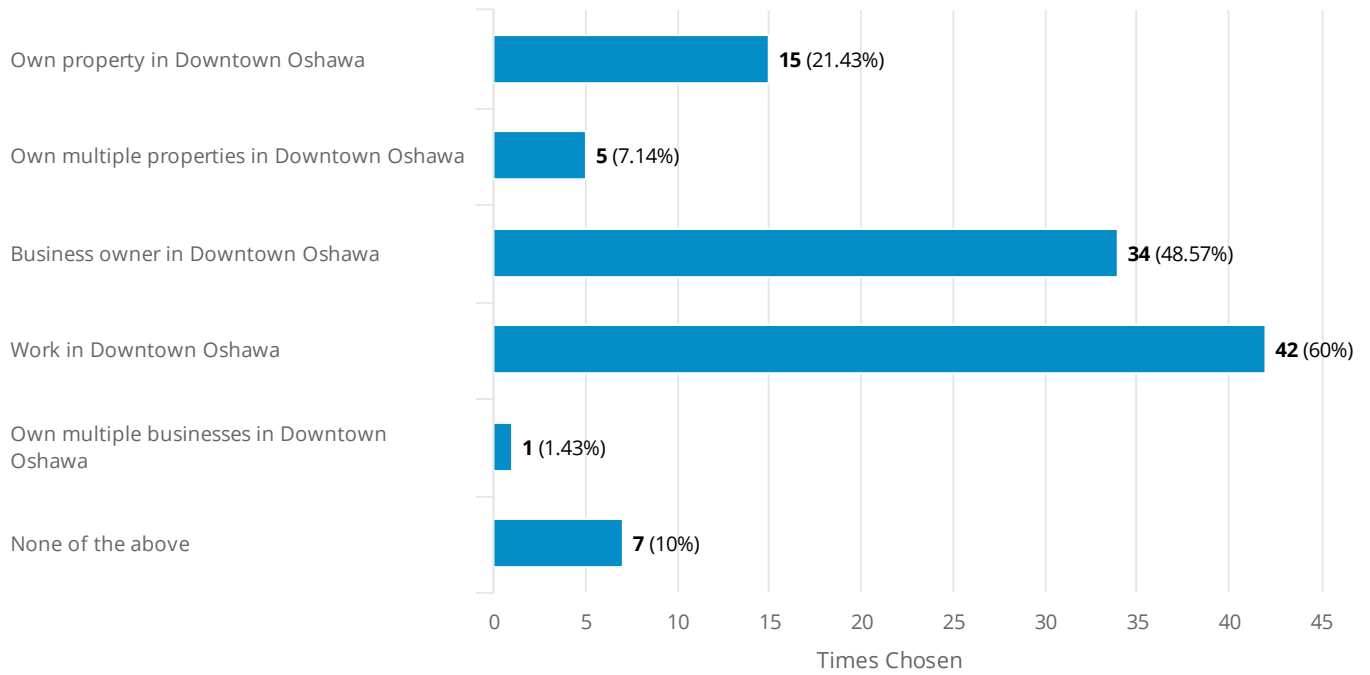


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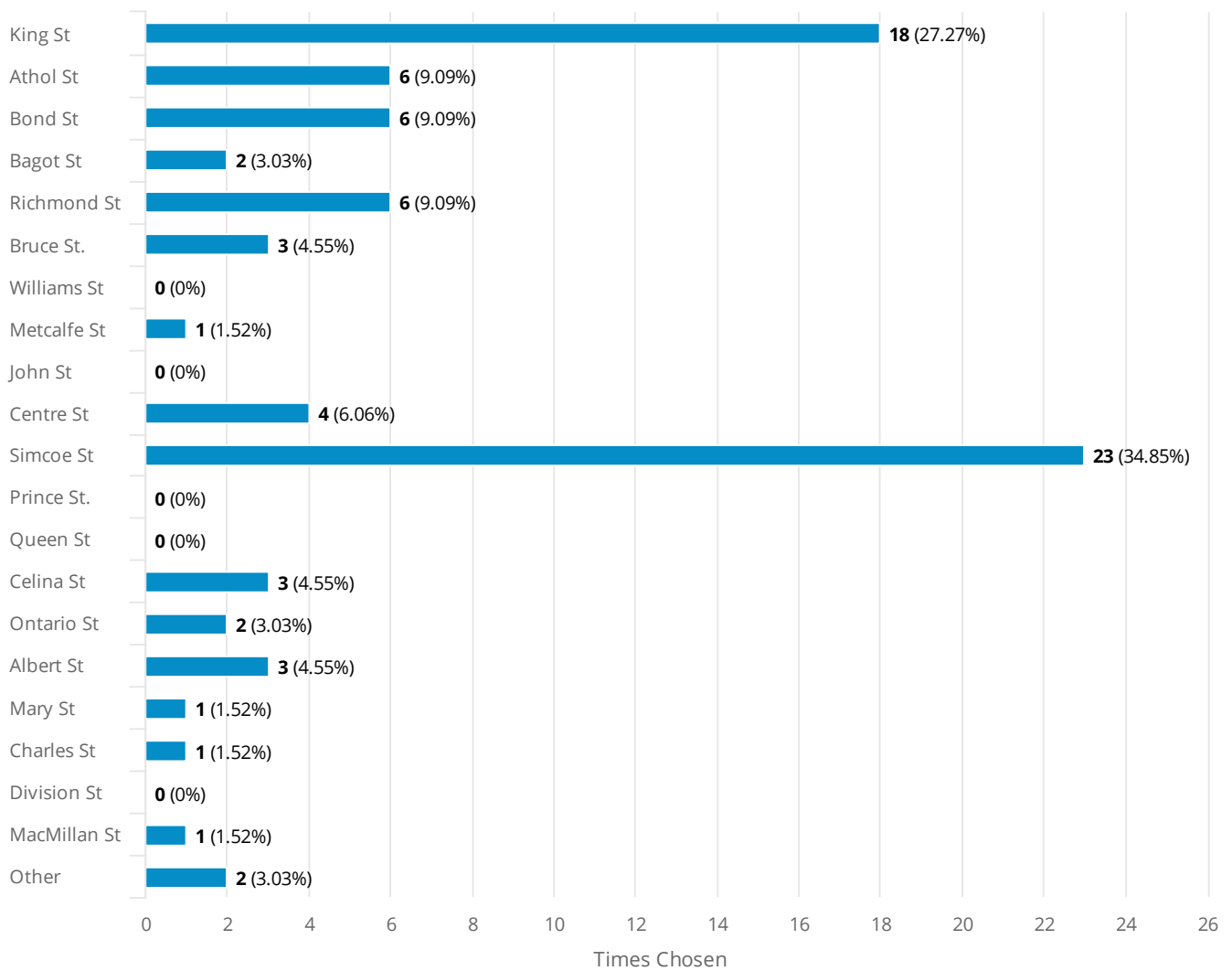
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Number of responses: 70



