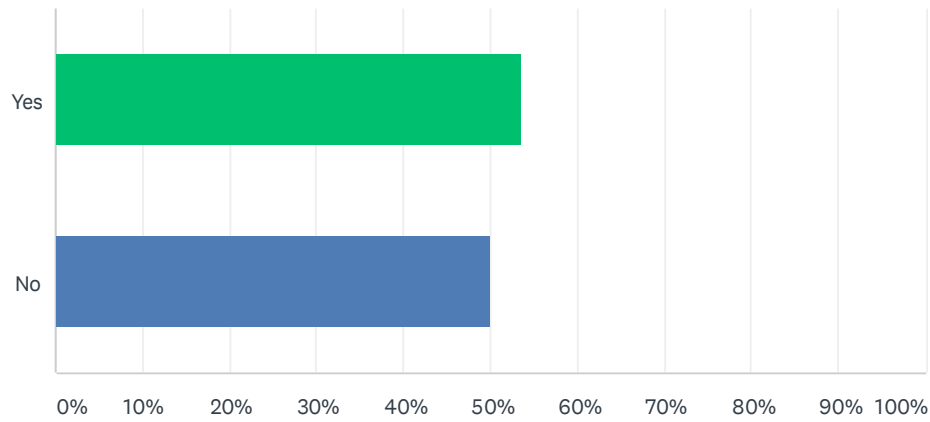


# Q1 If given the opportunity, would you use part of the street to expand your business for the summer?

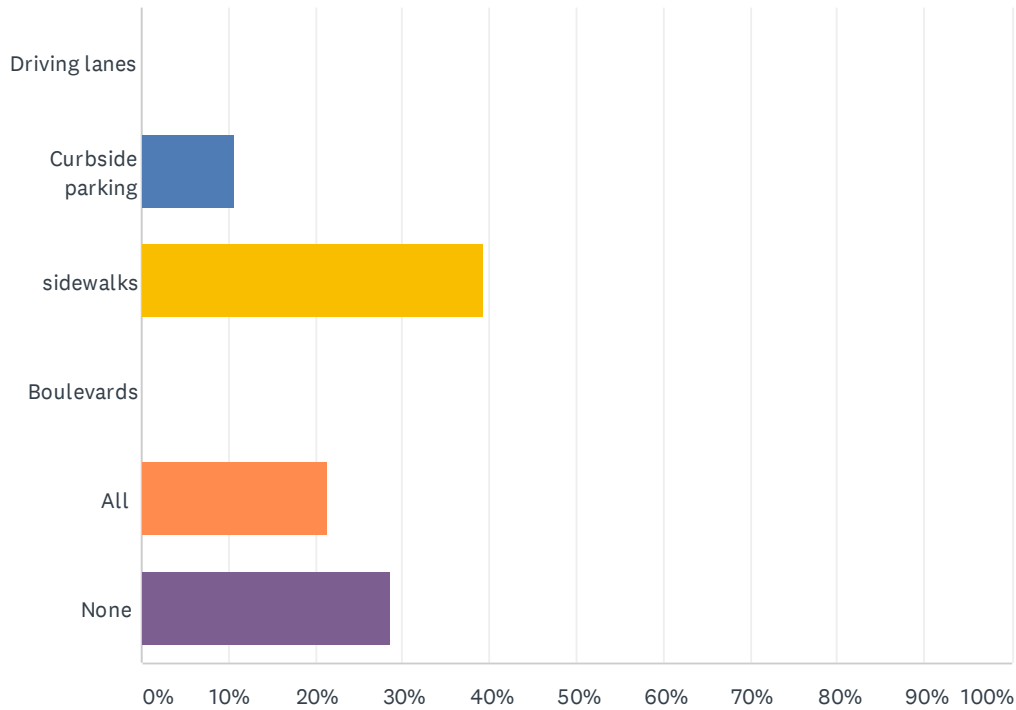
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.57%	15
No	50.00%	14
Total Respondents: 28		

