

Engagement Summary Report

Engagement 2014 to 2015

Phase 1 of the Main Streets initiative was stakeholder discussion and public engagement. From November 2014 to May 2015 there were five public engagement opportunities for each of the 24 MDP corridors or main street areas. This resulted in 1,335 hours of discussion and 4,112 comments provided by over 2,200 Calgarians at events and online. As well, the Main Streets team presented project details at 20 meetings to community associations, business revitalization zones and other groups during this same time. Following this public engagement phase, Local Viewpoint Maps were created for most main street areas, including Bowness Road NW.

Bowness Road NW Main Street - Public Meetings 2018

Three information sessions were held, the first one was a re-introduction of the Main Street initiative to residents of Bowness in March of 2018. In April and June of 2018, two workshop events were paired with online opportunities to provide input at the same time. This was followed by additional discussions with landowners, the Bowness Community Association and the Bowness Business Improvement Area as requested.

The first workshop session (April 16, 2018 - "Discussing Opportunities") presented a model for a new land use framework using the scale of development ranges in the Developed Areas Guidebook, supported by examples of building forms and types. Worksheets asked participants about the range of building types, heights and locations of land uses to determine an appropriate land use district pattern. This new land use district pattern was vetted with residents and stakeholders. Detailed What We Heard report is available at:

https://calgary.ca/engage/Documents/Main_Streets/What%20We%20Heard_BownessRdNW%20Main%20Streets%20Land%20Use%20Final.pdf

The second workshop session (June 11, 2018 - "Reviewing Outcomes") presented a detailed map with the new land use districts and presented the necessity of amending the Bowness Area Redevelopment Plan. This new land use framework was refined based on input from the April session. Worksheets asked participants about the range of land use districts, building heights and locations of commercial/residential land use districts. Detailed What We Heard report is available at:

<http://www.calgary.ca/layouts/cocis/DirectDownload.aspx?target=http%3a%2f%2fwww.calgary.ca%2fengage%2fDocuments%2f6.2-Engagement%2520Report%2520Back%2520Template%2520-%2520What%2520we%2520heard%2520Bowness%2520Main%2520Streets.pdf&noredirect=1&sf=1>

A total of 312 people attended the April and June events held at the Irish Cultural Centre. In addition, approximately 120 pieces of feedback from in person and online opportunities were received. Additional revisions occurred based feedback from the event and where community associations or residents requested more discussion. The finalized land use pattern determined the required local area plan amendments. This proposal was mailed to all impacted property owners with specific details on the recommended changes for the main street area.