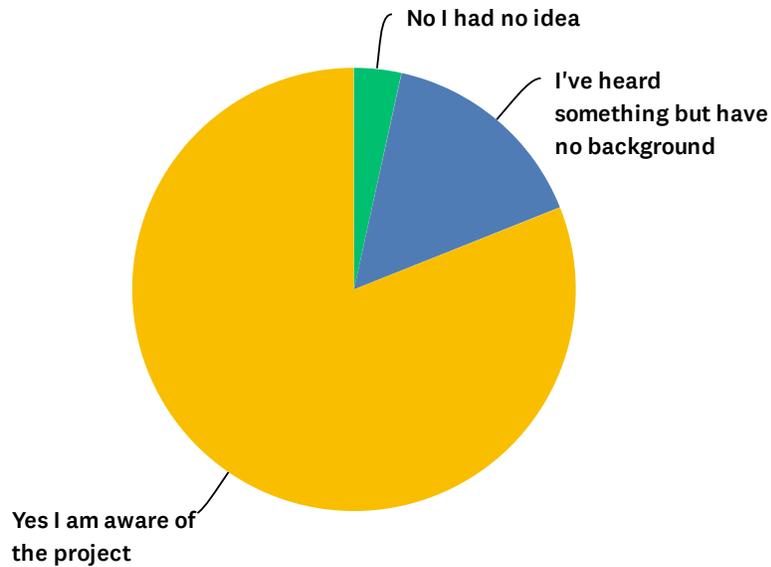


Q2 Are you aware of the need for Infrastructure Renewal for Downtown Almonte

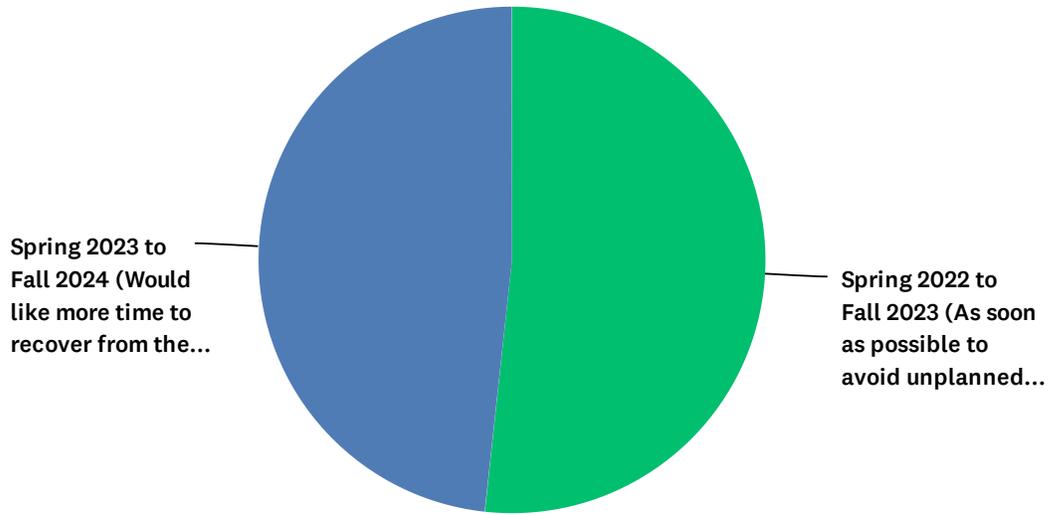
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No I had no idea	3.45%	2
I've heard something but have no background	15.52%	9
Yes I am aware of the project	81.03%	47
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		58

Q3 This project is expected to take 18-24 months. Which timeframe is your preferred choice.