## Q2 What part of the street would be most convenient for you to use?

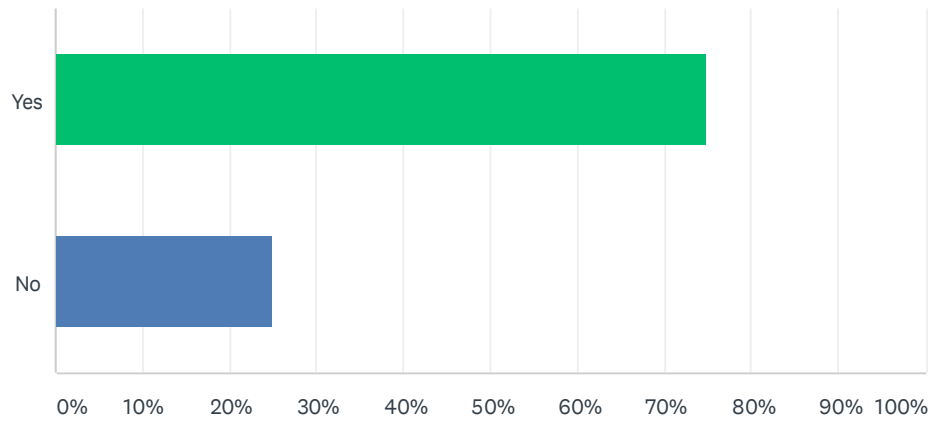
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Driving lanes	0.00% 0
Curbside parking	10.71% 3
sidewalks	39.29% 11
Boulevards	0.00% 0
All	21.43% 6
None	28.57% 8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>

### Q3 Would you support making portions of 2nd Ave car free to allow businesses to spread into the street?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 0



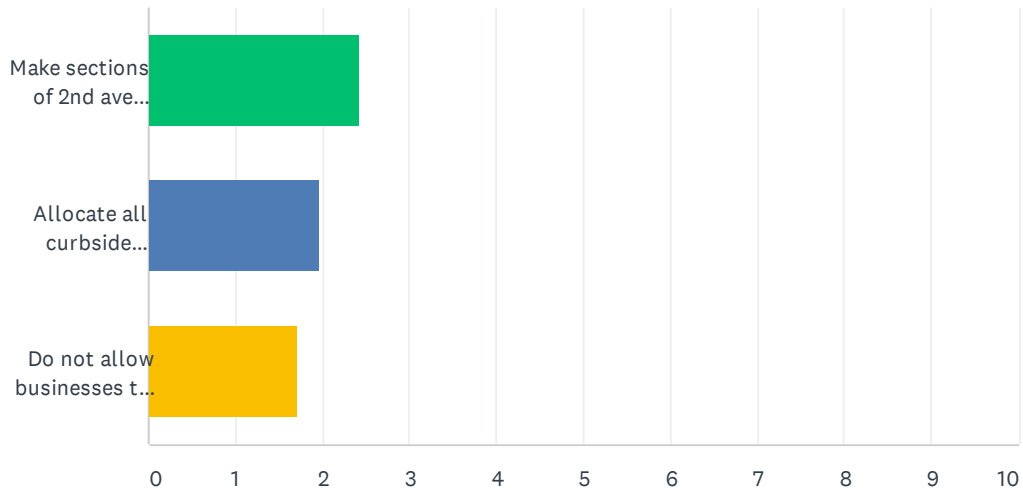
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	21
No	25.00%	7
TOTAL		28

**Q4 In your opinion what are the benefits and concerns with allowing businesses to expand into the street and limiting vehicle traffic for portions of 2nd Ave?**

Answered: 28 Skipped: 0

### Q5 Please rank the following scenarios:

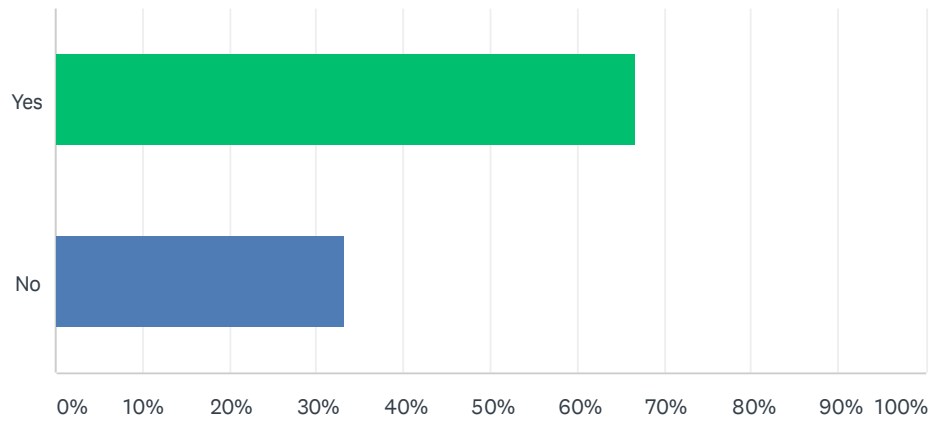
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	1	2	3	TOTAL	SCORE
Make sections of 2nd ave between 4th and 5th, 5th and 6th and 6th and 7th pedestrian and bike only. Cars can still cross 2nd Ave.	69.23% 18	3.85% 1	26.92% 7	26	2.42
Allocate all curbside parking stalls except accessible stalls for businesses to use and keep 2nd Ave open to vehicles	8.70% 2	78.26% 18	13.04% 3	23	1.96
Do not allow businesses to extend into the parking lane except restaurant patios (current practice)	28.00% 7	16.00% 4	56.00% 14	25	1.72

