



Centennial Square Action Plan Engagement Summary Report

JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2018



Introduction

Centennial Square was identified as a priority public space for improvement through community input received as part of the development of the City's Downtown Public Realm Plan in 2017. The community expressed a desire to see the Square enhanced to be a more vibrant, accessible, inclusive and utilized public space.

In 2018, staff began work to develop an action plan for Centennial Square to identify short, medium, and long-term improvements for the Square.

Three phases of public engagement were planned to support the Centennial Square Action Plan. The first phase was completed between June and September 2018 and focused on identifying high level themes, and community feelings, ideas and desired experiences for Centennial Square. It focused on identifying what people liked, disliked or felt needed to be improved in the Square and gave citizens an opportunity to identify the types of experiences they would like to have in Centennial Square.

The next two engagement phases that were planned for late 2018 and early 2019, but not completed include:

- Public input on emerging ideas, draft design concept options, programming recommendations and priorities (*planned for late 2018*)
- Review of the draft Centennial Square Action Plan (*planned for 2019*)

More than 1,500 participants provided input from June through September 2018. Input was received through an online survey, pop up engagement stations at events in Centennial Square, two stakeholder working group workshops and an open house event at City Hall that explored possible design solutions for Centennial Square.

The top themes identified by the community through engagement include:

- a desire to see Centennial Square become more inviting and welcoming for families
- a desire for more year-round programming in Centennial Square
- interest in having more vendors and/or changes to the ground-level use in the buildings surrounding the Square
- safety concerns, especially at night, in the Square

Engagement Approach

Engagement was designed to support the project with three phases of engagement. Community input opportunities were designed to expand on the strategies for Centennial Square identified in the City's Downtown Public Realm Plan to better understand how the community would like to experience Centennial Square to inform future design improvements.

The Downtown Public Realm Plan's strategies to bring more vibrancy to Centennial Square include:

- Increase ground-level commercial and cafe/restaurant space in the area
- Facilitate temporary installations such as cafe kiosks or food trucks in the Square

- Improve the Square's connections with Douglas Street
- Incorporate play elements to make the space welcoming for children and families
- Introduce new surface material to complement the existing heritage brick

A Centennial Square stakeholder Working Group was established to gather input from 16 key stakeholder groups and to identify common challenges and opportunities for the Square in its current state and possibilities for the future. Participants included representation from arts and festival groups, downtown residents, walkability and placemaking groups, business groups, tourism, and heritage. The stakeholder working group's involvement was designed to be at the Involve and Collaborate levels on the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) guide for public participation, following the principles and practices outlined in the City's Engagement Framework.

Engagement with the wider community consisted of in-person events and an online survey to raise awareness about the project and collect input from the community to identify key themes in how the community would like to experience Centennial Square, and key themes to guide future improvements to the Square. Engagement with the public during this phase was designed and conducted at the Involve and Consult levels on the International Association of Public Participation spectrum (IAP2).

Engagement Highlights:

- 479 responses from people at pop up events in the Square
- 1,005 survey responses
- 20 different stakeholder groups involved through the Working Group and one-on-one meetings
- 12 design ideas/solutions informed by public and stakeholder input from an "Ideas Jam"

What We Did

Engagement included:

- A workshop with the stakeholder Working Group to identify key themes in June
- Five pop up events in Centennial Square in July
- An online survey that collected input throughout July
- One-on-one meetings with key stakeholder groups including McPherson Theatre, Accessibility Working Group, and Heritage Advisory Panel
- Youth engagement with Uvic Urban Geography students and Youth Council
- An Ideas Jam workshop with the stakeholder Working Group followed by an open house event to continue the input and discussions with the community at City Hall in September
- Online engagement through Twitter, Facebook and Instagram throughout July and September

June

The first workshop with the stakeholder working group took place at City Hall in June 2018. This workshop included sharing information about the history of the creation of Centennial Square and a collaborative group exploration of the current challenges, strengths and opportunities that exist for

Centennial Square in its current state. In groups of 7-10 people, each table discussed Centennial Square's challenges with representatives each providing their unique perspectives on what could be improved on.



Stakeholder Working Group workshop – June 2018

July

Engagement with wider community began in July and included a communication campaign to raise awareness about the project and encourage public input.

Communication Methods:

- City of Victoria website
- Posts on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram
- City e-newsletter
- Emails to stakeholders
- Handbills in City Hall
- Key messages shared with City front-line customer services staff
- Information at Community Association meetings and newsletters

Social Media interactions:

Twitter	23 tweets	47 retweets	116 likes	354 click to the survey or webpage
Facebook	10 posts	1,829 clicks	262 likes, comments, and shares	total reach on Facebook 19,832
Instagram	1 post	13 comments	171 likes	total reach on Instagram 2,689

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We need your ideas and input on how to transform Centennial Square into a destination that offers something for everyone. What types of activities and experiences would you most like to see for Centennial Square? Complete the short online survey or comment below and let us know!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5LZZPPJ>

Performance for Your Post

7,016 People Reached

186 Reactions, Comments & Shares

49 Like	26 On Post	23 On Shares
4 Love	2 On Post	2 On Shares
1 Haha	1 On Post	0 On Shares
93 Comments	74 On Post	19 On Shares
39 Shares	37 On Post	2 On Shares

984 Post Clicks

411 Photo Views	138 Link Clicks	435 Other Clicks
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7,016
People Reached

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Engagements

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People Reached	4.1K	Post Engagement	446
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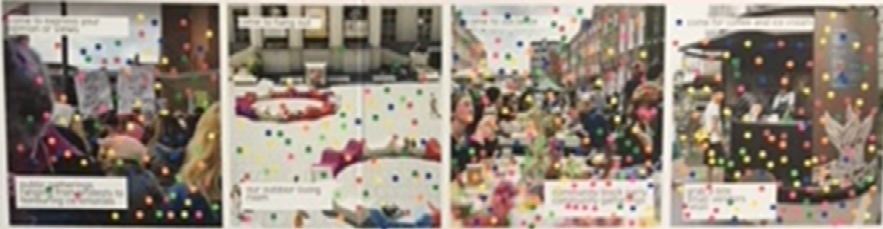
Five “pop-up” engagement stations were held at high-attendance events in Centennial Square including Folkloria, Eventide, Festival Mexicano, Vegtoria, and a free lunchtime concert. Attending events in the Square provided an opportunity for staff to interact with hundreds of people and answer their questions about the project. Citizens were invited to share their input on a sounding board to identify the types of experiences they would like to see more of in Centennial Square. Participants also provided additional ideas and feedback regarding Centennial Square.



What would you like to experience in Centennial Square?

CIVIC HEART

Goal: a vibrant, inclusive open space
Experience: A community civic place and gathering place.



CELEBRATION

Goal: a more flexible programmable open space
Experience: An open and flexible space for events and festival celebrations.



URBAN OASIS

Goal: more places to sit and relax
Experience: A place of serenity and refreshment within the downtown urban environment. A social space to sit, meet and relax.



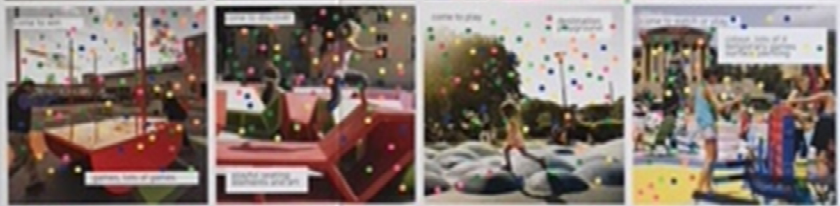
DESTINATION

Goal: a special and identifiable public place
Experience: A memorable and meaningful place in the heart of the city, with unique public art, rarely seen installations, themed events people visit from all over.



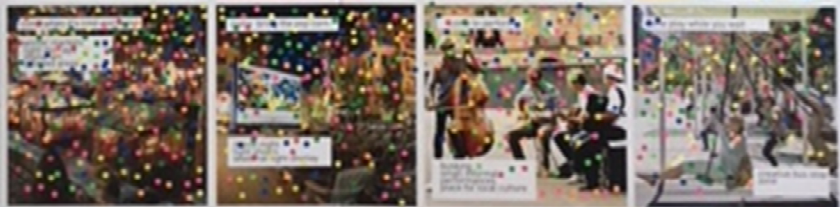
URBAN PLAY

Goal: more play for everyone
Experience: a place where all generations meet throughout the day to play and develop connections. Where everyone comes together just because it's fun.



ACTIVE YEAR ROUND

Goal: more programming to support a range of daily activities throughout the year
Experience: whether winter or summer activity, local businesses and the square support one another.



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An online survey collected input from more than 1,000 people over a four-week period in July. Like the pop-up stations, the survey asked participants to identify the types of events and activities they would most like to experience in the Square.



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September

An “Ideas Jam” with the stakeholder Working Group was held in September. This second workshop brought the Working Group members together to review key themes identified by the wider community during pop up engagement events and through the online survey. In groups, members worked with a consultant and staff design team to explore possible design solutions for Centennial Square. The design team further developed the ideas to create a more visual representation of improvement options for the Square which were shared with the stakeholder Working Group and public for further discussion and input. The Ideas Jam resulted in 12 different ideas for improvements to the Square.



Additional one-on-one meetings with the City of Victoria's Youth Council, a class from the University of Victoria's Urban Geography program, the Accessibility Working Group, the City's Heritage Advisory Panel, McPherson Theatre staff, and the Downtown Victoria Business Association were held.

Further collaboration with the stakeholder Working Group was planned for the second and third phases of engagement. The next steps would have also involved one-on-one meetings with key stakeholder from the Working Group and other organizations followed by engagement on preferred concepts and solutions with the Working Group and the public.

Summary of Community Participation:

Event / Activity	Date	Participation
Youth Council meeting and site visit	April	12
UVIC Urban Geography class presentation and site visit	June	20
Online survey	July	1,005
Heritage Advisory Panel meeting	July 10	8
Centennial Square pop up at Folkloria	July 8	60
Centennial Square pop up engagement tent at Eventide	July 12	92
Centennial Square pop up engagement tent at Festival Mexicano	July 14	109
Centennial Square pop up engagement tent at Vegtoria	July 21	172
Centennial Square pop up engagement tent during free lunchtime concert	July 25	30
McPherson Theatre meeting	July	3
Emails from members of the public	July-Sept	10
Accessibility Working Group meeting and site visit	September 10	2
Ideas Jam with Stakeholder Working Group	September 11	20
Ideas Jam with the public	September 12	30
Meeting with the Downtown Victoria Business Association	October 15	8
Total participation (not including social media)		1,581

Who We Heard From

Stakeholder Working Group

Two workshops were held with the stakeholder working group, which includes representation from:

- Art in Public Places Committee
- Atomique Productions
- CRD Arts Service
- Destination Greater Victoria (Tourism Victoria)
- Downtown Residents Association
- Downtown Victoria Business Association
- Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
- Greater Victoria Placemaking Network
- Heritage Advisory Panel
- McPherson Theatre
- Professional Arts Alliance of Greater Victoria
- Urban Development Institute
- Victoria Jazz Society
- VicPD
- Youth Council
- Walk On Victoria

Additional Meetings

- Youth Council
- UVIC's Urban Geography class
- Heritage Advisory Panel
- McPherson Theatre staff
- Accessibility Working Group
- Downtown Victoria Business Association

Additional engagement that was planned to take place later in 2018 included consultation with Songhees and Esquimalt Nations through the City Family, engagement with youth through the Youth Empowerment Society, further engagement with the Downtown Residents Association, and follow up and one-on-one meetings with all organizations involved with the stakeholder Working Group to involve their wider network of staff/members.

Pop-Up Events in Centennial Square

Events in Centennial Square engaged with 479 people at popular events in the Square. Attendance at these events was diverse. Participants included residents of Victoria, residents of downtown, residents from other municipalities across the region, business owners and people who work downtown, visitors to Victoria, and festival organizers and vendors.

Online Survey

The online survey received more than 1,000 responses and included questions to help identify some of the demographics of those who completed the survey:

- 65% of survey respondents identified as living in a City of Victoria neighbourhood
- 35% identified as living outside of the City of Victoria/another municipality
- In terms of age, 59% of those who completed the survey identified as 39 years of age or younger
- 72% of respondents noted they visit or pass through the Square at least a few times a month, with 42% saying they visit or pass through the Square at least once a week

What We Heard

Stakeholder Working Group workshop #1 (June 2018)

In table groups participants explored the current challenges and opportunities for Centennial Square. The workshop wrapped up with each table sharing their top three ideas for short-term improvements. These included:

Better amenity offerings	Retail or café space in or on the edges of the Square. These would give people more reasons to come to the Square and stay longer in the square and could also help concerns related to safety as people in the café/restaurant later in the day would equal more eyes/people in the area.
Improve cohesiveness	The Square feels disjointed and needs to feel like a more unified space. This could be achieved through improvements to landscaping, accessibility and wayfinding.
Fountain improvements	The fountain is intended to be the heart of square but cannot be fully enjoyed in its current state. A water feature that is inviting and enjoyable to all would improve the space.
Improve flexibility and openness	Remove or refit the fountain to allow access and playfulness. Flat water area for events and better set up.

Provide more passive programming	Allow for more interesting seating options, more intimate activities, and retail
Rethink undercroft area	Convert the undercroft into a more interactive space.
Clean up area and increase maintenance	Do better maintenance in the Square. In addition to power washing, clean the facades of the buildings and make it more appealing.
Improve connection to Douglas Street	Open up the entrance from Douglas Street and allow better pedestrian flow. Invite people in.
Revitalize edges of the Square.	Create a gateway and welcoming feature from Broad Street with programming in the undercroft, introducing retail. Use space for exhibitions, refresh the space, add more lighting.

Pop-Up Events and Survey (July 2018)

Through one-on-one conversations and input on sounding boards, feedback through social media channels, stakeholder meetings, and the online survey, several common themes emerged, which are outlined below.

Overall high-level themes identified through engagement:

- A desire to see the space become more inviting and welcoming for families
- Measures to make the space feel safer and more inclusive
- A desire for more year-round programming
- A desire for more vendors and/or changes to ground level use

Pop Up Events (July 2018)

During engagement events in the Square, there was also strong support to experience the Square for:

- Large scale events and concerts
- Winter markets
- Festivals and food trucks
- Outdoor movies
- Buskers
- Local events and markets

Online Survey (July 2018)

The online survey identified strong support to experience the Square for:

- Community gathering space
- Regular farmers markets
- Shaded tree areas with tables for lunch and visiting
- Outdoor public art
- Seating, elements or art that is playful
- Winter markets

Ideas Jam Workshop (September 2018)

The Ideas Jam brought together the Working Group, general public, and a staff and consultant design team for a two-day workshop event. The workshop explored preliminary design possibilities to improve the Square and achieve community desires identified through earlier community input.

The two-day event began with a collaborative design session with the Working Group to establish a set of design directions to guide the development of concepts and options by the staff and consultant design team. At the end of the second day, design concepts and options developed were shared with the public and working group members for further input and feedback.

Design ideas were premised on restoring the original intent of the Square as the City's main civic gathering space while supporting its evolution as a venue for events and festivals, and creating a more fun, inclusive and welcoming space for people of all ages and abilities.

The workshop resulted in six possible design directions and 12 emerging ideas informed by public and stakeholder input including:

- Improvements to create a more welcoming entrance into the Square from Douglas Street that would also support more flexible programming and event space
- Improvements to accessibility and connections through the Square with simplified, continuous grades
- Options for improving the fountain and central plaza area
- Ideas for supporting more year-round and daily activity in the Square through improvements to the undercroft area (covered passage to Pandora Avenue), stage area and buildings alongside the Fisgard parkade
- Options for supporting programming in the undercroft through an open air or public art gallery or creation of a partially enclosed civic room with flexible uses
- Ways to support Centennial Square as an inviting urban green with opportunities for trees and lawn for relaxing or shady places to sit and enjoy lunch

Idea 1: Hard surface plaza with shade trees and improved event space



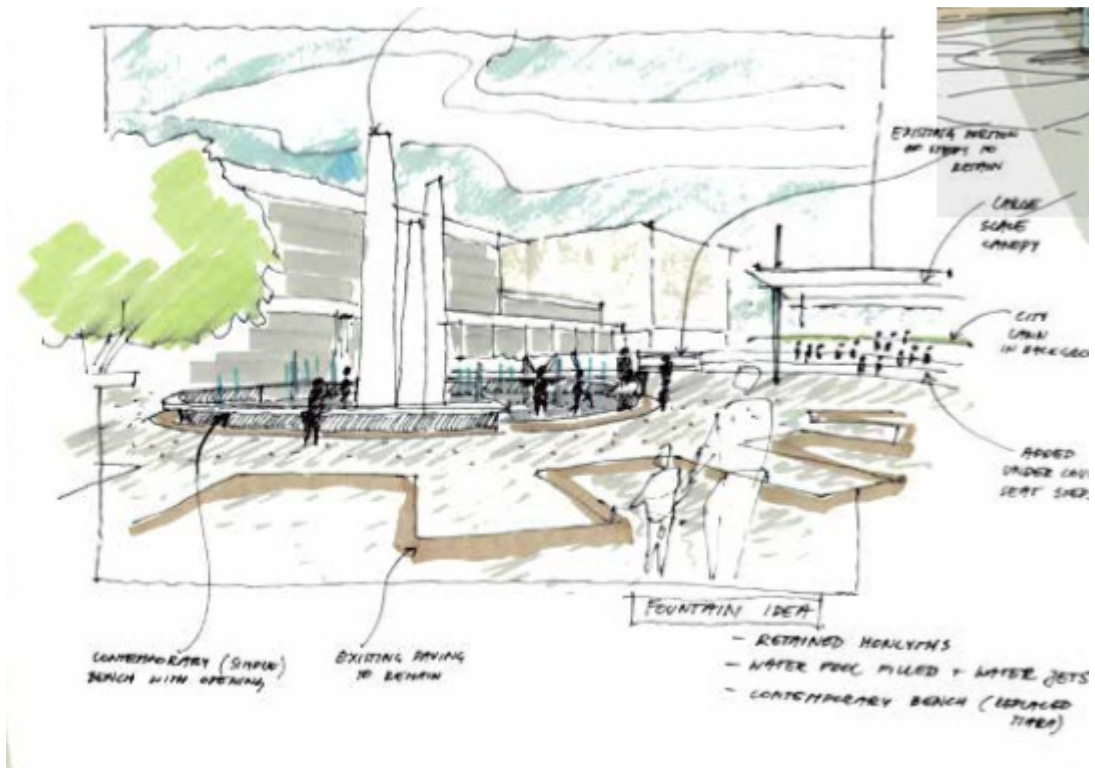
Idea 2: Open lawn area with shade trees



Idea 3: Simplified, continuous grades with sloped landscaping, seating and plaza space



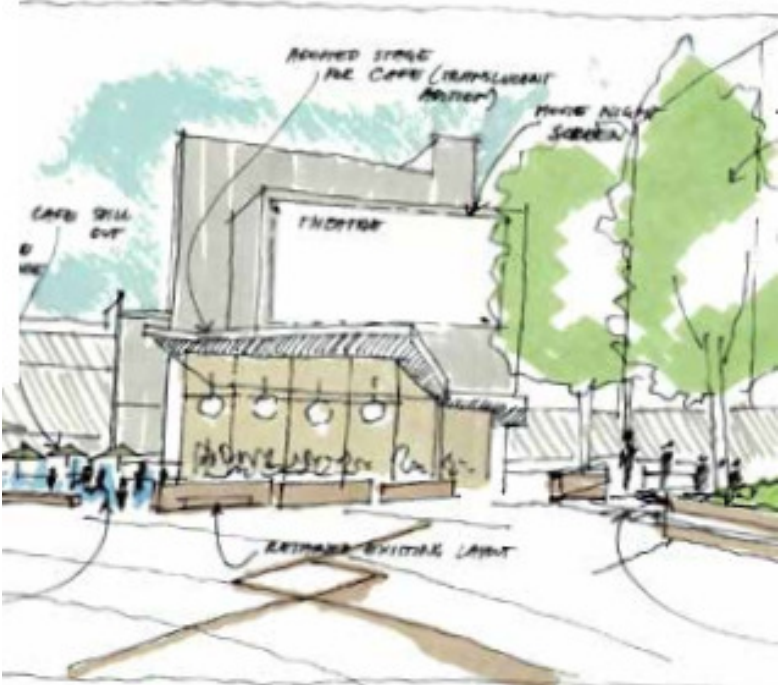
Idea 4: Contemporary seating added to fountain and pool replaced with water jets with access for waterplay



Idea 5: Fountain and plaza adapted to incorporate more accessible water play



Idea 6: Stage area adapted for a pavilion and enclosed use



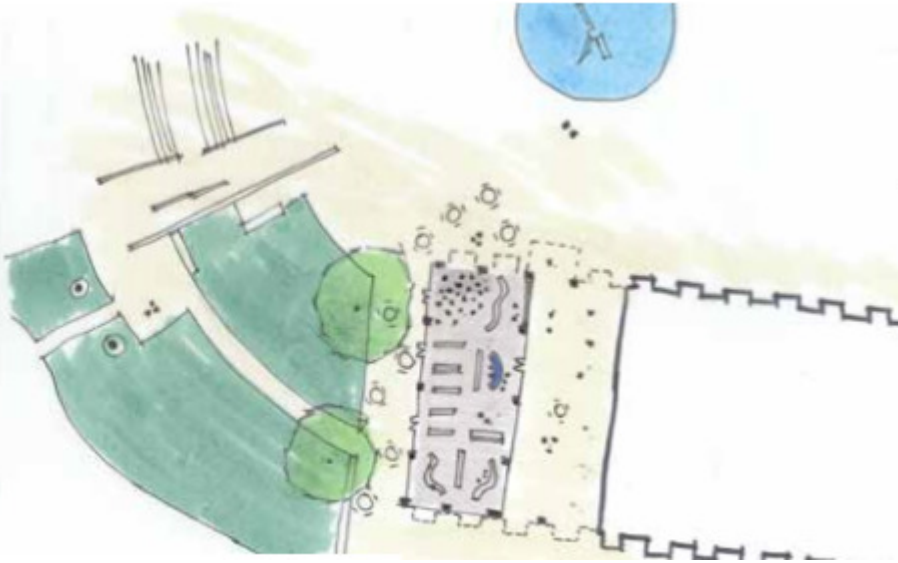
Idea 7: Undercroft area adapted for included or semi enclosed pavilion



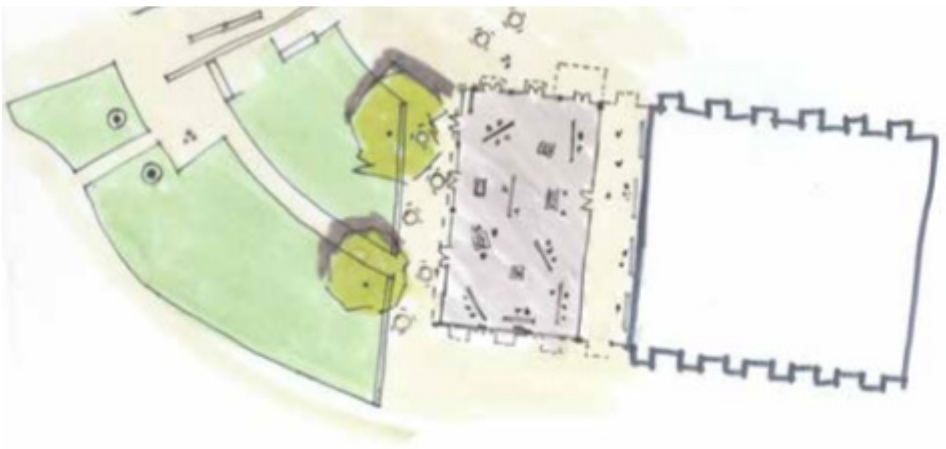
Idea 8: Improvements to existing or redeveloped building on north side of Square



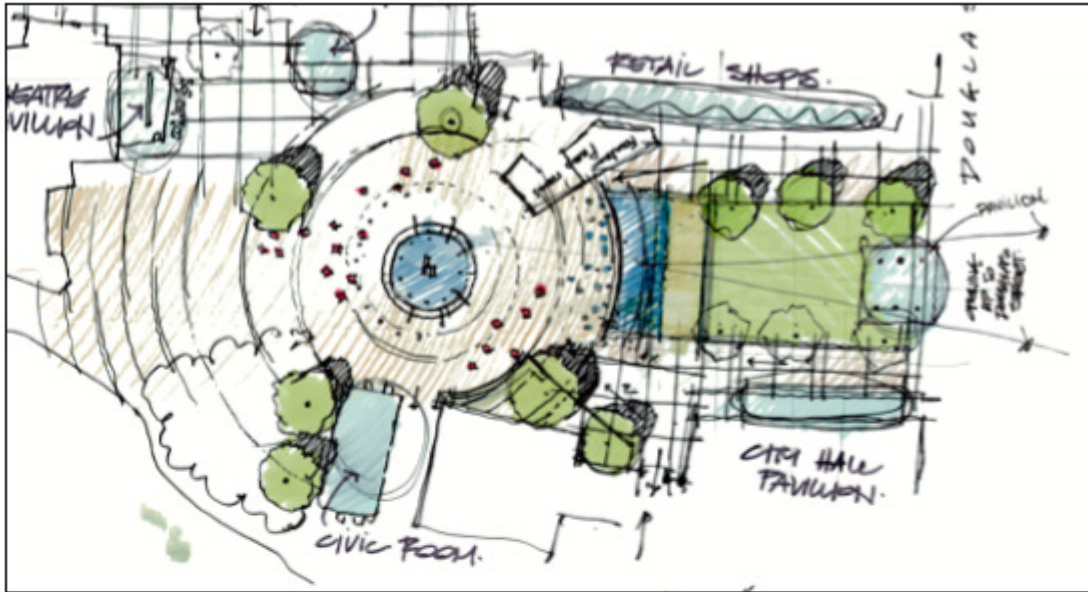
Idea 9: Partially enclose undercroft and add seating for flexible uses



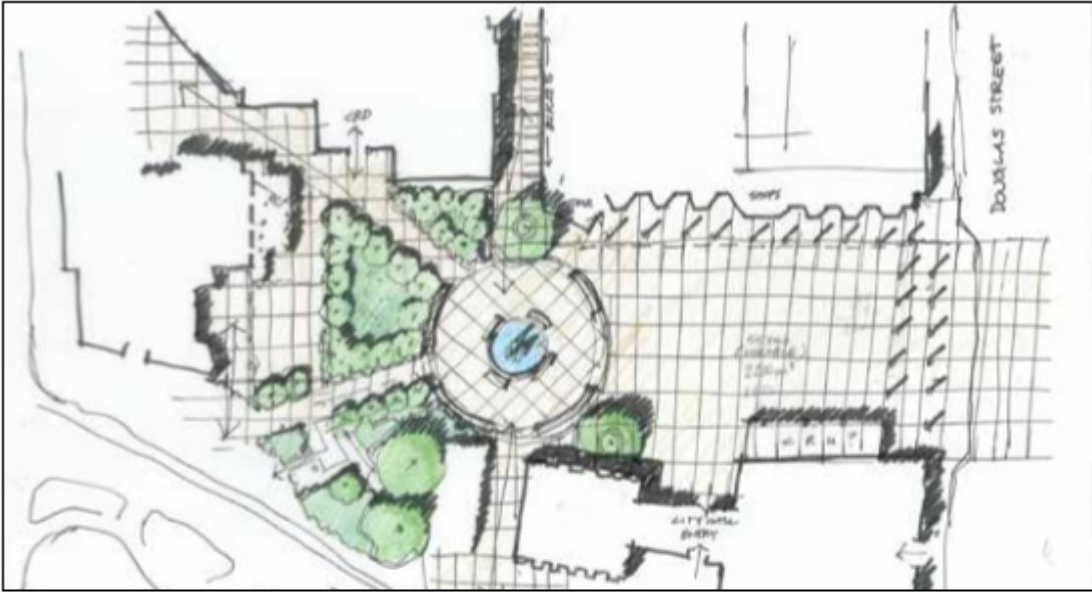
Idea 10: Partially enclose undercroft to create space for a public art gallery with rotating exhibitions



Idea 11: improve community lawn at Douglas Street and consider water feature



Idea 12: Hardscape plaza at Douglas Street and improve green space adjacent to theatre



Next Steps

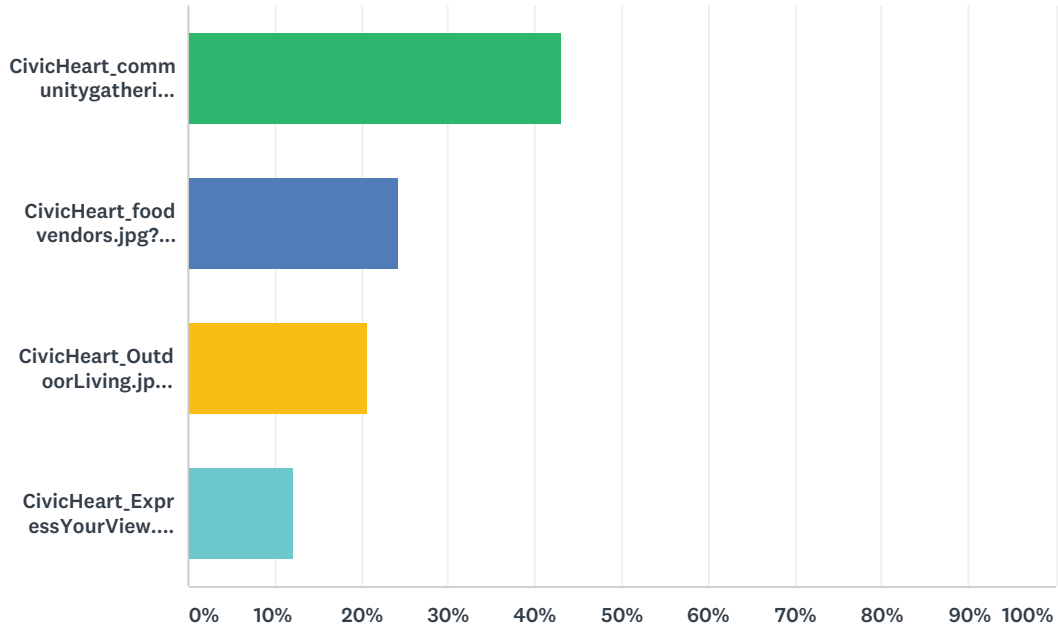
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Enclosures:

- Survey Responses
- Emails
- Ideas Jam Full Summary

Q1 When you think about Centennial Square as a heart for downtown, what gives it that “heart”? Choose an image that most reflects the type of experience that makes it a special place (select one).