2. Where is your business located?

Number of responses: 66



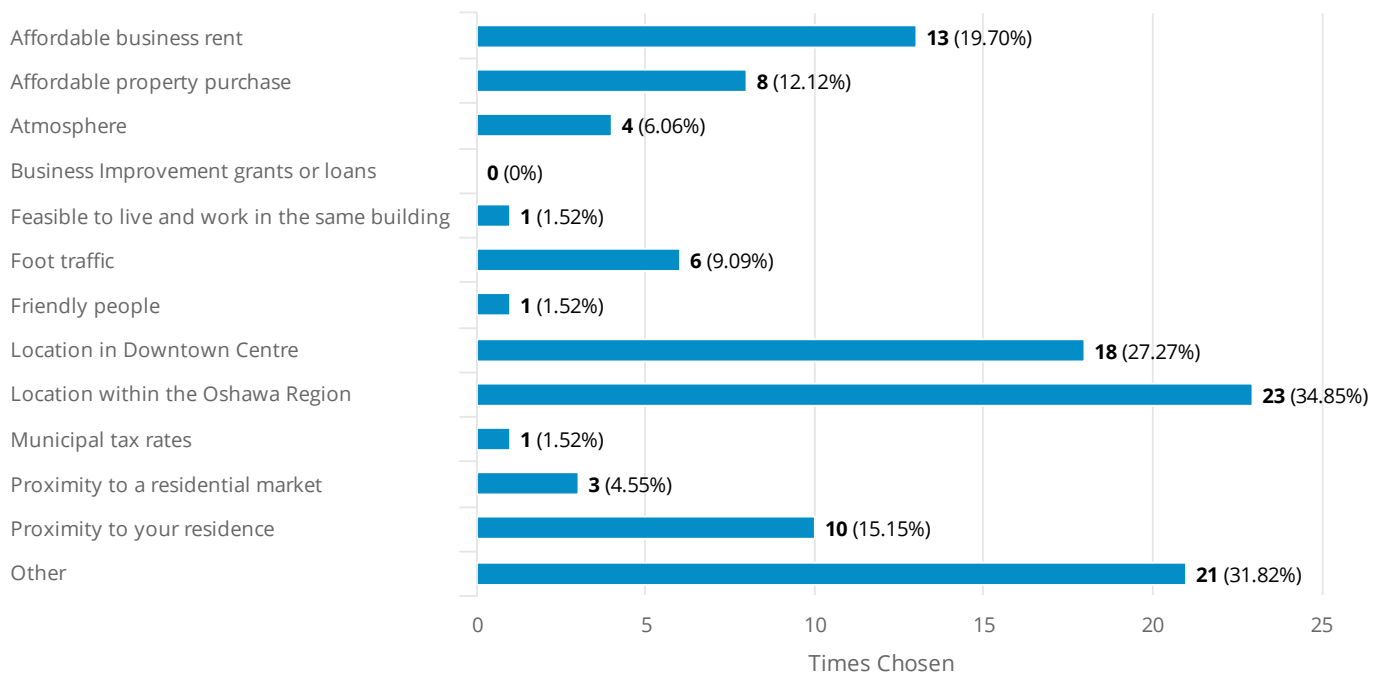
"Other" text answers:

Non

Other

3. What influenced your decision to establish a business in Downtown Oshawa?

Number of responses: 66



"Other" text answers:

I supported the downtown and wanted to participate in early revitalization efforts

Client base is mainly in Oshawa

Other

na

Other

Other

employee not business owner

employee at a business that relocated to downtown

NA... City Hall employee

Employee

Non

Other

Im an employee

Other

central location as we have clients all over the region

Ease of access for our client base to reach us

NA

Founded in 1963 - no idea!