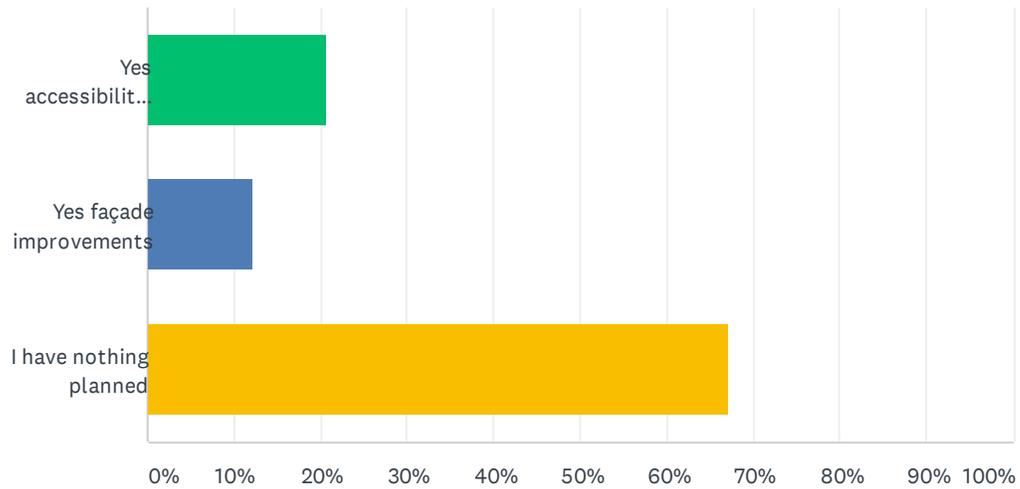
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Spring 2022 to Fall 2023 (As soon as possible to avoid unplanned emergencies and get the project over with)	51.72%	30
Spring 2023 to Fall 2024 (Would like more time to recover from the Covid-19 disruptions)	48.28%	28
TOTAL		58

Q4 Are you considering accessibility or other modifications to your storefront over the next 2 to 3 years?

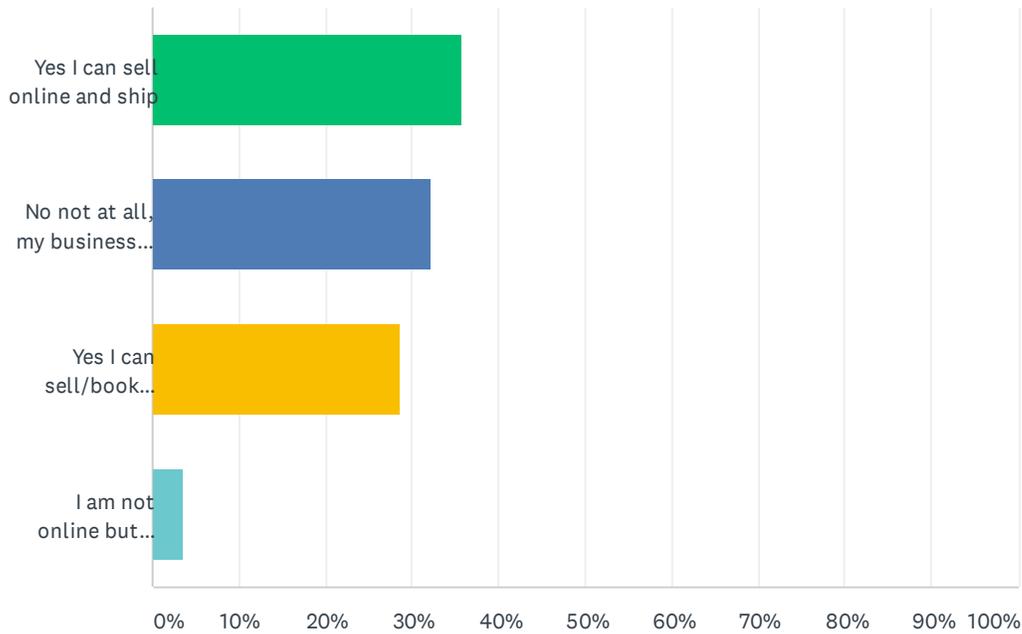
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes accessibility upgrades	20.69%	12
Yes façade improvements	12.07%	7
I have nothing planned	67.24%	39
TOTAL		58

Q5 Are you currently able to you operate any part of your business virtually?