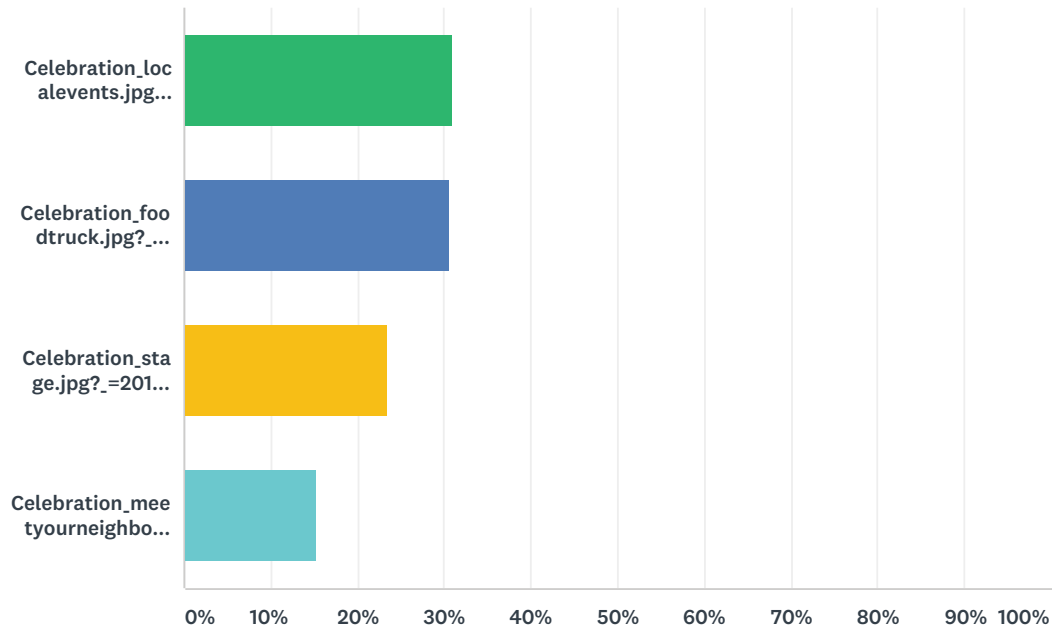
Answered: 989 Skipped: 16







ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
	43.17% 427
	24.17% 239
	20.63% 204
	12.03% 119
TOTAL	989

**Q2 What types of celebration would you like in Centennial Square?
Choose an image that reflects the types of celebration activities you
would most like to experience in Centennial Square (select one).**

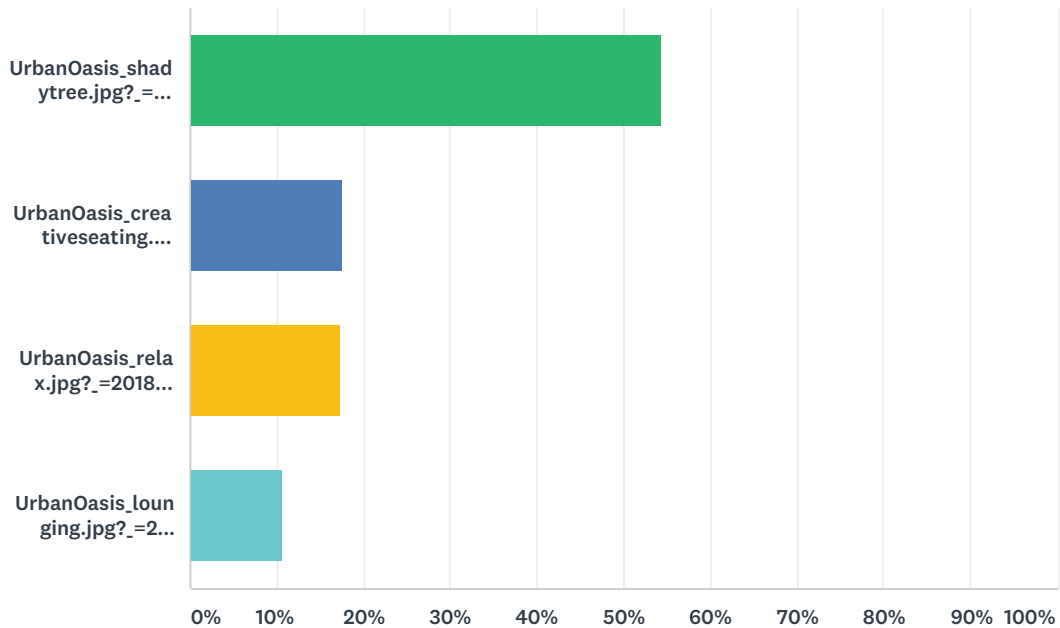
Answered: 975 Skipped: 30







ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
	30.87% 301
	30.56% 298
	23.38% 228
	15.18% 148
TOTAL	975

Q3 How would you most like to experience Centennial Square as a place to sit and relax? Choose an image that reflects the types of experience you would most like to have in Centennial Square (select one).

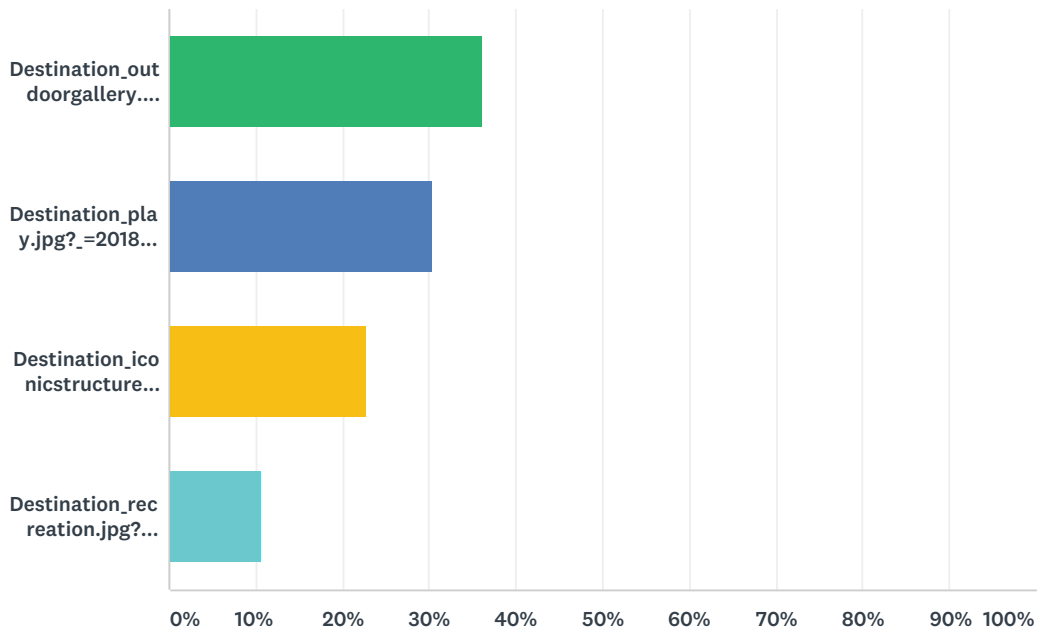
Answered: 960 Skipped: 45







ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
	54.37%	522
	17.50%	168
	17.40%	167
	10.73%	103
TOTAL		960

Q4 Choose an image that reflects the type of attraction that could make Centennial Square a unique destination (select one).

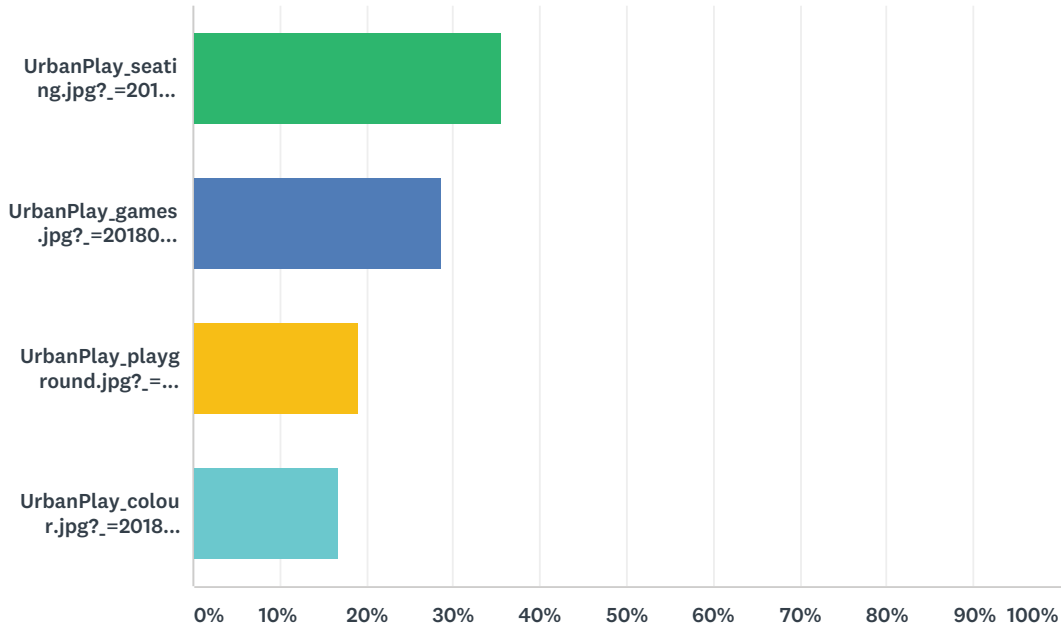
Answered: 947 Skipped: 58







ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
	36.22% 343
	30.31% 287
	22.81% 216
	10.67% 101
TOTAL	947

Q5 When you think about Centennial Square as a playful space, what types of play would you most like to experience? Choose one image that most reflects what you would like to experience (select one)

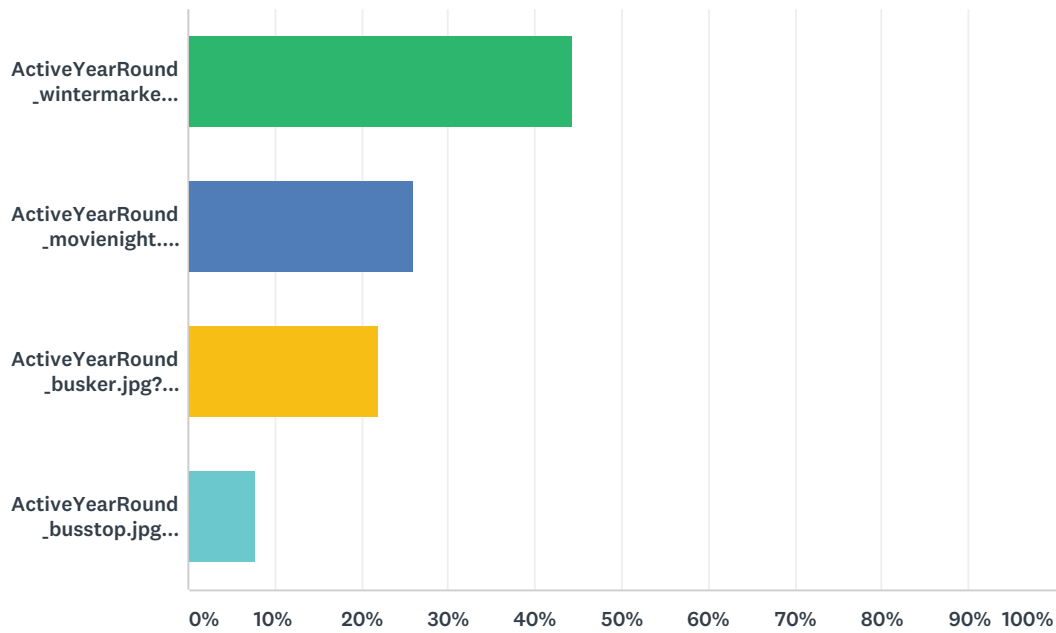
Answered: 922 Skipped: 83







ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
	35.57% 328
	28.63% 264
	19.09% 176
	16.70% 154
TOTAL	922

Q6 Choose an image that reflects the types of activities you would like to experience in Centennial Square (choose one).

Answered: 938 Skipped: 67



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
	44.35% 416
	26.01% 244
	21.96% 206
	7.68% 72
TOTAL	938

Q7 What other ideas do you have for Centennial Square? Tell us in the comment box below.

Answered: 543 Skipped: 462

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	more green space Trees. Shade.	8/7/2018 5:46 AM
2	farmers market food vendor more green space stage improvement With so much new development happening downtown and in that area, I'd like to see, as much as possible, green space, trees and a natural environment - please, not a lot more pavement, brick, added commercial or painted areas/sculptures. People need a place to take a peaceful break from the hurly burly. I've really enjoyed that space for outdoor music, community gatherings/marches/festivals. I'd like to see it belong to the people and not be overtaken by more constructed businesses. Personal info s I'd welcome as well as a real farmers market downtown. The stage could be better renovated for music. The big pillars added recently are obstructive for musicians, the stage could use more natural light and color or brightness plus the slanted roof doesn't seem adequate on rainy days. I'd prefer an elegant, natural minimalist approach rather than more overdone, commercial, constructive clutter. I'd like to see Victoria's natural beauty emphasized, much of which is highly loved and becoming lost. Thank you.	8/6/2018 6:36 PM
3	maintenance Wash the urine from the ground. Pick up the cigarette butts.	8/6/2018 1:37 PM
4	community gathering Well making Syrian Refugees party for them to get to gather	8/6/2018 12:03 PM
5	safety An integrated waterhose to spray overdosed junkies off into the sewers	8/5/2018 12:17 PM
6	library I dream of replacing the parade with a new central branch building.	8/5/2018 12:10 PM
7	fountain more green space Please revamp the fountain as it looks very dated and is aesthetically displeasing. More trees and green space incorporated into the space please.	8/5/2018 10:29 AM
8	fountain Please remove that ugly circular structure around the fountain, it looks like solidified cottage cheese.	8/5/2018 10:28 AM
9	community gathering year round programming Annual outdoor events like "October Fest" or "Winter Fest" with stalls, food, hot apple cider, hot chocolate, baked goods, music (polka music or muzac piped in music); the public and ethnic dancers dancing on the ground with accordian players playing (as opposed to watching it on a stage). Have events like the Jewish Lighting of the Menorah idea, (people dancing in a big circle to Klezmer music) but have the event bigger, with more food, and more City Hall \$support\$.	8/5/2018 9:04 AM
10	community gathering importance of inclusivity washrooms year round programming 1) WASHROOMS: more welcoming washrooms please, open to all users 2) INCLUSIVE SPACE: public space should be enjoyed by EVERYONE! please create a space that does not act to displace marginalized groups such as street involved populations who often use the space as a community gathering space 3) URBAN AGRICULTURE: this could be an interesting space to feature urban ag by partnering with folks already doing this work such as TopSoil. If food seems unfeasible, what about pollinator gardens and rainwater harvesting? 4) PUBLIC ART	8/4/2018 10:42 PM
11	importance of inclusivity The proposal to take "action" on centennial square sounds like our local government wanting to gentrify that area and make it unwelcoming for housing insecure folks. I would much rather this funding and energy be put into affordable housing. Disappointed to see this initiative.	8/4/2018 5:40 PM
12	maintenance Centennial Square and downtown Victoria sidewalks desperately need pressure-washing on a regular (at least thrice-weekly) basis! I wouldn't be proud to invite visitors downtown in its current (summer 2018) condition. (Sad to say, as I was born and raised in otherwise beautiful Victoria!)	8/4/2018 2:02 PM
13	more green space We need green park space in immediate downtown core and there is none of that currently. Let's bring Beacon Hill Park to the heart of downtown. Go Beacon Hill Park 2.0.	8/4/2018 10:55 AM
14	more green space Greenspace!	8/3/2018 6:04 PM

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15	First Nations more green space More trees for shaded areas.... museum and university working together with First Nations to produce theme related presentations	8/3/2018 3:17 PM
16	importance of inclusivity Whatever you do, don't push out the homeless by design. Remember they are JUST AS MUCH a citizen of this city as those of us who are housed and have JUST AS MUCH right to the space. They also need places to gather, form community, rest, and play. I would be very disappointed if the "action plan" turned out to be code for displacing the homeless. They are our neighbours and our fellow community members and they deserve to be treated with respect. They do not exist in some magical place outside of the Victoria community; make sure that whatever you do is inclusive and respectful of them.	8/3/2018 11:17 AM
17	community gathering food vendor library more green space year round programming I was just in Edmonton and they did a great job with the library square while the library is being renovated. Lots of tables and chairs on a little lawn above the plaza, two food trucks, two ping pong tables, and a big chess board. People would stop and play as they walked past, it got all the office workers at lunch plus families and tourists. It actually felt natural, not planned.	8/3/2018 11:07 AM
18	accessibility community gathering First Nations food vendor more green space washrooms year round programming A blend of trees, First Nations culture, open flexible spaces for events/performances/food trucks/temporary art installations, tables, and playful elements for the young and young at heart. Accessible pathways (for wheelchairs) through the square to all entrance points. Cheerfully decorated public washrooms that are easy for visitors to find. Walls and garden beds covered with edible plants (herbs, berries, etc.).	8/2/2018 5:08 PM
19	protect that large Garry Oak from the present situation where a group more less occupies the space very near 24/7 and is possibly damaging the roots and polluting the soil.	8/2/2018 4:55 PM
20	importance of inclusivity I strongly believe that this space should be welcoming for EVERYONE. This includes persons who are street involved. The increase in police presence in the square recently is quite concerning, as it makes the area extremely unwelcoming. I would hope that the city take care to not gentrify the square and push out certain populations, as everyone needs a space where they can feel comfortable and welcomed.	8/2/2018 4:15 PM
21	budget survey design feedback I find your option responses limited for a survey that you want people to participate in. I am not in favour of spending very much to enliven this space, in light of more pressing demands on the taxpayers' dollars - ie rental housing for low income people, and the impending replacement or redevelopment of the Crystal Pool complex.	8/2/2018 2:04 PM
22	maintenance safety Generally would like it to be cleaner and safer.	8/2/2018 10:07 AM
23	food vendor more green space safety washrooms Get rid of the overhanging, dark shadowy spaces. Better (European) public bathrooms. More permanent food/ coffee/ lounge spaces. More green growing things... trees, planters.... Bike parking Directional signs Art all over	8/1/2018 9:57 PM
24	community gathering playground A larger area for community events or lunch time gathering that has seating that is able to be moved aside and a playground in a side area.	8/1/2018 7:59 PM
25	library Centennial Square desperately needs ground level retail and destinations around its edges to animate the space and draw people there for a wide range of reasons. Right now it is surrounded by government institutional uses. How about a hotel, restaurants, a cinema, retail shops, a library. Put parking underneath and get the old parkade redeveloped with office and residential above, and retail at grade. The square floor needs beautiful paving, without unnecessary level changes, and moveable seating, and some genuinely beautiful public art. A square is by definition hardscaped so remove the lawn and pave it beautifully. Make it a place that is a joy to be in, where one arrives almost unexpectedly and goes, wow.	8/1/2018 3:26 PM
26	fountain retain the fountain	8/1/2018 3:17 PM
27	community gathering year round programming I support the notion of outdoor winter markets BUT ONLY IF it is designed like the Christmas markets in Europe. There, all cups, plates and flatware are re-usable, paid for with a small refundable deposit, and returnable at any of the stalls. There is no garbage generated; it is simple and fantastic. Mulled wine and beer are served, music is played, crafts and food are sold, and tourists and locals will come hang out together for hours. Christmas markets are a time-limited event (7-14 days) and a huge attraction.	8/1/2018 11:59 AM
28	food vendor more green space More green space. A good coffee shop, shade	8/1/2018 11:16 AM

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29	community gathering farmers market survey design feedback year round programming	I found that survey unsatisfying. For most questions, I wanted to select multiple options. The square could be many things during the course of the year. It could host events, support community gathering and protest, be a farmers market winter or summer, support street vendors and buskers, be a place to gather and play. There was nothing about urban gardening or agriculture in the questions. Could more of the existing green infrastructure support fruit trees or communal gardens? I want a square that is animated in many ways, and not just as a destination for singular purposes.	8/1/2018 10:55 AM
30	community gathering food vendor safety	Festival markets with food and craft beer and wine vendors, with live music, operating every day throughout the summer. Also discourage the kids that hang out there and make it an undesirable place for all of us as a result.	8/1/2018 10:45 AM
31		I think that preserving the near by accessible parkade is important for Centennial Square's success as a destination because families will be encouraged to come downtown and stay for the fun activities if there is a place to park their car.	8/1/2018 10:43 AM
32	farmers market food vendor	Outdoor Regular farmers Markets with local vendors and farmers	8/1/2018 10:38 AM
33	art playground	more interactive/ playful art installations	7/31/2018 1:08 PM
34		Give management and programming of square to DVBA. As a not for profit they may have better abilities to program and manage the space. They have a proven track record.	7/31/2018 11:17 AM
35	maintenance safety	When I moved to Victoria the Centennial Square used to be a nice place to hang out. Not anymore. People are getting high on drugs and are drinking alcohol in public at the square. Far as I know there is a law against drinking alcohol in public, is there not? So why not starting with cleaning up the Centennial Square and make it a public space again for everyone to enjoy? Enforce the law and stop the drinking and drug use in the Square so that families can come back and enjoy it again.	7/31/2018 10:04 AM
36	safety	I'd like to be able to visit without feeling like I'm going to be stabbed by a miscreant!	7/31/2018 7:41 AM
37	safety	needs to be clean and safe	7/31/2018 7:14 AM
38	farmers market food vendor	If city hall decides to proceed with farmers markets and vendors, please "shake it up." I always like going but year after year it's the exact same artists and feels stale.	7/30/2018 9:42 PM
39	safety	None of these ideas will work if the area is not cleaned up. The last time I went my young child found used needles, used condoms and butts. That was 3 years ago and we haven't been back. I would love this to be a safe clean family area like it was when I was a child. We came often for the folk fest, to feed the birds and enjoy a picnic lunch by the fountain after a day downtown. Great potential but many hurdles for a successful project.	7/30/2018 8:49 PM
40	maintenance	Good clean facilities for the homeless	7/30/2018 7:38 PM
41	year round programming	Weekly craft/artisan market	7/30/2018 2:05 PM
42	art First Nations playground year round programming	Music (Quiet, not so loud that it's difficult to talk) seating food games fountain,/splash for kids and other play structures but not typical playground; keep the little library, storytelling - maybe indigenous stories so we can learn something of the local indigenous culture	7/30/2018 1:18 PM
43	survey design feedback	I chose my favorite photo in each question, but really I think every single one of those things should be possible in Centennial Square. Great ideas!	7/30/2018 12:58 PM
44	budget	Anything that doesn't cost too much to build or enjoy	7/30/2018 12:53 PM
45	fountain	Keep the fountain!	7/30/2018 12:43 PM
46	fountain	Leave the beautiful fountain please! That matters to me.	7/30/2018 12:36 PM
47	family friendly	more like Uptown mall. they draw so many families	7/30/2018 11:30 AM
48	food vendor maintenance safety survey design feedback	Centennial Square is currently a dangerous and dirty place surrounded by old, unwelcoming buildings. What it needs is more activity that isn't drug or homelessness related. Some building renovations or replacements to get new tenants and people in the area. A cafe/restaurant and some shops surrounded by welcoming seating areas would do wonders for the area. The options given in this survey are very short-sighted and will not make the Square any more welcoming as the existing problems will continue to exist.	7/30/2018 11:30 AM

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49	fountain Remove the dated white stucco seating circle around the fountain	7/30/2018 9:28 AM
50	New City Hall!!!!	7/30/2018 7:26 AM
51	safety It will be hard to develop this space in any positive way as long as it is allowed to be a congregation spot for people who are flagrantly disregarding existing laws about public drinking and drugs. Lots of locals avoid this area because it is a "hangout" and sometimes seems unsafe.	7/30/2018 5:35 AM
52	family friendly food vendor maintenance safety needs to be clean (no junkies and their needles). definitely needs some food options. more concerts/shows with local artists of all types (dancers, magician,music etc.). kid/family friendly, fun, bright, colorful, music playing, colorful lighting, murals.	7/30/2018 12:32 AM
53	family friendly safety There will need to be a strong police presence or Cenntennial Square won't be safe enough to enjoy whatever new changes the city plans. It should be a family friendly place, so all members of our city can feel safe, and it should be a place for young and old alike. Shady places, places to sit, and enjoy a sense of community.	7/29/2018 8:26 PM
54	safety Police it. Make it less stabby. Take it back from the bums.	7/29/2018 7:59 PM
55	safety Honestly if you just get rid of all the skaters, homeless and weed smokers is a nice park to hang out and it will be cheaper than changing it, but unfortunately we know it is not happening and that is why people avoid centennial square.	7/29/2018 7:18 PM
56	fountain The present surroundings of the fountain look really tacky, like styrofoam	7/29/2018 6:29 PM
57	more green space Edible garden	7/29/2018 5:18 PM
58	family friendly It's large enough for a play space and seating. I would love to see art and games for kids and adults and the opportunity for music. It's mostly there, it's a great space already but some additional permanent seating a splash pad or shaded unique play area for kids would be amazing!	7/29/2018 3:40 PM
59	safety Until you remove the junkies from the space, you will be simply wasting the tax payers money.	7/29/2018 2:27 PM
60	safety Go with the plan that most reduces the criminal element currently in that area. Victorians are tired of the open drug use and criminal activity. When one walks around downtown seemingly every other person is completely out of it on hard drugs. The streets reek of urine. No one wants to hang around that area and that will not stop until you actually do something about it. Looking at housing options is obviously one key part of the puzzle, but not all of these people are homeless and that solution takes far too much time. We need to address the open criminal activity in the downtown core while it happens.	7/29/2018 12:10 PM
61	family friendly farmers market year round programming Farmers markets in summer, art and Christmas markets in the winter. More planting, seating, and areas for families to play and feel safe.	7/29/2018 10:09 AM
62	safety Make it safe! Stop the soup kitchen! Take the square back from the knife wielding trouble makers, that have claimed it as their own.	7/29/2018 9:57 AM
63	Review the central squares of Prague and Budapest for ideas that have lasted the test of time and been successful as acting as a commercial and community hub for those cities.	7/29/2018 8:53 AM
64	family friendly safety Relocate the tweekers and panhandlers and the ever present drunks! Can't take my grandkids. Unsafe!	7/29/2018 8:39 AM
65	safety Improve security, currently this area is a haven for people using and dealing drugs. I don't feel comfortable walking past this area even doing daytime hours.	7/29/2018 8:33 AM
66	Turn the plaza inside out and connect it to surrounding streets.	7/29/2018 7:28 AM
67	community gathering I love the music and dancing events, like the Latin music night on July 28th.	7/29/2018 7:19 AM
68	survey design feedback Most of those pictures are stupid....lounge chairs in the park, this city really is out to lunch..	7/29/2018 6:05 AM
69	fountain Remove the fountain as it takes up too much space, uses too much water, and looks like it's from the 60's.	7/29/2018 4:04 AM