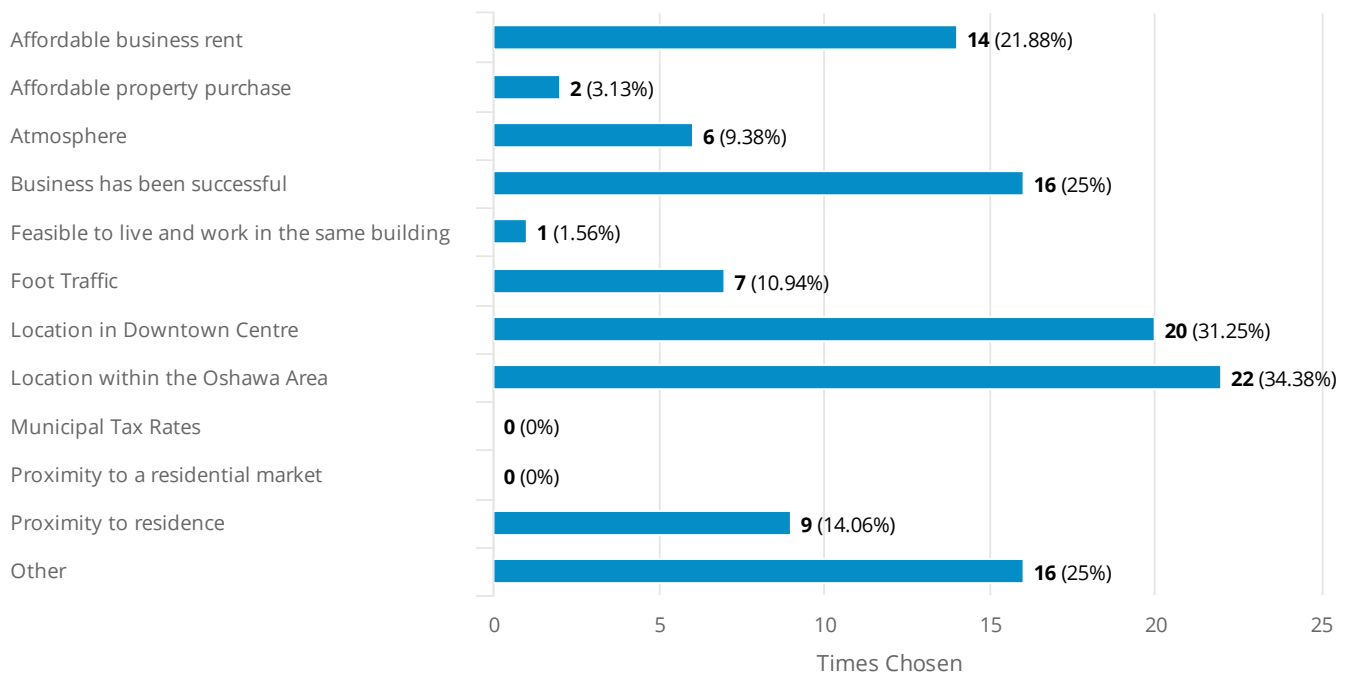
Expectations of the future

Oshawa close to home

Other

4. What has influenced your decision to keep your business in Downtown Oshawa?

Number of responses: 64



"Other" text answers:

Other

na

Location is good and we made significant investment in our building

Other

work at Oshawa Public Library, building has been downtown since 1954

stuck with the property

still employed at business that is located downtown

established name and location

Non

The customers keep coming

I am an employee

NA

Unable to find a suitable location elsewhere.

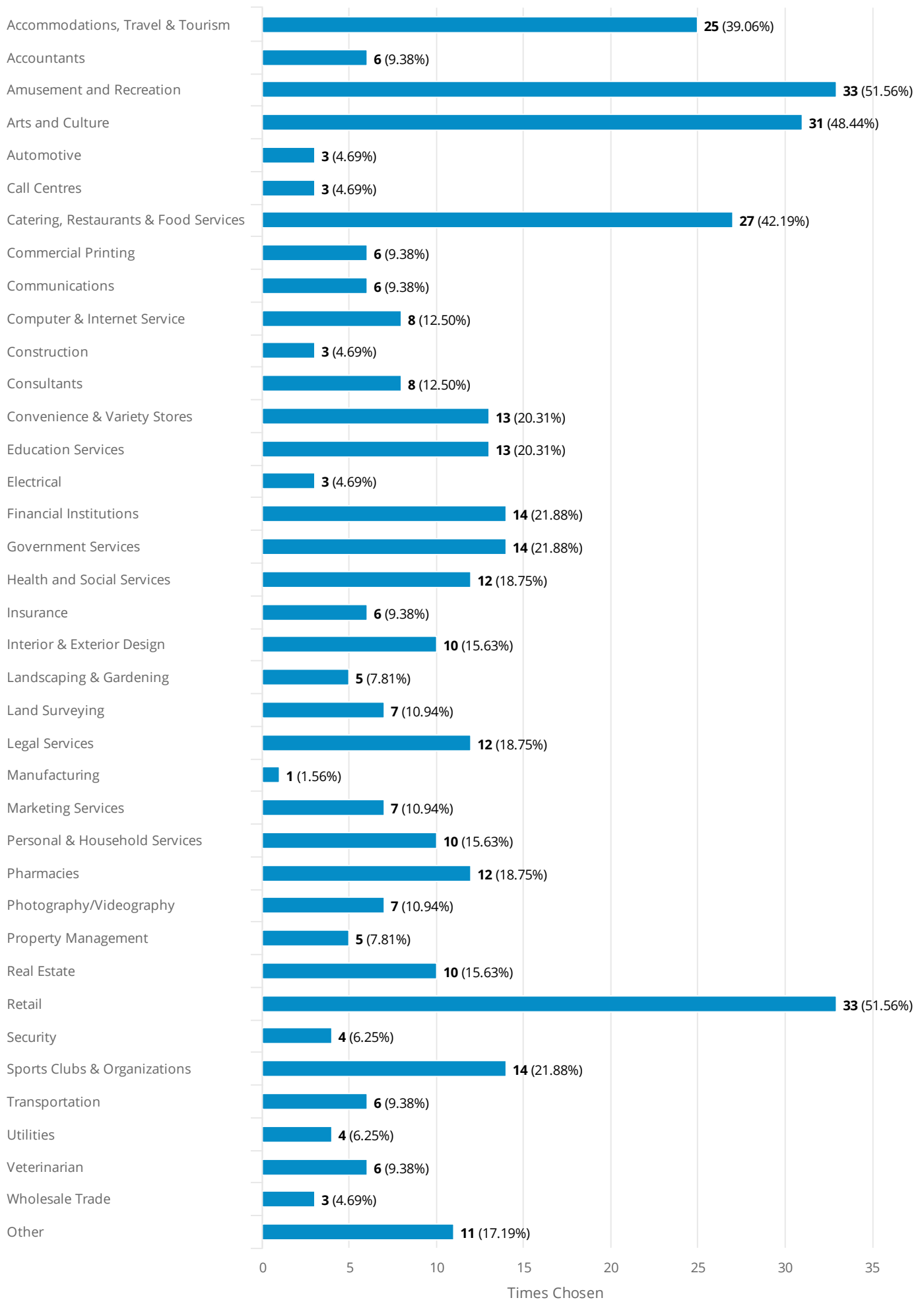
Expectations for the future

i dont own a business

I dont own one

5. What types of businesses do you think would enhance Downtown Oshawa?

Number of responses: 64



"Other" text answers:

Grocery Store

Grocery store

1) Grocery Store, 2) Movie Theatre

Public events / farmers market / seasonal festivals

Hiher End shops of all kinds including Starbucks

Family focused businesses and areaa

Association

Grocery Store

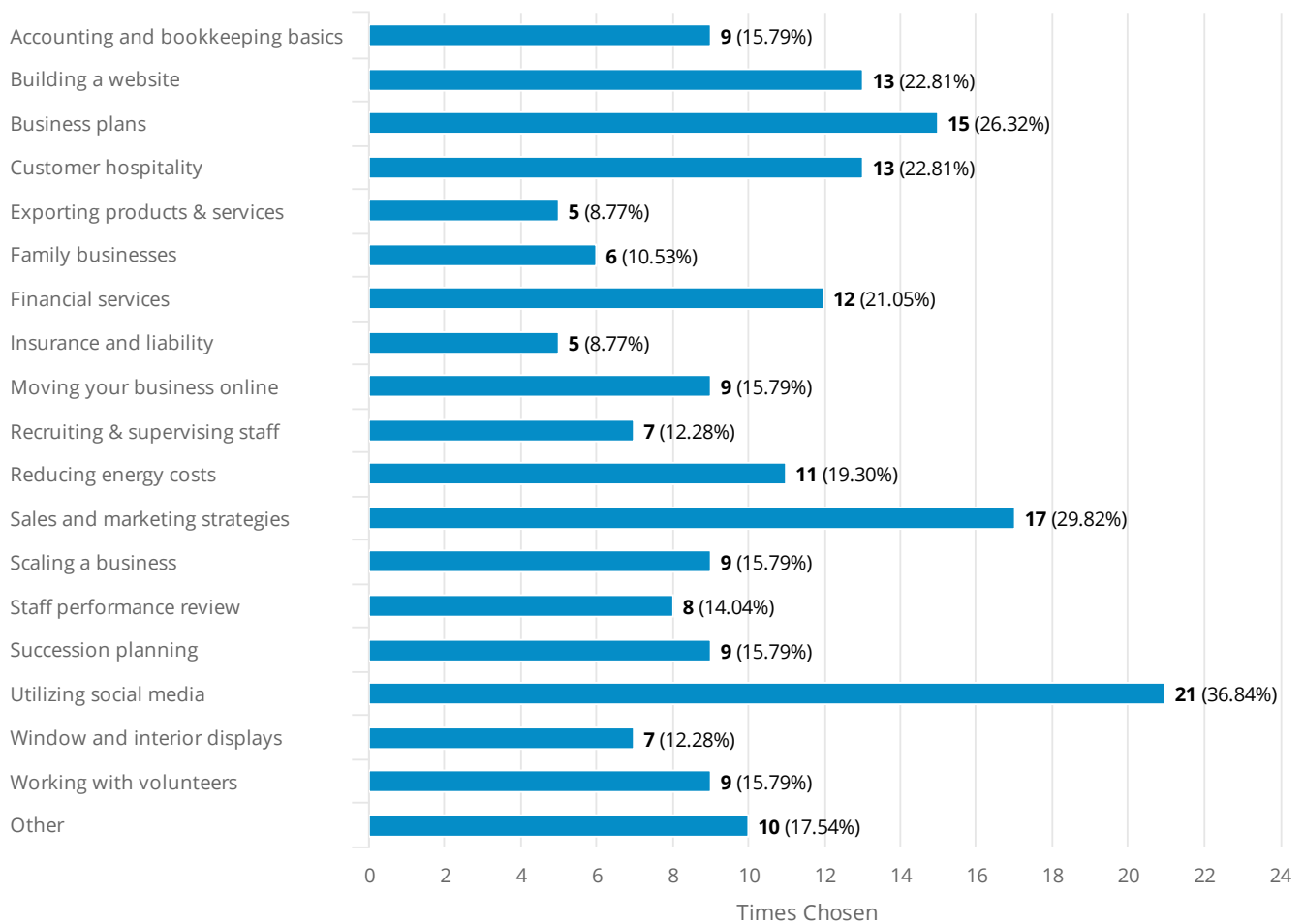
Coffee shops and restaurants

Quality bars, nightclubs, and music venues

All of them

6. What learning events would be helpful for growing your business and staff?

Number of responses: 57



"Other" text answers:

We would love to see more downtown events, like Cars on King... something that will bring large amounts of people downtown and help our business.