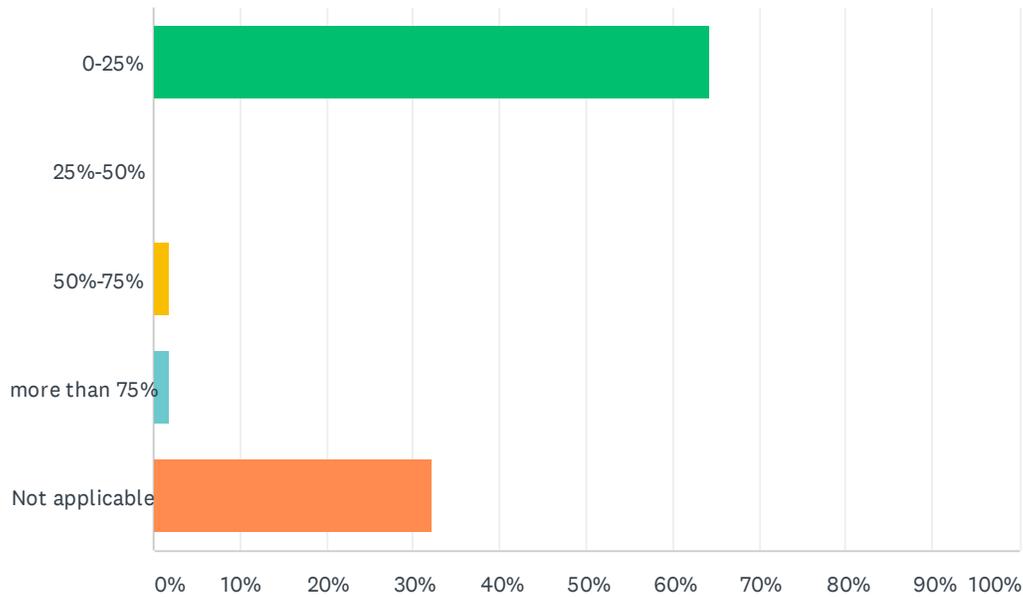
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes I can sell online and ship	35.71%	20
No not at all, my business depends on customers/clients to coming into the location	32.14%	18
Yes I can sell/book online but I require clients/customers to come into the business for service or pick up	28.57%	16
I am not online but would consider working towards it	3.57%	2
TOTAL		56

Q6 If you are operating online - approximately what percentage of your business comes from online?

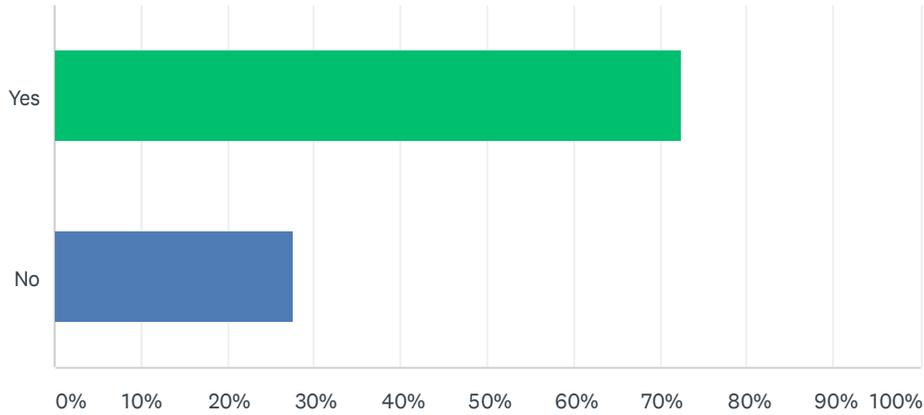
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-25%	64.29% 36
25%-50%	0.00% 0
50%-75%	1.79% 1
more than 75%	1.79% 1
Not applicable	32.14% 18
TOTAL	56

Q7 It will be important customers and visitors are well informed of disruptions. Do you have a mail list (or social media) of customers/clients you would be willing communicate the constructions updates through?

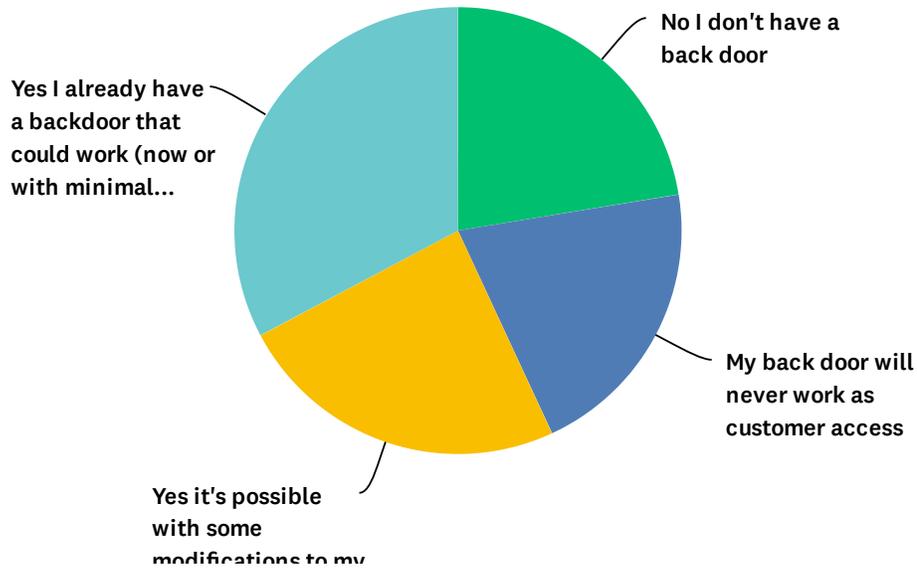
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.41%	42
No	27.59%	16
TOTAL		58