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70	community gathering food vendor importance of inclusivity Make it an inclusive space that does not have "railings" that prohibit people from sitting on the side of raised cement garden beds. Have it affordable for everyone to partake in community events. Have food to bring community together.	7/29/2018 12:01 AM
71	art family friendly farmers market food vendor i think a food market with vendors and seating, a stage and a play/water area could all be incorporated into the square. Also would love to see an interactive musical art piece.	7/28/2018 9:46 PM
72	family friendly safety Why don't you ask why people don't use the square now? You need to clean up the square so people feel safe going there. Get rid of the drug addicts and the trouble makers. I don't feel safe taking my children to see an evening performance at the Macpherson theatre anymore. How about more police patrols through the area. How about bylaw starts ticketing the people hanging around causing trouble then we can talk about ways to improve the park. Why aren't you being honest about the issues surrounding the park. It is obvious why people don't go there. Get your head out of the sand and do something about it.	7/28/2018 9:44 PM
73	fountain Lose the terrible 60's fountain/architecture. It was terrible then and it still is. The jagged edgy design is not welcoming.	7/28/2018 9:27 PM
74	safety As long as there is a gathering of street people the square will never be a gathering place for other citizens. These two populations are not compatible, so you must choose which one you are redesigning the square for.	7/28/2018 7:51 PM
75	safety A clearing out of the transient population is a necessary prerequisite for any future plans for the square. As long as it's a gathering place for street people, it won't be a gathering place for anyone else.	7/28/2018 7:49 PM
76	Shaded areas where one can read, eat, talk or just relax.	7/28/2018 6:49 PM
77	stage improvement Need a new sound system! The sound doesn't carry when the Mayor or anyone else is speaking at community gatherings.	7/28/2018 6:38 PM
78	safety This is a dangerous place that no ordinary citizens want to visit. This survey does not address safety which is the key element. Large groups of intimidating and loud homeless people threatening ordinary citizens is a problem and fixing the seating etc does not address the lack of enforcement and the capitulation of the chief of police and city council addressing the problem.	7/28/2018 2:38 PM
79	family friendly -creative seating areas of all kinds -areas for kids to play, jump, structures that won't get ruined -Environmentally friendly -kids splash park -swings at bus stops -covered areas to sit in shade	7/28/2018 2:24 PM
80	family friendly safety There are some awesome parks in Auckland. Look at ideas at the children's play area at Myers Park and the creative lounge areas, skateboard tracks and container library with seating outside and food trucks at Silo Park....also water features at Britomart. All of these attract locals and the homeless keep their distance.	7/28/2018 1:12 PM
81	safety anything that gets rid of the bums and druggies that hang out there now	7/28/2018 12:43 PM
82	Keep events, cafes, markets, etc. informal	7/28/2018 12:18 PM
83	safety Clear out the drug dealers, drug takers, homeless, make it a place to feel safe in then i'll answer your moronic survey	7/28/2018 12:12 PM
84	Please preserve the plaque commemorating the internment of Japanese Canadians.	7/28/2018 11:20 AM
85	safety Why not try enforcing the law and ridding the area of the squatters that are permanently at the square? None of the previous answers make any sense until the area is actually safe for residents of the city.	7/28/2018 10:45 AM
86	safety Turn it into a homeless shelter and safe injection site so the mayor and council can experience the diversity of their choices.	7/28/2018 10:42 AM
87	survey design feedback Many of your choices were awesome so bravo for thinking outside the box. I'd like a survey where I could rank my preferences. I like the visual of an interactive location where everyone feels welcome. I liked the windy reading seating as well as the creative shapes as one example. We all should feel part of it and welcome at any time to relax or interact and socialize there. Bravo town hall for asking for input	7/28/2018 10:12 AM
88	maintenance Clean it up. Get rid of the needles and drug paraphernalia and camping remnants strewn all over the place.	7/28/2018 9:13 AM

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89	safety survey design feedback This survey is a joke, it completely ignores the public safety issue, which is the only thing that currently matters. Start enforcing laws and bylaws and clean up the square.	7/28/2018 9:00 AM
90	safety More police officers and less drug use and violent crimes	7/28/2018 8:25 AM
91	family friendly more green space safety A playground of sorts would be great. There's not much for kids right in the downtown core. I think just improving what it already is is ideal! New seating, a play area for kids, a grassy area. It should be flexible so it can be used for multiple things! Although I do worry about the people that hang out there and camp. I often avoid the square for that reason. I'd rather see more money going to help the homeless.	7/28/2018 8:19 AM
92	safety survey design feedback How about leaving a space for additional responses in each of the questions instead of trying to drive specific responses? Get rid of the illegal activity in the square and clean it up so that it continues to be a basic outdoor gathering space. We don't need to spend millions on "iconic" structures again.	7/28/2018 8:10 AM
93	accessibility fountain Remove the fountain and replace it with more public accessible space.	7/28/2018 3:16 AM
94	art community gathering family friendly more green space year round programming LARGE shallow stylistic Wading Pool, similar to Edmonton's City Hall and/or Edmonton's Reflecting (wading) pool at the legislature; they work as a popular public gathering place for all ages in warm weather, art (reflections, public art/sculpture); and in the off season an alternate use can be planned for (winter skating rink) (drained for events/market). Green Space should be included in any plan. Victoria is not green enough. Plants and lawns space for sitting can benefit any of the ideas/options presented here.	7/27/2018 10:00 PM
95	fountain LEAVE IT THE HELL ALONE FOR THE FOUNTAIN.	7/27/2018 7:22 PM
96	family friendly safety I walk thru it every day after work and hold my breathe so I don't get high make it a safe place for families. There are too many people that just hang out there and do drugs.	7/27/2018 5:53 PM
97	accessibility maintenance safety stage improvement Get rid of the tripping hazards - resurface so trees roots are not protruding. Keep trees. Smooth out seating around surrounding fountain. Was made for sitting - not textured concrete. Upgrade finishes and pavement - looks like a patio installed by Rona. What about the control of some people? The square should be for everyone but it is sometimes scary. Too many different levels. Seating is not great for watching concerts. See how the square functions for Fringe preview night - ask those folks.	7/27/2018 2:54 PM
98	Please no grass! It's unusable half of the year.	7/27/2018 2:15 PM
99	family friendly Already covered, but would so love another downtown play space for my kids!	7/27/2018 2:06 PM
100	fountain Please don't remove the fountain. I have seen so many historic pictures and it has been a constant in those. Would be such a shame to have it gone, it would honestly make ME cry. Please incorporate the fountain into the new design. Plus, tourist love taking photos by it and it provides seating.	7/27/2018 1:49 PM
101	accessibility food vendor more green space -remove the stairs and create gently sloping ramps. the square is hostile to those with disabilities. make it more inclusive by integrating inclusion, rather than having a crappy ramp stuck off on the side. -do not want to see a children's playground as this will not make for a relaxing experience to sit and hang out. Look to European squares/plazas for inspiration -would love to see some food trucks lined up around the internal part of the square. -do not remove greenery/lawn space - add more greenery please. There are virtually no green spaces downtown, and nowhere to relieve a dog. Keep the greenery. - Vancouver Art Gallery made a mistake when they dug up all the woodchips/natural elements and paved everything. Now the space is barren and uninviting. -fix the pavement near the trees that go into city hall entrance.	7/27/2018 1:28 PM
102	more green space survey design feedback Be careful about green space, making sure that it contributes to human health - avoid allergens, plants that attract stinging insects, mould. Grass a bad idea - it will become downtown's doggy sandbox and unfit for humans. A green wall in the shape of something w. a local connection, with carefully chosen plants could be the iconic photo opportunity and provide the benefits of green space, softening the hard edges. Avoid commerce including foods. The city's restaurants struggle so don't boost competition. About the survey, "Cultural festivals and food trucks" is a dual construct answer. I might (and do) want cultural festivals but not food trucks, so didn't choose it. I interpret cultural festivals to be broader than an ethnic festival. It could be a poetry or music fest or many other aspects of culture.	7/27/2018 10:33 AM

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103	Create business opportunities, balance of permanent shops and regular markets to bring people into the area. Right now, people walk thru the square (and sometimes not even that) as the space is currently uninviting with little seating, shade, tables and often filled with people smoking, and homeless screaming & yelling. There's not currently a welcoming outdoor destination area where workers can go to sit, eat, relax, read, or take a break. The Square would be the ideal location to create welcoming space, rather than be one that people try to walk thru as quickly as possible.	7/27/2018 9:44 AM
104	A phone charging station would be great!	7/27/2018 9:17 AM
105	community gathering family friendly more green space survey design feedback I found it hard to choose one from some of the lists as all of the options were good. I would love to see a space for music and cultural events, grass and shade for relaxing/yoga, visual art/iconic art installations for photo opportunities and an artsy play space for kids for that blends in to all of this nicely. A water park is a great option too, especially for people who live downtown that want to cool off in the summer. I am most likely to visit the square when downtown shopping so having a 'dry' option for my kids to burn off steam would be appreciated!	7/27/2018 6:42 AM
106	family friendly food vendor more green space Green space, grass and or gardens. Less concrete. More kid-friendly. Cafe area with outdoor seating. Music?	7/27/2018 6:34 AM
107	family friendly food vendor year round programming A combination area that's opened up for access and fun. Coffee shop/ seating next to a fountain that's actually a water park for kids as well as a water feature & sound with seating and games like giant chess boards and connect four style games(like in the one picture) a space where 4.20 "protests" take place but is everything else year round. Why only one or the other.	7/27/2018 2:53 AM
108	please keep the big tree	7/26/2018 7:01 PM
109	safety None of the items identified will make Centennial Square the civic square you started talking about in the first or second slide. It is not a destination for many reasons. And will not be until the City cleans up drugs, smeing and other negative behaviour in public spaces and until there is some reason for going to the square other than City sponsored events. Need to start with overhaul of parking area to the north - need retail along the side of the building.	7/26/2018 3:30 PM
110	safety year round programming The square needs so much love. As someone who lives a block away and works a block away in the opposite direction, I get to see the square at it's best and worst. My biggest concern right now is safety. I think it needs to be busier, or else it turns into a place for addicts to hang out. Having things like Vegtoria or Diner en Blanc, etc. really help.	7/26/2018 2:47 PM
111	community gathering food vendor more green space Speakers box / corner. A place to expound ideas Eyes on the plaza provided by businesses that spill out onto the plaza (café / wine bar) Movable furniture Greenspace - there is very little downtown park for urban dwellers to catch some chlorophyll places for dogs - people love dogs and they are a great way to bring people together. DT has almost no place for pet owners to walk their pooches. A way to support outdoor dinner parties: D/T dwellings are getting smaller and smaller - they need that third room. A place to BBQ, big tables, plug in, open a bottle of wine without getting fined. Ideally suited to become a designated transportation hub - where bikeshare, taxi stand, bus, carpool, carshare, bike lock up, carpark are all in one place - throw in a highly subsidized space for a coffee shop and you have your eyes on the plaza, a space for people to transfer from one mode to another - and someone to be the pivot around which programming grows and blooms.	7/26/2018 1:42 PM
112	family friendly stage improvement I would love to see a permanent bandshell/stage for outdoor concerts, performances, and public speaking events or protests. This could also be used for outdoor movies. I would love some of the concrete removed and turned into grass (or non-mowing alternatives like clover). In the center, I'd like a small splash pad with alternative play space around it (similar to the survey photo of a child running around on "bubbles"). Something like what Uptown has with their beautiful tiled splash pad surrounded by green space with seating.	7/26/2018 12:27 PM
113	community gathering farmers market food vendor Barbecue areas for people to gather and cook a meal together. A fire pit for people to warm themselves - the square is almost always windy and cool and definitely doesn't need more water features! It needs warmth. Year round farmers markets and food trucks. There shouldn't be as much segregation between commercial food and parks.	7/26/2018 11:34 AM
114	community gathering family friendly farmers market Bring in trees :) - multi-use: farmers market, play areas, community gathering and protests can all take place there :)	7/26/2018 9:26 AM
115	family friendly They should out in an outdoor pool for families.	7/26/2018 9:04 AM

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116	change ground-level use more green space YYJ has enough parks/playgrounds that it does not need more of that kind of activity. Square was not foreseen for that anyway. Please relocate the 6+ City depts that are currently housed behind anonymous & lifeless doors/windows, in what were designed as business spaces, across from City Hall and return these spaces to the kind of commerce's that we know attract people to come and go. Creating a plaza-like atmosphere with patio seating outside bistros, cafés etc that can remain open beyond 9-5 will help. Also appropriate lighting. Landscaping around cedar tree needs to be better with no public access. More shady trees with surround seating. Thank you.	7/26/2018 7:32 AM
117	safety Clean it up. No junkies, safe environment	7/26/2018 6:53 AM
118	food vendor Skating rink (such as robson sq in Vancouver). multi use area (like superkilen park in Copenhagen) as well as local non tourist oriented businesses, like cafes, bars, or eateries	7/26/2018 6:24 AM
119	family friendly Free kids play or kid activities.. also free kids classes . As a single mom it's hard to afford dance classes and karate and hockey and whatever else . Adding in some free classes to try different things for kids ranging in age 3 and up . Then maybe little concerts for children and babies of popular performers and children's bands . Maybe and instrument thing for kids to play with.	7/26/2018 12:22 AM
120	seating year round programming Would really like to see open space with lots of seating. It would be great for dances to be held there, flexible space to allow for community events, music, etc. It would be great if there was a way to create winter tenting or open with a roof so that the area could be heated and continue dances and public entertainment. It's a great location for market, busking and entertainment. It's been a very sad space for far too long.	7/25/2018 11:11 PM
121	year round programming Annual Christmas Market with various vendors and entertainment like they have in Europe and the UK.	7/25/2018 9:46 PM
122	safety No one wants to bring young children to a dirty place that has homeless, drunks and drug addicts. Fencing in the area for daytime use I've seen in other cities and helps a lot. For example, the Public Gardens in Halifax is open dawn to dusk.	7/25/2018 8:25 PM
123	change ground-level use family friendly food vendor safety The retail spaces that are currently used for municipal offices (where you pay parking tickets) should be rented to restaurant and pub businesses with outdoor patios. This would liven up the space. Having people sitting outside eating would make the space feel safer. It would also add attractive ambience. Perhaps parents could even sit at a cafe and have lunch and watch their kid play at whatever play-thing gets installed.	7/25/2018 8:00 PM
124	stage improvement The years the City of Victoria fed lunchtime content with a regular onsite technician made a vibrant space. Regularly funding to activities by local performance groups is a win win. If you are spending money, revamp the stage area/amenity.	7/25/2018 6:16 PM
125	art community gathering year round programming If Centennial is to be the heart of downtown then it should be something that incorporates something for everyone. I would love if there was regular events like free movie nights or free yoga, rotating art installations, farmer's markets, summer night markets and free concerts.	7/25/2018 5:22 PM
126	safety I am curious how you are going to incorporate the needs of the numerous rough sleepers in your design.	7/25/2018 1:47 PM
127	fountain safety Complete redo of centennial fountain and floral displays in addition to attractive landscaping. Security and maintenance also need to be addressed.	7/25/2018 12:30 PM
128	safety washrooms There's a small concert area against the side wall of the McPherson Theatre where chairs are kept at the back of the cement stage area. This area is near Starbucks and there are many addicts and other riffraff there. That area needs to be cleaned and the undesirables moved out. People like these make being anywhere in the square very uncomfortable, especially for females. I have never used the washrooms there but I have no intention to either. I don't believe they are clean enough and the porta potty is just disgusting, not to mention disgusting to look at and go by. They are just as bad as the open pee stalls across the street. Yuck.	7/25/2018 11:58 AM
129	accessibility art family friendly Our family spends time in Centennial Square every week. It truly is an important part of our family's Victoria. We love the idea of enriching the area, drawing more people in, making a more accessible, safe, dynamic and comfortable destination for families. We picture Fort Commons plus art and more music and permanent activities, ie games for all ages and abilities. We picture French public spaces that are the focus of a community with a little infrastructure and lots of natural and cultural beauty.	7/25/2018 11:20 AM

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130	importance of inclusivity safety seating More green space. Please don't put in anti-homeless seating.	7/25/2018 10:45 AM
131	family friendly food vendor seating A combination of children's play area/playground, seating and coffee shops, food stands or trucks.	7/25/2018 7:10 AM
132	seating washrooms provide more shade, seating, nicer washrooms, less amplified music, use office windows facing on to square for historical displays, more flowers	7/25/2018 6:17 AM
133	family friendly safety I would love a playground area, and to possibly have less "shady" people hang out in it. It makes me not wanna even walk through there when they street people are sitting in their groups doing drugs and playing obnoxiously loud music.	7/25/2018 12:59 AM
134	year round programming It has lost it's sense of community, festivals looks sparce now. I think a regular scheduled event may bring us together. Most days it is just a sad reminder of how many local shops have closed in downtown and our large population living and suffering on the streets. I live and work downtown, I love this city, but it can get you down.	7/24/2018 10:44 PM
135	farmers market Selling local food providers products is the best idea for helping support local economies (farming) but also it is what tourists crave these days ... authentically created local products. So it would help bolster economies plus be more populated to alleviate the unsafe feeling that currently exists there most of the time.	7/24/2018 9:44 PM
136	I miss the original Folk Fest in centennial square. I worked at city hall in the 80s. Being able to listen to music. Watch cultural dancing shows on a stage in the square. Cultural food kiosks. Not food trucks. Bring back Folk Fest to it's roots not the huge chaotic mess that happened when it moved to the harbour. Centennial square needs to be a safe friendly place to sit. Eat, read. Listen to music. need a nice place with flowers trees in a busy city, for all ages.	7/24/2018 7:05 PM
137	family friendly The water feature and outdoor area at Uptown is great. If you could make the square similar that would be amazing!	7/24/2018 5:32 PM
138	safety More police presence.	7/24/2018 4:29 PM
139	safety I would like Centennial square to feel like a safe place to gather and travel through, especially at night.	7/24/2018 3:45 PM
140	more green space Would be lovely to see trees be a part of any plan. Thanks!!!	7/24/2018 3:31 PM
141	family friendly food vendor Keep it all local performers. No ugly modern art work, it's a space waster! Swings at bus stops are nice but how about sheltered outdoor playgrounds instead! Local musicians, local food trucks, all local!!	7/24/2018 3:28 PM
142	art More local graffiti ART MORE LEGAL WALLS TO EXPRESS ART	7/24/2018 3:17 PM
143	safety Regular security/police presence. I don't feel safe in the square (was just cat-called there 15 mins ago).	7/24/2018 2:57 PM
144	safety I'd like to see centen become a safer place to walk through before any of these changes happen.	7/24/2018 2:42 PM
145	safety It's a real shame that there were so many issues with drugs at the Victoria Electronic music Festival. That was the single best free event in the city and it was a true gem for many in that age group. For many years the event took place in Market Square - but for the year or two that it was held in "Cen-ten" - it really stood out. Many local electronic music fans were left in the cold when Hush closed. We are too old to go looking for underground parties anymore. When there is a free event - it brings out a community that stretches nearly two decades as an age group - and for many who have families now - VEMF was the one event during the summer where it was safe to just come out and dance to great tunes. Kids loved the music and the crowds, the beer gardens were relatively safe. Bringing back VEMF - perhaps with increased security - would be wonderful...	7/24/2018 2:38 PM
146	family friendly Rubberized playground flooring for the ground. This will make it more friendly to families.	7/24/2018 1:51 PM
147	community gathering survey design feedback year round programming There are many of these questions I wanted to choose more than 1 option! I'd especially love to see more events like the Indian cultural festival, IMBY, local art displays, and open space with lounge seating as a community space. I think less could be more if there's enough open space to imagine new possibilities. Commissioning local artists and event planners to help plan this would be great! I suggest contacting the Kindle Arts Community.	7/24/2018 1:39 PM

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148	year round programming I'd like to see it used more, I like the idea of different things like farmers markets, free movies, winter markets etc...but it should also be a nice place to gather even when there isn't an event happening. The space needs to be conducive to both uses.	7/24/2018 1:18 PM
149	Meet and greet Mayor and Council	7/24/2018 10:25 AM
150	good balance of shade and sun	7/24/2018 9:32 AM
151	importance of inclusivity I appreciate your effort to keep things positive. What I notice most about CS is it's a lovely, soothing, non-judgemental place for the marginalized in our city to hang out in by day. Please consider a nearby drop-in lounge that would give these unfortunates in our city family an equally pleasant alternative to the square.	7/24/2018 7:39 AM
152	survey design feedback A lot of your survey could have multiple choices. Squares that have a all components from weekly markets on the weekend. To permanent play spaces. This square needs to attract all of these choices. You can incorporate all these ideas given into one. The square is big enough.	7/24/2018 6:55 AM
153	family friendly So many of these elements are great, a few features to pull locals and tourists alike would make a difference. Families and people of all walks of life should feel welcome here!	7/24/2018 6:50 AM
154	Make it smoke free	7/24/2018 5:42 AM
155	I'd love a bike skills component. There are some amazing modular pump tracks for all wheels. A pump track is a track for bikes and scooters, skateboards there you don't need to peddle. You use your body weight to propel yourself. Pump track for the win!!	7/24/2018 12:17 AM
156	stage improvement Late in the evening & overnight, the amphitheatre stage should be closed off, not left as a camp-out of rowdies, As is often the case now.	7/23/2018 11:50 PM
157	fountain Please keep the fountain!!! It's been there since I was a little girl (now 52) To me it's part of Centennial Square.. reminds me of happy times I experienced at Centennial Square while growing up.. incl FolkFest! :)	7/23/2018 9:33 PM
158	more green space Shade trees	7/23/2018 7:37 PM
159	community gathering A place that is also pet friendly. A place that displays various cultures. One weekend could be Italy, another Marocco, ... with food and music of the culture.	7/23/2018 7:29 PM
160	maintenance Clean it up	7/23/2018 5:22 PM
161	stage improvement The space desperately needs an effective sound system right now. I've attended the women's march and other events on the inner spot, vigils under the covered area, and community gatherings along Pandora such as for the pride flag raising, and no matter where folks gather at City Hall one can't hear a thing. I think it's important to hold space for all of these types of gatherings and it's critical for the speakers' voices to be heard. Whatever is done with the space in future, can we please have a new/better sound system that carries across the gathering spaces?	7/23/2018 5:04 PM
162	survey design feedback Many of these ideas are awesome and not mutually exclusive, even though we had to "pick one".	7/23/2018 4:49 PM
163	safety Something to keep it busier and safer. Perimeter buildings that face inwards, more green space and vibrancy.	7/23/2018 2:41 PM
164	art It would be great to have some kind of pop-up artist-in-residency options, where we can see the artists working, and they could, at predetermined times, give talks about their process and work.	7/23/2018 1:26 PM
165	fountain seating Keep lots of seating/benches available. And don't get rid of the fountain!!	7/23/2018 12:53 PM
166	safety Centennial square is such a beautiful area, however with the amount of homeless people in downtown its just not appealing anymore. It doesn't feel safe at all. There's drunk, high and crazy people everywhere. Too bad !!	7/23/2018 12:20 PM
167	more green space seating More green space and comfortable seating! Also, do away with the anti-homelessness infrastructure.	7/23/2018 12:14 PM
168	A public speaker's Forum where citizens could discuss and debate civic issues, subject to rules regarding civil discourse and respect, with an emphasis on hearing and acknowledging the views of others.	7/23/2018 11:38 AM
169	family friendly fountain A fountain that you can play in. Just like most capitals	7/23/2018 11:19 AM

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170	art community gathering year round programming -local musicians ongoing, every night of the week with tents made available and small acoustic spaces -treed and sheltered areas to make it useful (almost) year round -well lit at night -some open space for larger gatherings -look to european squares as good models that combine open space with nooks -greenery and lush parkland incorporated into the space -lovely water features -local art on display	7/23/2018 10:45 AM
171	Stronger enforcement of no smoking.	7/23/2018 9:12 AM
172	community gathering importance of inclusivity Flexible, community-oriented space for all residents to enjoy. Reduced policing of homeless/transient people	7/23/2018 8:21 AM
173	year round programming Fixed Tables to play chess or other board games.	7/23/2018 8:14 AM
174	family friendly food vendor more green space I think Centennial Park would be a great location for an outdoor public pool in Victoria and a creative children's play area with outdoor games and activities set up. I would also like to see grass and trees and I would like to see a food stand set up for the summer.	7/22/2018 10:51 PM
175	It would be great if the square could combine many of the ideas in the survey and easily transform to suit the various activities, to also be a space that serves many functions and is occupied (a great place to hang out) even when unprogrammed.	7/22/2018 1:24 PM
176	family friendly safety I like the ideas involving family gatherings with play and parks. But I can't let my children climb and crawl in spaces if there are needles or the possibility of needles hidden anywhere! Clean up the downtown and make it safe first.	7/21/2018 7:43 PM
177	maintenance safety 1) Have Security Guards at outdoor events at Centennial Square. It is annoying that homeless people sit on the lawn or benches, and get into fights and arguments with other homeless people, swearing, and spitting, while the rest of us Residents, including Tourists, have to move away from them. 2) Please wash the benches at Centennial Square frequently, especially during the summer. They smell bad, we have to wash our pants and coats, after sitting on many of the benches, because homeless people have slept or sat on them, and urinated around them. 3) Have some "Recycling" Events (or permanent large metal blue boxes), where the public can bring their Recyclable empty cans and bottles to put into, for fund raising, like for The Our Place Society. I live in an apartment, and last week I filled 3 size extra large leaf bags full of empties, which I took out from our recycling room, and put them into the blue container on Blanchard & Yates, but now that handle and door is filthy, and I am not going to donate when it is too dirty to open it. (I am generous with my energy and time, but not altruistic to the point that I am making my own life worse, touching filthy things, just to donate.) Someone who lives in a downtown building collects empties for himself, and probably makes \$2,500 a year, returning empties. Good for a small vacation. But imagine if 100 - 200 people donated empties from their own apartment or condo building, each year. Donated for a cause, because it was convenient and clean, to donate them in large boxes, behind the City Hall.	7/21/2018 4:13 PM
178	art food vendor Pop up food stalls and outdoor dining. Maybe some rotating public art and curated busking	7/20/2018 7:47 PM
179	art More showcasing of local arts organizations, who showcase the remarkably high (and under celebrated) calibre of professional arts organizations (ie. Pacific Opera Victoria) as well as young artist training institutions (ie. Canadian College of Performing Arts). Use it as a space to proudly promote to locals and visitors alike the power of the performing arts community in Victoria!	7/20/2018 7:23 PM
180	Kenetic energy peice, or other examples of inovative or sustainable tech that would improve the space, as well as make people proud that victoria has a display hinting towards its future right in "the heart of the city".	7/20/2018 5:37 PM
181	importance of inclusivity Don't just push out the poor and/or homeless that visibly use the space now. Everyone is part of the community.	7/20/2018 1:22 PM
182	community gathering food vendor safety survey design feedback I must say this survey wasn't the greatest. There were many times I wanted to choose more than one option for what was offered. I would like to see more vendors, food trucks, music, activities, less angry loiterers.	7/20/2018 12:23 PM
183	safety Making it a space that feels safe. Currently worried about stepping on syringe or getting stabbed. Love these ideas, as it feels like a space that should be better utilized by community. I work and live in or near town, and would enjoy having more markets, places to sit, etc.	7/20/2018 11:34 AM

