

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN**



BIG MOVES/PLAN SUMMARY

6TH AVE - IMPROVED STREETSCAPE

An enhanced streetscape with a pedestrianfocused design that includes narrowing the street, implementing traffic calming measures, creating pedestrian zones, and introducing agefriendly and accessibility improvements. Initial short-term improvements and pilot projects will lay the foundation for long-term transformation, featuring elements such as improved stormwater management, seating, bike racks, waste bins, and the relocation of power poles.

ALL SEASON GATHERING SPACE

A new, year-round multifunctional public space at the corner of 6th Avenue and Josephine, designed to host markets, events, and other community gatherings, offering vibrant public spaces for downtown residents and visitors.

DOWNTOWN GATEWAY

A new downtown gateway featuring enhanced wayfinding, improved highway crossings, public art, parking, and a potential new welcome center to support emerging tourism opportunities, such as motorcycle and cyclist tourism. This initiative will create a welcoming sense of arrival to New Denver's downtown area.







WATERFRONT CONNECTION

An enhanced waterfront connection offering scenic lake views, multifunctional public spaces for activities such as seating, picnicking, and play, along with programming opportunities like music and events. The design will also include a playground, beach and water access, and wayfinding and interpretive signage to enrich the experience.

SLOCAN GREENWAY

A vibrant Slocan Greenway featuring a meandering gravel path, RV parking, wayfinding, and bioswales, is designed to provide additional parking and enhance recreational opportunities for downtown visitors.

SIDE STREET STRATEGY

A flexible approach to the side streets enables downtown to evolve, incorporating elements such as additional parking, active transportation infrastructure, parklets, and open spaces.

ENHANCED CONNECTIONS + ACCESSIBILITY

Enhanced connections to and within downtown, including a new pedestrian bridge linking south New Denver, Centennial Park, the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, trails, and the highway. This will be supported by improved wayfinding, active transportation infrastructure, and accessibility upgrades.

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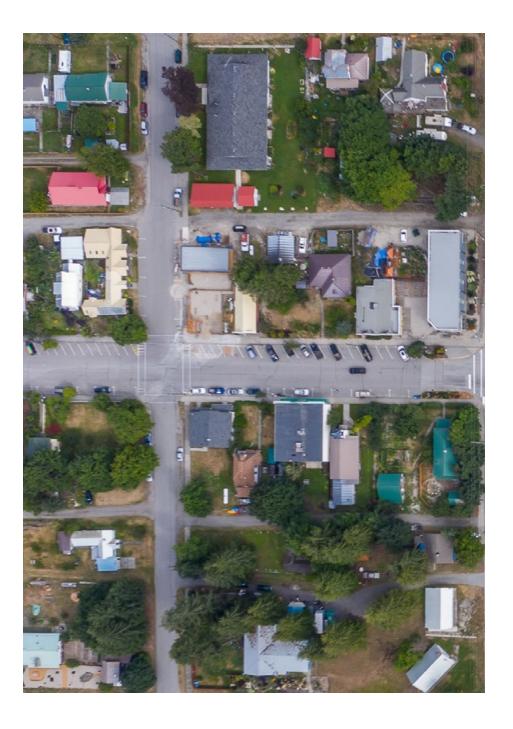
1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

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This section provides an overview of the project, including a summary of the background analyses, plan context, the overall project process, community engagement process and outcomes, and needs assessment.

1.1. INTRODUCTION

The New Denver Downtown Revitalization Plan (NDDRP) provides a vision and strategy for the future development of Downtown New Denver. It outlines objectives, policies, guidelines, conceptual designs, and implementation priorities to guide decision-making and investment. The plan addresses key areas such as land use, transportation, parks and open space, sustainability (including climate action and stormwater management), urban design, and placemaking.



1.2. CONTEXT OVERVIEW

Downtown New Denver features a small retail core surrounded by civic, park, and residential areas, with the wider community primarily consisting of singlefamily housing.

Located centrally within the Village, Downtown is well-connected to Highway 6 and Slocan Lake. To the south of Downtown, across the bridge, are key community and cultural sites, including Centennial Park, the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, and the Slocan Community Health Centre.

The Official Community Plan (OCP) designates the Downtown Core as a 'Commercial' area, highlighting its importance as the economic and social hub of the community. To support this vision, the Downtown Revitalization Plan (CDRP) focuses on the Downtown Core as defined in the OCP. The plan also considers the broader study area, examining how the Downtown Core connects with and influences surrounding areas. For clarity and consistency, this document uses the term "Downtown" to refer to the overall study area, which encompasses the designated Downtown Core and its surrounding context.



DOWNTOWN CONTEXT MAP

1.3. PROJECT PROCESS + CONSULTATION

Community and stakeholder engagement was the foundation of the NDDRP process. Round 1 engagement built on background analyses by identifying key issues and opportunities, as well as generating high-level ideas and a shared vision for Downtown New Denver. Round 2 engagement focused on gauging community support for proposed ideas and refining directions to align the plan with local needs and aspirations.

1.4. CONSULTATION AT A GLANCE

100+

WERE REACHED
THROUGH THE IDEAS FAIR





28

COMPLETED THE EARLY DIRECTIONS SURVEY



45

COMPLETED
THE VISIONING
+ COMMUNITY
NEEDS SURVEY



6

6 COMPLETED THE WALKSHOP BOOKLET (OR SENT IN NOTES TO THE PROJECT TEAM)



BACKGROUND ANALYSIS

July/August 2023 - Project Team

Technical analysis of existing conditions to identify challenges and opportunities and outline a policy framework to inform the project.

Outcomes will inform the content of the Ideas Fair and online discussions.



IDEAS FAIR + SURVEY

August/September 2023 - Public

An interactive consultation event – along with a corresponding public survey – to harvest public feedback and generate high-level ideas and early directions for the future of Downtown New Denver.



INTERVIEWS

September/October 2023 - Stakeholders

Targeted interviews will then be used to fill any information gaps. From there, a set of key elements and scenarios will be developed into Early Directions.



POP-UPS + DISCUSSION

September/October 2023 - Public

Pop-up events around Downtown, along with online discussions, will extend the reach of the Ideas Fair to the wider community.



EARLY DIRECTIONS

Fall 2023 / Winter 2024 - Staff/Stakeholders

Based on the Background Analysis and Round 1 of Community Engagement, the Project Team will develop draft Goals, Principles, and Early Directions for the Downtown Revitalization Plan. The Early Directions are developed in order to receive further feedback from staff and key stakeholders.



OPEN HOUSE (DRAFT PLAN)

February 2025 - Public

The draft Downtown Revitalization Plan will be presented for public comment at a digital Open House and corresponding online engagement. A final draft will then be iteratively refined with staff.