Q8 Do you have a backdoor that could be used/modified for public access for a limited time?

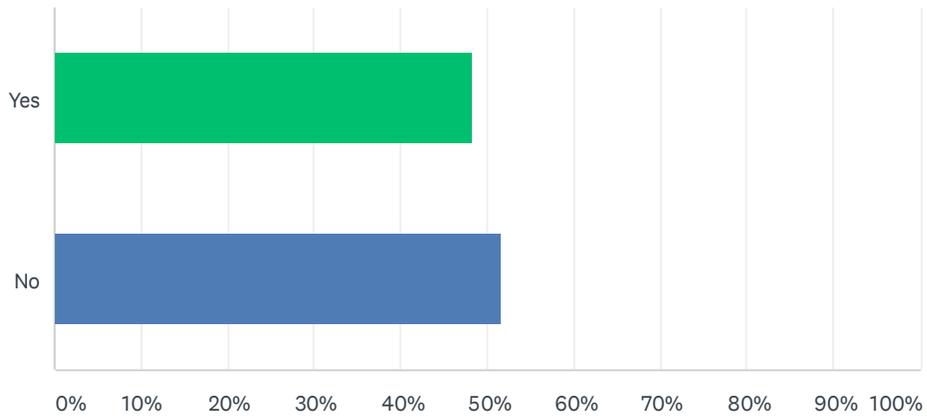
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No I don't have a back door	22.41%	13
My back door will never work as customer access	20.69%	12
Yes it's possible with some modifications to my business layout	24.14%	14
Yes I already have a backdoor that could work (now or with minimal changes)	32.76%	19
TOTAL		58

Q9 Do you or your staff park in private parking you need to access off a downtown street?

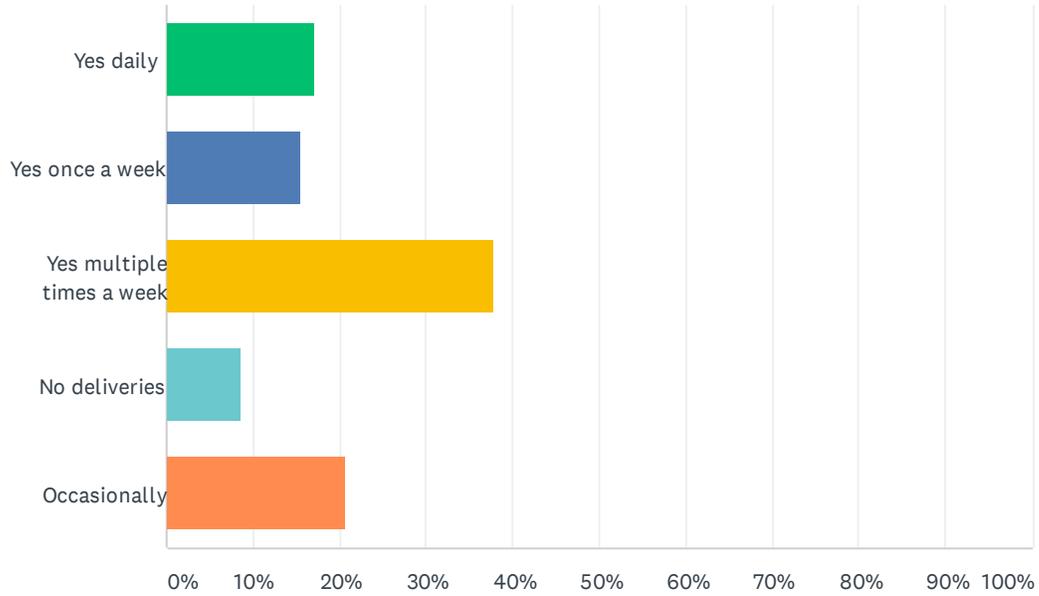
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.28%	28
No	51.72%	30
TOTAL		58

