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Downtown Area Plan

The City's Downtown Area Plan creates a framework for improving the economic vitality and attractiveness of the City's downtown core. It guides growth and future development and establishes a vision to encourage and foster the development of a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly and economically resilient downtown core.

Vision

- A focus on higher density, mixed-use development
- Attract more residential development and people into the downtown
- Consistent and modern design guidelines
- A downtown core that is vibrant and benefits all residents and businesses in the City of Castlegar

Key Recommendations

- Re-examine Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws to enable greater flexibility for people to work and live in the same area and for residential infill.
- Re-examine design and signage guidelines.
- Develop a strategy to ensure that there is adequate parking as development occurs.
- Consider financial incentives to assist business owners with re-development and façade improvements.
- Seek out partnerships and redevelopment opportunities to reinvigorate the downtown.

What the City's Doing

- The City will continue to seek partnerships and redevelopment opportunities.
- The City initiated and expanded its Open Streets Pilot Project to create more vibrant outdoor spaces.

Find the full plan and more info at castlegar.ca/imaginedowntown

Community Involvement

Open house & survey participants

80



Focus group meetings

4



Engagement methods

Downtown Area Planning Advisory Committee Meetings, walkabouts, pop-ups, interviews & design charrette

Students engaged with

100+