WE ARE HERE -



COUNCIL PRESENTATION

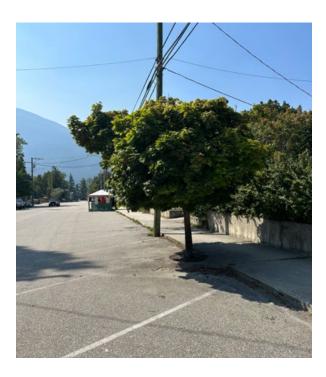
Spring 2025 - Public

The final Downtown Revitalization Plan will be presented to Council at a public meeting.

1.5. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1.5.1. INFRASTRUCTURE + ASSETS

A thriving downtown relies on well-maintained, accessible, and functional infrastructure that supports community life and enhances the visitor experience. In New Denver, several existing infrastructure issues present challenges to the overall vitality and functionality of the downtown core. These include gaps in maintenance capacity, outdated facilities, and incomplete or poorly designed amenities. The following outlines key infrastructure issues currently impacting Downtown New Denver and identifies actionable needs to support a revitalized and resilient downtown environment.



| IDENTIFIED NEED | | POTENTIAL SOLUTION |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Lack of water connection and capacity for maintenance of landscaping | \longrightarrow | Expand capacity for landscape maintenance including using low-maintenance landscaping |
| Confusing signage along the highway | \longrightarrow | Work with the Ministry of Transportation to simplify and update highway signage to improve clarity and navigation. |
| Street trees located in parking and sidewalk zones | \longrightarrow | Reconfigure tree placement or use a flexible approach to street trees (e.g., moveable) to avoid conflict with parking and sidewalks |
| Decrepit Community Bulletin Board | \longrightarrow | Replace or refurbish the community bulletin board with a modern and accessible design |
| Lack of indoor publicly accessible washroom in Downtown | \longrightarrow | Construct or repurpose a building for a publicly accessible indoor washroom |
| Lack of proper drainage of stormwater | \longrightarrow | Upgrade stormwater drainage infrastructure or use integrated stormwater management (e.g., bioswales) to manage water efficiently. |
| Dying trees blocking views to the lake from 6th Ave in Greer Park | \longrightarrow | Remove and replace trees with species that maintain views and health |
| Decommissioned pumphouse building along El Dorado Ave | \longrightarrow | Demolish or repurpose the decommissioned pumphouse building |
| Lack of overnight parking for short-medium-term visitors | \longrightarrow | Designate and develop overnight parking areas for visitors |
| Inaccessible and too few garbage and recycling bins | \longrightarrow | Install additional and easily accessible garbage and recycling bins |
| Incomplete sidewalks in poor conditions | \longrightarrow | Repair and complete sidewalks to ensure accessibility and safety |

1.5.2. COMMUNITY NEEDS

Through the Ideas Fair and Visioning + Community Needs Survey, participants were asked to share their ideas about the current community needs Downtown. The following is a high-level overview of Community Needs themes heard through engagement.



Improvements needed

- More businesses and retail space
- Relocate power poles from 6th Ave.
- Enhance lake views (e.g., remove obstructive trees)
- Better sidewalks
- Landscaping and social spaces

Long-term Goals

- Add restaurants and gathering spaces
- Enhance Greer Park and waterfront green space
- Improve building and infrastructure accessibility
- Expand retail and shopping options
- Remove power poles on 6th Ave.

Quick Wins

- Install a public washroom
- Add street trees and seating (e.g., parklets, benches)
- · Repair and improve sidewalks

Missing from Downtown

- More activity (e.g., businesses, tourism, attractions)
- Places to sit and linger
- · Shade trees and landscaping

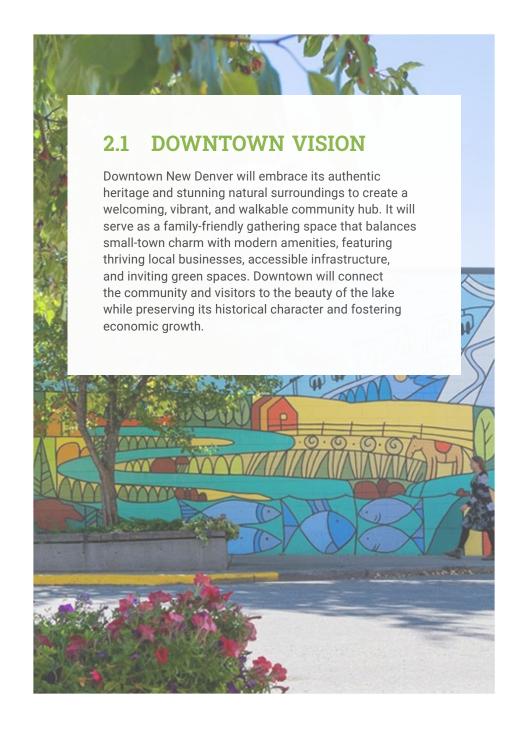
2.0 PLANNING + DESIGN FRAMEWORK

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This section presents the plan's framework, including the following hierarchical elements: Vision, Goals and Themes, and Planning and urban design principles. The following sections of the plan translate this framework into policies and actions for Downtown.

The NDDRP is guided and informed by several Village documents (e.g., Zoning Bylaw, Economic Development Plan, Active Transportation Network Plan). In particular, the Official Community Plan (OCP) provides an important foundation for this plan.

Throughout the project process, the community provided input on the future vision for Downtown, as well as the core goals and themes, as well as planning and urban design principles. This section summarizes the framework that should guide public and private investment.



2.2. GOALS + THEMES

The goals + themes were developed to represent the key objectives that the project seeks to achieve.



Plan for People

Design pedestrian-oriented spaces that prioritize safety and comfort – encouraging people to linger and enjoy Downtown.



Create Interactions

Use buildings and greenery to frame the street, architecture and landscaping to create visual interest, and active ground floor uses to provide opportunities for interactions.



Increase Connections

Improved accessibility for all abilities, and modes of transportation – and better connections to/from Downtown and the waterfront.



Refresh the Streetscape

Create opportunities for and ensure that local public art, lighting, trees and landscaping, and architectural improvements contribute to the beautification of Downtown.

2.3. PLANNING + URBAN DESIGN PRINCIPLES

The planning and urban design principles represent the guiding 'rules' that the concept plan and design should speak to in order to achieve the project goals.

Authenticity

Be true to the Village's identity with proportional, rugged, informal, and high-quality design.

Natural Environments

Recognize mountains, lakes, forests, and rivers as central attractions to the Village and integral connections for residents.

History

Reflect New Denver's rich frontier, industrial, agricultural, cultural, and indigenous heritage.

Vitality

Focus on long-term prosperity for the local economy, rooted in social vibrancy and activity in Downtown.

3.0 DESIGN CONCEPT

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This section provides schematic concept illustrations, based on a long-term streetscape design for 6th Ave and Slocan Ave. The concept and images are meant to provide guidance and give a 'feel' for the future of Downtown - not represent specific requirements or final detailed designs.