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184	<p>accessibility family friendly more green space seating Firstly, I am DEEEElighted to know you (Council) are turning your attention to this prime but in-much-need-of-love-intention-and-attention space. May I also clairfy that when I answered the first question, it was in relation to how I see it being most excellenIt used in its present form, as opposed to what it could be in the future (although I do support its continued use for municiple/federal/provincial/social political discourse and demonstration). In general, here are the features i would like to see: More green More seating More trees Play options for children Inclusive space (ability wise and SES wise) Some kind of collaborative work, including street drug users, on how to keep the area sage and inclusive. I am not advocating drug use, rather a collaborative and innovative approach (and strategy for deciding on approach) that aims to keep needles from being discarded carelessly, etc.) Local vendors that are able to demonstrate sustainable to-go options (compost, no straws, etc.) - and an equitable fair chance for competition / space sharing and rotation to promote diversity with vendor options So much more, I am sure! Thanka for the opportunity to take part in city planning. Best, Shona Perron</p>	7/20/2018 10:59 AM
185	<p>art farmers market fountain year round programming Tear down the parcade and build parking underground and appartments above, christmas market German style like in Vancouver all December would be a tourist attraction, farmers market, saturday market like on Saltspring, pop up beach club with sand in the summer, the fountain is hideous, should be replaced with new art and lighting, its the center piece of the square</p>	7/20/2018 10:18 AM
186	<p>safety need to make it safer and get rid of the drug users.</p>	7/20/2018 9:46 AM
187	<p>safety Do something to discourage drug dealing and vagrants and encourage more people to want to use the public space that enhances the image of the City.</p>	7/20/2018 8:55 AM
188	<p>safety because you only allowed for one option in most of the questions my perspective on options has been limited. Also, I'd love to hear/see what other people in my community are thinking. Is this the best way to collect public input around something like this?</p>	7/20/2018 6:23 AM
189	<p>year round programming Currently the square feels like a paved area that is not attractive to visit as a destination. Staff have definitely made progress in activating the space for use by all, but I feel it is only a space accessible during certain times of the day.</p>	7/19/2018 11:31 AM
190	<p>art family friendly fountain more green space I like many of the ideas here. I would love more green space, more plants/trees, quiet reading nooks, more art, playful art spaces, less concrete. I absolutely LOVE the current resident whale exhibit and please keep that or part of that. It cheers me up every morning when I am going into work. By the sound of this survey it seems like you are thinking of taking out the fountain. Please keep in some kind of fountain or water element (smaller fountains even.) Water sculpture is rare in the city and this makes it unique. While a water play pad is nice in the summer for kids, I find they are closed 10 months of the year and during those times the space they inhabit is depressing. Real fountains provide water art year round. I would encourage you to add something to the space under the city hall building pass through (to the rainbow cross walk) as that area is often empty or sometimes feels unsafe/unfriendly. Thanks.</p>	7/19/2018 11:22 AM
191	<p>safety year round programming Increased activities and events in the square to keep it from being a long term hang out space for idle individuals.</p>	7/19/2018 10:43 AM
192	<p>food vendor year round programming Would like to see Centennial Square become a gathering space for locals by creating an outdoor food court with food trucks and permanent vendors, where one can grab a quick coffee or lunch, while potentially meeting with others. These vendors will be complemented by market stalls at various times of year. Would love to see something similar to Vancouver German Christmas Market in the winter in Centennial Square with spaces for pick up and drop off by horse drawn trolley. Would also like to see a selfy station or something that would encourage visitors to take a picture there. Perhaps a large 3D Victoria sign in block letters that people can stand on similar to the Canada 150 sign in the harbour.</p>	7/19/2018 10:38 AM
193	<p>food vendor maintenance safety The city needs to do a better job at creating an inviting and open space for all, especially cleaning up the trash that regularly accumulates and preventing negative loitering. Currently, Centennial Square does not feel like a safe or inviting space to visit let alone walk through. Supporting local artists and companies, creativity, food and beverage and sustainability should be key elements - a place for the locals more than tourists. Removing the anti-social behavior and people that mostly occupy the square at present.</p>	7/19/2018 10:22 AM
194	<p>safety More Police. need to get rid of the drug dealers and make it safer for family's to come</p>	7/19/2018 9:59 AM
195	<p>library What I would really like to see in Centennial Square is a new downtown library! The existing one is tired, it's time Victoria became a grown up city with a decent library.</p>	7/19/2018 9:46 AM

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196	food vendor Food kiosks and more places to sit in shade and have lunch. More music events, even informal.	7/19/2018 9:40 AM
197	art food vendor more green space seating Think of European particularly Spanish plazas where cafes surround a center eger kids can play in a designated area. Enough shade and free seating space designed as benches or more creative artsy forms. Some street art as in sculptures or street musicians being attracted to the space. Not dominating cement as is the case now! Hanging out there during summer is a torture with no shade and all cement ground. Hope there is more plants and earth exposure planned.	7/18/2018 10:11 PM
198	fountain I love the fountain! I definitely think there is room for improvements, but I also hope we don't lose the fountain in those improvements.	7/18/2018 9:57 PM
199	Keep it lively, fresh and local.	7/18/2018 7:26 PM
200	safety We need to get rid of open drug use. I have seen people there openly injecting drugs, and children with mothers were present.	7/18/2018 11:35 AM
201	community gathering seating Would be great to have it designed so that there was some outdoor community space that could be bookable - maybe a tent top for all weather. Creative groups or professional associations meeting up in the square - being in more of a natural surrounding - being able to be outside all year is a key attraction to Victoria. Would also like to see more outside seating for starbucks or other restaurants etc. I also like the idea of some active space - for all ages.. a work out stage with some stationary bikes ... , and a bike fixing station...	7/18/2018 10:05 AM
202	family friendly safety The open space at Uptown is a mix of green space, play, seating and limited vendors. It could provide some direction to what is created at CS. For this project to be successful there needs to be an address of the drug activity that goes on in the square and congregating of folks that could make the area feel unsafe to encourage families to attend.	7/18/2018 5:50 AM
203	safety get rid of the drunks, drug addicts and people who defecate in the square on a daily basis	7/17/2018 10:04 PM
204	year round programming incorporate multiple ideas on different days. farmers market once a week, concerts/buskers another day of the week, food trucks/ cultural events another day...don't limit it to one use, but have a consistent schedule that the residents get to know.	7/17/2018 9:18 PM
205	fountain Move the fountain somewhere else to free up some space	7/17/2018 8:37 PM
206	safety Less drugs and dogs. It's currently dirty and feels unfriendly. When I have to cross it, I walk fast or run. I dont want my kids climbing on the seating and falling in the water. Theres no pride in our square.	7/17/2018 8:09 PM
207	community gathering importance of inclusivity I'd like to see a civic square that is inclusive so that the elderly feel safe and have a comfortable place to watch what is going on, so that some might be inclined to play a game of shuffleboard, so some might play music, some might do exercise, children can safely run, adults can enjoy a coffee while visiting with friends - a place that looks important and valued to the city and its citizens.	7/17/2018 7:45 PM
208	community gathering Do something about the wind in City planning...wind tunnels abound and this is one reason we don't stop long in Centennial Sq. Encouraging people oriented activity can help balance the populations that use the square increasing a cohesion where now, a challenged population seems to occupy seats and watch more mainstream populations...not the most desirable dynamic.	7/17/2018 7:36 PM
209	community gathering I love the bistro tables with umbrellas that we have already. It makes it feel like a laid-back resort safe space in the heart of downtown. Also I like the old water feature/fountain because it's functional for providing a security buffer when tents and tables are displayed against it. Finally I love the open-air music and dance events. I don't think it needs bigger or louder events. But outdoor movies and cozy relaxing gatherings are perfect! Checkout Portland's community gathering strategy. It's pretty cool.	7/17/2018 6:55 PM
210	Playful bus stop with adult swings please!!!	7/17/2018 5:54 PM
211	safety Whatever is done the city needs to make sure it's covered in spit, needles and empty beer cans. Centennial square is gross.	7/17/2018 5:51 PM
212	community gathering survey design feedback I liked at least 2 options in each section. I hope you amalgamate the ideas that will blend to create a multi use space.	7/17/2018 5:41 PM

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213	for outdoor festivals or concerts, provide some 1) tented or covered seating areas to give shade. 2) comfortable seating for people who have difficulty standing or sitting on ground. 3) free clean drinking water 4) portable / safe heaters for night time movies or concerts. opportunity for cultural learning: 5) free ballet and contemporary dance in the square. 6) free opera by students needing performance experience 7) music students giving free concerts and teaching about their instrument	7/17/2018 4:24 PM
214	more green space seating A warm, welcoming space with seating and space for smaller concerts/festivals. Trees would be great.	7/17/2018 4:11 PM
215	change ground-level use safety I couldn't choose any of the options. The reality is this ~ will not be a choice destination while drugs/cannabis are openly consumed ~ through the world, civic squares are gathering places - but City Hall is not enough of an anchor ~ City is attempting to force activities/entertainment in an area people would not naturally congregate ~ food carts won't do it ~ put DVBA and any other office type groups higher leaving ground floor for restaurants etc ~ consider leaving it alone and saving money which is needed elsewhere making the city streets safe for all	7/17/2018 4:08 PM
216	food vendor fountain I think the single most important factor for a public square's success is bringing some sort of restaurant or coffee shop. It's a reason for people to come to the square, and stay there - and it encourages others to be in the square as well. Short term if there was a way to repurpose one of the spaces currently facing the square, and long term to get rid of the parkade and make it purpose built retail or food service space - that's the best solution. Why not take the little terrace area by the washrooms and turn it into more terraced seating... like a smaller version of the Spanish steps. Also, I would like to see the fountain replaced with a natural water feature. Something like you see at the Broadmead village (but larger) that is more reflective of our west coast experience, but still allowing for that soothing, meditative sound that running water provides. Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.	7/17/2018 3:24 PM
217	food vendor More eateries, food trucks, bistro tables and chairs, sun umbrellas or sideless tents	7/17/2018 3:21 PM
218	A wooden dance floor area, and more shade as summers are getting hotter. And a water station to fill up water bottles.	7/17/2018 2:35 PM
219	safety survey design feedback This survey is way too limited, because so many of the options are great and it's hard to choose one. But all of my ideas about Centennial Square are coloured by the fact that it's so well-established as a hang out for drug users. I have a hard time envisioning any of these great solutions without thinking about syringes and pot smoke. How do you plan to deal with that?	7/17/2018 1:28 PM
220	importance of inclusivity There's something about the sight lines from Douglas westwards through the square that fails to draw you in and through. From above, the area is really cool - all the concentric circles are neat. But maybe it's the bus stop or the low branches from the evergreen tree, but there lacks a sense of invitation and openness to lead you through the space. I know there is a lot of stigma around the "type of people that hang out there" but I think it's important that people of various styles should feel welcome, rather than trying to discourage a certain type of person to be there. With a lot of the seating removed, people end up just laying around on the ground which also isn't inviting. Maybe some signage that helps share the history of the square would help bolster appreciation for the site. Thanks for getting the project going! You'll likely get some negative nellyies but your work is appreciated.	7/17/2018 1:20 PM
221	food vendor more green space While I would love to feel the grass between my toes somewhere downtown, I would be hesitant to do so in Centennial Square because I'd worry it was filled with dog poop, cigarette butts, and other dirty stuff caused by heavy traffic in a small space. I think the second-best thing is bench and table seating with lots of green (leafy plants and trees instead of grass). There is so little green in downtown Victoria! With some commercial food outlets in/around the square, we'd all have an excuse to go sit and enjoy the sound of wind rustling the leaves.	7/17/2018 12:37 PM
222	food vendor PLEASE bring back food trucks. I'd love them to be there all the time, with lots of seating!	7/17/2018 10:20 AM
223	family friendly more green space safety Enforce the current non-smoking rule. Make the space more inviting for families and tourists. Have a presence of staff to prevent intimidation by the homeless/drinking/drug crowd. Make it pet friendly because lots of downtown residence need a green space to take their dogs.	7/17/2018 9:52 AM

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224	safety seating I live two blocks away. I'm at events or walking through the area often. What I overhear so often is that people don't feel safe in the area. Adding food vendors, market stalls, anything that feels familiar and populated, I feel, would go a long way to making people feel better. Also, there's little to entice the lunch crowd to come in, like comfortable seating, maybe around a garden or fun, colourful artwork. Adding that adds people. More people around tends to makes others feel more comfortable. I love the First Nations art work. What a wonderful addition that was! The new seating around the bandstand area is fantastic. I've been enjoying all the special events, big and small, in the area over the last little while. The space has improved tremendously over the past couple of years and I love that the city is looking to do even more! Thank you!	7/17/2018 8:43 AM
225	family friendly farmers market safety washrooms Security that actually does there job. I have gone to ask for help with drunk people in the square and have been told to call the police. What is the security for?? Also move the washrooms to a more open space... they are the perfect place for bad behaviour tucked away in the back. I would never go in there with my kids. Multi functional place, park or water feature for kids, games for adults. Weekend farmers market night time outdoor movies, dance classes Sunday morning yoga. I'd go downtown more if it was like this □	7/17/2018 7:46 AM
226	family friendly fountain safety Glass areas and shade really key, get rid of the fountain and replace it with something more functional and playful for kids, comfy seating. If you make the place a place where kids play all the time then homeless people will stop going there, just like what happened at the old tent city.	7/17/2018 6:27 AM
227	safety seating Improve safety in the evenings. Include more seating and tables for people to enjoy weekday lunches outside.	7/16/2018 11:04 PM
228	A market that not only has food but clothes, shoes. Also, not expensive like they usually are in Canada. This should be a relatively more affordable place that people can shop.	7/16/2018 10:55 PM
229	accessibility safety seating It needs to be cleaned up. Right now I only think of it as a place where people do drugs and everything is rather dirty. Only when there is an event happening do I go to the square. Events are the only thing that draws me near. When the Ferris wheel is up and the fountain is lit up it look nice as well! I don't think this needs to be made into something extravagant that seems like a waste of money. Just cleaned up. More seating areas, make it accessible. It would be a great place to have a lunch break during the summer. And during the winter if there are a lot of lights it would be beautiful! It definitely doesn't need to be a playground or anything fancy.	7/16/2018 10:46 PM
230	change ground-level use more green space Music concerts are great. Some shops would be awesome, with an emphasis on health and local business. More green space is great and a super priority, but not more grass because that encourages more transient hanging. The security there could be more professional and more "ambassador like" and less "unhelpful like". I have my personal preference, but really, anything that puts more people in the square is a good thing.	7/16/2018 8:33 PM
231	community gathering A gathering of people enjoying music, arts and culture. That's one of the great attributes of this City.	7/16/2018 7:56 PM
232	food vendor seating All of the options for question six were great. Christmas market like they do in Vancouver and Germany with a merry go round or ferris wheel again with hot chocolate and vendors. A lot more seating, especially around the fountain would be great, expanding the fountain area so people can comfortably sit at the waters edge and wade in or dip toes in (see washington square nyc). Nicer lighting under the alley of the parkade on the north side and walkway to broad street. A cafe that fronts the square with some tables and chairs would be a nice reason to linger. Chess tables with regular chairs for more casual everyday games of chess, dominoes, mah jong, whatever folks bring to the tables, of a good size with less conspicuousness of the oversized version. A ticket/info booth selling tickets to attractions and stuff for locals like regular bus tickets. Chatting swings. The outdoor exercise equipment like in some parks. Murals, the building across Pandora from city hall has a long painted spot with stripes, would be neat if it mirrored back the bike lane with painted bike scenes or victoria scenes. A bike valet parking/coat check or luggage check for visitors. Water bottle fill station. A lot more interaction with the space. As it currently is I don't go through the square unless there is an event, it attracts some characters who don't always make the space feel safe so I don't go there to hang out and read a book like I might like to. It should feel more like downtown's living room. Foot stools and all.	7/16/2018 7:37 PM
233	Bring back the open air festival. It was one hell of a festival and a lot of people attended the concerts and movies and other activities. I felt like I was part of a family as a volunteer	7/16/2018 7:20 PM
234	more green space Less concrete and more green !	7/16/2018 7:03 PM

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235	Keep the space flexible (as it is now) so that it can be configured for a wide range of concerts and festivals	7/16/2018 6:22 PM
236	fountain Remove that horrible scratchy white from the seating area around the fountain so folks can sit there again. When it was first open, that is what we did.	7/16/2018 6:20 PM
237	safety Just make it better. I avoid the area in general most of the time there are people there that you don't want to associate with. Changes need to be made to downtown.	7/16/2018 6:07 PM
238	First Nations Christmas market in winter season, Indigenous market include my food trucks and artisans, in summer	7/16/2018 5:02 PM
239	safety clean up the drug users that hang out in the public washroom area in the square and I might consider actually going thru there instead of avoiding it so I am not stabbed at night..	7/16/2018 4:54 PM
240	Dancing! Several dance organizations desperately a suitable dance floor, a leveled polish cement with perhaps a semi covered roof. Robson square floor would be ideal. People mention a wooden floor but I would think it would require maintenance. Needs to be smooth not like the beacon park bandshell. Tiles or mable perhaps. So many internation videos are made featuring outdoor dancing yet Victoria has nothing suitable and we are stuck wearing runners that are to be thrown out after a few times. Victoria did our best to be represented. https://youtu.be/O28PNwzB54k	7/16/2018 4:03 PM
241	family friendly safety Increase family friendly activities, decrease the drugs, crime, overdoses, undesirables, & unsafe atmosphere. Increase police presence from dawn until dusk to make locals want to come & tourists feel safer in that area	7/16/2018 3:14 PM
242	community gathering importance of inclusivity I would like to see it become a more comfortable, welcoming community space.	7/16/2018 3:05 PM
243	food vendor Please have food a food truck festival, like the museum. Thanks	7/16/2018 2:30 PM
244	survey design feedback Too many visual that make the survey appear as if we are to choose something that someone wants us to. Note I have not responded to a # of the questions because they are irrelevant to this public square... many of them are there already... The success of the shaded tables has been ignored. To suggest that shade trees with tables is a option ignores the existence of the large shade trees that exit and the grassy area that someone wants to replace (why?) with a "creative bus" stop????? Get real please.	7/16/2018 2:18 PM
245	library A portable library.	7/16/2018 2:00 PM
246	family friendly fountain I love all the activity and creative gathering suggestions. Just get rid of that painful spiky bench thing around the fountain. Yes to bus stop swings and stuff for kids. Love the orcas!!	7/16/2018 1:34 PM
247	year round programming More activity and activation is necessary in the short term. The space should be well used on weekdays, not just week ends	7/16/2018 1:32 PM
248	We would welcome a wooden dance floor. Many of us like to dance in the square and the concrete is really bad for the knees and back.	7/16/2018 1:21 PM
249	There is a definite need for a temporary/ seasonal dance floor. With all the musical events taking place at the square, it is a shame that all there is to dance on is rough concrete/cement grounds. Many dance communities, both social and classical would appreciate making use of the space for special events and sharing with the community.	7/16/2018 1:03 PM
250	Enforce the rules on smoking and pot smoking and keep it clean	7/16/2018 12:45 PM
251	Have a proper dance floor on hand for public dancing, such as a modular or removable wooden floor. Right now there are no options other than concrete, which doesn't work well for many types of social dancing.	7/16/2018 12:24 PM
252	safety Many people I know avoid Centennial Square due largely to the current demographic that heavily utilizes the area on a day-to-day basis.	7/16/2018 12:02 PM
253	safety year round programming Honestly, the whole space needs to be revamped. There is so much that could happen there: concerts, beer gardens, markets, movie nights etc. Anything is better than "hang out for undesirables".	7/16/2018 11:38 AM

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254	food vendor safety When I walk through the square the space feels like a ghost town at best and unsafe at worst. Lower Johnson, Pandora, and China Town are so close and vibrant - it would be great if that vibrancy could spill over into the square. I think creating more shaded areas that are still tasteful would be helpful and having food or drink stalls in the square are key. It is challenging because the place feels like a hub for those that live on the street to relax. I don't like the idea of displacing anyone or making anyone feel unwelcome because we all have a right to the space. But I also recognize the number one reason I don't walk through there is because I am fearful I might get hassled by someone on drugs, and it doesn't feel like there are people nearby if something dangerous occurs. So I guess my hope is that if you are investing money into this space to encourage people/families to hang out there, please invest money into social services to try to help those who are there because they have nowhere else to go... I guess everything does come back to affordable housing :)	7/16/2018 11:35 AM
255	safety As a resident of Victoria who uses transit, I would like to see Centennial Square become a more safe environment. I pass through everyday in my commute home from work. My head is on a swivel as I walk through the square and I've had to phone police attendance in one circumstance. My suggestion would be to use CPTED, crime prevention through environmental design to discourage possible criminal behaviours/activities. This concept has been proven to work and should be taken into consideration for the development of a new functional space.	7/16/2018 11:29 AM
256	safety Homeless presence is high in the area leaving me fearful of walking through the area at certain times and suspicious cleanliness of the area and lawn space (not very welcoming) i hope that these issues will be addressed in a way that is dignified and respectful towards the homeless individuals that occupy that space	7/16/2018 11:23 AM
257	I think you should put Solar-Powered LED lights under the Purple Glass Prisms in the sidewalks to highlight the unique history of Victoria downtown	7/16/2018 11:05 AM
258	family friendly more green space playground seating Trees, seating, sidewalk cafes, and a playground with softscaping for kids. This could be a relaxing place to sit in all seasons if done right!	7/16/2018 11:03 AM
259	safety The main issue with Centennial Square is the large amount of homeless people and drug users that are around the square and are hanging out there all the time. I don't always feel safe going to Centennial Square and don't want to hang out in this type of area. The City needs to address this and provide more centres for street people, including youths to go instead of hanging around Centennial Square.	7/16/2018 10:53 AM
260	art food vendor safety Unless there's an even there...there's not much actually there (except for homelessness and drugs). I do think it needs to stay a large space for concerts, rallies, cultural events, etc, but it needs some life for the rest of the time too. Food and retail stores that face the actual square? Maybe art gallery of some kind if this will become more of an artist-friendly and creative space?	7/16/2018 10:36 AM
261	food vendor year round programming No one option fixes Centennial Sq. It needs more varied structures (permanent & temporary) plus active programming to give it vibrancy. It needs multiple elements (play, food carts, shade / rain protection, buskers, etc) to keep it interesting.	7/16/2018 9:35 AM
262	art community gathering More visual art and community activities, not so much buying and selling like a food truck festival. Eventhough that's fun sometimes. It's fun to just hangout and not buy stuff!	7/16/2018 9:34 AM
263	art safety I love the music, art and cultural festivals. Seating, green and open space is important. I view a square as the people's gathering place and a safe haven	7/16/2018 9:20 AM
264	fountain New fountain	7/16/2018 8:37 AM
265	safety Either increase security presence or redesign to avoid corners/dark places for people to hide and participate in illicit activities.	7/16/2018 7:59 AM
266	safety Eliminate the water feature. It takes up too much space and people can't put feet in it anyway	7/16/2018 7:04 AM
267	safety Requires a clean up of vagrants and homeless. Sometimes it feels unsafe to be there!	7/16/2018 6:42 AM
268	fountain Get rid of the fountain - waste of valuable space. Clean up the area and look of adjacent city buildings to make the space inviting for all patrons. Currently not inviting at most times - especially evening.	7/16/2018 6:18 AM
269	farmers market food vendor Everyone loves food. Food truck and farmers market location, especially if it was year round	7/16/2018 6:08 AM

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270	food vendor There should be places for coffee to be purchased in the square with seats and tables and green space....think Bryant Park, NYC.	7/16/2018 2:52 AM
271	change ground-level use food vendor Use the parking lot for something. I.e. ground floor eating area or pub/bar with a patio. Or something on top of the parking garage to make it unique, like garden space or a bar	7/16/2018 2:26 AM
272	art seating More engaged artworks! More fun! More LED lights! More fun themed seating maybe along perimeter! MORE! 😊☐☐☐	7/16/2018 12:06 AM
273	safety The square is currently used by people openly drinking and doing drugs all hours of the day. If I had children, I wouldn't take them there to play or even walk through it with them. If I had visitors from out of town I wouldn't take them there. Clean up that problem first and then do something to improve the space. Otherwise, what's the point?	7/15/2018 11:34 PM
274	remove the giant tree that blocks off the space from Douglas and is right now making the square much less inviting from that major street	7/15/2018 10:05 PM
275	safety Reduce crime. Make it feel like a safe place to spend time.	7/15/2018 9:36 PM
276	safety No homeless people, junkies and prostitutes hanging around would be a good start.	7/15/2018 9:33 PM
277	Incorporate all the ideas somehow and not just pick one	7/15/2018 9:30 PM
278	survey design feedback This was a very strangely organized survey, particularly as choosing one answer doesn't necessarily mean I wouldn't also like 2 other options for that question. At the end of the day I agree that it needs to be more than a pass through space. I would like it to be more akin to plazas in European cities. Many of the more successful, safe ones I have experienced have restaurants and cafes in them. That would ensure regular traffic, which would make it more lively at all times and thereby increase feelings of safety for all to use at any time.	7/15/2018 9:09 PM
279	fountain Take out the fountain. Have seating around the tree trunks. More grass.	7/15/2018 9:07 PM
280	I believe Centennial square doesn't embody the feeling of the heart of downtown, Victorians want greener, eco-friendly, and creative spaces that are also responsible towards our homeless community, I believe Centennial should represent the love and care Victorians have for their community in these ways. Im sure that you'll make the right choices. Let's not have another puzzle piece crosswalk BS again.... (Aka creative just for appearing to be creative) (and smelly..) <3	7/15/2018 8:46 PM
281	importance of inclusivity Avoid gentrifying the area - respect the fact that it's used by the street community and ask for their input too	7/15/2018 8:24 PM
282	family friendly playground Small dog fenced dog park and small kids jungle gym. Also, night markets in the summer would be a nice way to make the square safer at night.	7/15/2018 8:09 PM
283	safety A place that can be a safe and inviting area. As a downtown resident this is an area I currently avoid walking through. Security is appreciated but is not enough and it does not have a lively feel	7/15/2018 7:54 PM
284	food vendor Cafes, wine bars, beer, food where people can sit outside and people watch or grab a quick lunch. More like European town squares that are open and have permanent cafes with outdoor seating and entertainment in the middle	7/15/2018 7:30 PM
285	The fountain should relate to city hall in colour. There should be more trees, picnic tables under trees, and the building across from City hall should blend more with city hall. More colour like you find in Italy and Spain which would make the square more of an attraction than a back water.	7/15/2018 7:19 PM
286	fountain Whatever you do, do not remove the fountain. It's iconic.	7/15/2018 7:16 PM
287	safety As crass as it sounds, currently Centennial Square provides a gathering place for the homeless and disadvantaged. No changes should happen unless their needs are taken care of as well.	7/15/2018 7:11 PM
288	food vendor Restaurants/lounges with outdoor patios and liquor license. Use European walking streets as inspiration	7/15/2018 6:58 PM
289	safety To be blunt, over the last few years I've started to avoid downtown Victoria. Too many homeless. It feels unsafe, scummy, and unfriendly.	7/15/2018 6:52 PM
290	safety Anything other than a homeless hang out	7/15/2018 6:44 PM
291	safety Reduce homeless people and drug users loitering	7/15/2018 6:34 PM

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292	accessibility farmers market	Wifi, free music and market events, drinking water, flowersf, comfortable seating with backrests or elderly	7/15/2018 6:33 PM
293	family friendly safety	Whatever you do, make it feel safer and welcoming for children and families. I always get a creepy vibe walking through centennial square when it's mostly empty save for the few groups of homeless people hanging around. I don't bring my family here unless there's a big event such as the women's march that fills it with lots of people. Keep it dog friendly. More businesses like restaurants and stores instead of the 'nothing' on the side of the dvba building.	7/15/2018 6:08 PM
294	art	When I think of the best squares and public spaces I've seen, they are all cohesive in design and function with an attention to detail. Public art is a great idea, but does it flow with the architecture around it? Does it engage with its surroundings? Centennial Square is a small space, and I don't believe that it can or should be all things to all people. It's better to carve out a few great functions for it and really build on making it very suitable for those types of venues.	7/15/2018 6:06 PM
295	safety	Get rid of the homeless people who frequent that square. It is an unsafe place to be day or night.	7/15/2018 5:50 PM
296	farmers market year round programming	Love the idea of a regular year round market with lots of seating under trees.	7/15/2018 5:40 PM
297	safety	Make it less scary. Make it a safe place for women alone or at night. Try to have fewer drug addicts all over the place	7/15/2018 5:06 PM
298	fountain	Do not ruin the important mid century architecture and fountain that Di Castro et al. designed.	7/15/2018 5:06 PM
299		Tear down or hide the 1960s architecture with traditional stone arcades more in keeping with the Old Town.	7/15/2018 4:08 PM
300	family friendly safety	Let's get some housing for the homeless and clean up these lawns! I've witnessed many people shooting up on the main lawn and that's not going to work for a family-friendly communal area. I spend a lot of time around Centennial and I love that there is always something going on, it should be kept that way and added to. Movie nights, upgrading the bus stop, more seating please!	7/15/2018 3:57 PM
301		More music	7/15/2018 3:34 PM
302	family friendly	As a parent, it must be kids friendly	7/15/2018 3:17 PM
303	family friendly safety	The people smoking pot daily 24/7 must stop in this open space, so all can enjoy including children. Thank you	7/15/2018 3:14 PM
304	family friendly food vendor playground	Place to meet, have coffee, spend time people watching, green space with trees, benches, some play equipment for kids	7/15/2018 3:14 PM
305	safety year round programming	Not the nicest part of town at the best of times, plenty of needle users down there, cozy benches would just promote more people spending the night. An amphitheater or basketball hoops and winter skating with vendors and security at all times may keep the rif raf away. Honestly its a place I keep away from with my daughter simply because of the drug use. Good luck!	7/15/2018 2:56 PM
306		Don't fuck it up!	7/15/2018 2:14 PM
307	importance of inclusivity	Centennial Square is already a common gathering place for many residents of Victoria, including members of the homeless community. Don't use beautification and revitalization as a tool to gentrify the area. Keep the area accessible and usable for all people - not just middle-class families and tourists.	7/15/2018 2:03 PM
308	fountain	Get rid of the fountain, or at least make it into a comfortable place to sit. It has always been disgraceful that it's in such an inviting place, but has a surface on it that is prohibitive for sitting. Which, in my opinion, makes it ugly. It needs to be friendly and useful, as well as attractive.	7/15/2018 1:53 PM
309	fountain	Please don't remove the fountain!	7/15/2018 1:39 PM
310	safety	Get the junkies to clear out.	7/15/2018 1:32 PM
311		Keep it pet friendly	7/15/2018 1:21 PM
312	more green space	A green, treed, urban forest	7/15/2018 1:04 PM