Other

Crisis Intervention, safety and working with marginalized communities

cannot answer

Other

Other

none

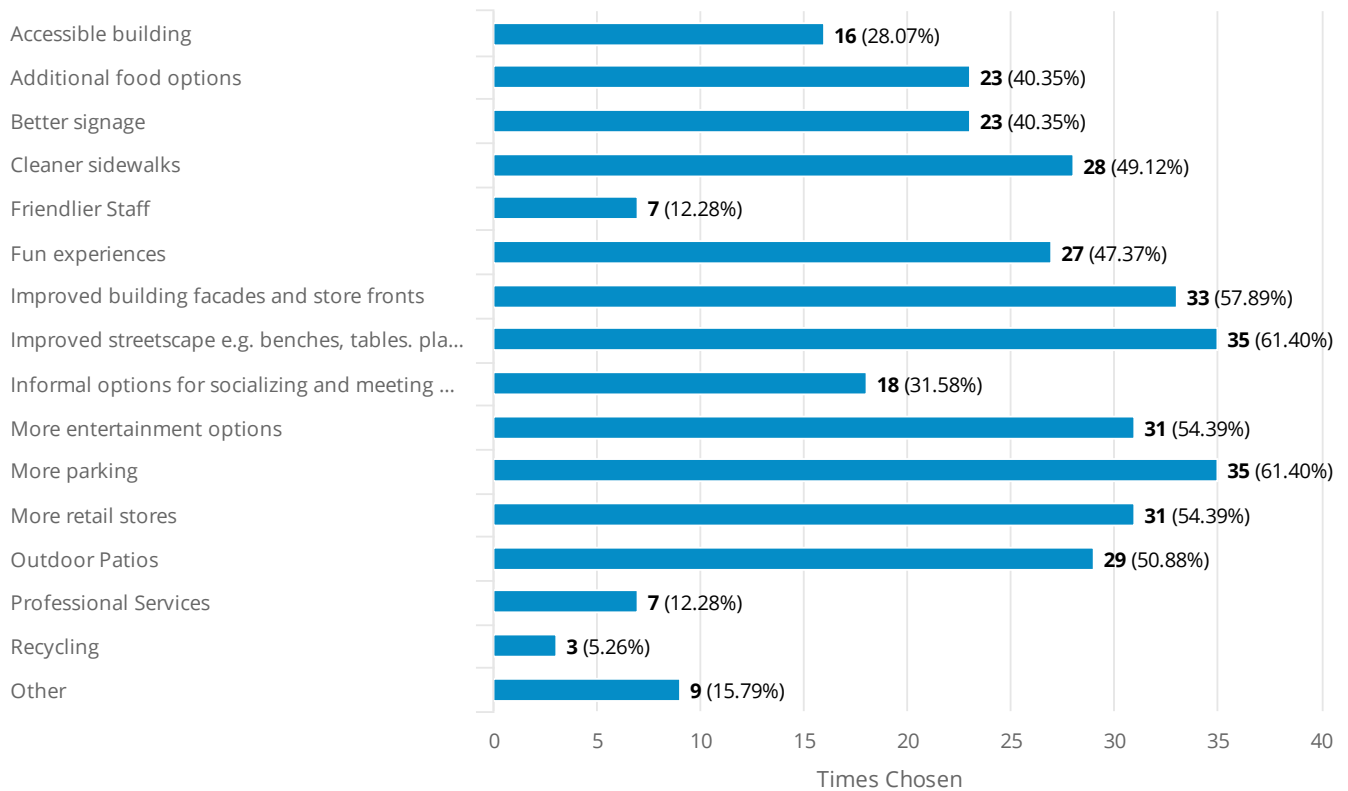
Lower taxes or BIA fees

All or any

Addiction and mental health training

7. What do you think would improve a visitor's experience when visiting Downtown Oshawa?

Number of responses: 57



"Other" text answers:

Less drug addicts and scary looking people downtown.

Less duplicate options. So many pizza and coffee type locations.

PUBLIC WASHROOMS

Cheaper parking

Cultural and family friendly options

Other

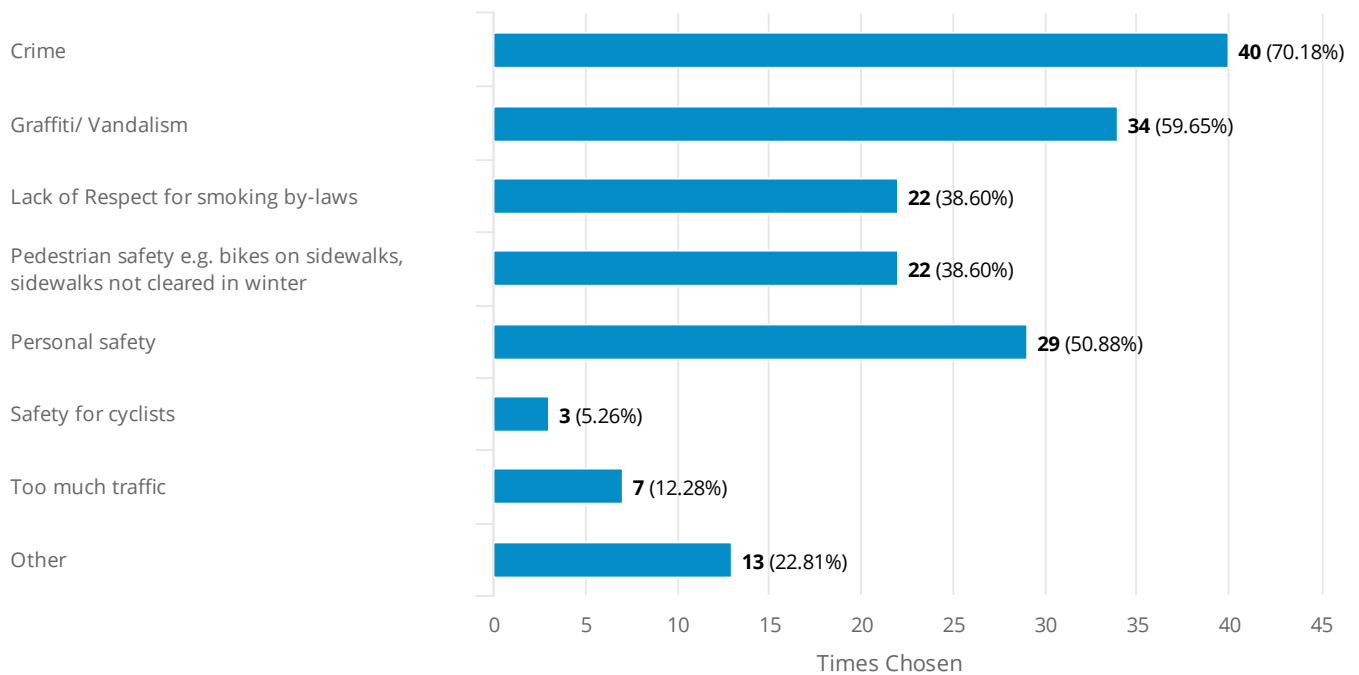
eliminate the alarming drug dealing problem downtown

relocation of meth clinic

Addressing the addiction, mental health, prostitution, and other visible issues on the street.

8. Do you have any concerns about Downtown Oshawa?

Number of responses: 57



"Other" text answers:

Provide more business

needles along the parking lots/ground left overnight

Lack of reasons for public to come to downtown after 5pm.