3.1. DESIGN APPROACH

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Human-Centered Streetscape

Focus on creating a pedestrianfriendly, accessible, and age-inclusive streetscape. Incorporate widened sidewalks, traffic calming measures, accessible design features, and flexible public spaces to encourage walkability and social interaction. Enhance with functional elements like seating, bike racks, and dark-sky-friendly lighting.



Seamless Natural Integration

Leverage New Denver's unique natural setting by enhancing visual and physical connections to the lake and surrounding landscapes. Develop multifunctional public spaces with integrated stormwater management, native landscaping, and inviting green corridors that balance beauty with ecological sustainability.



Dynamic Community
Spaces

Establish vibrant gathering spaces, such as flex streets and seasonal plazas, for year-round community activities and events. Provide infrastructure to support markets, performances, and casual gatherings, ensuring these spaces are adaptable for evolving community needs.



Enhanced Connectivity and Accessibility

Prioritize seamless connectivity within Downtown and between key community landmarks, such as the waterfront, trails, and parks. Improve signage, active transportation options, and accessible pathways to create an inviting and navigable environment for residents and visitors.

3.2. DOWNTOWN PLAN / PLAN SUMMARY

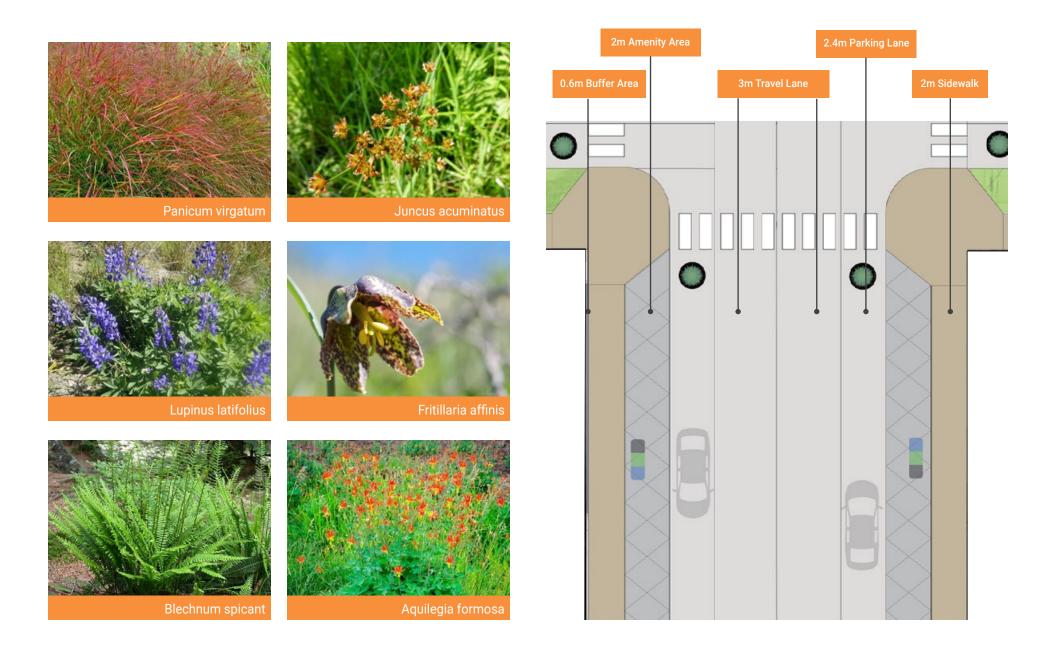
- An **enhanced streetscape** with a pedestrian-focused design that includes narrowing the street, implementing traffic calming measures, creating pedestrian zones, and introducing age-friendly and accessibility improvements.
- A **year-round multifunctional public space** at the corner of 6th Avenue and Josephine designed as a community gathering space.
- A **Downtown Gateway** featuring enhanced wayfinding, improved highway crossings, public art, and visitor parking, offering a sense of arrival to New Denver.
- A **Waterfront Gateway** offering scenic lake views, multifunctional public spaces for activities such as seating, picnicking, and play, along with programming opportunities like music and events.

- A **vibrant Slocan Greenway** featuring a meandering gravel path, RV parking, wayfinding, and bioswales, is designed to provide additional parking and enhance recreational opportunities for downtown visitors.
- A flexible approach to the side streets enables downtown to evolve, incorporating elements such as additional parking, active transportation infrastructure, parklets, and open spaces.
- Enhanced connections to and within downtown, including improved wayfinding, active transportation infrastructure, and accessibility upgrades.
- A **stormwater retention area** and bioswale to improve water quality, reduce flood risks, and create green spaces that support local ecosystems and community well-being.



3.3.2. LANDSCAPE PALETTE

3.3.3. 6TH AVE STREETSCAPE CONCEPT



3.3.4. STREETSCAPE DESIGN ILLUSTRATIONS



3.4. SLOCAN AVE

The Slocan Greenway Concept Plan below illustrate the key elements of the Slocan Greenway

- 1 Large vehicle and overflow day parking
- 2 Meandering pedestial paths
- 3 Swale / stormwater retention areas
- 4 Large mature trees



SLOCAN GREENWAY CONCEPT PLAN

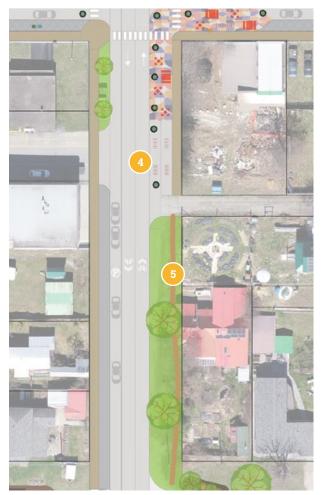
3.5. SIDE STREETS

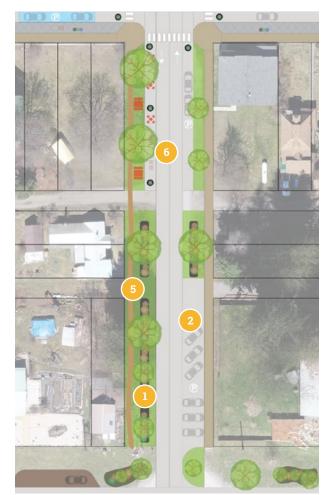
The side street concept plans below illustrate the key elements of each side street in Downtown.

- Swale and stormwater management area
- 2 Additional parking
- 3 Loading zone

- 4 Cycling amenities (e.g., bicycle parking)
- 5 Pedestrian paths
- Flexible amenities zone (e.g., Friday Night Market







BELLEVUE STREET

JOSEPHINE STREET

KILDARE STREET

4.0 LAND USE

4. LAND USE

This section provides detailed policies to inform decision-making about land use and built forms in Downtown. Topics include general land use, housing, and business vitality.

4.1. LAND USE MAP

The land use map for Downtown New Denver follows the OCP Land Use designations, and includes commercial, single-family, multiple, family, Public Institutional, and Environmental Reserves, and includes the Commercial Core Development Permit Area.