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313	art First Nations importance of inclusivity I think it would be great to have meals for homeless and impoverished community members. We can't push those people out of Centennial. Where else can they go? Focus on the needs of the needy, Victoria already has plenty of tourist attractions and community building for the more fortunate. If you do more art events, please support Indigenous and emerging artists. It's very frustrating to see hundreds of thousands go to a single, well established artist when the city could support so much community arts programming with that kind of budget.	7/15/2018 1:04 PM
314	First Nations more green space Would be great to have lawn and shade! Interesting architecture would be fun as well. Maybe a maze on the ground where people can follow a virtual path with their phones. First Nations art and culture interpretive materials provided through signs and physical things, but also possibly interactive material available through an app? For example, maybe a maze with First Nations inspired imagery with interpretive material available through phone while moving through maze.	7/15/2018 12:51 PM
315	Needle exchange center	7/15/2018 12:50 PM
316	family friendly food vendor fountain playground I already love the music events, keep that up for sure! More playground fixtures for kids will attract families to stay longer. I would definitely eat lunch there if there were tables. I love the tables and chairs that Market Square recently added. If there were 2-3 food trucks in the square daily that would help keep people there for lunch. Keep it affordable for a food truck to park there. Security could move along the people who smoke in the square. And definitely keep the uber cool fountain!!	7/15/2018 12:45 PM
317	food vendor more green space year round programming Making the space multifunctional is essential. Hidden feature, such as water sprinklers for the summer time, that could be covered in the winter for a skating rink, multi-level seating around the perimeter for large events. A pop up area for food events, street vendors, musicians, seasonal festivals and markets. As well as community events. As well it's important to incorporate large scale greenery to showcase our beautiful rain forest climate.	7/15/2018 12:45 PM
318	safety survey design feedback I found this survey very leading. As it is now, I find the square a hang out for people I don't want me family around- there goes question one.	7/15/2018 12:35 PM
319	farmers market food vendor seating Please make centennial square a destination spot...make it a permanent food truck hub with lots of seating. These types of areas are all over Portland and they are so cool and a great gathering space. The kind of place that will be a must visit spot in every tourist write up! Include trees for shade, some kind of usable art (seating etc) and make sure to have space for live music! One of the food truck courts in Portland has a covered area for when it rains. No cheap looking painted cement type art though, that has not worked in the past. A place where there will always be lots of people around will make people feel safe and will not be a gathering spot for those unsavoury types who loiter because they have no where else to go. Centennial square truly can be the place to be with not a massive investment. Imagine families and office workers and tourists sampling delicious local food & beverages on a permanent basis! Seasonal markets could also be had bringing in people who may not usually come. These types of spaces are always a favourite when we travel to get a real taste of the area. I also noticed in Denmark they have glass atrium style buildings for all weather markets and they are beautiful!!! Let's do this right council, the people of this city will thank you for years.	7/15/2018 12:31 PM
320	family friendly I would love to see a splash pad or water area for children and families. Something like the legislature grounds in Edmonton would be amazing to have here.	7/15/2018 12:24 PM
321	family friendly food vendor fountain I want the fountain to be turned into a splash pad. The columns could be covered in plexi glass, the remove the outer concrete ring and lower the water jets. I want shade and at least mobile vendors for coffee and ice cream all year round. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.	7/15/2018 12:24 PM
322	safety Please ensure that the drug addicts and mentally challenged are not allowed to harass people.	7/15/2018 12:09 PM
323	family friendly Water play area for the very small, not so much that it is taken over as a shower place for homeless (that's provided elsewhere and we don't want to see more needles). Making the space available for special interest community events, markets, free concerts etc would be wonderful. A water feature like uptown really creates a peaceful place too.	7/15/2018 12:07 PM

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324	stage improvement Please do something to improve the stage area as it is very poorly designed for use as a stage with dressing areas and there is hardly any seating in front of the stage the way it has been designed! And those ugly pillars that support a bit of an overhang are useless and in the way! As a focal point and important stage it really needs to be improved to accommodate all the dancing and musical events that take place there!	7/15/2018 12:07 PM
325	change ground-level use food vendor If the square is to be a community hub, move the government offices from the ground level and replace with high calibre cafes and restaurants with ample patio space. Create a permanent reason to go there not temporary gimmicks. Nothing brings more people together quite like good food.	7/15/2018 11:54 AM
326	safety Have the police be more vigilant about recreational marijuana usage.	7/15/2018 11:53 AM
327	art family friendly playground safety first it needs to be more clean & desirable to even visit (no needles and people doing drugs). Bright and colorful with lots of interesting art from local artists ie. graffiti wall, sculptures, play on art for kids. small trees and lots of flowers, free outdoor classes ei. dance, exercise, yoga (anyone can join including kids). music always playing through speakers (like uptown has) a vibrant playground for kids with water park area. vendors. nicer stage area for the performers plus a designated dressing room. mabe more security especially around the bathrooms (hate going there with my kid and people are shooting up). in general more desirable and fun for young families as there is not much available downtown for that.	7/15/2018 11:48 AM
328	family friendly farmers market food vendor A place where familys can buy foods from farmer markets, have lunches, dinners and listen to live music and visit friends and play games. Year round like in spain and europe. More parking and less bike lanes so people outside of victoria can enjoy it too.	7/15/2018 11:47 AM
329	fountain It would be neat to have trees and seating around the fountain, similar to some of the small squares in Europe.	7/15/2018 11:41 AM
330	more green space Make it cohesive, right now it's a jumble of poorly executed half-baked ideas. Old town needs more trees and grass. Please stop trying to turn it into a theme park or flakey Fernwood neighbourhood community play space. Trees and plantings are good for air quality and shaded areas are great places to eat lunch or relax. We don't need more streetmarkets or food trucks and plastic playgrounds don't belong in that location where very few kids reside in proximity and CoV can't even run a public washroom.	7/15/2018 11:40 AM
331	community gathering Think Rome; everyone meets in squares- to mingle, talk, eat; everything... you can walk aroun with a glass of wine talking with your friends on the steps... so simple. Don't over think it, relax controls... we live in a police state!	7/15/2018 11:10 AM
332	All of these ideas sounds pretty great. The space is lacking interest when there are no music concerts, skating rinks or art installations.	7/15/2018 10:54 AM
333	food vendor Craft beer gardens and food trucks	7/15/2018 10:45 AM
334	safety Safer (as the people who currently hangout in centennial square can be a bit dodge-y), more greenery, food trucks perm. parked there, doggy tie ups with watering bowls	7/15/2018 10:30 AM
335	safety More police patrols. Actual enforce the laws and not letting people openly use drugs in the square.	7/15/2018 10:27 AM
336	food vendor more green space seating Also rotating food trucks would be good to see more, and trees for shade whatever the seating areas look like.	7/15/2018 10:10 AM
337	community gathering seating It would be so amazing if Centennial square had lots of outdoor seating where you could gather for a work lunch, after work hang out, or picnic in the park type of events. It could also double as a venue for small community events if there was ample seating.	7/15/2018 10:01 AM
338	art more green space playground 1. Mini golf would be really fun. We don't really have good mini golf options nearby, and kids love it. 2. In lieu of obstructive art sculptures could there instead be a focus on living artwork? Flowers and large plant structures that add to the natural feel of the space would be a nice improvement. Maybe vertical plant walls? 3. Petting zoo 4. Fun and interesting vending machines 5. Greenhouse(s) 6. Healthy food options 7. Playground	7/15/2018 9:57 AM
339	year round programming More activities to clean it up a bit.	7/15/2018 9:46 AM
340	food vendor safety A place with food and music that would naturally draw people to it. I don't believe it would be well suited as a play space for children. As a parent I wouldn't want my kids playing there because of the risk of needles	7/15/2018 9:26 AM

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341	safety Get rid of the homeless / drug addicts that hang out in packs in the square. Families and tourists don't want to visit where they feel unsafe and where their children could get pricked by a dirty needle. You can improve the square all you want, but it is fast becoming a place for degenerates.	7/15/2018 9:24 AM
342	art It would be neat to showcase young artists and musicians in the square. Victoria has a lot of talent but it's hard to find unless you know where to go.	7/15/2018 9:20 AM
343	food vendor seating more cafe and food options better seating	7/15/2018 9:17 AM
344	seating Get rid of the druggies and aggressive panhandlers so people would feel safe and actually enjoy their visit without being harassed, god knows they have free run of the rest of the city.	7/15/2018 9:10 AM
345	more green space More trees and shelter from sun & rain.	7/15/2018 9:09 AM
346	Lots of music.	7/15/2018 9:03 AM
347	more green space A place that incorporates nature within the city.	7/15/2018 9:02 AM
348	art community gathering family friendly First Nations more green space playground seating washrooms There aren't many green spaces that side of town - through there are plant and trees, I'd like to see more green green walls. The area next to Government street could be turned into a garden with play areas - chessboard, adult and children's outdoor fitness "playground", lights ... a magical area. The larger area on Douglas street, I'd like to see more covered space ... for larger gatherings ... shade for summer, cover from the rain ... more permanent seating for large gatherings and protests ... lights, artwork ... permanent tents ... that can be use by vendors, or family gatherings. Something big and iconic - arty --- overhead to connect the buildings and give it more of a feeling of being in a shared, gathering space, a permanent display by local First Nations artists would be good. Sparkling, clean, public washrooms with attendents would be good ... could be funded by donation. .	7/15/2018 8:45 AM
349	safety No one I know will go anywhere near there until you get rid of junkies and criminals	7/15/2018 8:28 AM
350	All of those ideas sound amazing. Please make it more playful, modern and less concrete!	7/15/2018 8:15 AM
351	safety For individuals to not be scared of walking through there alone	7/15/2018 8:05 AM
352	safety No one will want to bring their children to a play area especially a water park with all the discarded needles around.	7/15/2018 7:56 AM
353	more green space Just lots of green space. No more concrete please!	7/15/2018 7:56 AM
354	safety Get the fucking druggies and criminals out of there! Vote out the mayor. Fire city council.	7/15/2018 7:54 AM
355	fountain Please keep the fountain! I love the square, and of course change can be a wonderful thing, but again, please keep the fountain. It is a part of the city's history.	7/15/2018 7:48 AM
356	art community gathering more green space I think a public sculpture walk would be very cool. More trees and shaded areas. Bring back folk fest but keep it as a way to showcase local talent.	7/15/2018 7:40 AM
357	We lived in Charlottesville, VA and Columbia, MD for several years both of which ran lunch time concerts on Fridays. They were great.	7/15/2018 7:32 AM
358	safety MORE CRIME MANAGEMENT. Less homeless. Clean it up!	7/15/2018 7:31 AM
359	safety I think making it a safe place to visit is going to be the hardest challenge. Keeping the space clean, vibrant and welcoming needs to be a priority	7/15/2018 7:30 AM
360	Think about underground parkade for vehicles and bikes. This is commonplace in Spain. It would increase parking that is now limited without buying a new city property.	7/15/2018 7:29 AM
361	fountain Please ensure that you protect important heritage elements, especially beautiful examples of modernism like the legislative wing of City Hall and the fountain. I've always liked the images of the "knot garden" that was included in the original design of Centennial Square, and would like to see it referenced in the designs you are currently working on.	7/15/2018 7:29 AM
362	more green space safety Right now this area can be dangerous at night, hopefully improvements will make this space feel more safe for women. There is also no where for people to take their pets while they are downtown. With over half of Victoria being pet owners this discourages people with dogs from bringing them downtown, even though many shops are pet friendly. We need a green space that is FREE and will be kept free of needles, broken glass and garbage for everyone to enjoy.	7/15/2018 7:28 AM

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363	Chilly cook off that anyone can enter More cook offs with a trophy for the best	7/15/2018 7:16 AM
364	family friendly playground seating year round programming Informal music And small local acts, family focused with creative and playful seating and/or play area, and small kioscs for food and drink. Covered winter markets would be lovely as well.	7/15/2018 7:06 AM
365	community gathering fountain seating Whatever you do keep the fountain. In addition the orca sculptures should inspire the kind of playful public/interactive art that is installed. More shade elements/trees are needed at the periphery. A german-style Christmas market in winter and outdoor stage and festival space in summer would be ideal. A "playful bus stop is a stupid idea. More/better seating at the city hall bus stop for everyone to use would be preferable to a giant adult swing set (for the life of me I can't believe someone thought that was a good idea).	7/15/2018 7:03 AM
366	accessibility art Increased accessibility options for seniors or those with disabilities. I'd love to see art reflective of Victoria's British past as well - I think it is a great history that should be celebrated. Also if public art is to be used in the square, please oh please don't do art like the trashcan/scrap heap at the front of the Memorial Arena.	7/15/2018 6:55 AM
367	safety survey design feedback What a terrible model of a survey - 2 of the questions I didn't wish to answer or choose any picture- so many of the picture ideas would cost a fortune in implementation and maintenance by the city and tax payers. The first part of any improvement plan has to be to decrease the public mischief, drug dealing and use, street crime, violence and loitering that occurs in the square, and overall in the downtown. Recently walked through there and was appalled by the squatters and their interactions- low level violence and threats. Police call out there is frequent. I applaud an attempt to revision how the square gets used, but having it back as a place people feel safe to even walk through or sit and eat their lunch is a priority- no need for the "destination" makeovers. Downtown has become a very unappealing place - too much public mischief, crime, street violence and drug use - your survey on Centennial square use and improvements suggests the city is in denial or trying for a sugar coated strategy.	7/15/2018 6:52 AM
368	art more green space seating Although we just were able to choose one picture I found that I was thinking this space could be flexible to suit multiple purposes. I think the space should be welcoming to those who work downtown as a place to meet friends or have a quiet lunch break as well as be able to host more transient or recurring events through the evenings and weekends. I think lots of seating (not necessarily just cafe tables/chairs) and shade for summer. And greenery. A bit of an oasis in the city with potential to feature local art and musicians as well as events.	7/15/2018 6:50 AM
369	fountain Whatever you do, DO NOT get rid of our iconic water fountain! There is a rumour that some city counsellors want it gone but everyone I know loves it including the many visitors I've had over the years. All of your other ideas presented above seem great and I would be pleased with any of them as long as they don't disturb the fountain.	7/15/2018 6:48 AM
370	community gathering family friendly food vendor playground I do like the cultural festivals idea, with a different culture or organization highlighted occasionally and an international food trucks event. When there aren't festivals, I think it'll be great to have temporary games set up, and regular community games/events/opportunities, like the dancing that's already available. And in the back of the square opposite the stage, that is the seating/outdoor destination "playground" so that there are many things available for everyone to do concurrently: the playground/seating + temporary games/community events OR festivals/concerts/etc.	7/15/2018 6:38 AM
371	more green space seating Needs many more trees and seating, in conversational areas with some grass but not as a lawn	7/15/2018 5:17 AM
372	community gathering food vendor A cultural square. A place for people to experience food and entertainment of our community. I don't not think it should be a place of play as this will only invite loitering and then problems. Bring back folk fest or similar events.	7/15/2018 4:57 AM
373	more green space safety Less concrete, more green! It doesn't feel like a safe space to hang out in right now.	7/15/2018 4:25 AM

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374	fountain more green space Add green, not with lawns, which will be taken over by dogs and unuseable for humans, but going vertical. Green wall type structures that absorb noise, Increase oxygen, provide shade and perhaps an iconic image for photo opportunities. These could be curved To reflect motives from the fountain and counter the hard edges of the Square. A goal for the square could be creating a restful lunch hour place for downtown workers and to become the meeting place for shoppers or friends going out downtown. You could always people watch if someone was late. You would be safe in the surroundings would be pleasant. Try to find a way to harmonize the elements of the square which I feel right now or too disparate. There is mid century modern fountain and architectural elements, there's the First Nations Spirit Square, the hideous parking garage and monolithic theatre and heritage elements of City Hall. I'm not sure what can bring them all together but we need a unifying theme. Could the parking structure support a green wall?	7/15/2018 3:39 AM
375	safety Get rid of the homeless people down there	7/15/2018 1:50 AM
376	family friendly Place the whales in a more aesthetic way. Not randomly on top of the concrete. Maybe add on to the theme of the whales. Create a local marine life/ ocean life explorative park. The whales are great for the children but maybe add in other interactive/informative aspects for adults too. Could be a great place for tourists to go as its very weird and random at the moment.	7/15/2018 12:50 AM
377	family friendly food vendor playground safety seating Open air seating with vendors offering food. Play structure/splash pad for children. Seating. Morning cleaning so play areas are safe for children.	7/15/2018 12:01 AM
378	stage improvement Sound proof the back wall of the stage to prevent bleed through into the macpherson theatre.	7/14/2018 11:51 PM
379	accessibility family friendly A lot of good ideas in this survey. I'm excited to see what happens! It would be nice to see opportunities for people with special needs to gather. Or something to help create conversation between people who wouldn't normally interact, kind of similar to that idea I've seen on social media about a yellow bench meaning a kid wants to play.	7/14/2018 11:39 PM
380	art Put art galler where parkade is.	7/14/2018 11:37 PM
381	art year round programming It could be used as a beautiful wedding venue. It could be used as a place for local music to be played in the evenings. It could be used for local artists (in the very beginning of their dreams) to display their art in the heart of the city. So many ideas. The movie night was a good one. Another could be a conglomeration of food trucks, I think that would be the best!!!!	7/14/2018 11:30 PM
382	safety Before anything you must improve security! And not the useless security guards you need a constant police presence. It's getting really bad. There's usually 10-20 people hanging there all day and night in a big group drinking, smoking, fighting and carrying on. It's horrible. I avoid walking through there and I live across the street.	7/14/2018 11:25 PM
383	more green space More greenspace!	7/14/2018 11:21 PM
384	safety To be honest areas like the square don't make me feel very comfortable. I feel like it's more for people to hang out and do drugs. Most important for me would be if it felt like a safe place to relax.	7/14/2018 10:55 PM
385	safety Improve on security and safety. People no longer feel safe there as a place to hang out	7/14/2018 10:54 PM
386	safety When it comes to Centennial Square, the main thing is the sheer volume of people who are drinking and using drugs. There is a section in the Square where people sit all day every day and smoke pot, drink, score to shoot up, and so on. I live here and pass by this area two times every day. I have a family and would not take my family to Centennial Square unless there was some kind of special event, because then the druggie drunks who have taken over certain areas of the space are, if only temporarily, shooed away. So, in all, given the space back to the property tax payer would be a good start. No matter what is built, if these groups of people continue to use the space as an open air drug market, it is all for naught. Thank you.	7/14/2018 10:42 PM
387	Thanks for asking and here's to many creative ideas to create a vibrant community centred space.	7/14/2018 10:30 PM
388	safety The biggest problem with centennial square is it doesn't feel safe. When the stage is not in use it is frequented by gangs of people that often catcall or harass others. As well, beneath the large tree there are often needles. If it were safer people would spend more time there.	7/14/2018 10:29 PM
389	fountain seating Please save the fountain and seating!!	7/14/2018 10:19 PM
390	community gathering More free dance lessons	7/14/2018 10:08 PM

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391	safety Clean it up so the whole community can enjoy the space without feeling afraid and avoiding the area	7/14/2018 10:04 PM
392	family friendly safety Have more Security, Police Working to Keep it More Family Orientated, More Festivals, No Drug Addicts & People Drinking there Anymore	7/14/2018 10:01 PM
393	enforce the clean air bylaw and clear out the smokers.	7/14/2018 9:49 PM
394	family friendly playground Welcoming for all ages, play area for kids so parents can enjoy music and events and kids can have fun	7/14/2018 9:47 PM
395	more green space seating More greenery, shade and tables	7/14/2018 9:39 PM
396	art food vendor year round programming So many of the options are wonderful. I don't see the selections as mutually exclusive. Why can't the area be a space to express opinions, interact with art, listen to buskers and have a coffee?	7/14/2018 9:34 PM
397	family friendly more green space Encoporating green elements with the ability to host events but is open and enjoyable for families and individuals to go when nothing is on	7/14/2018 9:27 PM
398	more green space Definitely more greenspace!! Less concrete.	7/14/2018 9:25 PM
399	fountain Please leave the fountain as-is. The last thing it needs is a fountain that's used as a water park like uptwon.	7/14/2018 9:16 PM
400	family friendly food vendor fountain seating I'd like to see photo ops, patio space, interactive fountain for kids to run in and	7/14/2018 9:09 PM
401	farmers market More market things and music	7/14/2018 9:08 PM
402	more green space Green space for downtown where you can breathe fresh air and enjoy some beauty around you.	7/14/2018 9:06 PM
403	farmers market seating Market in park like area with seating	7/14/2018 9:03 PM
404	safety Remove the homeless/ addicted/drunk/pot smoking criminals.	7/14/2018 9:02 PM
405	safety year round programming More constant activity and attractions so there are less people camped out on the stage daily	7/14/2018 8:46 PM
406	art year round programming Swings, Giant Chess, Funky art	7/14/2018 8:40 PM
407	farmers market Public market	7/14/2018 8:30 PM
408	safety Anything that will remove homeless people/criminal activity.	7/14/2018 8:26 PM
409	family friendly playground Waterpark and playground!!!!!!	7/14/2018 8:16 PM
410	safety Less crack heads	7/14/2018 8:15 PM
411	safety More policing after all the wonderful upgrades so it isn't ruined by the tent city folks downtown	7/14/2018 8:14 PM
412	family friendly maintenance safety Patrolling more frequently as it's disconcerting to stumble on people shooting up when leaving the McPherson or when going to the parkade. Also gross when garbage is overflowing the bins. Priority should be making it a safe space for all ages.	7/14/2018 8:13 PM
413	safety More security and way less homeless people!	7/14/2018 7:53 PM
414	Get rid of current parkade. Build one underground.	7/14/2018 7:53 PM
415	safety get rid of the homeless that have caused nothing but a mess and scare ppl away I have lived here my entire 46 years and HATE to go downtown it is dirty and messy there are ppl begging on every corner it smells of urine and the homeless and drug users is out of control no other city I have visited big or small looks as poorly as victoria has become	7/14/2018 7:49 PM
416	fountain Take out the fountain. Mountvtgd mosaic towers on the Macpherson and make it into a wall water feature. Keep the space open and unobstructed for the greatest versatility.	7/14/2018 7:45 PM
417	safety stage improvement Fence off the stage area while not in use. Sketchy people seem to flock where there is coverage.	7/14/2018 7:43 PM

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418	food vendor Please do not change what is there by adding permant structures. Especially do not add playground type installations for children. Centennial square is a place where people can find quiet and refuge on their coffee or lunch break, or where friends can meet. It's a gathering place for all citizens of the CRD to meet to express views or celebrate together. There are plenty of places near town for children, therefore there is no need to enhance the square with a playground. Centennial square was built because of collaboration with several municipalities, to celebrate our region as one. Please keep it as an open space that can be flexible in it's use for everyone. Spend money to fix anything that needs fixing due to age, perhaps add some benches, then use funds to put on temporary celebrations/attractions through the year (think food cart fest or Christmas wonderland). Nothing new is needed.	7/14/2018 7:04 PM
419	food vendor Patios!! Restaurants and cafes with patios backing out into the space.....an example would be the distillery district in Toronto court yard styles vendors markets.....love the stage so nightly music to keep the vibe. Night Markets are brilliant in Australia with food trucks, locals artisans, beer/wine plus music.....here is an idea http://www.miamimarketta.com/	7/14/2018 6:53 PM
420	safety As it is, I wouldn't go there with my kids due to the risk of needles and lack of cleanliness.	7/14/2018 6:17 PM
421	safety Remove the negative stigma it has	7/14/2018 6:15 PM
422	food vendor seating Not food trucks but small cafe / bistro type places with patio seating. And Music!	7/14/2018 6:09 PM
423	food vendor safety Coffee kiosks and something to keep homeless from tenting	7/14/2018 6:06 PM
424	Parking Lot. You know, cause those would be used.	7/14/2018 6:05 PM
425	family friendly food vendor music seating I would love to see the same food truck center as they have in Portland. Music, hanging lights, picknic benches, with wood burning fireplaces and seating areas with kid friendly spaces. Great for kids, families, late night shows and good eats	7/14/2018 5:56 PM
426	safety Adding lighting in such a way that the square is safe enough at night, but so as not be stark and boring, be sure to add lots of twinkle to give an exciting and inviting ambiance.	7/14/2018 5:49 PM
427	farmers market Just put an open market wherein it wouldnt just focus on local farmers market like (international market)so that people will be encourage to go into small business and not rely on just being a worker for others. By that they will be more independent and more productive individual, but I hope the rent will be cheap something that everyone can afford not like the retail spots that the city, owns in victoria conference centre block wherein the prices are ridiculous that it would be hard for a start up business to survive. It needs to be affordable as it the taxpayers owns it, it shouldn't be for profit when it comes to rent as later on the City will benefit from it as more and more people will put up business if the price for the rent of space or lease is cheap To me right now Centennial square is boring theres nothing on it even the City seems getting boring just local markets no open international market's at all when infact Victoria is getting to be diverse in culture as it welcomes alot of immigrants and international visitors.	7/14/2018 5:47 PM
428	safety Please just clean it up. There's been human waste seen, homeless etc. Help get the homeless off the streets and then our spaces will be naturally nicer.	7/14/2018 5:45 PM
429	year round programming Ping pong tables, please ☐	7/14/2018 5:40 PM
430	survey design feedback Why do you survey question say "pick one". I want the square to be for all those things just like it is now. Don't wreck a good thing!!	7/14/2018 4:48 PM
431	safety Get rid of the meth	7/14/2018 4:46 PM
432	family friendly safety year round programming Centennial Square is a wonderful space. I work near there and often cut through it on my way home. I would not normally spend time there as I do not feel safe due to the groups of people who tend to gather there in the afternoons. I do however feel that the city's conversion of it into a winter carnival site with the ferris wheel was a wonderful idea and we looked forward to it for the past few years it was on. If it was more of a family oriented space with security I would spend more time there.	7/14/2018 4:43 PM
433	Better flow and integration with the surrounding open areas and walking paths.	7/14/2018 4:42 PM
434	family friendly Family friendly would definitely encourage me to spend time there. I loved briefly I. Edmonton- their city hall had a great appeal for families.	7/14/2018 4:31 PM
435	community gathering safety To feel community-like and safe.	7/14/2018 4:14 PM

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436	art food vendor seating	Small restaurants and cafes with outdoor seating in summer. Plus some permanent installation piece(s) akin to the Cloud Gate in Chicago - something to draw people in for photo ops	7/14/2018 4:13 PM
437	family friendly playground	I think a mixture of adult/family evening activities but a play ground space is needed so badly	7/14/2018 4:11 PM
438	community gathering family friendly safety washrooms	Do something with the patch of grass that will make it obvious that it is a family & community space. Street people ought to be free to hang out just like anyone else just not in a way that involves drugs & alcohol, IV drugs in particular. Festivals should have proper beer gardens. Any new public washroom facilities need to be designed in a manner that don't have enough privacy for IV drug use let alone making a rescue difficult for paramedics.	7/14/2018 4:08 PM
439	safety	Less street people hanging out	7/14/2018 4:02 PM
440	importance of inclusivity	If you're doing this to displace people who live on the streets you better be putting money towards helping them too. You can't just erase homelessness and poverty with public art and concerts.	7/14/2018 3:51 PM
441	accessibility	Adult exercise equipment making exercise fun. Improved walking experience within the square ... the current steps are hazardous for people with vision or mobility issues.	7/14/2018 3:47 PM
442	family friendly farmers market fountain seating	take out the fountain in the middle and make a kids water park. Put grass and picnic tables around the sides. Have farmers markets on cobblestone areas. Have events like movie nights or buskers. Mix it up a bit	7/14/2018 3:42 PM
443	family friendly safety	I'd like to see it become more like the square at Uptown with cupcakes, a kids' play/splash park, etc. so it attracts more families and young people and seniors. Right now I avoid it because I don't want to get stabbed.	7/14/2018 3:37 PM
444	community gathering farmers market food vendor more green space safety seating	It needs to be cleaned up so it can transform into a more unified bright and inviting space. I would love to see more seating and gardens/planters, permanent play areas (for adults too) and beautiful public markets in all seasons. I think allowing it to have festivals, cultural events & food/drink events is great as well.	7/14/2018 3:36 PM
445	safety	Have security there 23/7 as it is a frightening place to work through with the street people congregated there.	7/14/2018 3:33 PM
446	stage improvement	More flexibility around the stage area. Easier and friendlier access to event permits.	7/14/2018 3:26 PM
447	family friendly more green space seating	More shade, better seating, more child friendly areas, areas to sit and have lunch, more grass	7/14/2018 3:24 PM
448	more green space	Nature and trees	7/14/2018 3:20 PM
449	year round programming	Centennial Square is lovely, but can definitely be spruced up! Ideally, something should be done so that it can be utilized in the colder months as well, in a way that can protect from the rain while able to open it up in the summer.	7/14/2018 3:20 PM
450	safety	Make the area safe would go along way as my family now avoids the area.	7/14/2018 3:13 PM
451	safety	Get rid of unsavoury people. I avoid downtown now because it's dangerous.	7/14/2018 3:10 PM
452	safety	MAKE IT AFFORDABLE HOUSINGGGGG Just kidding, fuck that Chrissy Brett lady. It just needs to be cleaned up and less of junkie playground. It's fucking ugly as shit and when you have something that is fucking ugly as shit you only attract people who are fucking ugly and (smell like) shit. And please PLEASE don't make it a white people farmers market with like, smoothies and shitty white people trying to be cultural by butchering world music. I think money would be better spent by placing a dome around Oak Bay	7/14/2018 3:08 PM
453	art fountain	Educational space..use art to educate. I'm concerned about extreme heat in the future shade & water fountains	7/14/2018 3:04 PM
454	safety	Get rid of those awful whale sculptures please! They are in the way, fairly ugly, and covered in bird poop. Also remove the large groups that camp out all over making it a difficult space for others to use	7/14/2018 3:01 PM
455	safety	Clear out the drug users or you are wasting our money. Can't stand all the pot smell, if I can't enjoy a glass of wine in the space why should they be allowed to light up?	7/14/2018 2:54 PM

