

# Exploring Community Spaces in downtown Kingston



**Join us as we explore an activation/animation plan for pedestrian and active transportation community spaces in downtown Kingston, including car-free zones.**

We are looking for member engagement on Initiative 20: Create and animate downtown pedestrian-only zones included in the [Integrated Destination Strategy 2022-2027](#) that was presented to (by Tourism Kingston) and endorsed by Council in September.

The two tactical actions are as follows:

1. Develop a pedestrian zone plan for the city (by season, day of week, time of day, etc.), including completing environmental assessment of downtown and **activation of both temporary (e.g., Princess Street Promenade closures in the summer) as well as potential permanent street closures starting in 2023.**
2. Support the creation of a Pedestrian Zones Working Group (City of Kingston led) or specific governing body to be accountable and responsible to oversee development and implementation of an activation/animation plan for pedestrian areas (e.g., support booking, budgeting, maintaining, etc.), particularly in and around Springer Market Square.

Pedestrian zones for downtown Kingston have a two-fold purpose: **to enhance quality of life** by creating inclusive pedestrian-friendly areas, and **to attract more people to the downtown core and create more foot traffic to local businesses and services.**

**Downtown business owner and employee engagement is a critical component in the development of an activation/animation plan of this scope and nature.**

There are many things to consider to ensure that downtown businesses benefit from any proposed changes.

**See back of this page for ways to get involved.**

### 3 ways to get involved:

1. JOIN THE BIA AD-HOC COMMITTEE: PLACEMAKING & COMMUNITY SPACES
  - Hosted by Downtown Kingston BIA
  - Open to BIA members and employees and partner organizations
  - Commitment Level: Meetings may be as frequent as every 2-weeks (dependent on member availability) and may involve further commitment outside of meetings
  
2. FOUR-PART EXPLORATION SERIES
  - Hosted by Tourism Kingston, the City of Kingston and Downtown Kingston BIA
  - Open to BIA members and employees and partner organizations
  - Commitment Level: Four meetings between Nov-Jan. Little to no commitment outside of meetings
  
3. FOUR-PART BIA WORKING GROUP ROUNDTABLES
  - Hosted by Downtown Kingston BIA
  - Open to BIA members and employees and partner organizations
  - Commitment Level: Four meetings between Nov-Jan. Little to no commitment outside of meetings

### Interested? Go to:

[member.downtownkingston.ca/en-ca/memberhub/exploring-community-spaces-in-downtown-kingston](http://member.downtownkingston.ca/en-ca/memberhub/exploring-community-spaces-in-downtown-kingston)

Or call the office at 613-542-8677 or email [marijo@downtownkingston.ca](mailto:marijo@downtownkingston.ca) to register