DOWNTOWN LAND USE MAP

4.2. LAND USE POLICIES

Development Permit Area Guidelines

- Expand and/or update the existing Form + Character Development Permit
 Area and Guidelines for Downtown that reflect the vision, goals, and
 principles of this document.
 - a. Discourage undesirable built forms, such as strip commercial.

Alignment with Village Planning Document

- 2. Ensure future updates to the OCP and Zoning Bylaws reflect the community's vision and goals for Downtown.
 - a. Support additional land uses (e.g., mixed-use, multifamily) adjacent to areas designed Commercial in the OCP.
- 3. Encourage existing OCP policies for Downtown, such as:
 - a. Mixed-use development with residential spaces on upper floors or behind commercial buildings, while ensuring active commercial uses (e.g., retail) occupy street-level frontage.
 - b. Home-based businesses that do not disrupt the residential character or quiet enjoyment of neighbouring homes.

Land Use and Building Design

- 4. Support buildings up to two and a half stories in Downtown, with consideration for current infrastructure needs (e.g., fire trucks), and explore greater heights and densities for commercial, multifamily, or mixed-use buildings where appropriate and consistent with the vision, goals, and principles for Downtown.
- 5. Promote adaptive reuse of historic or underused buildings to preserve character, accommodate new uses, and minimize environmental impact.
- 6. Pursue initiatives to improve the visual appeal of Downtown such as heritage preservation or façade improvement programs.

4.3. HOUSING POLICIES

- Encourage and support a mix of housing types (e.g., apartments, attached housing) and tenures (e.g., rental, ownership) to accommodate residents of all ages, abilities, and income levels, and to address changing demographics over time. Priority should be given to developments that include one or more of the following:
 - a. Rental units
 - b. Attainable strata ownership (e.g., co-housing).
 - c. Lock-off suites and flexible units
 - d. Garden suites and laneway homes
 - e. Live-work units
 - f. Ground-oriented units
 - g. A variety of unit sizes, including family-sized units (3+ bedrooms)
- 2. Encourage the inclusion of universally accessible units, ground-oriented units, and units that meet current accessibility standards.
- Support adaptable units in all new construction to accommodate evolving needs.
- 4. Support partnerships with non-market housing providers to create affordable housing options within the community.
- 5. Monitor the impact of short-term rentals on housing affordability and availability and undertake related initiatives as needed.

4.4. BUSINESS VITALITY POLICIES

Support for Local Businesses and Entrepreneurs

- 1. Encourage the establishment and growth of locally-owned businesses by providing or supporting incentives, resources, and related support to entrepreneurs.
 - a. Work with regional partners to create an environment where small businesses can thrive through access to attainable commercial space, mentorship, and business development programs.

Downtown Development and Vibrancy

- Encourage a balanced mix of retail, service, and hospitality businesses that cater to both locals and visitors.
 - Support the development of businesses that complement the area's existing character and enhance the downtown experience, including cafes, galleries, outdoor recreation services, and artisanal shops.
 - b. Encourage businesses to utilize outdoor spaces adjacent to their premises for commercial activities, such as seating, displays, and pop-up events, to enhance downtown vibrancy while ensuring pedestrian accessibility and public safety. See policy 8.1 (6) on developing an outdoor patio/retail space program.
- 3. Invest in streetscape improvements (e.g., signage, lighting, street furniture) and beautification initiatives to create an inviting and attractive environment for shoppers and visitors.
 - a. Encourage the development of public spaces that draw people into the area, including plazas, parklets, and seasonal event spaces.

Tourism and Visitor Experience

4. Foster a tourism-friendly environment by supporting businesses that cater to tourists visiting New Denver while also ensuring that tourism development does not overwhelm the local character and needs.

Transportation and Accessibility

5. Promote transportation infrastructure improvements, including accessible parking, pedestrian pathways, cycling routes, and connections to public transit, to ensure easy access to downtown for both locals and visitors.

Workforce and Community Support

 Support initiatives that attract skilled workers to New Denver, including affordable/attainable workforce housing, access to quality childcare, and promoting remote work opportunities.

Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships

- Consider the creation of a Business Improvement Area (BIA) to provide local businesses with a voice in the decision-making process and ensure dedicated resources for Downtown revitalization efforts, marketing, and ongoing business support.
- 8. Consider utilizing Village owned lands to leverage development, community amenities, and partnership opportunities.

5.0 TRANSPORTATION + MOBILITY

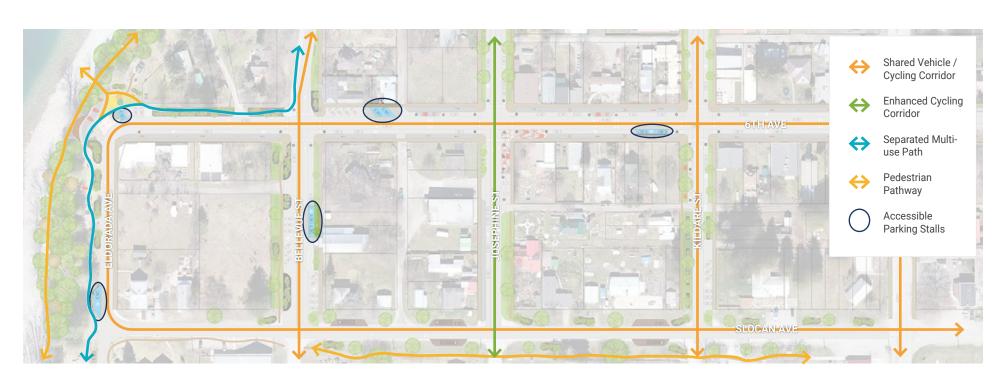
5. TRANSPORTATION + MOBILITY

This section provides detailed policies to inform decisionmaking and investment in the transportation network of Downtown. Topics include general transportation policies and typology-specific policies.

5.1. NETWORK PLAN

The Network Plan below illustrated the various transportation and mobility facilities for Downtown including share vehicle / cycling corridors, enhanced cycling corridor, separated multi-use path, pedestrian pathways, and accessible parking stall.

The Network Plan is informed by the OCP and Active Transportation Network Plan.



DOWNTOWN NETWORK PLAN MAP

5.2. TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

5.2.1. GENERAL

Pedestrian-Friendly Streetscape and Public Realm

- 1. Create a pedestrian-friendly streetscape with greenery, seating areas, and spaces for resting and socializing.
- 2. Ensure the inclusion of age-friendly and accessibility improvements to accommodate people of all ages and abilities, integrating Universal Design Guidelines into development and public realm construction standards.

Wayfinding Strategy and Downtown Connectivity

- Develop a cohesive Wayfinding Strategy with consistent signage and elements throughout Downtown to guide residents and visitors to key destinations.
- 4. Recognize Downtown as the community hub, providing clear connections to surrounding amenities, including Centennial Park, the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, and trails.