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456	family friendly farmers market food vendor more green space playground These ideas are terrible and mostly out of touch with the reality of the population and their needs and desires. People don't want strange art, color paint, shopping, bizarre seating. They want real things, like gardens, graas space to play on, real playgrounds. Get people outside to enjoy the core not keep shopping. Put in a Japanese garden, wish coin pond, goldfish. Put in small kiosks for food and drink sure but don't ruin the whole space with more shopping. Things like farmers markets or festivals are way more valuable to our city. Get families out and just enjoy being there. I would come bring my kids to walk through a garden, to play in a playground, or check out the farmers market. I would not come to run over a bench or check out glass kiosks.	7/14/2018 2:52 PM
457	safety Eliminate grassy area, and the smokers, from Pandora St side. Smoke blows into square.	7/14/2018 2:51 PM
458	CS will suffer no matter what improvements are done until there is more high density around CS. More residential and office is the key to creating more vibrancy to the area. Then will CS be considered an asset to the average citizen's daily routine.	7/14/2018 2:47 PM
459	seating take out the ugly circle around the fountain and put in proper seating. The rest is pretty good.	7/14/2018 2:44 PM
460	maintenance safety Clean it up of garbage, drugs and human waste	7/14/2018 2:43 PM
461	safety What stops me going to centennial square or hurrying through it , is the unfriendly, menacing nature of the people who conggrate there. It does not feel like a safe place especially for women	7/14/2018 2:43 PM
462	farmers market food vendor fountain seating I really think its pretty great the way it is! Has a great stage for festivals and cultural events plus protests:-) Good seating with some shade, maybe a few more umbrellas would be nice. Love the fountain and statue in the middle its a great area for food trucks, cultural food kiosks and market vendors.....great community space already. I really don't think we need to spend a lot more money on it to be honest!!!	7/14/2018 2:42 PM
463	change ground-level use safety The most important change would be to increase ground floor retail/restaurants facing INWARDS. Unlike other squares downtown, Centennial Square has nothing to offer (when there are no events) but ground floor offices, a parkade and the backside of City Hall, so there is currently no reason to sit and stay awhile. It's simply a thoroughfare for me at this point. Specifically, demolition of the parkade and the single storey building at the corner of Fisgard and Douglas is necessary to liven the space up, as well as demolition of that strange extension of City Hall on the south side of the square. As the terminus of Broad Street, some sort of iconic structure centred with Broad Street in place of this City Hall extension would draw people northwards to the square. Then there's the obvious need for crime reduction in the square. Looking forward to changes!	7/14/2018 2:39 PM
464	safety Centennial has never been a destination square for me as it has never felt like a safe place to spend extended amounts of time when there are not organized events (protests, food truck fests etc) going on. Unlike Market and Bastion squares which I often visit specifically.	7/14/2018 2:38 PM
465	art farmers market seating Overall I think the square could use some seating areas that are colourful and artistic to attract people to hang out. currently the crowds that hang out near pandora in centennial honestly make the area uncomfortable. The atmosphere does not feel inviting so with some art pieces for seating and activities would invite friends and family to the area more. I do like the idea of a creative bus stop being that it is a popular spot. Night markets would be amazing for the winter like a big North Pole village. Great for tourists too! In terms of a big art structure to attract people to take pictures and such a large wave or whale with aboriginal artwork would be cool. I'm really happy to hear a face lift is being carefully Thought out and the public is being included.	7/14/2018 2:36 PM
466	fountain I wish the colour of the fountain was something different. The faded teal colour looks like it's from a very old, abandoned swimming pool.	7/14/2018 2:35 PM
467	more green space safety seating year round programming More trees and nature blended with seating, business and events to draw adults in and deter criminal activity. Make it come alive year round.	7/14/2018 2:35 PM
468	fountain safety washrooms Update the fountain. Do the washrooms need updating havent used them in years since they became steel cubicles with many needle drops and security at the door. Currently seems a homeless & drug hangout. If I'm walking by and there is an event going with on I'll stop & watch and enjoy the atmosphere of the square.	7/14/2018 2:30 PM
469	safety washrooms The public washrooms need to be redone. And maybe additional security - i have been harassed by patrons almost every time i have walked through --- leading to me avoiding it all together if i can	7/14/2018 2:25 PM

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470	safety None of those will ever EVER work unless the city and the police keep that area clean and clear of violent offenders and help our community members with mental health issues. The thought of taking my children to Centennial Square to play (in any of the fantasy photo scenarios) is laughable. Clean up the area and build community trust that it would be a safe area before you waste anymore tax payer money on pipe dreams.	7/14/2018 2:23 PM
471	safety The city NEEDS to do something about the loitering of homeless people in this area. I constantly see used needles on the ground and have often felt unsafe walking through the area, even in broad daylight. In its current state, it is definitely not an appropriate for kids or families.	7/14/2018 2:21 PM
472	farmers market The winter market seems very beautiful! 2nd choice after the creative bus stop?	7/14/2018 2:20 PM
473	safety Do not include installations that will become sleeping places for the homeless, or tax payers will never have the opportunity to use the square. It'll be the next tent city! Victoria has already become dirty and crime-ridden enough.	7/14/2018 2:17 PM
474	farmers market Id just love to see the square utilized more! I think markets and local vendors is such a cool way to use the space and increase foot traffic in the surrounding area. I think a weekly farmers market, with the opportunity for other local vendors would be great for tourists, locals, and local businesses	7/14/2018 2:17 PM
475	safety Good lighting at night time	7/14/2018 2:10 PM
476	safety Better lighting so people can feel comfortable walking at night	7/14/2018 1:26 PM
477	change ground-level use food vendor year round programming Centennial Square should be animated by commercial/retail activity. Without commercial activity, a square is a dead zone. All great squares around the world have restaurants, bars, shops, and other activity that serve as a year-round draw. Relying on festivals and events means that the square remains empty and avoided for most of the year.	7/14/2018 12:02 PM
478	fountain update the fountain	7/14/2018 11:39 AM
479	safety More police presence	7/14/2018 10:36 AM
480	Perhaps a mixture of most of the ideas in this survey, I wouldn't like it to be a children's playground all the time, but it could be used for most of the things suggested. It was difficult to choose one in each section.	7/14/2018 10:32 AM
481	safety Get rid of the junkies and I'll come downtown again. It isn't safe as it is.	7/14/2018 9:20 AM
482	Winter garden	7/14/2018 8:45 AM
483	art First Nations seating Improved seating for people with back injuries or other physical challenges. Better design & use of 'abandoned' space with overhang at west end of City Hall building. Install permanent water bottle refill outlet. Year round lights (not just at Christmas time) on beautiful sequoia tree on lawn near Douglas Street. Improved bus shelter facility on Douglas street to include more bad weather enclosures. This is not a playground! Do not create more play area for children. Involve local Indigenous artists in redesign of square. Include murals of archival photos depicting space and surrounding areas with short explanations.	7/14/2018 6:00 AM
484	safety Years ago a person could take their kids and buy lunch from a local restaurant and go eat in the square but now it seems filled with people with open liquor, smoking cigarettes and smoking pot at all times of the day 7 days a week. It's sad that it is now just a place to openly break laws and act disrespectful to anyone walking thru there even small children. A few weeks ago on a Friday afternoon I took my 7 year old granddaughter to Starbucks for treats and a drink we went to sit in the square it was filled with people drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes, smoking pot. So many individuals inebriated and swearing acting just awful we left with our goodies immediately	7/14/2018 5:18 AM
485	seating year round programming Areas to sit with friends with the option to play games or eat at a table.	7/13/2018 10:57 PM
486	community gathering food vendor seating An adult focused space for seating, food ,music and culture.	7/13/2018 8:28 PM

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487	<p>safety survey design feedback washrooms I have found this to be a narrow and limiting survey. Not only was just one answer allowed per question with no accompanying comment section, the survey seems to skip over what Centennial Square needs – that is, a complete overhaul of the public use. Upon going through this lightweight survey and unable to answer given the sunshine and lollipops' nature of the questions, I could only think of Bryant Park, a site that many, many different people enjoy, that hosts large events and gatherings – and yet! – has clearly stated rules of expectations AND responsibilities of the public. See: bryantpark.org/the-park, scroll to Rules and Regulations. And the public restrooms are probably the envy of all other cities; see https://www.tripadvisor.ca/ShowUserReviews-g60763-d136347-r129728556-Bryant_Park-New_York_City_New_York.html. Not quite what we have in Centennial Square. Also of note, I increasingly avoid Centennial Square when walking about downtown. Too many times have I been put off by drug dealing and unsuitable behavior. And quite frankly, it is intimidating and scary. Do the police ever even do a walk through? I was never turned off from spending time reading, eating, enjoying the music or watching people go by when in Bryant Park.</p>	7/13/2018 5:21 PM
488	get rid of moonbeam and fix victoria	7/13/2018 5:03 PM
489	<p>maintenance more green space The surrounding buildings are also terribly unattractive, particularly the cinderblock wall on the parking lot. It must be there, at least cover it up with a living wall feature that would add greenery and life to the existing square which is just SO start and, well, it's ugly.</p>	7/13/2018 4:58 PM
490	<p>farmers market food vendor a farmer's market is always a great thing! more places to eat /buy lunch</p>	7/13/2018 3:32 PM
491	<p>food vendor Food vendors, liquor licenced establishments, people watching opportunities, street entertainment. Think of Las Ramblas in Barcelona. Pedestrianise Broad St then View down to Government and Government from there down to Humboldt.</p>	7/13/2018 2:39 PM
492	<p>community gathering First Nations importance of inclusivity One of my favorite things about Centennial Square is that it is truly a space for the whole community. I frequently take my lunch breaks in the Square and enjoy that you can see office and other downtown workers, tourists, and members of our street community all utilizing the Square. I think it is essential that any re-design of the space remains one that is welcoming and accessible to those community members that are homeless or spend significant time on the street. As such, I will be very disappointed if redesigned seating/design elements integrate "hostile design" that makes it impossible for street people to sit, place their belongs down, or rest lying down. I also hope that when members of the street community use the space, they will be made to feel welcome. As a member of the Indigenous nation whose traditional lands included the area on which the Square sits, ensuring the space provides for the most vulnerable of our community is in line with the pre-colonial use of this location as a shared space for gathering essential and communal resources.</p>	7/13/2018 2:33 PM
493	<p>change ground-level use food vendor safety All of the City-owned space on the square (e.g., Archives, Parking, etc.) should be leased out to hospitality industry partners to make a go of providing food, drink and atmosphere. Model it on the Italian piazza. Also, get rid of the drugs and shady element. Of course, you won't do any of this, as you're only interested in the semblance of consultation and actual, meaningful consultation. Also, did you know that data from SurveyMonkey is stored in the US and therefore subject to the US Patriot Act? Seriously, for how paid you idiots are, I shouldn't have to tell you this. Start using FluidSurveys. We're getting some real added value from a community engagement staff of three that makes in excess of \$300k. FOR SHAME.</p>	7/13/2018 2:16 PM
494	<p>food vendor safety restauranats or commercial space would be good. The main reason I avoid the square is the dodgy and unsafe atmosphere of those who currently frequent the square. If there were more foot traffic and reason to go to the square, even if it's just permanent food trucks, that element is mitigated.</p>	7/13/2018 2:00 PM
495	Don't waste money on short term, band-aid solutions (i.e. "pop-up" art installations etc.). Devise a proper redevelopment plan that includes the precise sources of funding. Work towards this plan as financing allows, even if it means CS is under construction for some time.	7/13/2018 1:09 PM
496	<p>family friendly farmers market food vendor playground year round programming The primary focus should be on making the space as continuously active, for multiple age groups and types of activities, as possible. Though I am retired, I particularly like the idea of play space for small kids, because that will attract both children and their parents. Coupling that with some food oriented retail might create a pleasant, well used, space. Mixing in a year round farmer's market would add another, periodic, dimension of use. Personally, I don't care about festival use... it's the day to day use that seems most important to me.</p>	7/13/2018 1:07 PM

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497	art family friendly farmers market food vendor playground I think you have to be careful in trying to include and/or focus on one type of space. Traditional city squares work because they keep traditional features like a regular market and eateries. In planning for Centennial Square's future you should keep that in mind. You can always add art installations and a play-space.	7/13/2018 12:16 PM
498	family friendly safety It needs to be a gathering space and destination for adults and families, not just the homeless. I don't even walk through Centennial Square right now because of the overwhelming smell of pot.	7/13/2018 12:03 PM
499	music I enjoy the free music and festivals in the summer.	7/13/2018 11:33 AM
500	safety Social issues and anti-social behaviour prevent/detract me/family/friends/colleagues from using Centennial Square. Why are hordes of people allowed to sit and smoke directly adjacent to a no-smoking sign all day. Also drinking and yelling/swearing. Regardless of how the space is redesigned or improved we will not use this space until these issues are resolved and a zero-tolerance approach to intimidating and anti-social behaviour is addressed.	7/13/2018 11:02 AM
501	safety Cut down on the drug dealing, public intoxication, trash, refuse, and human waste not to mention the violent attacks, screaming, and general madness that scares us away from using the space as it is. Police your yard Council!	7/13/2018 10:59 AM
502	art community gathering food vendor fountain safety I think it should be a place where most things/opportunities are free, like sitting on grass, taking in live music or theater, and where people of all ages can pause for a respite among the noise and bustle of the city. Above it must be a safe place and a clean place. A few kiosks would be welcome to purchase basic food and drink. And it should be a pleasant place for individuals to want to meet or gather both day and night. Number one thing to do: get rid of the fountain! It is noisy and takes up too much space. And do not replace it with another central structure! It makes the space feel unnatural. Also find ways to feature local artists on a rotating basis, like Oak Bay does. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. :-)	7/13/2018 10:14 AM
503	seating More seating and tables year round. A meeting place.	7/13/2018 10:10 AM
504	safety A quick kudos to the security guards on the square — as a single female often crossing the square at night on my way home, I really appreciate that safety net.	7/13/2018 10:10 AM
505	food vendor Food trucks week day lunch time and concerts for us people that work downtown and pay city taxes.	7/13/2018 10:05 AM
506	Bring back Victoria electronic music festival!	7/13/2018 9:44 AM
507	dog areas grass!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	7/13/2018 8:51 AM
508	community gathering farmers market Having a community gathering place with activities and events for those of us who live downtown would be wonderful! We don't need more shopping (unless it's a farmer's market)	7/12/2018 8:40 PM
509	fountain maintenance I enjoy going to Centennial Square. I have been there for protests, concerts and festivals. It just feels dated...like it is still caught in the eighties. Upgrading the fountain and changing the paint colour on the parking garage would be a good start.	7/12/2018 7:42 PM
510	There should be 3-4 floors of parking under the square to enhance the downtown economy. Perhaps 1000-1200 spaces	7/12/2018 6:19 PM
511	After picking all the wonderful ideas for Centennial Park, I forgot how terrible downtown parking is.	7/12/2018 1:52 PM
512	playground safety anything that promotes sitting with no activities will encourage drug users and loitering. Anything that has playgrounds will encourage children to be there, but unfortunately the amount of needles and drug paraphernalia in the area would pose a real health risk.	7/12/2018 1:00 PM
513	year round programming More street performers/buskers like along wharf	7/12/2018 11:40 AM
514	food vendor Food Trucks!	7/12/2018 10:26 AM
515	fountain I believe the water feature should be moved or simplified. Currently it uses too much valuable programming space.	7/12/2018 9:37 AM
516	fountain take out the fountain	7/12/2018 8:50 AM
517	safety It needs to be clean and safe. Currently when I think of CS I think of drug users and street people.	7/12/2018 5:08 AM
518	safety Make it safe.	7/12/2018 4:13 AM

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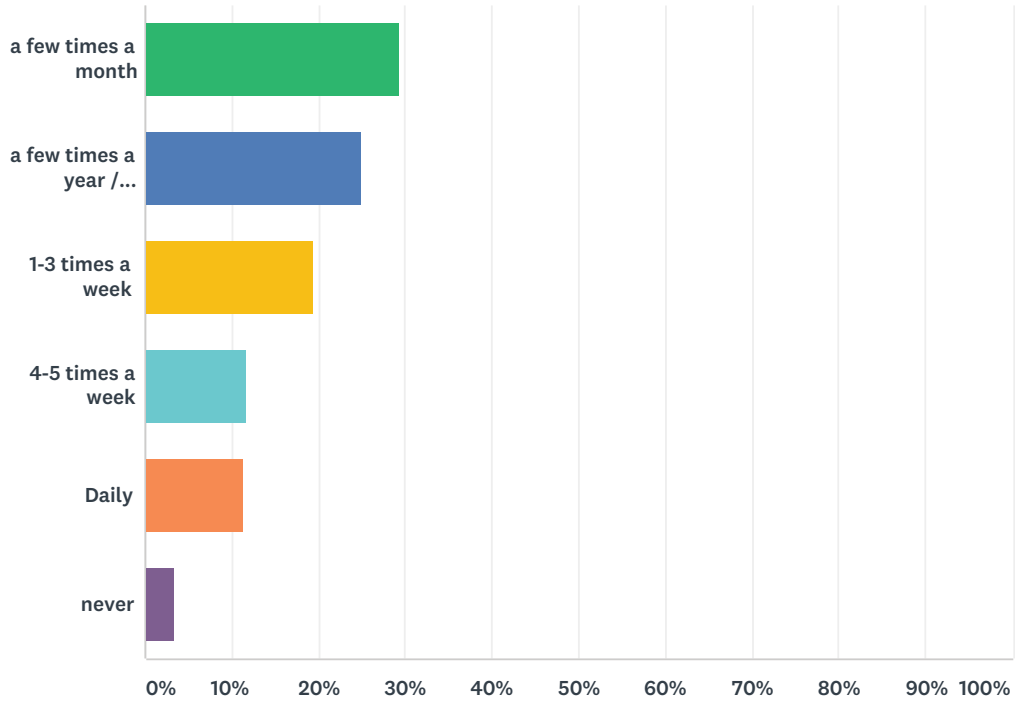
519	stage improvement Upgrades to performance stage area! Close the back for better performer framing?	7/11/2018 8:44 PM
520	art First Nations Art with history of Victoria, including First Nations art	7/11/2018 5:20 PM
521	art playground Art that is also a play structure--Like the large statues that make up Gyro Park, which are fun and safe to run around on but also valuable as an art display. I think this is key to designing multigenerational spaces-- One structure can be a play feature, creative display, and unusual place to sit and read a book just depending on the time of day or who is around to appreciate it.	7/11/2018 2:03 PM
522	safety Whatever you can do to remove the drug users and dangerous people who frequent the square.	7/11/2018 1:11 PM
523	fountain Renovate the iconic mid-century modern fountain so that people can sit along it again.	7/11/2018 1:05 PM
524	fountain maintenance Move the fountain to another location in the city. While it's an attractive part of the square, it doesn't fit well with how the square's use is evolving. Its location makes setting up music or performance difficult. Also, in windy weather, the water sprays everywhere. Removing it would also reduce long term maintenance costs for the city.	7/11/2018 12:52 PM
525	food vendor more green space seating I would like to see the square more like a park with walk ways and benches surrounding the gardens, like the squares in Mexico. And, there could be a local organic ice-cream booth. (not island farms which is everywhere). Something unique to make the square a destination. A few small stages/benches for buskers, a family play area for kids, but mostly I would like an interactive area for community to people watch, share stories, ice-cream and have a sense of who their neighbours are from the surrounding housing. And, it has to be kid and adult friendly to include everyone. I am not sure about dogs...maybe a small corded off area for dogs...I am not too keen on dogs urinating on everything in site...but seems like it's going to happen. I love lawns to sit on without dogs fouling the grass. Good luck with your vision.	7/11/2018 11:09 AM
526	art farmers market food vendor more green space safety seating More greenery and lawn area, low emission food vendors during the day, rotating art displays, markets, lunch time seating areas that cater to downtown workers, more security to address substance abuse in square, adult oriented play and structures (swings suitable for adults, etc). Think Montreal style!!!! Night time food truck markets and seating.	7/11/2018 11:07 AM
527	maintenance safety seating Need more seating/ some covered for all year round. Get rid of the undesirable that hang out there day in and day out for weeks on end. Have the benches cleaned of bird poop everyday, no one wants to sit on that.	7/11/2018 11:06 AM
528	family friendly more green space seating It needs to have diverse functions at different times for different people - casual hang out and lunch with shade trees and furniture; place to relax and read; morning tai chi and yoga; evening concerts and movies; lawn areas for casual seating and to welcome disadvantaged people; and play space to draw families - make families feel welcome downtown!	7/11/2018 9:55 AM
529	safe open injection drug use sight ,	7/11/2018 9:52 AM
530	change ground-level use safety year round programming More programmed activities, commercial uses and improved policing as a means to address and mitigate social issues that exist on the square (e.g. open drinking, loitering, drug use, panhandling, crime)	7/11/2018 9:21 AM
531	I actually like it as is pretty much.	7/11/2018 9:10 AM
532	fountain Take out the large tree off of Douglas St! Take out the fountain! The fountain makes it really hard to put events in that space or do anything large-scale because it's right in the middle of the main plaza. If the tree wasn't there, that lawn could be better used I think.	7/11/2018 8:47 AM
533	safety I'm a nearby resident and walk through the Square daily. I'm a big believer in assisting the homeless population and I'm pro marijuana legalization, but both need to be dealt with as part of the plan moving forward. The vagrancy and drug use is the current biggest issue, on the stage and on the lawn. I'd like to see more cameras and lighting there. All of the options outlined in this survey would be welcome. The success will depend on how the chosen focus is implemented. Can't wait to see what's coming. Best of luck to you!	7/11/2018 8:39 AM
534	farmers market Fewer markets with trinkets and gifts, more markets with local produce, locally sourced fish, locally made cheese, etc. to make up for lack of grocery stores in city centre. Leipzig, Germany, is a perfect example.	7/11/2018 8:13 AM

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535	food vendor seating Regular food truck presence and creative, more comfortable seating to enjoy the sunshine on lunch hours.	7/11/2018 7:52 AM
536	food vendor safety I would like to see a variety of activities that bring life into the square on a day to day basis. Some permanent features that draw people in, like coffee shops or cafes, as well as the programming. Currently it is used as a cut through, or by people that gather all day drinking and smoking, which feels intimidating and discourages people from wanting to linger. The new market square is a great example of a place that feels comfortable to linger, eat lunch, have a coffee with friends, etc. It would be great for the redesign to evoke those feelings.	7/11/2018 7:39 AM
537	farmers market survey design feedback I don't like that the survey forced me into selecting a feature when I don't agree with the use, for example: choosing a play feature when I don't think it should be an area for play. You could get results that are not valid because people are randomly selecting a feature and then you can say the result was due to public input, when it really isn't. I want to have a say but I should be able to skip a question or after the list of options have a choice to not select any. Or have choices ranked. Because I'd love to see public markets and interactive bus stops but could only chose one.	7/11/2018 7:20 AM
538	change ground-level use add commercial/vendor areas	7/10/2018 7:03 PM
539	Demolish the parkade and associated building. Parking underground. New office to attract daytime workers.	7/10/2018 6:17 PM
540	fountain Get rid of the ugly fountain? I know it was a gift from the surrounding cities and whatnot, but it really is ugly and makes the central space of the square hard to use.	7/10/2018 4:17 PM
541	accessibility Community engagement and access for all members of the community, i.e., people with different physical abilities, people with varied income levels. Barrier removal as much as possible. Creativity and buy in by participation from varied stakeholders, grassroots legacy projects, perhaps conceived of and led by youth for the broader community.	7/10/2018 3:05 PM
542	accessibility family friendly more green space playground I'd like to see less concrete, soft edges which draw people in or allow people to stop and watch the world go by, improved accessibility - less stairs! Creative play options (all ages) for children whether it be water park during the warmer months, games, climbing wall, etc. And perhaps an "ambassador" who would facilitate workshops or activities on a regular basis. Rain or shine!	7/10/2018 2:44 PM
543	food vendor safety A Safe Environment for which you can experience Culture, Food and Entertainment that is bright and cheerful in all seasons for Work and Play.	7/10/2018 2:29 PM

Q8 How often do you visit or pass through Centennial Square?

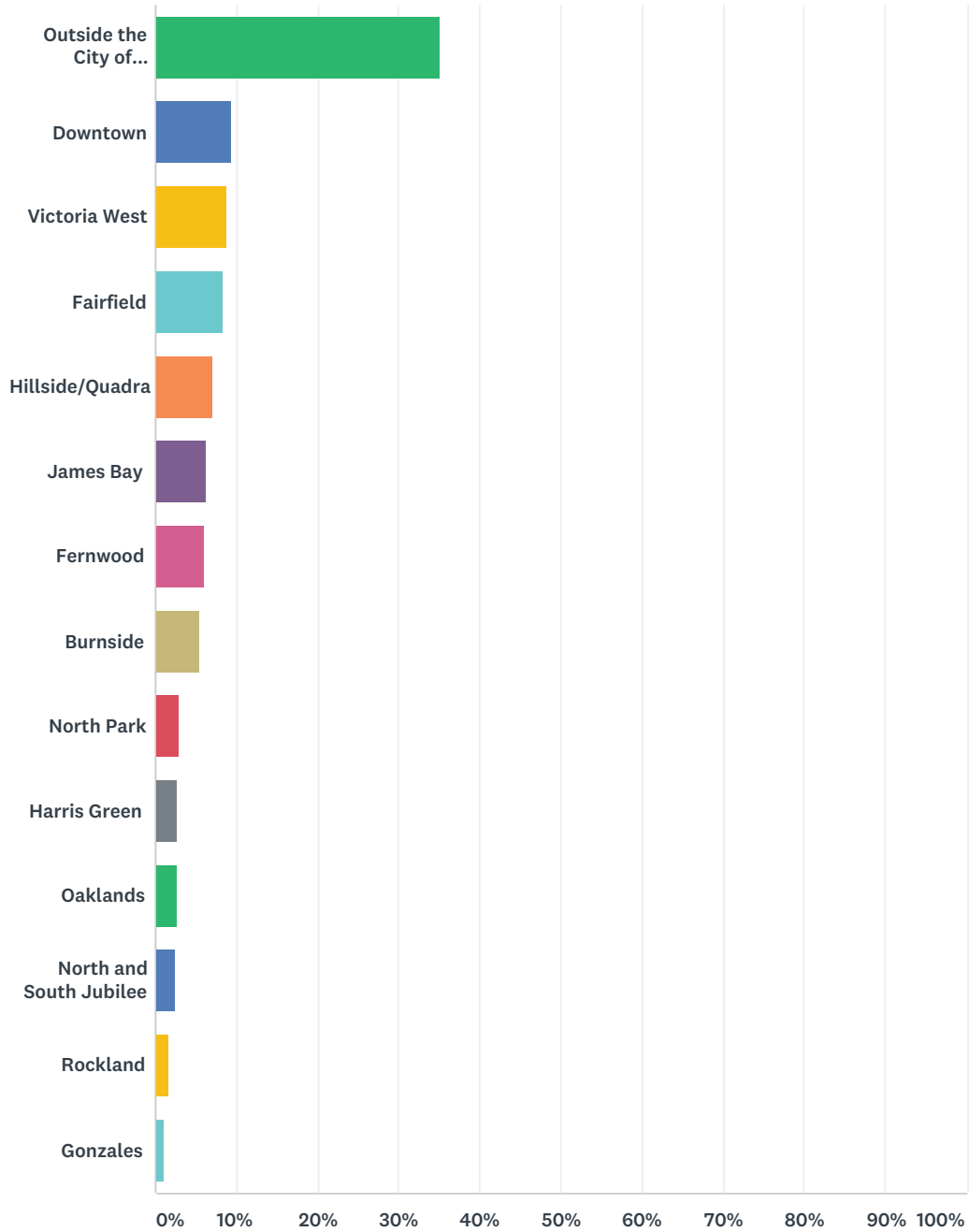
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
a few times a month	29.35%	273
a few times a year / occasionally for special events	24.84%	231
1-3 times a week	19.35%	180
4-5 times a week	11.72%	109
Daily	11.40%	106
never	3.33%	31
TOTAL		930

Q9 In which neighbourhood do you live?