### Q6 If there was restricted access to vehicles on 2nd Ave would you like to see additional bike parking within the downtown area?

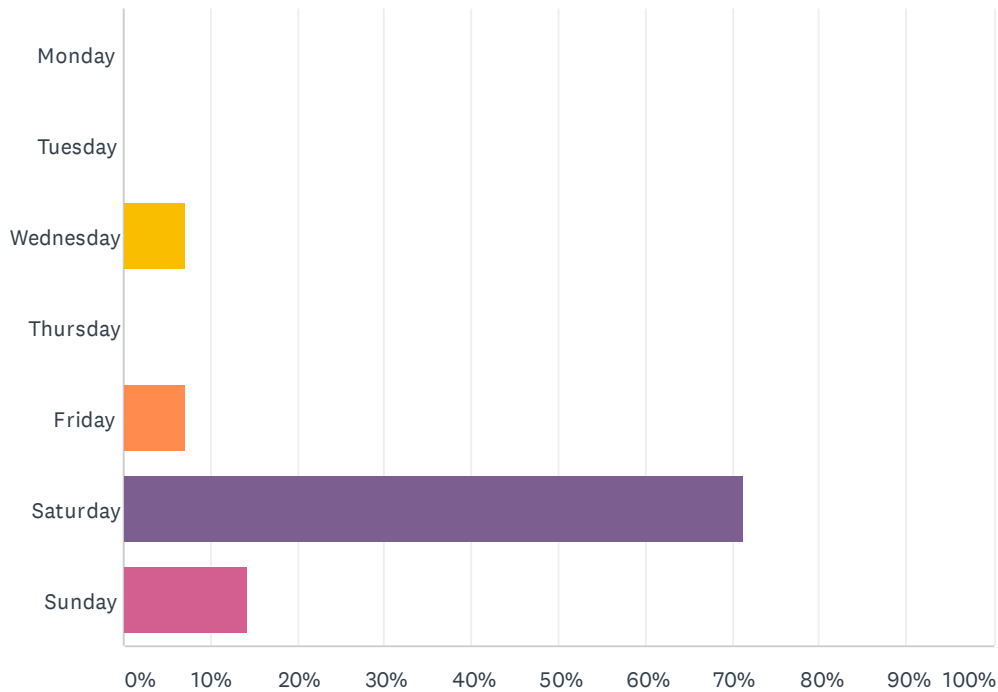
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	18
No	33.33%	9
TOTAL		27

### Q7 If portions of 2nd Ave are made pedestrian and bike only, which days would best support your business? If none, please leave blank.