Transportation and Mobility Infrastructure

- Provide a variety of transportation options and facilities in Downtown, including enhanced sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails, to support sustainable mobility.
- 6. Support the installation and operation of accessible EV charging stations in downtown areas to promote sustainability, attract visitors, and align with BC's clean energy goals.

Downtown Gateway and Tourism Support

- 7. Develop a new Downtown gateway to strengthen the identity and character of New Denver, featuring improved wayfinding, highway crossings, and public art.
- 8. Consider the development of a potential welcome center to assist tourists with information on local attractions and services.
- 9. Provide accessible public Wi-Fi in downtown areas to enhance connectivity, support local businesses, and improve visitor and resident experience.

Connectivity to South New Denver

10. Develop a new pedestrian bridge to link South New Denver, Centennial Park, the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, and surrounding trails to Downtown, enhancing both mobility and connectivity.

Parking Management

- 11. Develop a parking strategy that balances the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors while promoting accessibility, efficient land use, and sustainable transportation options.
 - a. Provide additional parking and design the gateway to accommodate emerging tourism trends, such as motorcycle and cyclist tourism.
 - b. Ensure bicycle parking (and other active forms of transportation) is strategically placed at key locations in the Downtown area, such as near businesses, and public open spaces like parks and plazas.
 - c. Provide designated parking areas (e.g., along Slocan Ave or side streets) for larger vehicles to support tourism and accommodate short-term stays, excluding camping.
 - d. Utilize side streets to provide additional parking opportunities for the Downtown area.
 - Establish short-term parking areas for visitors engaging in nearby multiday recreational activities.

5.2.2. 6TH AVE (MAIN STREET)

Streetscape Improvements on 6th Ave

- Facilitate both short and long-term streetscape improvements on 6th Avenue, prioritizing the creation of pedestrian-friendly spaces and improved walking and cycling infrastructure, as outlined in this Plan and the Active Transportation Plan.
- Initiate short-term pilot projects, including seating, bike racks, moveable
 planters, painted surfaces, and waste bins, with the goal of transitioning to
 long-term infrastructure changes, such as new sidewalks, permanent street
 furniture, and relocation of power poles.
- 3. Develop new and improved crosswalks as recommended by the MMTP and Network Plan (Section 5.1).

Inclusive Transportation and Public Space Design

4. Incorporate space and amenities to support all modes of transportation, including transit, cycling, and walking. This will include additional respite areas, transit shelters, wayfinding, and end-of-trip facilities for cyclists.

New Public Space Development

 Develop a new public space at the corner of 6th Avenue and Josephine, designed as a community gathering space while also providing additional space for community events (e.g. markets) fostering vibrant downtown engagement.

Streetscape Design and Landscaping

- 6. Use a cohesive design palette for street furniture and lighting, incorporating benches, chairs, waste and recycling receptacles, bollards, and luminaires.
- 7. Select shrubs, grasses, and ground cover plantings that are native or adaptive non-native species, replicating the local flora.
- See section 7.2 for Urban Forest Policies.



HOW TO ACHIEVE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM

To achieve short- and long-term streetscape improvements in New Denver, a phased approach utilizing tactical urbanism can be effective. Tactical urbanism involves low-cost, temporary interventions that allow for testing and refining changes before committing to permanent, more expensive solutions. This approach encourages community engagement and provides insights into what works best in real-world conditions.

Short-Term Strategies

Temporary improvements like pop-up parks, movable planters, or flexible street furniture can quickly enhance pedestrian spaces with minimal cost. These interventions help identify what designs foster a vibrant and walkable downtown. For instance, testing expanded walkways or bike lanes through pop-up installations provides valuable data for refining permanent changes. Public feedback during these temporary projects ensures the final designs align with community needs.

Long-Term Strategies

Once temporary changes are tested, they can be used as a foundation for more permanent improvements. Successful interventions like well-used seating areas or bike lanes can evolve into permanent features. To fund these long-term changes, the town can seek grants from provincial or federal governments (see section 9.5), supported by the data and community backing from the temporary initiatives. This approach ensures that improvements are both functional and supported by residents, while also securing funding for lasting transformation.

By blending tactical urbanism with long-term planning, New Denver can improve streetscapes affordably, engage the community, and build a solid case for future investments.

















5.2.3. STREETSCAPE PRECEDENT GALLERY

FURNITURE







AMENITIES







SIDEWALKS & LIGHTING







5.2.4. SLOCAN GREENWAY DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Seek incremental improvements to Slocan Avenue based on the concept plan and the policies below.
- 2. Develop a meandering gravel path through the Slocan Greenway, providing a safe and scenic route for both pedestrians and cyclists.
- 3. Integrate RV parking to support tourism and provide a space for overnight parking (e.g., no camping).
- Install wayfinding signage along the path to guide users and highlight key destinations and attractions.
- 5. Incorporate bioswales along the Greenway to manage stormwater effectively, promoting ecological health and enhancing the area's natural beauty.

5.2.5. SIDE STREET REVITALIZATION AND FLEXIBILITY

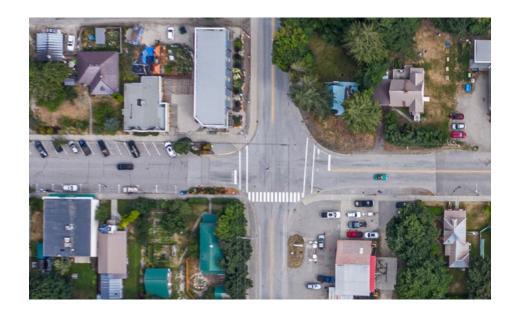
- 1. Seek incremental improvements to Downtown side streets (e.g., El Dorado Ave, Bellevue St, Josephine St, Kildare St, Kootenay St) based on the concept plan and the policies below.
- Extend streetscape improvements, community events, and revitalization efforts to Downtown side streets, ensuring these areas remain vibrant and engaging.
- 3. Develop a flexible strategy for side streets that allows for the inclusion of additional parking, active transportation infrastructure (e.g., bike lanes, sidewalks), and public spaces as the area evolves.
- 4. Ensure side streets support diverse transportation options while maintaining their role as dynamic public spaces.
- 5. Introduce parklets and open spaces to activate underutilized areas, fostering opportunities for community gathering and social interaction.
- Explore the use of compacted gravel paths as a sustainable and costeffective alternative to deteriorated concrete sidewalks, while balancing accessibility needs.

5.2.6. LANEWAYS

- 1. Maintain the laneway network in Downtown to provide access for parking, servicing, and loading for adjacent properties along 6th Ave.
- 2. Explore using laneways as primary corridors for electrical infrastructure.

5.2.7. HIGHWAY 6

- 1. Work with the Ministry of Transportation to:
 - 1.1. Update and simplify signage along Highway 6, including the intersection of Highway 6 and 6th Ave.
 - 1.2. Implement traffic calming measures along Highway 6 in New Denver, such as reduced speed limits, pedestrian crosswalks, and traffic islands, to improve safety and enhance the pedestrian experience.