Increasing Homeless Society in Downtown Core

No where for individuals experiencing homelessness to go

Needs more schools and family areas and assistance

lack of parking

people in need of shelter must be given real options away from downtown core

high rate of theft.. drug related issues

Drug use

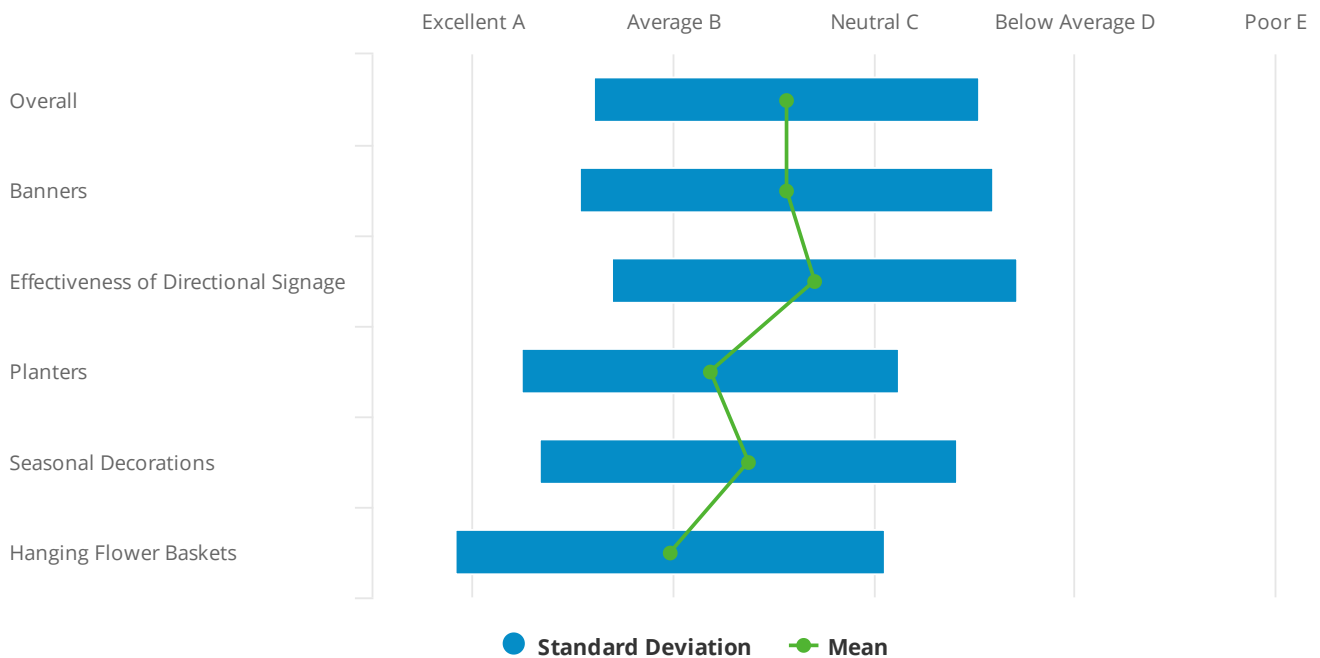
Massive snowbanks not cleared, make it difficult to get to sidewalk from parked cars; parking limit of 2 hours not realistic; homeless sleeping in storefronts and on benches;

Lack of foot traffic after 5pm, paid parking when everywhere else in Oshawa is free, needle's, homelessness, empty storefronts, etc.

Nothing

9. Beautification The BIA contributes to the attractiveness of the Downtown Oshawa area. Please let us know how we're doing in this area.

Number of responses: 57



Do you have any further comments?

Number of responses: 19

Text answers:

There are a lot of vacancies and obsolete commercial and retail spaces, the facades are unattractive. I believe the BIA should contribute to Floral beautification in the range of \$15,000 but we should resist the City downloading floral beautification, and streetscape improvements like lamps, trees, benches and planters. Many members of Council will be more than happy to download costs onto the backs of downtown property owners, the BIA staff and Board must be vigilant to avoid this.

THE BIA TEAM DO AN AMAZING JOB!

More events with King Street being closed for pedestrian traffic downtown would be beautiful... like how Bowmanville does that probably once or twice every month for one festival or another. Cars on King & Bikes on Bond are our biggest days of the year and we would love to see more events.

Even the roads are patchwork...It would be nice if they were paved and uniform. Sidewalks are also a mess. There are no unique features; old murals, looks unclean.

We need people to be encouraged to come downtown; we need more reasons for them to come; we need more events, farmers markets, festivals and weekly reasons to bring people here to support business and attract new business. People of Oshawa are driving to nearby communities and supporting other communities because Oshawa offers no reason to come here. Look at Bowmanville and Brooklin etc. People think they are great spots because their downtown cores are full of options, safe, free parking, and tons of seasonal activities. We need the farmers market here every weekend not in North Oshawa or at Oshawa center, we are driving people away from our downtown! The city and BIA are failing downtown ; the city has located meth clinics and social problems in Down Town because they are all wanting these problems to stay here they are completely out to lunch as to what needs to be done

Christmas wreaths were left up for months after they should've been taken down. All were dead and still hanging on poles.

New murals would be a great option and murals completed by true artists and not done by students, etc. so that they are done well.

So many spots in the downtown core that would benefit from fresh, impactful murals. So many are dated and it makes the city look dated and old when you should be trying to make it look fresh.

Weeds all over the place in sidewalks and grass areas. Grass areas grow much too long before being cut, making the city look again, unkempt.

Would like to see less begging in the streets

Yes...the locker setup for the homeless set up next to my business was placed by the Simcoe United Church without the authorization by local businesses...it is increasingly becoming occupied by the homeless as a sleeping area and storage of personal items not in lockers. I hope the city and church will take immediate action as my thought pattern has changed about continuing my business to operate in downtown Oshawa as I am losing clients and cannot attract additional business...I am sure other businesses are thinking the same about moving. Hope there a is positive resolution in this matter.

have a look at Cobourg, and take note. Beautiful small city.

money could be better spent on things other than flowers/plants that get changed out each season and are thrown out/die. Would rather see renewable trees etc. Perhaps fruit trees that those in the downtown core could enjoy.