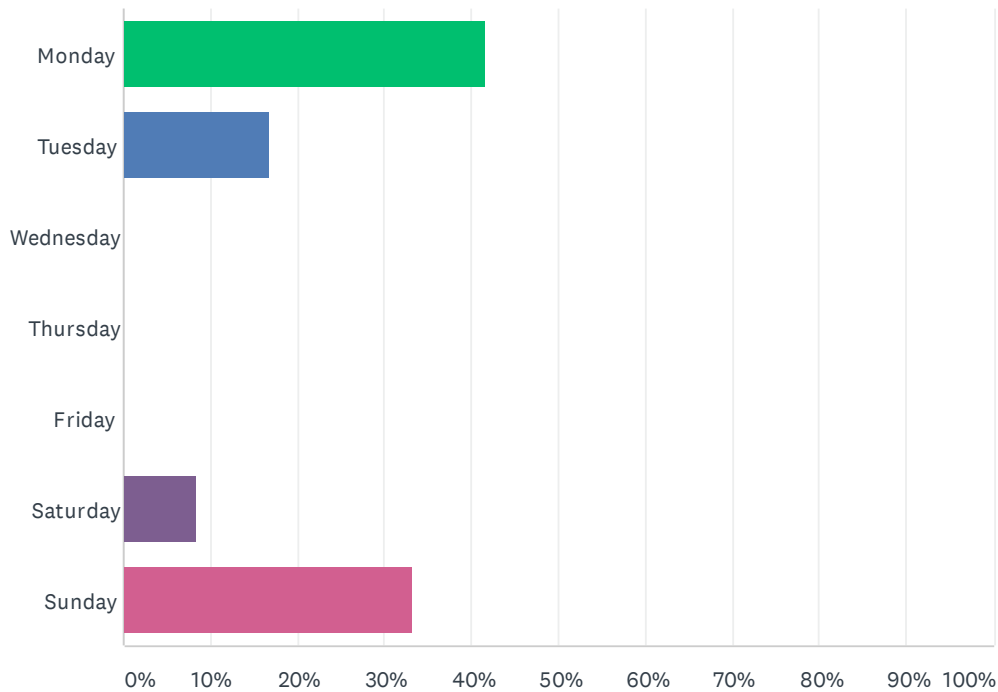
Answered: 14 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Monday	0.00% 0
Tuesday	0.00% 0
Wednesday	7.14% 1
Thursday	0.00% 0
Friday	7.14% 1
Saturday	71.43% 10
Sunday	14.29% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

### Q8 If portions of 2nd Ave are made pedestrian and bike only, which days would least impact your business? If none, please leave blank.

Answered: 12 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Monday	41.67% 5
Tuesday	16.67% 2
Wednesday	0.00% 0
Thursday	0.00% 0
Friday	0.00% 0
Saturday	8.33% 1
Sunday	33.33% 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

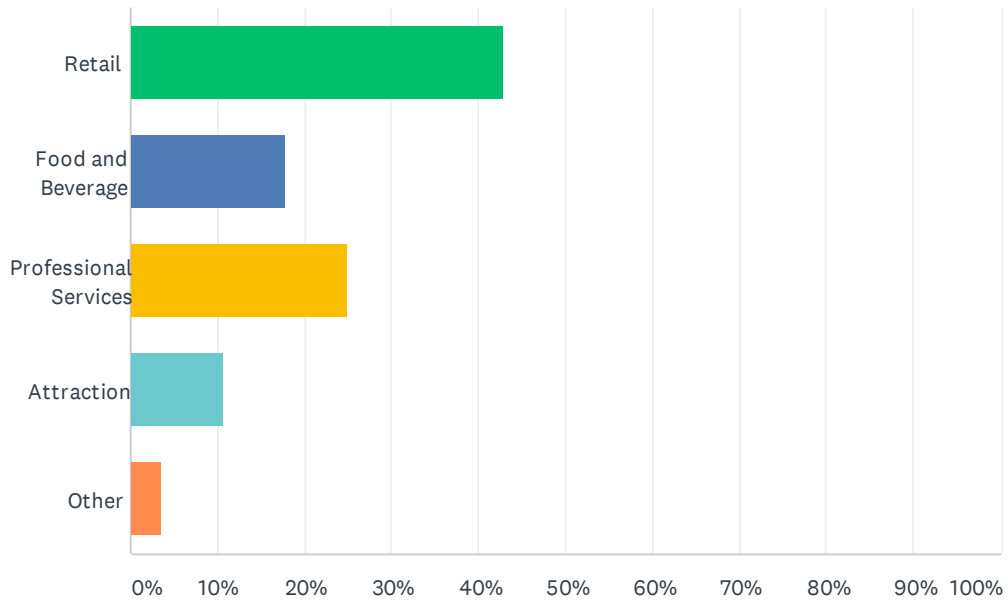


## Q9 How can the City best support you in re-opening and recovering your business during the pandemic?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 7

### Q10 What Industry are you in?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Retail	42.86%	12
Food and Beverage	17.86%	5
Professional Services	25.00%	7
Attraction	10.71%	3
Other	3.57%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28</b>

#### **Q4 - In your opinion what are the benefits and concerns with allowing businesses to expand into the street and limiting vehicle traffic for portions of 2nd Ave?**