6.0 PARKS + PUBLIC SPACES

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This section provides policies and directions to inform the enhancement of the Parks and Public Spaces for Downtown. Topics include the design, connectivity, wayfinding, and use of existing and future public spaces.

6.1. PARKS + PUBLIC SPACE PLAN

The Parks and Public Space Plan outlines a framework for enhancing the Downtown area by incorporating green spaces, recreational areas, and public gathering places. This includes improving existing spaces like Greer Park and the Waterfront Area, as well as developing new spaces such as the Slocan Greenway, Josephine Plaza, and temporary or seasonal plazas along 6th Avenue.



DOWNTOWN PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACE PLAN MAP

6.2. PARKS + PUBLIC SPACE POLICIES

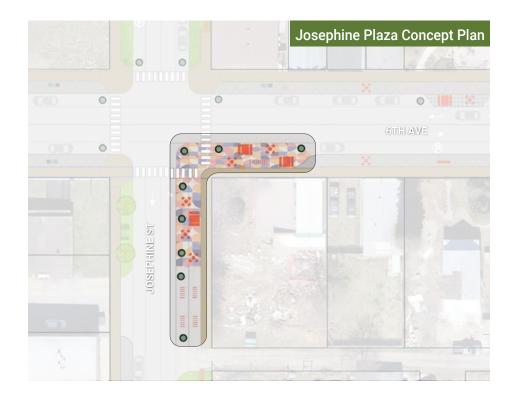
6.2.1. GENERAL

Year Round and Seasonal Public Space

- 1. Create a year-round multifunctional public space and a seasonal event space to provide more gathering opportunities downtown.
 - a. Develop a wrap-around plaza on the corner of 6th Ave and Josephine.
 - b. Explore additional opportunities such as formalizing the existing Friday Market site, creating wrap-around plazas or parklets on 6th Ave and side streets, and providing seasonal event space by closing 6th Ave to vehicle traffic for pedestrian use.
- 2. Develop a multifunctional public space network across Downtown that accommodates seasonal activities, events, and diverse programming options, including cultural events, entertainment, and leisure.
 - a. Design parks and public spaces to be accessible and welcoming for residents, tourists, and diverse community groups throughout all seasons.

Public Space Design and Climate Resilience

- 3. Extend streetscape improvements, community events, and revitalization efforts onto Downtown side streets, enhancing the overall public space experience.
- 4. Integrate tree canopy coverage into public space designs as a climate resiliency measure to mitigate urban heat, provide shelter, and offer shade and wind protection.
 - a. Implement movable street trees in planters where needed to enhance streetscape flexibility and maintenance.
- 5. Design adjacent buildings to minimize shadowing impacts on public spaces and parks.
- 6. Support community-based food programs, such as community gardens, within parks and open spaces.



Winter Design and Amenities

- 7. Ensure that the design of all new streets and public spaces incorporates winter design best practices, including wind protection, covered seating, warm lighting, snow clearing and storage, and coloured/textured pavers.
- 8. Consider providing year-round publicly accessible washrooms at the Silvery Slocan Museum, accessible directly from 6th Ave without requiring entry to the museum itself.

6.2.2. GREER PARK

- Create and maintain visual connections between 6th Ave and Slocan Lake by assessing the removal of trees and vegetation to enhance views from the downtown area.
- Undertake a parks planning process for Greer Park with the following objectives and features:
 - a. Enhance opportunities for gathering and play
 - b. Design a playground and/or splash pad, seating, and landscaping
 - c. Provide beach and water access
 - d. Integrate interpretive signage to educate visitors about the local environment and history of the area.
- 3. Consider strategies to mitigate odours from the existing public toilet, including redevelopment or modernization, to improve the overall visitor experience.

6.2.3. WATERFRONT

- Enhance the waterfront area to provide scenic lake views, multifunctional public spaces, and recreational opportunities such as seating, picnicking, and play.
- 5. Integrate year-round programming, including music events and community activities, to activate the space.
- 6. Implement wayfinding strategies to help visitors navigate the waterfront and connect to key locations in New Denver.
- 7. Create short-term parking areas (1-3 days) for visitors exploring nearby recreational areas, such as multi-day canoe or cycling trips.
- 8. Maintain El Dorado Ave as a slow-traffic, pedestrian-oriented space to enhance walkability and community enjoyment.
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6.2.4. PARKS + PUBLIC SPACES PRECEDENT GALLERY

PUBLIC PLAZA







PARKLETS







GREER PARK







7.0 SUSTAINABILITY + CLIMATE ACTION

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This section provides comprehensive policies to promote sustainability and climate action in Downtown. Topics include green building and sustainable development, electric vehicle infrastructure, urban forest, and stormwater management.

7.1. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Promote sustainability through densification, walkable design, energy-efficient buildings, and low-impact site development.
- 2. Encourage the construction of low-carbon, "all-electric" buildings utilizing electric heat pumps for space heating, cooling, and domestic hot water.
- 3. Promote on-site rainwater collection (e.g., cisterns, rain barrels) and integrated stormwater management where appropriate.
- 4. Encourage the use of solar photovoltaic systems to generate electricity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- 5. Advocate for the use of local/regional, healthy building materials, including products free of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), flame retardants, and plasticizers.
- 6. Support site designs that prioritize tree planting and green space retention, emphasizing open spaces and street trees to reduce building energy demand.
- 7. Apply FireSmart principles in the design of new buildings and public spaces, including vegetation management and development standards.





7.2. URBAN FOREST + LANDSCAPE

- 1. Develop an Urban Forest Strategy that includes detailed urban forest policies, actions, and tree density targets for both public and private lands.
- 2. Utilize moveable planters to enhance streetscape aesthetics and support pedestrian-friendly environments, while maintaining accessibility and safety.
- 3. Prioritize the planting of large-canopied trees where conditions permit, while integrating conifers and other climate-adaptive, hardy species.
- Use a mix of deciduous and conifer trees in streetscapes and public spaces to enhance environmental resilience.
- 5. Cluster deciduous trees in key locations to provide summer shade (e.g., plazas, sidewalk seating areas, and high-traffic destinations) and conifers in dense clusters to create windbreaks in parks and other public spaces.
- 6. Minimize impervious surfaces in public open spaces and ensure that at least 20% of the area is dedicated to soft landscaping with deep soils.

7.3. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- 1. Implement low-impact development techniques such as rain gardens, bioswales, and permeable pavements to manage stormwater onsite, reduce runoff, and enhance the downtown's green aesthetics.
- 2. Upgrade and maintain drainage infrastructure to ensure efficient stormwater flow and mitigate pooling in high-use areas such as sidewalks, parking spaces, and plazas.
- 3. Promote downtown trees and rich landscaping with deep-rooted, native plants to naturally absorb and filter stormwater while enhancing downtown's visual appeal.
- 4. Require new developments and major renovations to incorporate stormwater management features that align with sustainability and resilience goals, such as rooftop gardens or onsite detention systems.
- Partner with local stakeholders to promote awareness about stormwater management practices and encourage participation in maintaining clean drainage systems.
- Regularly assess stormwater management systems to identify areas of improvement and adapt policies to evolving environmental conditions and community needs.