Please make more playgrounds and schools within walking distance of King st East. An early years centre, drop ins, free family resources such as Torontos parents for better beginnings. more representation of culture and family friendly stores and areas. More events such as Torontos regent park Wednesday in the park event.

Involvement of all community members. More retail places and fun zones for children and families. Making the downtown core bright and booming. Safe for young families and all members.

we need free parking in downtown oshawa for customers to walk around to see what we have to offer.

Well we're not sure what the city is (budget) responsible for and what the BIA enhances. All we know of we're the lovely wreaths in the Christmas Season, which were great. Didn't know that BIA did the hanging baskets, thought that was city budget. So hard to comment on this section.

What about a new description of Downtown Oshawa as "Historic Downtown Oshawa" especially with the revival of the Genosha Hotel. When a google search is done for "Historic Downtown"there are multiple cities listed but not Oshawa yet Oshawa is just about as Historic as the rest of them. Just an idea

Focus less on planters ... more on local events. Work with Museums, Entertainment Venues, and Restaurants to have promote events.

More help promoting "ALL" new and small businesses.. friendlier members (besides Angela)

The space East of Mary Street on King is not included in the beautification. No signage or planters. We see a lot of traffic in this area during sport and concert events. The streets in the area are dark and uninviting, especially at night. it is a missed opportunity for beautification.

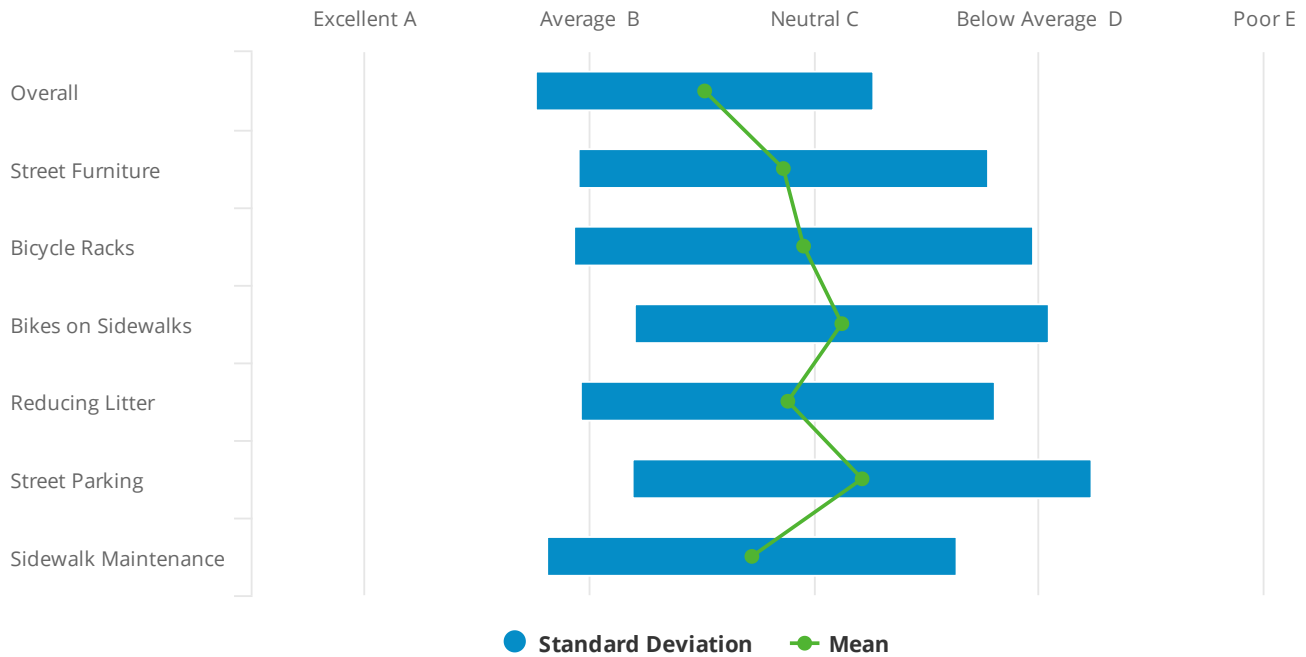
More businesses need to step up and participate in the BIA efforts. If they want these things, they too need to put a little elbow grease into the tasks. It can't just all fall on the BIA itself which has just 2 or 3 staff. When it comes to running a large event, that needs many hands to undertake. A moderate sized group of people for a planning team can lighten the load and allow each participant to specialize with one specific part of contribution that doesn't then need large amounts of that person's time - they bring their special skill, apply it, and everyone benefits from the outcomes. This is also a more community minded result.

I'm new to working in the Oshawa area, but I like the layout of the roads, even though the one way streets did take a little while to get used to

Everything stops at Mary, but property owners to the east are paying for seemingly nothing.

10. Revitalization & Maintenance The BIA contributes to streetscape and improvement projects. Please let us know how we're doing in this area.

Number of responses: 57



Do you have any further comments?

Number of responses: 9

Text answers:

The BIA should not be paying for streetscape improvement projects we should only be at the table as advisors and stakeholders. This is not within the BIA mandate, it is a municipal responsibility that should be covered by our very high commercial taxes and not come out of the BIA budget. Why am I walking past a soiled mattress that has been on the sidewalk for days, not the impression I want my blue chip clients to be left with.

Stop doing surveys; my god do we require my feedback to have the intelligence to actually do something constructive.

Again, nothing out of the ordinary that makes Oshawa unique for their streetscape. A lot is on the property owners as their facades are outdated or boarded up.