- Benefits being that businesses can accommodate more shoppers and diners into their businesses under new policies of social distancing. Concerns being that there would be limited parking for those who require priority parking. I would like to see priority parking for those who need it on the side streets/adjacent to Second Ave. Have 1st Ave become one-way traffic with parallel parking on the unused side.
- Concern: Access for seniors that may have to park blocks away. We often have to see some seniors for retinal care monthly.
- My only concern is that people who legitimately have accessibility issues have a solution. The rest we can solve. Lets do it!
- benefits: more people shopping/browsing = more business concerns: parking even though I believe more people would bike to 2nd Ave if it were pedestrian, maybe leave a few parking spots for disabilities, elderly and pregnant/young children
- Essential to our medical/optometric practice that we have access for the front door, for patients and deliveries. To remove access will impair Seniors and disabled patients from access. It is not possible (even if there was access in the alley) for our office to use a back-door entrance.
- Benefits: saver covid-19 summer
- Allowing somewhat larger terraces and reducing a few parking spaces will help food and beverage businesses but closing the street to all vehicular traffic and parking will seriously impact certain retail operations. Every time the street is closed our business is severely impacted because people like to have the idea that they can drive to the business of their choice and park nearby, when the street is closed they end of driving to businesses on the highway where they know they can park, or they park so far away that walking is not necessarily convenient. And with all our rainy and cool days people want to get close to the retailers. Urban studies show that closing a street to vehicular traffic has to be done with great care in order to not destroy the fabric of retail streets. Retail is already struggling with unfair online competition who pay no local taxes or rents or employee local people, this will create a further impediment to local shopping on main street. Very large urban centers particularly in Europe can sometimes make pure pedestrian zones work, but Fernie is small and main street seems very barren and empty when there are not cars to give motion and help fill up the street - if anything the lack of activity typical of days when the street is closed are too reminiscent of what main street looked like during the days of self-isolation. Please do not close the street to vehicles and parking because we are unlikely to survive that on top of all the damage done by Covid-19.
- Access for seniors, people parking in private parking, customers can get to our business for lack of parking
- Our concern is that the parking lot for the two liquor stores and Save on foods would be used for public parking affecting our businesses.
- Benefit is to increase capacity while lowering potential for an accident. Also creates a better vibe and customer experience. Biggest Issue is parking for vulnerable individuals which can be addressed
- Allowing the closure of the street would help assist with physical distancing and allow for animation in the core. Appropriate signage would help to direct to alternative parking.

People using alleyways as a thoroughfare- suggestions on alternative routes would be helpful i.e. 3rd avenue not 1st as it dead ends into a one way.

- I think it would be great to allow business to expand onto the street!!
- It may help or may not help the restaurants, but it will definitely hurt retail because there will be no parking.
- Personally, I'd like to see 2nd made one way/one lane from the 7th street 4way to the 4th street 4 way and then 1st one way from Gear hub to the grocery store. Closing 2nd entirely really only helps the restaurants/bars
- My concerns are that it will benefit some businesses more than others giving them more of a competitive advantage than say a business on a side street (Infinitea) or a business at far end of 2nd (ie Himalayan Spice Bistro). I think we need to allow all businesses downtown extra space (Fernie Hotel, Distillery, Royal etc). I do think we need to have at least one-way traffic flow as we do not have the volume of visitors to sustain a total shutdown of 2nd ave allowing businesses to expand will benefit everyone however, creating a more vibrant downtown core and allowing for better social distancing.
- More outdoors dining, more outdoors selling, pedestrian-friendly atmosphere.
- Huge benefit: we would be able to increase our patio / seating area outside our restaurant (to make up for the reduced capacity we now have inside our restaurant). Customers perceive outdoor areas to be less "risky" to health.
- It would promote social distancing (more room to walk) making both patrons and business owners more comfortable. Restaurants and bars would be able to expand their patios to seat more people than the 50% occupancy during covid-19. This would open up the possibility to host events on 2nd ave like the Show'n'Shine, Mountain Market etc. It would make 2nd ave more bike friendly for the summer.
- More space and safety of customers. Waiting areas. Order areas as summer gets busy there needs to be more space for lines and waiting. More sitting areas for restaurants. Social distancing done proper. Elderly and handicapped parking needs to be in place.
- Benefits: safer environment for active transport modes, potential for a more vibrant space and infill of 'pop-up' businesses including food trucks etc. (mobile business in street center): Cons: Tough time for commercial delivery to/from businesses, reduced overall parking capacity for mobility impaired persons Other: Concerning the mobility impaired argument (i.e. "what about seniors and mobility impaired individuals who need to get to the doctors, pharmacy, optometrist")... I think the City has a real duty to take a closer look at the planning intent for second avenue. Is second avenue the best place for these services? IGS (pharmacy) is nice enough to have parking and provide parking spaces for public use. I understand that all business on second ave are grandfathered in - and off-street parking is not something 'reasonable' to dictate to permit a certain business. Zoning came after buildings.... unfortunate but such is life. Are there opportunities for the City planning staff and council to encourage such medical services to relocate themselves to the highway frontage or towards to the hospital? Just my 2cents
- lots of fresh air. kick start post covid-19 business
- it would be awesome to make a vibrant outdoor space but still allowing for social distancing. It would be nice to enjoy dining and shopping without the noise and smell and danger of traffic. It is the perfect time to try this with people being open to new ways of doing things.