WHAT IS INTEGRATED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT?

Integrated Stormwater Management (ISM) is a holistic approach to managing rainwater and runoff that considers environmental, social, and economic factors. Rather than relying solely on traditional infrastructure like pipes and culverts, ISM emphasizes sustainable practices such as green infrastructure, permeable surfaces, and natural water absorption methods. This approach reduces flood risks, improves water quality, and supports local ecosystems by mimicking natural hydrological processes. By integrating stormwater management into urban areas, ISM creates resilient communities that balance development needs with environmental health.



8.0 PLACEMAKING + CHARACTER

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This section provides policies to support placemaking and culture for Downtown. Topics include gateways to Downtown, public art, outdoor patios, and desired character.

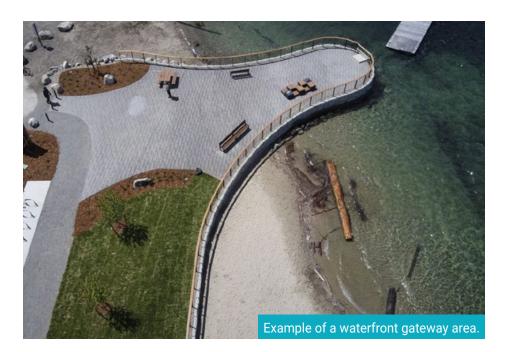
8.1. PLACEMAKING + CHARACTER POLICIES

Downtown Gateways and Visitor Experience

- 1. Establish a "gateway" feature or area at key entry points to Downtown (e.g., Greer Park/Waterfront and the corner of 6th Ave and Highway) to enhance the sense of arrival.
- Create a Downtown Gateway with a new welcome center, improved wayfinding, highway crossings, public art, and parking to support emerging tourism opportunities, such as motorcycle and bike tourism, encouraging visitors to stop and explore Downtown New Denver.
- Develop a Waterfront Gateway with improved physical and visual connections, multifunctional public spaces (e.g., seating, picnic, play), programming (e.g., music, events), shelter, beach/water access, wayfinding, and interpretive signage to enhance the waterfront experience.

Placemaking and Temporary Interventions

- 4. Consider temporary placemaking interventions, such as murals to beautify vacant buildings or creating new plaza spaces with moveable planters, benches, and colourful paint, as a precursor to larger capital projects.
- 5. Integrate public art into placemaking and beautification efforts, celebrating local artists and enhancing the Downtown's character.





Public Art and Outdoor Spaces

- Develop an outdoor patio/retail space program to support the expansion of outdoor seating for food, beverage, and retail businesses into the public rightof-way and parking spaces.
- 7. Develop a Public Art Policy that enables the creation, installation, and maintenance of diverse and inclusive artworks that enhance community identity and public spaces. Potential partners include:
 - a. Schools
 - b. Arts-based organizations
 - c. Community organizations
- 8. Support arts-based spaces and organizations (e.g., galleries, studios, incubation spaces, non-profits) to further enrich the Downtown's cultural landscape.

Lighting and Seasonal Features

- 9. Provide decorative, pedestrian-scaled lighting in public spaces (e.g., Christmas lights, catenary lighting) to enhance the atmosphere of Downtown.
- 10. Reduce street lighting where possible to highlight seasonal feature lighting and consider controls to dim or turn off decorative lighting during off-peak times.
- 11. Employ Dark Sky lighting principles when assessing permanent lighting on public or private property.

Character Considerations

- 12. Through engagement and partnership with local First Nations, explore the integration of First Nations' history, culture, and language into architectural, public space, and landscape design, as well as naming conventions.
- 13. Acknowledge the local settler history of New Denver and the area, including its mining heritage and cultural communities (e.g., Japanese, Doukabors, Italian, Chinese, German, Ukrainian, Slavic, and Eastern European), in public spaces and design elements.





9.0 ACTION PLAN

9. ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan translates the key policies of the plan into tangible actions for implementation. The Action Plan is meant to inform Council strategic planning, staff project priorities, and Village budgeting.

9.1. STRATEGIC APPROACH

The Downtown Revitalization Plan offers a significant opportunity and challenge for the Village of New Denver. Successful implementation will require securing funding, managing construction, and maintaining community support. It will also need ongoing backing from local stakeholders, as well as commitment from staff and decision-makers to integrate streetscape improvements with broader planning efforts.

A strategic implementation approach is essential to achieve the plan's goals.

First, beyond the streetscape improvements outlined in the Detailed Streetscape plans, the Village must initiate supporting projects. For example, while the design includes spaces for public art, a program for acquiring and displaying local art will be needed. The Village could also collaborate with local artists and property owners to create a mural program, transforming blank walls and structures in the downtown.

Second, an incremental approach is recommended. The availability of grant funding will determine the phasing of the streetscape improvements. Phasing allows for some "easy wins" in the short term, funded and carried out by the Village or available grants. Additional actions, like public art and signage, can be added gradually through capital budgets, collaboration with stakeholders, and through government funding.



9.2. ON-GOING ACTIONS

| ACTIONS | DESCRIPTION | POLICY | ROLES |
|--|--|---|--|
| Facilitate Streetscape + Public Space Improvements throughout downtown | Facilitate both short and long-term streetscape improvements on 6th Avenue, prioritizing pedestrian-friendly spaces and enhanced walking and cycling infrastructure. Create a year-round multifunctional public space and a seasonal event space to increase gathering opportunities downtown. Develop the Slocan Greenway with integrated RV parking, wayfinding elements, and bioswales. Extend streetscape improvements, community events, and revitalization efforts to Downtown side streets | 5.2.2. (1) 5.2.2. (5) 5.2.3. 5.2.4. 6.2.1 (1) | » Village of New Denver |
| Support Locally-owned Businesses | Support and promote locally-owned businesses by providing incentives, resources, and affordable commercial space, fostering a balanced mix of retail, service, and hospitality businesses, and enhancing downtown vibrancy through streetscape improvements and the use of outdoor spaces for commercial activities. | 4.4. | » Village of New Denver |
| Improve Highway Signage and traffic calming | Work with the Ministry of Transportation to update and simplify signage along Highway 6, including at the intersection of Highway 6 and 6th Ave. Implement traffic calming measures along Highway 6 in New Denver, such as reduced speed limits, pedestrian crosswalks, and traffic islands, to improve safety and enhance the pedestrian experience. | 5.2.6. | » Village of New Denver» Ministry of Transportation |