Q10 Do you receive deliveries to your business front or back door?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes daily	17.24%	10
Yes once a week	15.52%	9
Yes multiple times a week	37.93%	22
No deliveries	8.62%	5
Occasionally	20.69%	12
TOTAL		58

Q11 Is there anything else you would like Council to know?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	COVID was a challenging pivot and our downtown businesses rose to the occasion and contributed to the community spirit while keeping everyone safe with minimal support. This project is an additional challenge when recovery may not even occurred that could put businesses out of business.	8/3/2021 12:41 PM
2	I feel it is critically important that this project be tightly managed so that timelines from contractors are respected and the schedule is maintained. The timing of the project, while necessary, is unfortunate following the pandemic	8/3/2021 9:16 AM
3	As per our past notification/concerns with regards this project ...it is imperative that our business needs arrangements made to ensure customer vehicles and suppliers with large vehicles (including tow trucks) can access 30 Mill Street property throughout the day ... this is no back street access.	8/3/2021 8:39 AM
4	No	8/3/2021 12:03 AM
5	Communication and updates will be incredibly important during this process. Limiting street front closures to small Sections for as short of a period as possible will also be important.	8/2/2021 9:46 PM
6	No	8/2/2021 9:15 PM
7	I support sooner rather than later, appreciating the risks/impact of possible infrastructure failure	8/2/2021 9:13 PM
8	I understand the need for the reconstruction as it is important work that needs to be done. My preference is 2023-24 so that we have some time to recover after the pandemic.	8/2/2021 12:20 PM
9	The time length is ridiculous. I recommend hiring a company that can do it faster, like in the rest of the world. Plus, just after 1.5 years of covid is an insane time to hurt more small businesses.	8/1/2021 10:14 PM
10	We want to be kept in informed and which stage will be completed first. Also how long each stage will take.	8/1/2021 7:15 PM
11	A portion of our revenue comes from 'tourist' walk byes and we are growing that portion and revenue will be lost during construction. How can we make it accessible and still appealing?	8/1/2021 6:34 PM
12	Signage to indicate that business is still open, directions to alternative parking areas, walking access for businesses without back door access.	8/1/2021 5:40 PM
13	Because of the pandemic, the street construction and the uncertainty of what it will entail for us, is likely to add another huge strain on us both personally/mental health wise and financially for the business. We would love it if it could be postponed for 5 years; however, that being said, if that is not an option, we would like to get it over with as quickly as possible. Also, with the need to make our businesses accessible to disabled people, is there any way the Town could see its way to making downtown businesses accessible as part of the construction process. This would seem to make a lot of sense. We are also wondering how the Town will help people have access to the businesses during construction.	8/1/2021 8:33 AM
14	I'm not so worried for my business but it feels like bad timing to do this to the downtown small business owners so soon after the lengthy pandemic shut-downs. I don't know if all the small businesses will be able to survive so many disruptions.	7/31/2021 5:09 PM
15	I appreciate being in the loop.	7/31/2021 10:31 AM
16	We understand that this needs to happen but I hope the town helps us little businesses out as this will impact us a lot. The pandemic has hit us hard and we are happy to have survived but we are still fighting to recover.	7/31/2021 6:17 AM
17	I hope that we are informed on when the work will be done so that we can prepare and let our customers know. Any additional opportunity for directional signage is greatly appreciated.	7/30/2021 8:32 PM