- The loss of energy that the usual traffic and buzz of people moving around. Also, the loss of parking spaces; we have to remember our seniors and persons that have issues getting around.
- There is a concern for parking for less able people including the elderly. I do think side street parking could be an option for them. I think it is a great idea for this summer and would only encourage people to walk/bike rather than drive having less cars downtown in general. It would support our local businesses to help them through these tough times and keep our downtown as full of business as it is. During summer 2nd Ave is full of people biking in the middle of the road and pedestrians crossing wherever, limiting traffic might make the street safer. Accessibility is often an issue in Fernie and I think there are ways to still provide parking to those that need to while opening up 2nd Ave to business and pedestrian only. Having 2nd ave set up as pedestrian only may also encourage BC tourism which is important to so many businesses this summer. We can't be afraid of change and need to support the businesses that make Fernie what is it.
- better shopping experiences for customers
- Reduce customer flows for business on second avenue in general
- Space and more space! given the current situation being able to give people up town more space to freely move and business more space to accommodate patrons is huge.

**Q9 - How can the City best support you in re-opening and recovering your business during the pandemic?**

- Continuing to promote our businesses on social media and offer online seminars to continue to build our businesses. Have businesses working together to support one another.
- All good so far
- Easy and quick patio submission, I've called and was told I would be called back and haven't heard from anyone...I will have to call again
- We need all the help we can to enhance people to the downtown. Closing 2nd avenue will be a huge economic mistake. We already are allowing rental of city land at below market value for patios that are empty 90% of the time. Even with the Covid-19 problems the access for curbside delivery will be essential. Closing 2nd avenue for traffic will eliminate any benefit. We require more parking close to our office especially during the day for patients to wait for their appointments in their car. We have considerable protocols from or work safe and the regulatory bodies.
- Allowing 2nd ave to be pedestrian/bike only.
- With regard to the Main Street vehicle issue: By ensuring that people can still have the option of driving onto Mainstreet and have the option of parking on Mainstreet. Additionally, have as many options and ways as possible to get as many customers into the main street area so that the street is competitive with the highway and feels vibrant. The already empty store fronts will soon be joined by more. With regard to the other big issue the city controls: costs including taxation - it must be kept as low as possible because very shortly all businesses in Fernie are going to be dealing with a situation where there are either far fewer tourists or tourists who are more careful with their money and many unemployed people in the community. Money will be tight and all businesses will have to be very price competitive to survive.

- Bill deferrals. Cash flow is very tight right now and any delays to bill paying would help manage expenses
- Consistency and sharing of information to the public.
- Figure out a way of making people turn off the highway? After many years/decades of 2nd being a retail/restaurant destination, many people still don't know the area exists.
- allowing outdoor space expanded
- By implementing the above recommendations
- Allow us to take over more public space with tables for diners.
- Be open to all new ideas that come across the table. Look to other municipalities to see what they are doing. Realize that tourism is as important as industry in the Valley. Promote supporting local. Issue permitting to those in need to create a vibrant downtown core this summer. More "yes" and less "no".
- Encouraging and educate landlords on the extra expenses businesses are taking on because of covid-19, our encourage their flexibility/ open to lease adjustments. Some landlords are in denial of the impact on businesses
- open market street vending on 2<sup>nd</sup>
- I think closing 2nd to give business more space to operate is awesome.
- increasing tourism. making 2nd ave pedestrian/bike only may increase tourism for Fernie
- helping to make change. There are cities all over the world that have pedestrian only streets and they are made to work. We will never please everyone, but this can be done.