9.3. SHORT-TERM ACTIONS

| ACTIONS | DESCRIPTION | POLICY | ROLES |
|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| Expand and Update the Development Permit Area and Guidelines | » Revise or create a new Form + Character Development Permit Area for Downtown to align with the community's vision, goals, and principles. | 4.2. (1) | » Village of New Denver |
| Update OCP and Zoning Bylaws | » Ensure future updates to the OCP and Zoning Bylaws align with the community's vision and goals for Downtown development. | 4.2. (2) | » Village of New Denver |
| Develop a cohesive Wayfinding Strategy + Develop Gateways into New Denver and the Waterfront | » Create consistent signage and elements throughout Downtown to guide residents and visitors to key destinations, and develop a new Downtown + Marine gateway to strengthen New Denver's identity with improved wayfinding, highway crossings, and public art. | 5.2.1. (3) 5.2.1. (7) 8.1 (1) 8.1 (2) 8.1 (3) | » Village of New Denver |
| Redevelop Greer Park + the Waterfront | » Undertake a parks planning process for Greer Park to enhance gathering and play opportunities, including a playground, splash pad, seating, and landscaping, while also improving the waterfront area with scenic lake views, multifunctional spaces, and recreational amenities, and creating short-term parking for visitors exploring nearby recreational areas. | 6.2.2. (2) 6.2.3. (1) 6.2.2. (4) | » Village of New Denver |
| Develop an Outdoor Patio/Retail Space Program | » Develop an outdoor patio/retail space program to support the expansion of outdoor seating for food, beverage, and retail businesses into public right-of-way and parking spaces. | 8.1 (6) | » Village of New Denver |
| Develop a Public Art Policy | » Develop a Public Art Policy to support the creation, installation, and maintenance of diverse and inclusive artworks that enhance community identity and public spaces. | 8.1 (7) | » Village of New Denver |

9.4. MEDIUM-TERM ACTIONS

| ACTIONS | DESCRIPTION | POLICY | ROLES |
|--|--|------------|--|
| Consider the creation of a Business Improvement Area (BIA) | » Provide local businesses with a voice in decision-making and ensure dedicated resources for Downtown revitalization, marketing, and ongoing business support. | 4.4. (7) | » Village of New Denver» Local Businesses |
| Develop a Parking Strategy | » Develop a parking strategy that balances the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors while promoting accessibility, efficient land use, and sustainable transportation options. | 5.2.1 (11) | » Village of New Denver |
| Develop an Urban Forest Strategy | » Develop an Urban Forest Strategy with policies, actions, and tree density targets for both public and private lands | 7.2 (1) | » Village of New Denver |

9.5. FUNDING SOURCES + STRATEGIES

The following outlines various funding strategies and potential sources that can support streetscape improvements and the enhancement of public spaces, ensuring the redevelopment aligns with the community's needs and aspirations while remaining financially sustainable.



9.5.1. PRIORITY LIST: GOVERNMENT GRANTS + FUNDING

- Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF)
 - Provides up to \$750,000 for projects that revitalize public spaces, enhance infrastructure, and promote local economic recovery.
- Destination Development Fund (Tourism Relief Fund)
 Supports tourism-focused infrastructure projects that enhance public spaces and attract visitors to the region.
- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)
 Supports infrastructure projects, including community revitalization and green infrastructure. Applicable streams include Rural and Northern Communities and Green Infrastructure.
- Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) has several funding opportunities including:
 - » Community Development Program: Offers funding for projects that enhance community spaces and address local needs in the Columbia Basin.
 - » Built Heritage Grants: Can support streetscape improvements that incorporate heritage preservation or enhancement.
 - » Climate Resilience Program: Provides funding for green infrastructure projects that align with stormwater management and environmental sustainability goals.
- CleanBC Communities Fund
 - Focuses on infrastructure projects that advance clean energy, reduce emissions, or improve climate resilience, including green streetscapes and transportation initiatives.
- Gas Tax Fund (Canada Community-Building Fund)
 Annual federal funding for municipalities to support projects that improve local infrastructure, including sidewalks, landscaping, and stormwater systems.
- Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT)
 Provides funding for projects that strengthen local economies, including streetscape improvements that support business districts and tourism.
- Kootenay Rockies Tourism
 Offers support for tourism-related public space projects that enhance visitor experiences, such as signage, trails, and downtown beautification.
- Local Government Development Grants
 Administered through the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), these grants can support the planning and implementation of streetscape and public space enhancements.

9.5.2. ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES + STRATEGIES

Village Budget Allocation

Allocate a portion of the Village's Budget for streetscape improvements, maintenance, and public space enhancements, based on the annual budget.

Special Tax Levies

Implement temporary or permanent levies, such as a Business Improvement Area (BIA) tax or a local improvement tax, to generate additional revenue specifically for downtown revitalization projects.

Capital Reserves

Local governments can also establish or draw from capital reserve funds, which are set aside for long-term infrastructure projects. These funds can be used for larger redevelopment projects, ensuring a sustainable approach to downtown renewal.

Development Cost Charges (DCCs)

Leverage fees collected from new developments to fund streetscape improvements, ensuring new growth supports public infrastructure.'

Public-Private Partnerships

Collaborate with local businesses, property owners, and developers to cofund streetscape improvements that benefit both public spaces and adjacent properties.'

Community Fundraising

Engage the community through fundraising campaigns that allow residents and stakeholders to contribute financially to specific elements, such as benches, planters, or public art.

Sponsorships and Donations

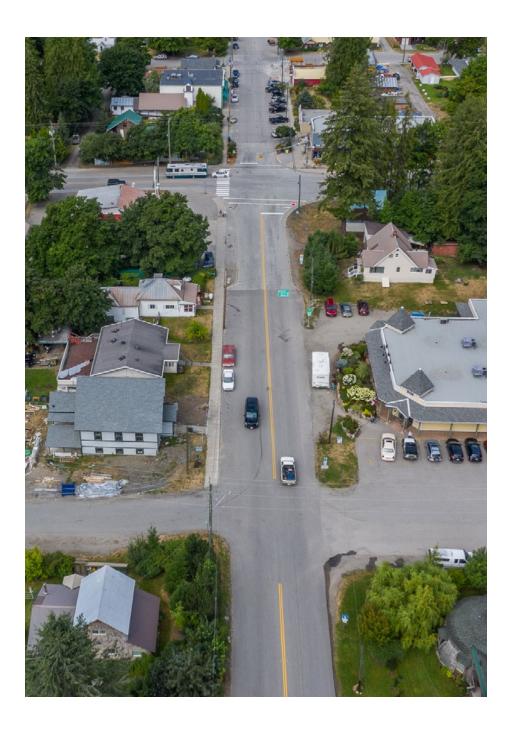
Secure corporate sponsorships for specific features like bike racks, parklets, or event spaces. Encourage local businesses or organizations to fund elements like street furniture or landscaping in exchange for recognition.

Green Infrastructure Incentives

Seek funding from environmental organizations or agencies supporting green infrastructure, such as stormwater management grants or climate adaptation programs.

Phased Implementation and Cost Sharing

Break the project into phases to spread costs over time, aligning phases with available funding or grants to reduce the financial burden.



APPENDIX A 6TH AVENUE DETAILED CONCEPT DESIGN