Answered: 921 Skipped: 84



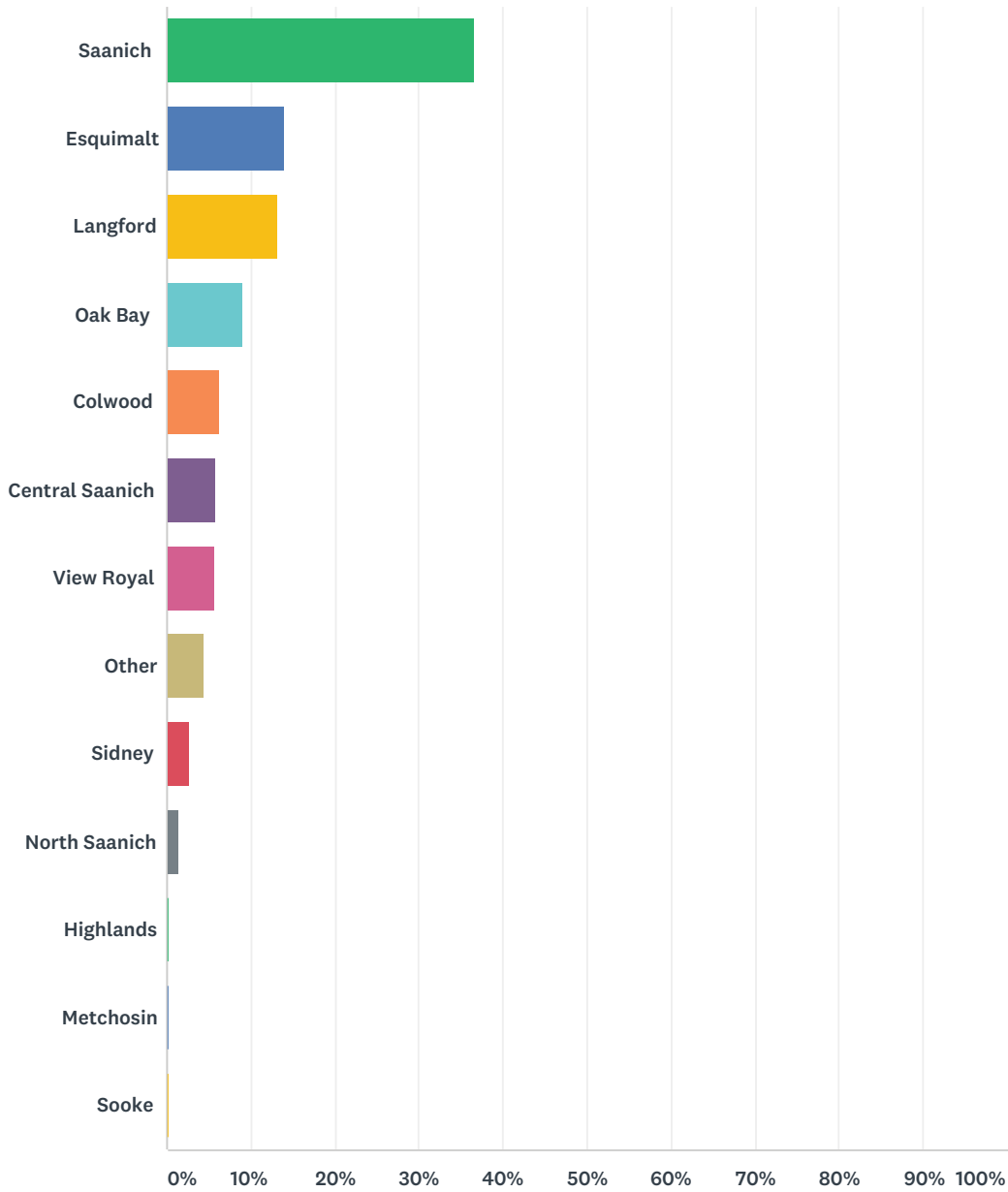
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Outside the City of Victoria	35.07%	323
Downtown	9.34%	86
Victoria West	8.79%	81
Fairfield	8.47%	78
Hillside/Quadra	7.06%	65

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James Bay	6.19%	57
Fernwood	5.97%	55
Burnside	5.43%	50
North Park	2.93%	27
Harris Green	2.71%	25
Oaklands	2.71%	25
North and South Jubilee	2.61%	24
Rockland	1.74%	16
Gonzales	0.98%	9
TOTAL		921

Q10 If you answered "Outside the City of Victoria", please indicate if you live in one of the following municipalities.

Answered: 336 Skipped: 669



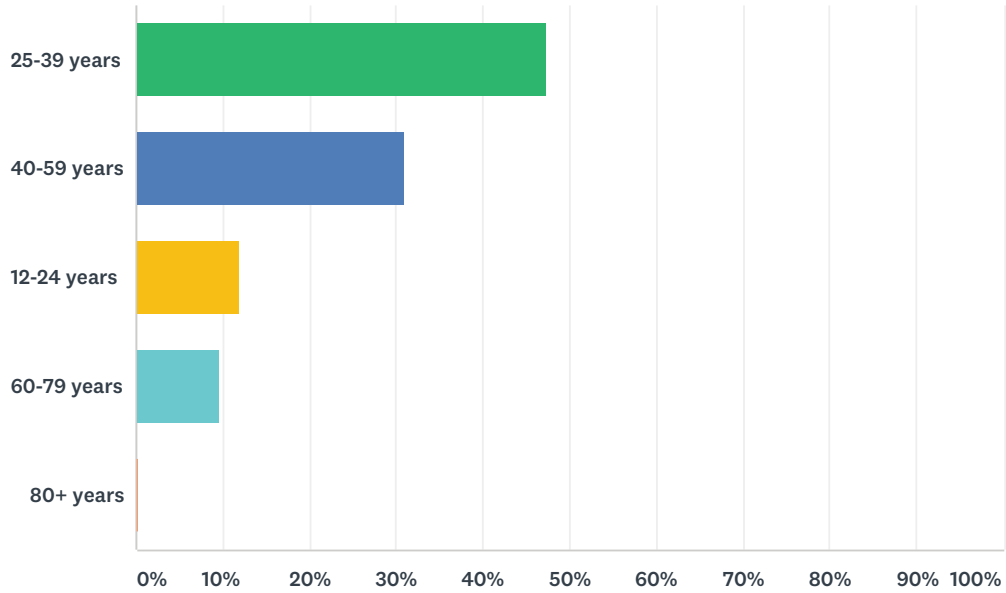
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Saanich	36.61%	123
Esquimalt	13.99%	47
Langford	13.10%	44
Oak Bay	8.93%	30
Colwood	6.25%	21

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Central Saanich	5.95%	20
View Royal	5.65%	19
Other	4.46%	15
Sidney	2.68%	9
North Saanich	1.49%	5
Highlands	0.30%	1
Metchosin	0.30%	1
Sooke	0.30%	1
TOTAL		336

Q11 What is your age range?

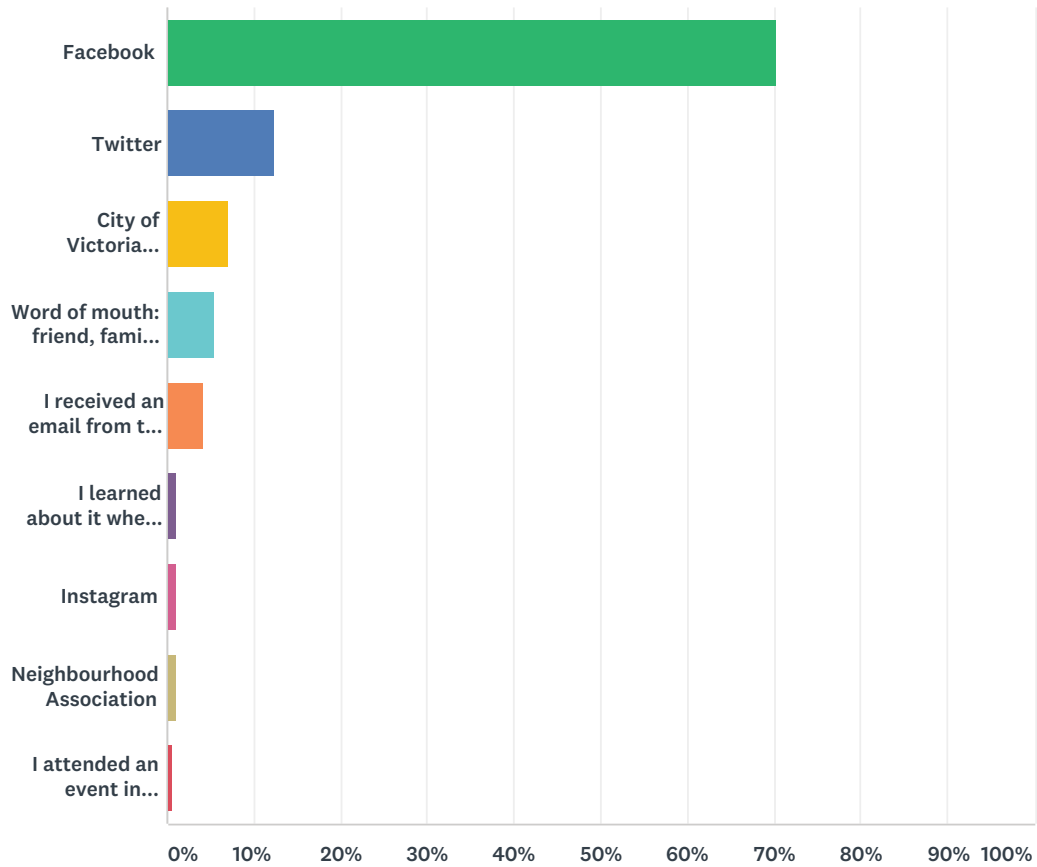
Answered: 916 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
25-39 years	47.27%	433
40-59 years	31.00%	284
12-24 years	12.01%	110
60-79 years	9.61%	88
80+ years	0.11%	1
TOTAL		916

Q12 How did you hear about the survey?

Answered: 827 Skipped: 178



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Facebook	70.37% 582
Twitter	12.33% 102
City of Victoria website	7.13% 59
Word of mouth: friend, family member, colleague, or neighbour	5.44% 45
I received an email from the City	4.23% 35
I learned about it when I visited City Hall	1.09% 9
Instagram	0.97% 8
Neighbourhood Association	0.97% 8
I attended an event in Centennial Square	0.60% 5
Total Respondents: 827	

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1	Radio.	8/7/2018 5:47 AM
2	Vic News	8/6/2018 6:39 PM

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3	Victoria News	8/5/2018 10:30 AM
4	radio	8/2/2018 4:57 PM
5	Vic News article - in Aug1 edition - very poor city engagement/publicity if info was submitted only recently	8/2/2018 2:05 PM
6	Victoria News (Black Press)	8/1/2018 9:58 PM
7	victoria news paper	8/1/2018 8:01 PM
8	Victoria News article	8/1/2018 3:27 PM
9	The News	7/30/2018 8:51 PM
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11	http://www.vicnews.com/	7/30/2018 11:28 AM
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19	oakbaynews.com through google	7/29/2018 4:06 AM
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21	Referenced on www.vicnews.com	7/28/2018 7:53 PM
22	Vibrant Victoria	7/28/2018 7:07 PM
23	Vibrant Victoria website	7/28/2018 6:51 PM
24	vicnews	7/28/2018 12:45 PM
25	Article on Saanich News	7/28/2018 12:18 PM
26	Victoria News	7/28/2018 11:22 AM
27	went to web-site to find something else, which I cannot find.	7/26/2018 3:31 PM
28	Victoria Buzz	7/23/2018 12:22 PM
29	Tourism Victoria Newsletter	7/20/2018 12:23 PM
30	Co-worker	7/19/2018 11:14 AM
31	Tourism Victoria Newsletter	7/19/2018 9:41 AM
32	Radio: The Zone 91.3	7/19/2018 9:29 AM
33	An email from Tourism Victoria	7/19/2018 9:08 AM
34	Radio	7/18/2018 5:52 AM
35	Victoria Buzz	7/17/2018 8:38 PM
36	Connect Newsletter	7/17/2018 7:46 PM
37	City of Victoria Connect Newsletter	7/17/2018 3:23 PM
38	Victoria BUZZ	7/17/2018 10:24 AM
39	Victoria Buzz	7/17/2018 9:58 AM
40	Victoria Buzz Facebook page	7/16/2018 11:05 PM
41	Victoria buzz website	7/16/2018 10:47 PM
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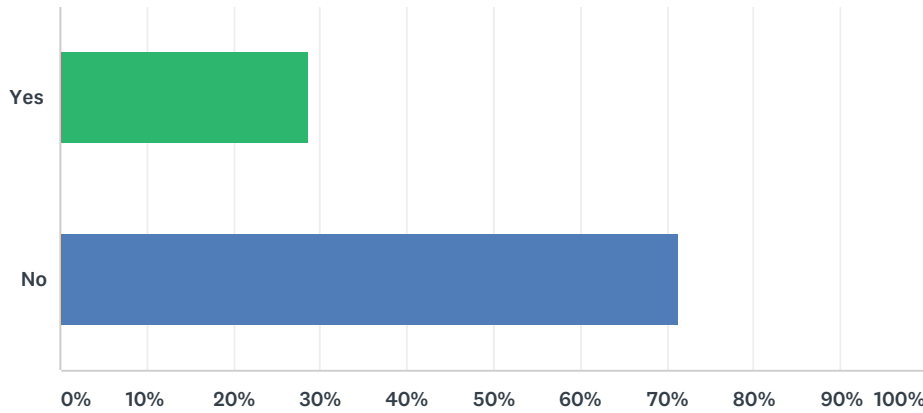
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84	Buzz feed	7/14/2018 8:30 PM
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Q13 Are you interested in receiving occasional email updates from the City of Victoria regarding the Centennial Square project?

Answered: 902 Skipped: 103



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.60%	258
No	71.40%	644
TOTAL		902

Bridget Frewer

From: Personal info
Sent: October 8, 2018 3:04 PM
To: Engagement
Subject: Centennial square

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Bridget

Hi there, I think that centennial square could really benefit from having a small, fully fenced off-leash dog park. Downtown Victoria is home to more dogs than children now, and it would be great to have a place close to home where I can take my pup to socialize with other dogs.

Thanks!

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Sent from my iPhone

Bridget Frewer

From: Personal info
Sent: September 26, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Engagement
Subject: Ideas Jam

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Categories: Bridget

Hi,

I was looking over the four plans you've got on the website. I'm so excited about the square being revitalized! The few things I'd like to see would be more light, and a surface that stands up year round!

That bit that butts up to City Hall, next to the totem poles, could that be looked at? It seems like just a dark, uninviting space. That would be a wonderful spot for a community garden, with raised beds, given our wet weather, it would save on muddy tracks being dragged through the rest of the square.

And, speaking of our wet weather, while grass seating sounds like a great idea, it doesn't seem a very good use of the space, given how wet it will be a good portion of the year. Maybe small patches of grass or strips, would be better. That way it's available for the good weather, but not too much space is wasted during the wetter weather. I love the idea of turning the fountain into a water type feature for kids in good weather! That can easily be adjusted for wet weather since it's paved.

I also agree that more cafés, coffee carts, things that will pull the work crowd in all year long would be a great way to make the space feel welcoming.

So, I guess in short, this email is just to ask that our weather be taken into consideration in this planning. If it's designed just for the summer months we will fall short of creating a year round, vibrant space.

Thanks for taking the time to read my email,

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Sent from my Huawei Mobile

Bridget Frewer

From: Personal info
Sent: September 26, 2018 6:58 PM
To: Engagement
Subject: Direction 1 idea 2

Categories: Bridget

Hello,

I think replacing the cold, hard paved centre with the fountain etc with a grass area surrounded by trees to sit, relax and have events would be great. Benches or other seating arrangements for people who cannot sit on the grass would be needed too.

Having around it temporary structures for little shops, cafes, food etc would attract people and make staying around and using the square more feasible. It would give life to what I see now as a dead and unfriendly space.

As is, there is a whole lot of space that goes unused, there is nothing there to be inviting, it is cold and impersonal and non engaging. Plus in the summer there is no shade. It is awkward to walk through and kind of disjointed flow wise.

Make it like a park in the centre, give people coffee and snacks, art and stuff to buy, events and recreation and this place will burst with life and make everyone happy!

Sincerely

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Sent from my iPad

Bridget Frewer

From: Melinda Jolley
Sent: August 2, 2018 6:09 PM
To: Michelle Harris; Bridget Frewer
Cc: Roz Beddall
Subject: RE: General Inquiry - facilities comment

Sending this through to Mary for Facilities...

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Harris
Sent: August 2, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Melinda Jolley <MJolley@victoria.ca>; Bridget Frewer <bfrewer@victoria.ca>
Cc: Roz Beddall <rbeddall@victoria.ca>
Subject: FW: General Inquiry - facilities comment

Hi Melinda and Bridget,

I think this is a comment we should share with Facilities and Planning re: stages at Centennial Square and Beacon Hill Park.

Thanks,
Michelle

-----Original Message-----

From: Engagement
Sent: August 2, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Michelle Harris <MHarris@victoria.ca>
Subject: FW: General Inquiry

-----Original Message-----

From: webforms@victoria.ca <webforms@victoria.ca>
Sent: August 2, 2018 9:45 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: General Inquiry

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Email

Reference : <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/culture/outdoor-venues/centennial-square/centennial-square-action-plan.html>

Daytime Phone : **Personal info**

It appears that all local outdoor stages are constructed so that the sun is not in the eyes of performers. This is thoughtful, but not very.

Performers are used to performing with strong, hot lights on them. They NEED lights on them.

What we have at Greater Victoria outdoor stages is on-stage performers in the dark while the audiences are facing into the sun.

Please take this into consideration when planning changes to Centennial Square and, in future, for Beacon Hill Park and other outdoor stages.

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Bridget Frewer

From: [Personal info](#)
Sent: September 26, 2018 6:16 PM
To: Engagement
Subject: Centennial square

Categories: Bridget

Love the ideas but let's get more greenery for the proposed seats to be placed upon...definitely make our square family friendly and encourage many to visit...

Thanks

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Sent from my iPad

Bridget Frewer

From: Personal info
Sent: September 27, 2018 5:05 PM
To: Engagement
Subject: Centennial Square Design Ideas

Categories: Bridget

I reviewed with interest the results of the recent ideas jam on Centennial Square. I liked in particular ideas 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9. I think the various iterations of the urban green concept will prove less successful over time. The notion of a flexible and formally arranged hard surfaced square, near as possible to a level grade, offers the best options for the square long term. However, the critical moves relate to the surrounding uses. At present, there is no real reason to come to the square unless one is going to a government office during the business day, or if there is a specially programmed event. A wide range of other uses that attract people throughout the day are critical for the life of the square. Restaurants, cafes, a library, perhaps a hotel, apartments, shops and other attractions that draw pedestrian traffic throughout the day and night are critical to bring genuine life to the square. Right now it is essentially an institutional space and as a consequence, people have limited reasons to go there. The square itself is ugly but it would work a lot better if there were a wide range of active uses at grade flanking all sides of the square, such as one typically finds in the most successful urban squares in Europe. Finally the parkade has to be replaced with a multi-storey mixed use building in scale with the square, with active uses at grade on all four faces. By all means have parking below grade, including below the square itself, but the above ground space should be used for more humane uses.

Yours truly,

Personal info

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Bridget Frewer

From: Personal info
Sent: July 26, 2018 11:01 AM
To: Engagement
Subject: Centennial square

Hi!

Here are some ideas for a more inclusive square:

- A poop bag station with trash can for people with dogs
- Benches that people can sit AND lay down on
- A drinking fountain
- Maybe we could make a coffee shop happen in the square with a big terrace? This is something common in Europe and really fosters a sense of community
- More trees + plants
- Bike racks
- One of those giant floor chess games that I've seen in some cities
- No security (security guards tend to instigate fear and make people feel surveilled)

Have a nice day!

Personal info

Sent from my iPhone

Bridget Frewer

From: Personal info
Sent: September 26, 2018 6:30 PM
To: Engagement
Subject: Centennial Square input

Categories: Bridget

The drawings are not good resolution. I cannot read the text in many cases. Would you please post in higher resolution, maybe so they can be clicked on to make larger?

I also find it difficult to understand some terms and determine the perspective. They really need narrative attached. Are they posted in a format accessible to screen readers? If you imbed text descriptions for them, please post for everyone else. There is new terminology such as sticky edges that needs to be explained. Tiara, totemic monoliths, pavilion, undercroft, civic room... It's like this is just for the people who were there.

Does one of the plans involve moving the mosaic columns to the Douglas Street end? That would provide the iconic gateway.

Are you really considering glass houses? Wont' they be vandalized?

How about posting the current layout with parts labeled first? And then follow with plans on same scale and perspective for each "Direction" to aid in comparison? Also, have photos as it is now, of each elevation and perspective. I'm looking at drawings from Douglas perspective trying to remember what is there now.

Grassy areas will become the toilet area for downtown dogs and not be useable by humans. Not a good idea. If you want the feeling of green, then a raised bed of planted shrubs and trees with understory. Dogs will get in there, but people won't be tempted to lounge. Yet is will deaden sound and create the impression of being in a green space.

What are you going to do about the monolithic wall of the parkade? I suggested a green wall or massive sculpture. Rejected?

Parents and supervisors will want places to sit surrounding any water play area. In the third drawing, seating looks to be further away than many parents would be comfortable in. I can't tell what the Greek key structure in the 4th is. Is it seating?

Personal info

Bridget Frewer

From: Personal info
Sent: September 26, 2018 10:21 AM
To: Engagement
Subject: Re: Emerging Ideas for Improving Centennial Square

Categories: Bridget

Hello,

I liked these ideas below:

- Idea 1: Shade trees
- Idea 2: Open lawn area
- Idea 3: Seating edges/steps
- Idea 4/5: Water jets

And the concepts such as:

- Come for lunch
- Come when it's cold and rainy
- Come to discover

Thank you,
Personal info

年 月 日 水 9:59 Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>:

Thank you for your interest in the future of Centennial Square!

In September members of the community and a stakeholder working group representing residents, community groups, businesses, arts and culture groups, festival users, and heritage participated in an "Ideas Jam" workshop and open house event. Common themes identified by the community through early engagement in July, including how to make the Square feel more welcoming and safe, family friendly, and a desire to see more year-round activity and programming, were explored with a design team resulting in some emerging ideas for how to improve the Square. The Ideas Jam resulted in a number of preliminary concepts, options and ideas. These are now available on the [project webpage](#).

It's an exciting time for a project when the ideas begin to emerge. Check out some of the ideas and let us know what you think! Written feedback, questions and ideas can be submitted to engage@victoria.ca from now until November 1.

Next Steps

Feedback on the emerging ideas will inform refined concept options, and a draft preferred concept, programming recommendations and priorities that will be shared with the community in late 2018 for further input to help inform a draft action plan. A draft action plan for Centennial Square will be considered by Council in early 2019.

For more information, visit the project webpage www.victoria.ca/CentennialSquare

Bridget Frewer

From: Engagement
Sent: October 30, 2018 9:21 AM
To: Bridget Frewer
Subject: FW: Centennial Square Engagement

Feedback re: Centennial Square. I haven't responded but let me know if you'd like me to send a generic thank you message.

From: Trudie Begbie [Personal info](#)
Sent: October 29, 2018 1:07 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Centennial Square Engagement

To Engagement and Community Planning Staff,

The Flamenco de la Isla Society holds its Victoria Flamenco Festival each year in Centennial Square and we are excited about the plans to improve the space and bring more vibrancy to the Square.

We especially like the ideas to improve the Square's connections with Douglas Street and the other entrances to the Square and to facilitate temporary installations such as cafe kiosks or food trucks in the Square, with more inviting and shady areas for people to sit, including the stage area.

For festivals and performances, we believe it is important to have a permanent (or retractable) shade/weather canopy over the stage. This would be greatly beneficial to musicians who in summer need a shady spot to play on the stage and it would be essential in cases of rain. We would also like to have a permanent green room behind the stage where one of the outside walls of the room could act as a backdrop to the stage. This could be a place for various groups to hang artwork, scenery, banners or special decors.

During the years of the festival, we have experienced quite strong winds coming into the square in the early afternoon from the west or south west. We have to have weights on all our materials at our information tent and we have additional props that we have to anchor with some difficulty. If possible, some kind of wind deterrent would be helpful.

I am adding a "wish" to the list but this may be outside the purview of the plan. We put down our own wood floor on the stage each year and we have been approached by other dance groups to use our floor in their performances at the Square. The floor is showing signs of wear and it would be great to have a stage surface that would be suitable for dance. Flamenco dance needs a particular surface where the audience can hear the sounds of the feet.

Thank you for your consideration. We love the opportunity to hold our festival in the Square and are thankful for the support of the City of Victoria,

Trudie Begbie,
Flamenco de la Isla Society

Food Trucks

Please!

PEDICABS

WOULD LOVE TO

TRAVEL THROUGH

THE SQUARE

WHEN SAFE

(NO EVENTS?)

THANK YOU



CENTENNIAL SQUARE IDEAS JAM

ONLINE PIN UP

The Ideas Jam

The purpose of the Ideas jam was to generate preliminary design ideas and directions based on the design framework developed in phase 1 and public input and feedback received in the process to date.

Design ideas generated were broadly premised on restoring the original intent of the square as the City's main civic gathering space while supporting its evolution as a venue for appropriately scaled events and festivals, and creating a more fun, inclusive and welcoming space for people of all ages and abilities.

Design directions and ideas included:

- Creating a more simplified and formal civic space with more seamless physical and visual connections
- Flexible and adaptable design to support a diversity of year round activities, events and programming
- Ensuring high quality design and materials and incorporating ample seating and appropriately located shelter for year round comfort
- Incorporating active edges through use and design of buildings to support vitality and eyes on the square throughout the day and year round
- Incorporating elements of play using water, furniture and art to create a more welcoming, fun and adaptable environment for children and families

The preliminary design directions generated at the Ideas Jam (and feedback on them) will be used to develop a refined set of concept options and a draft preferred concept. This in turn will be presented back to the public and stakeholders for further review and input later this fall and in early 2019.