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18	Will there be an area where people can park?	7/30/2021 7:50 PM
19	No thank you	7/30/2021 4:08 PM
20	as a community, thinking outside the box to still attract our day visitors, shuttle bus to down town as an example, perhaps a construction hotline that consumers could call to explore access, open hours, where to park etc, perhaps the arena parking lot could be used, perhaps a shuttle from there to down town?? things of this nature, the business community need to help and be involved also., XXX	7/30/2021 2:29 PM
21	We will appreciate any and all efforts to help to public to reach us physically. The vitality of the downtown businesses is fully reliant on day trippers and foot traffic. Covid has proven to me that online is a support only. The reason it worked as well as it did through the pandemic was because EVERY business in Ontario was closed and the public had to change their habits. With all other towns and businesses open as an alternative, online shopping to our little shops will be very minimal. I also feel we need to do anything possible to maintain the momentum we have achieved. Almonte is such a success story due the efforts and creativity of so many and you all know it's been hard-won. Thank you for this survey!	7/30/2021 1:25 PM
22	I submitted to the engineers a drawing by Peter Mansfield for the town to modify the sidewalk in front of XX Mill Street so that it is wheelchair accessible, at the same time they are doing the Mill Street construction. It is on town property, and it will reduce the town's liability.	7/30/2021 1:00 PM
23	I appreciate you asking.	7/30/2021 12:59 PM
24	I am worried for the impact this will have on the Brick and Mortar stores who don't have backdoor access. As a community we recognize that it needs to be done, but the timing, after the pandemic is terrible...	7/30/2021 12:13 PM
25	Would it be considered to open the bottom part of Mill St ahead of finishing Phase 1A? This would allow access to parking lots from Mill St for three downtown restaurants	7/30/2021 11:04 AM
26	I would like to allot some funds to marketing and creative ideas to help businesses through this. For example, I have been doing some research into what other places have done and saw an amazing effort where they had a local printer/sign company wrap the construction machinery in bright colours and patterns, making them a spectacle for visitors to come see. We have so many creative people in this town, I would love to do something noteworthy to keep us in the media and on the map! Happy to lead!	7/30/2021 10:26 AM
27	I am all for this construction as it needs to be done. If there was any way that one side of Mill Street could be worked on whilst the other side could have pedestrians and flowing traffic, instead of the whole street effected at once, I would appreciate it but I understand that may not be feasible.	7/30/2021 8:43 AM
28	Yes, the covid emergency business loans from the government that most of us qualified for are due December 2022. another year to get back on our feet would be appreciated.	7/30/2021 8:28 AM
29	no	7/30/2021 6:57 AM
30	Is there anyway that the sidewalks can safely remain open for a good portion of time during construction then just closed to connect to each home or business? Or any other ideas to have as many businesses open as long as possible? Maybe parking at the fair grounds with a shuttle to downtown to allow for easier access while streets are closed to traffic.	7/30/2021 12:20 AM
31	Transparency and open communication and accommodations - such as additional signage promoting businesses etc., are crucial. Funds to support local business marketing campaigns etc.	7/29/2021 9:27 PM
32	I have an office in the Old Post Office, and do not have many clients visiting.	7/29/2021 7:29 PM
33	I wish we had a BIA (and I know council does too) however I think every business owner is completely burnt out right now and has no energy to spare to get one going.	7/29/2021 6:55 PM
34	I would appreciate if there were people stationed at the road closures to direct traffic and answer questions to motorists and pedestrians. Have plenty of visible signage to direct traffic to alternate parking locations. Create a map of downtown indicating alternate parking locations and pertinent street closure dates that we can email to our customers and post on our social media pages.	7/29/2021 2:34 PM

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35	I am concerned about Accessibility improvements that need to be made	7/29/2021 1:50 PM
36	XXXXXXX has a lot of ground to make up due to the pandemic closures. If I don't have easy access for my customers, I fear for the survival of my small business.	7/29/2021 1:12 PM
37	I am concerned that excessive cuts to the budget may affect key elements of the finished design including: the planting of trees and perennials for maximum health and street beautification, design and paving of roads indicating safe pedestrian crossing areas and traffic calming, storefront wheelchair accessibility, signage indicating public parking areas, restrooms, public spaces and parks. All of these aspects of good design are important not only for tourism and businesses but also for locals who want to feel comfortable and safe in their own town, reflecting hometown pride and a visionary plan for the future.	7/29/2021 8:28 AM
38	no	7/28/2021 7:34 PM
39	NA	7/28/2021 6:55 PM
40	I totally understand the need for renovations and repairs, but if it's possible to give the business owners one summer to recover from the pandemic before making us all re-adapt our businesses again, I know we would all be very grateful.	7/28/2021 5:21 PM
41	While I do not know how many businesses have tapped into government loan programs during the pandemic, we have. Our preference for a 2023 project start is related directly to the payback period. If we pay back our loans by December 2022 we are able to take advantage of the forgivable portion of those loans. It could prove difficult to both endure a significant downturn in sales and repay the loans at the same time. It is naive thinking to believe that construction will not cause a significant, albeit temporary, sales loss. Thank you , XXX	7/28/2021 5:17 PM