Programming

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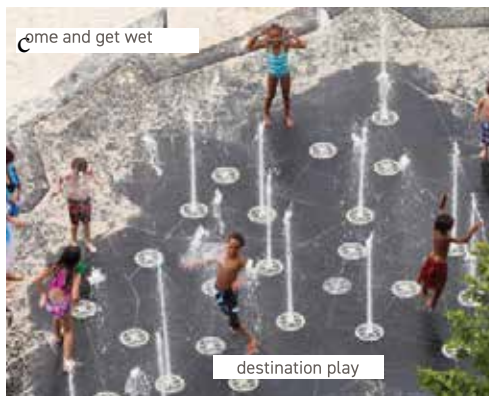
- These images and words were chosen by the community to represent the types of experiences and activities that they felt should be supported and prioritized in the square.



come for lunch
shady tree spots
grab a bite
eat and relax



come when it's cold and rainy
winter markets
light displays
digital art
covered areas



come and get wet

destination play



come to discover

playful seating
elements and art



come to see local art

destination outdoor
art gallery
public art elements

Design ideas generated and illustrated on the following pages were based on these preferred experiences, and premised on:

- Supporting a range of events and festivals that are publicly oriented and at a scale appropriate to the square.
- creating a more simplified and formal civic space with seamless physical and visual connections
- enable flexible and adaptable use of the square and support a range of events, festivals and other programming opportunities.



come to socialize

community block party
community gatherings



come for local events and food

markets
unique events

Direction 1

MORE OPEN URBAN DOUGLAS ST. PLAZA

- we heard a desire to create a more welcoming and open relationship to Douglas Street with a strong sense of arrival

IDEA 1

elements:

- hard surface plaza
- shade trees
- pavilion at Douglas St.
- public art + water

provides:

- festival and event space
- visual connection
- gateway

good for:

- safe and inclusive/ more welcoming
- flexible programming markets and small events
- better sight lines



DOUGLAS STREET



Direction 1

MORE OPEN URBAN DOUGLAS ST PLAZA

- we heard that safety, visibility and openness is important

IDEA 2

elements:

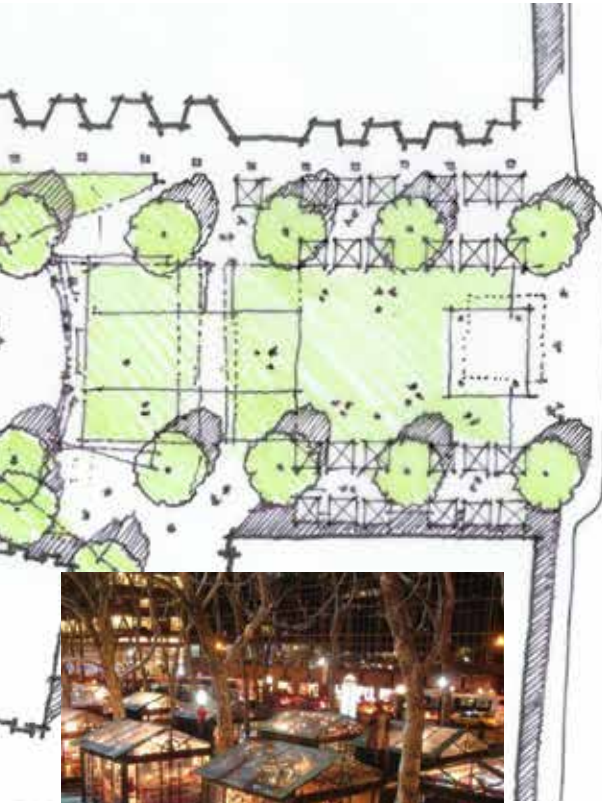
- open lawn area
- shade trees
- pavilion at Douglas St.
- water element

provides:

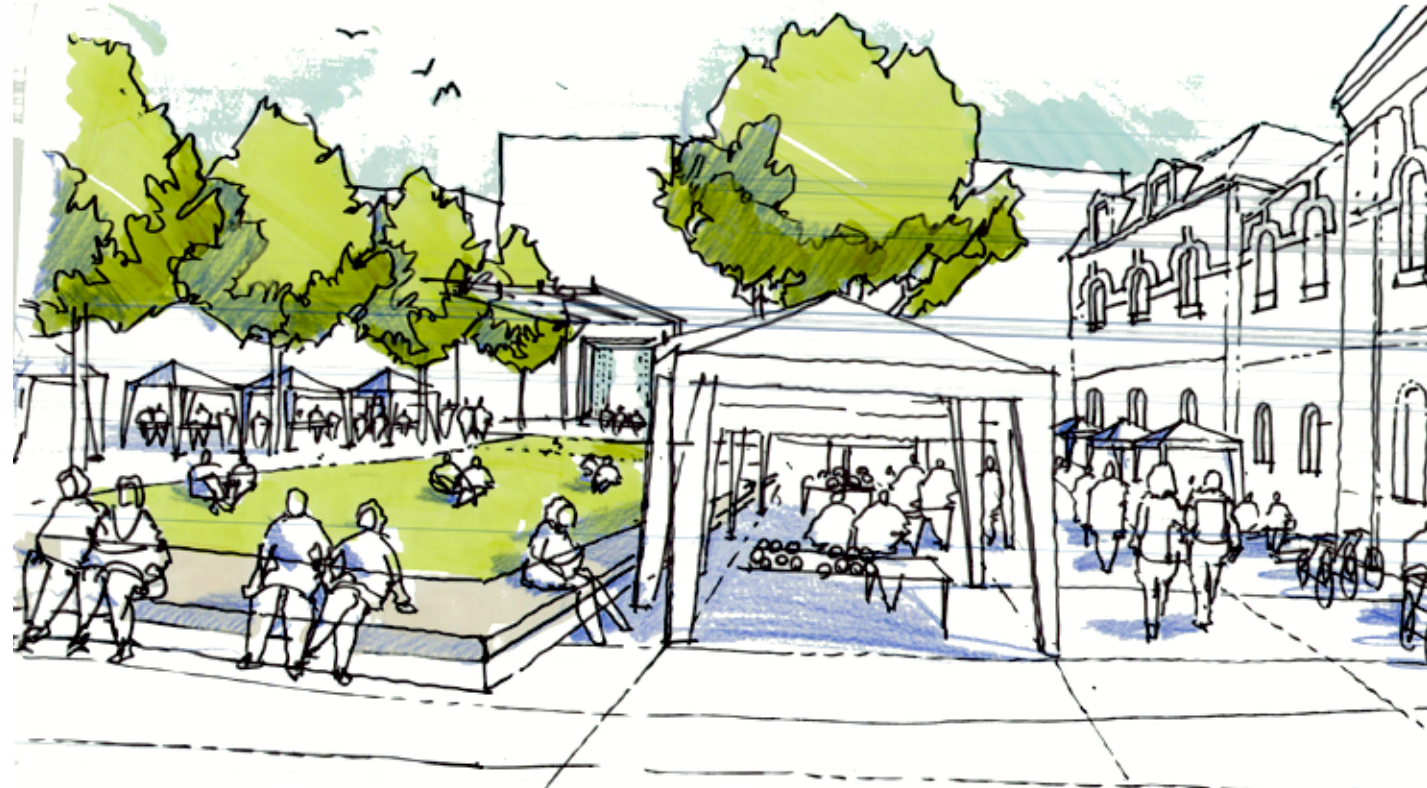
- festival lawn and event space
- visual connection
- gateway

good for:

- celebration, markets, urban oasis
- welcoming, open and safe
- more ground level uses



DOUGLAS STREET



Direction 2 INTEGRATED AND ACCESSIBLE GRADES

- we heard that better connections and easier movement for all is important and in need of improvement

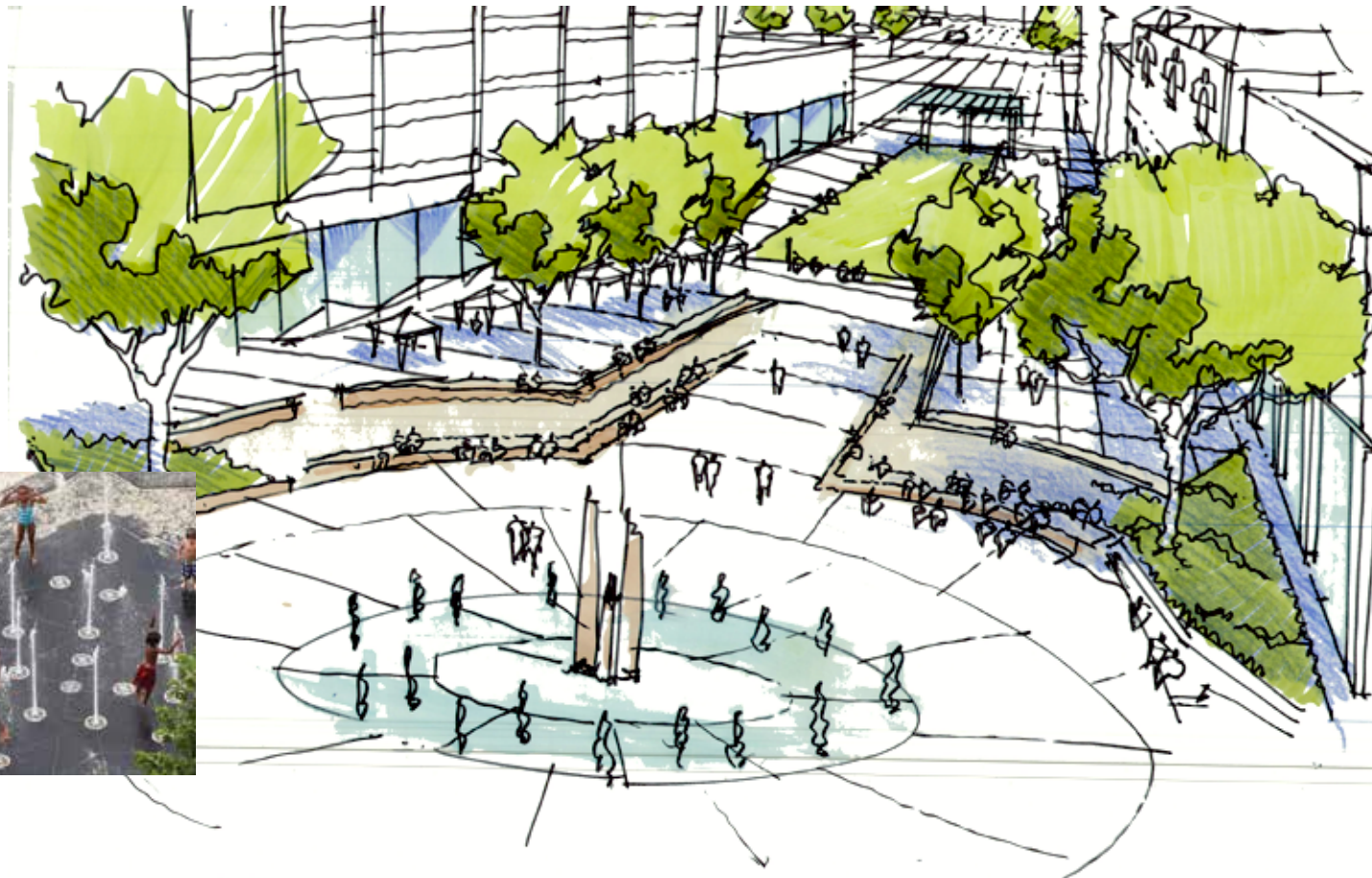
IDEA 3

elements:

- sloped landscape/ plaza
- seating edges/ steps
- simplified, continuous grades
- works with hardscaped or lawn Douglas plaza

provides:

- seamless visual and physical connections
- universally accessible grade change
- event space
- play opportunities
- more inviting places to sit



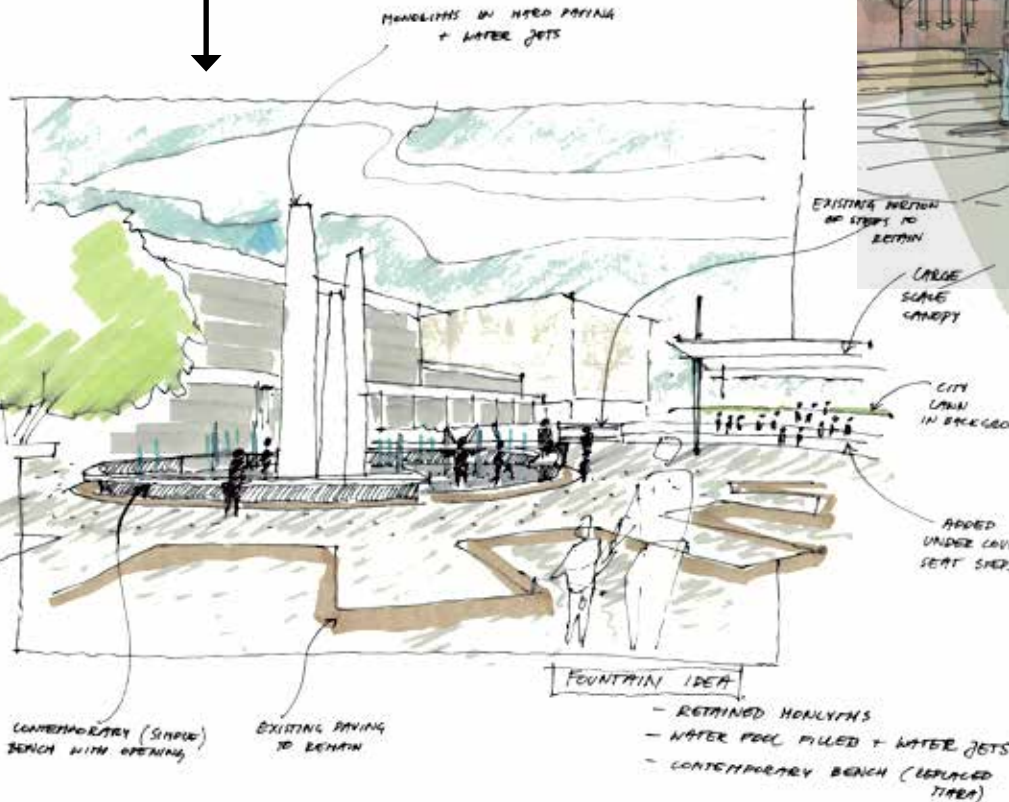
Direction 3

REFRESHED FOUNTAIN AND CENTRAL PLAZA

- we heard a desire for a more and open and flexible space integrating water play while preserving elements that have heritage value and meaning

IDEA 4

- contemporary seating adapting and using the tiara (with breaks that allow for walking through)
- pool replaced with water jets
- preserves original layout
- provides urban play
- improves connectivity

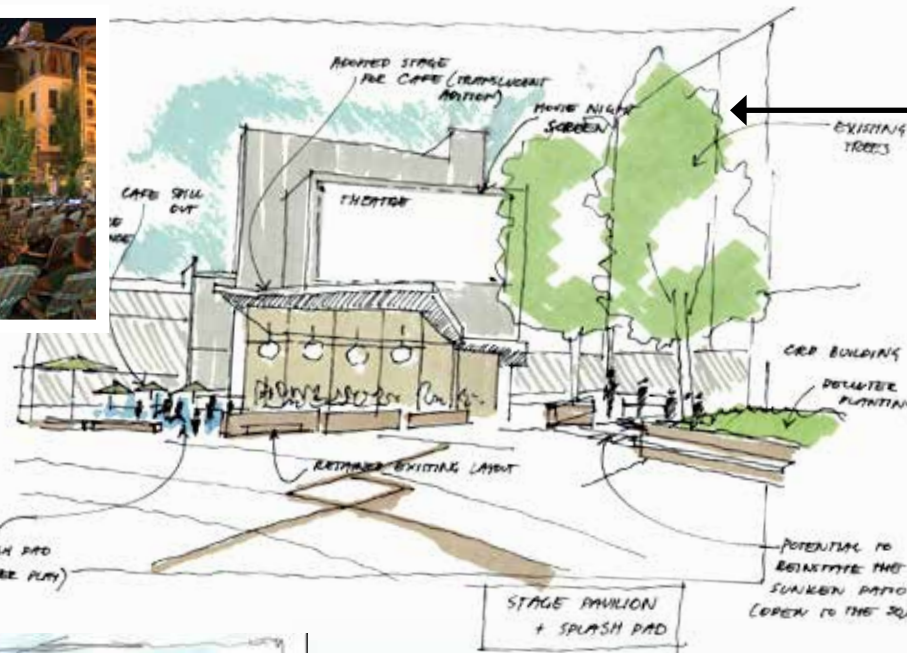


IDEA 5

- totemic monoliths retained and restored
- paved ground plane with water jets that can be turned on and off, with permanent water jets adjacent to monoliths
- provides more flexible open space
- allows urban play
- improves connectivity
- attracts people of all ages

Direction 4 ACTIVE EDGES

- we've heard that active 'sticky' building edges with retail and activity spilling out into the square would be great



IDEA 6

sticky edge 1

- stage area adapted for pavilion and enclosed active use

IDEA 8

sticky edge 3

- active uses in existing / or redeveloped building at north Douglas plaza

IDEA 7

sticky edge 2

- undercroft area adapted for inclosed or semi enclosed pavilion and active use



Direction 5

ACTIVATED UNDERCROFT

- we've heard that the undercroft is a great opportunity for activation and programming to create a more welcoming entry from Broad Street.

IDEA 9

Civic Room

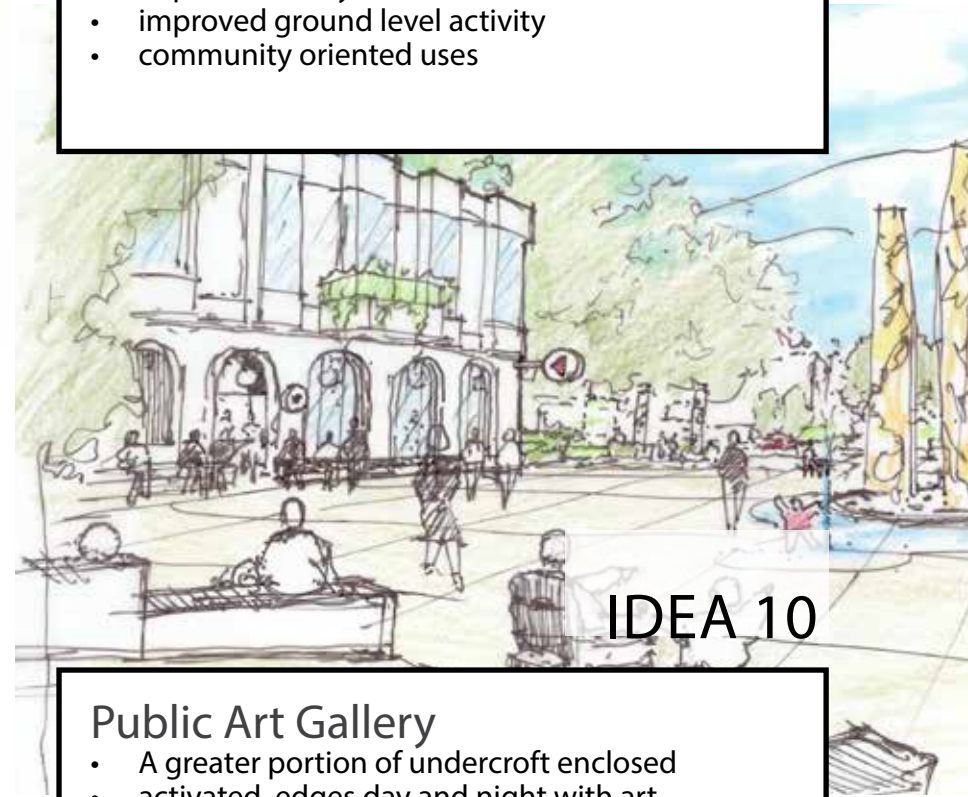
- Partially enclose undercroft (west side)
- activated west and north edge with seating and spill out
- programmable flexible uses
- improved safety
- improved ground level activity
- community oriented uses

Open-air Gallery

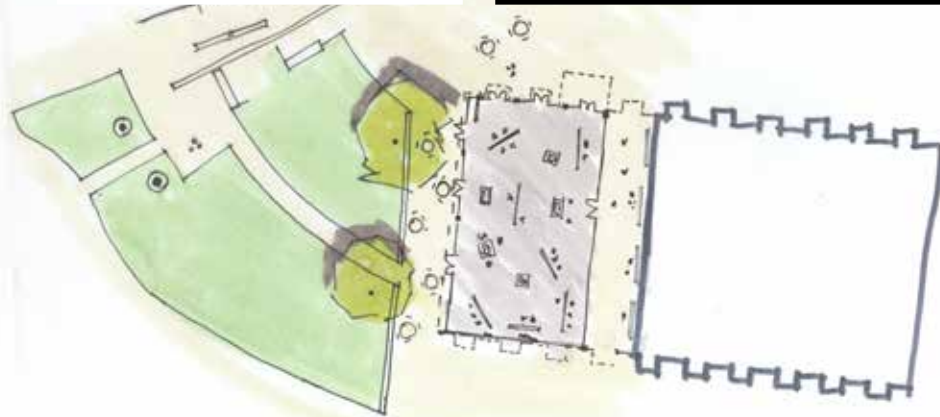
- An option to leave the undercroft open and program as an open air gallery for multi-media and interactive installations

Public Art Gallery

- A greater portion of undercroft enclosed
- activated edges day and night with art displays, lit and visible at all times
- rotating layout and exhibition
- improved safety
- improved ground level activity
- destination, support arts and culture



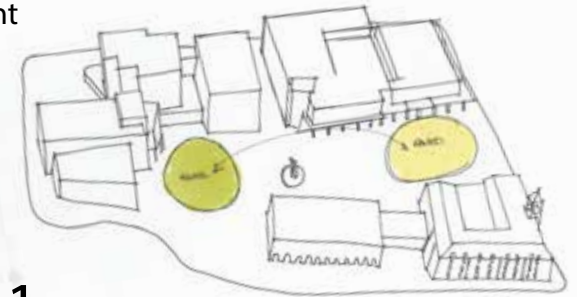
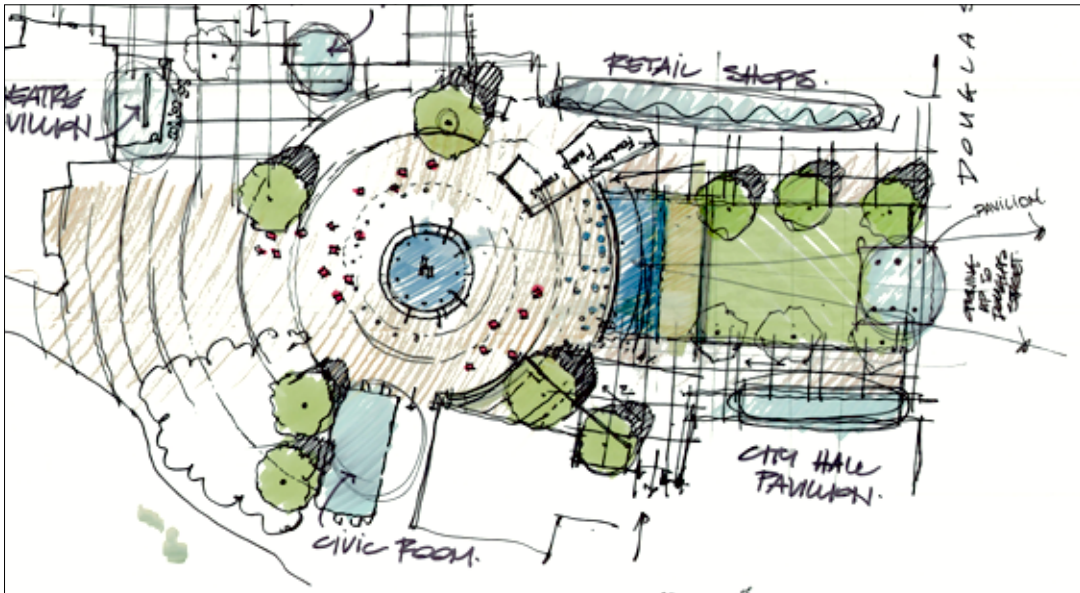
IDEA 10



Direction 6

INVITING URBAN GREEN

- we heard that both a green (lush trees/lawn) and safe space to relax and socialize in the square is important



IDEA 11

Urban Green East

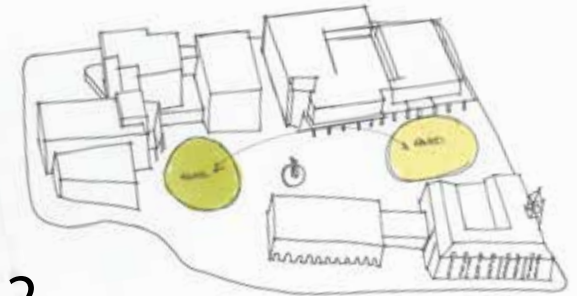
- Community lawn at Douglas Street
- open lawn with deciduous trees for framing
- shelter/ canopy or pavilion at Douglas St.
- potential for incorporation of water feature
- improved connectivity
- improved sitelines
- sense of gateway
- 'green' interface with Douglas



Direction 6

INVITING URBAN GREEN

- we've heard that a place to sit in the shade and enjoy lunch or host a farmers market is desired



IDEA 12

Urban Green West

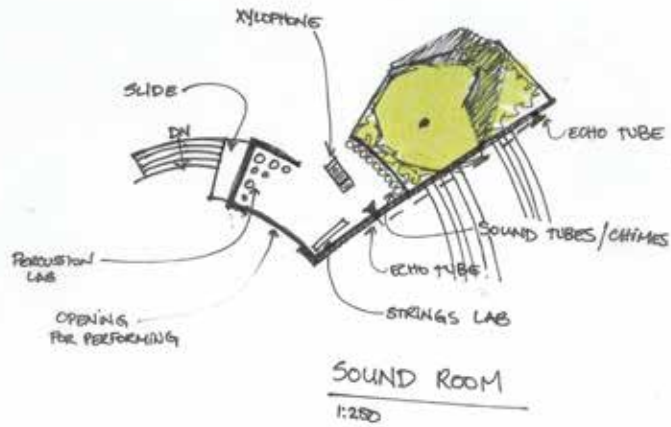
- hardscape plaza at Douglas
- retained fountain and monoliths
- lawn and treed area adjacent to the theatre (stage removed/reconfigured)
- improved safety
- larger, better open space for markets
- visual transparency



Other ideas

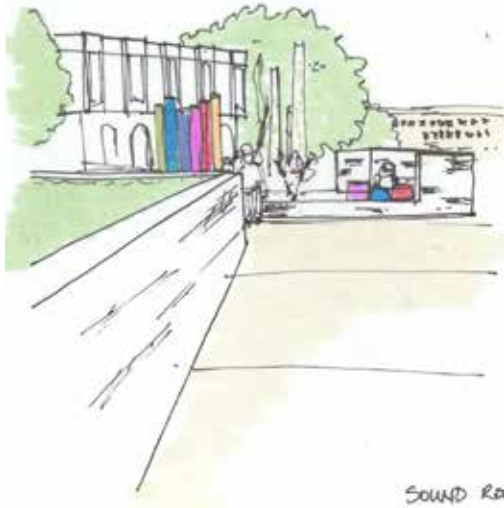
DESIGN EXPLORATIONS

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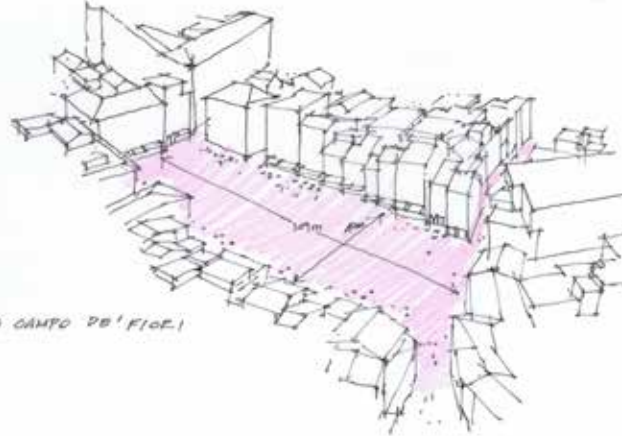
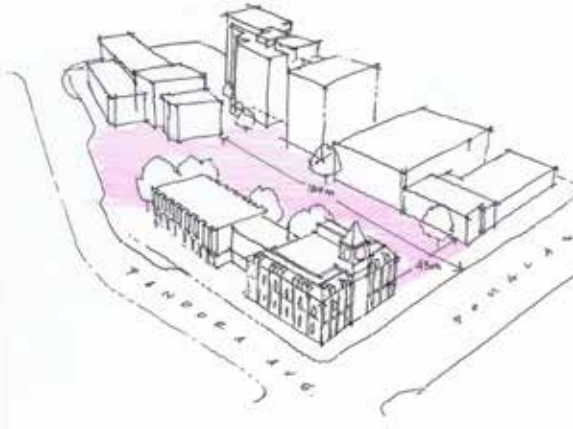
The new Cantorville Square

The mosaic Monoliths as the iconic landmark.

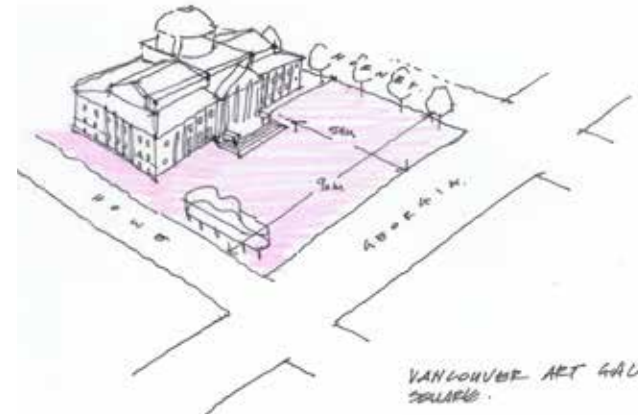


Analysis

DESIGN STUDIES



PIAZZA CAMPO DE' FIORI
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VANCOUVER ART GALLERY
SQUARE

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- VIEWS & ACCESS

C² AS POSITIVE SPACE

- INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS
- LIGHTING
- WATER
- SOUND

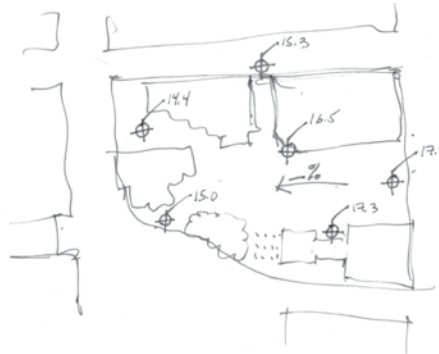
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- DONGLAS
- TRANSIT RIDERS



CRU = coffee
bike rental
shop
child outreach



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INACTIVE EDGES

People's activities attract people, that attract activity.