Too many e bikes being seen on sidewalks

The bike lane on Athol is one of the stupidest things I have ever seen developed and paid for by my taxes

Would love to see a vibrant, filled downtown area rather than the empty and hardly any residents walking as it is now. Focusing on more major retailers, retail space and fun activities to make it similar to yonge and Dundas

in Toronto. Food court etc. As the only mall oshawa Centre is still a bit further. Love that there's an university campus and upcoming residences so there will be more residents in the near future downtown core

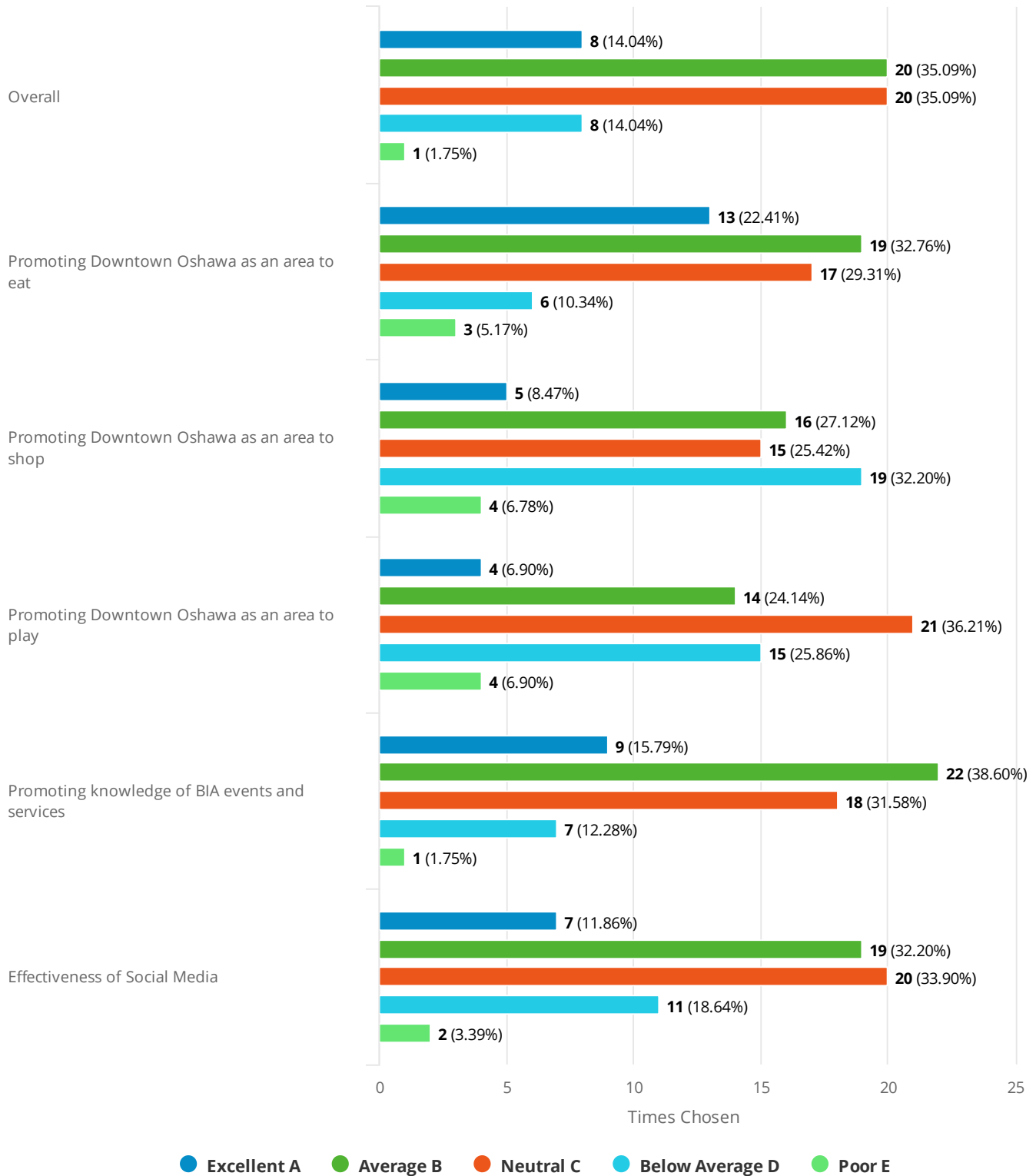
Thought most of this should be city responsibility not BIA. The BIA enhancements are noted and welcomed but our individual property taxes are higher because of the surcharges.

Get rid of street parking provide patio space. Focus on multilevel parking or parking among new project construction.

Grades will improve with the completion of the installation of new furniture, garbage cans, bike racks etc. Still lots of garbage on streets from apartments and spaces being cleaned out. Street parking limits not reasonable for business other than food/retail.

11. Marketing & Promotion The BIA encourages residents to shop, eat and play in the downtown Oshawa area. Please let us know how we're doing in this area. Note: As per the Municipal Act, the BIA role is that of promoting the community as a whole rather than individual downtown businesses.

Number of responses: 57



Do you have any further comments?

Number of responses: 11

Text answers:

I think we should be promoting our BIA members to BIA members more. The restaurant guides from Dave Tuley (economic development) and Laura Vallincourt were excellent. What happened?

There is little shopping or "play" available downtown to be promoted.

There are so many businesses in the downtown core and yet, so many get no recognition through the BIA. There has been a slight enhancement of social media use the past month(s), however, it's primarily event focused.

very few attractive shops in downtown for shopping experiences

Free parking events like near Christmas cohld encourage more shoppers, plus there is not enough parking available

Every business should be included in a full color booklet for all major types of business including:

- FOOD
- SHOPPING
- INDUSTRY
- SERVICES

Etc

All of these booklets should then be provided to business owners to hand out in their shops.

Need to focus on major and popular retailers as well as free drop in centers for families. Resources and recreational activities, games sports, restaurants and stores. More people and population increase also. More family friendly areas to socialise. Coffee and retail in buildings. Playground and schools should be within walking distance not a half hour walk especially for young children

We use our mobile devices a lot and the BIA website seems awkward to use compared to some other mobile websites.

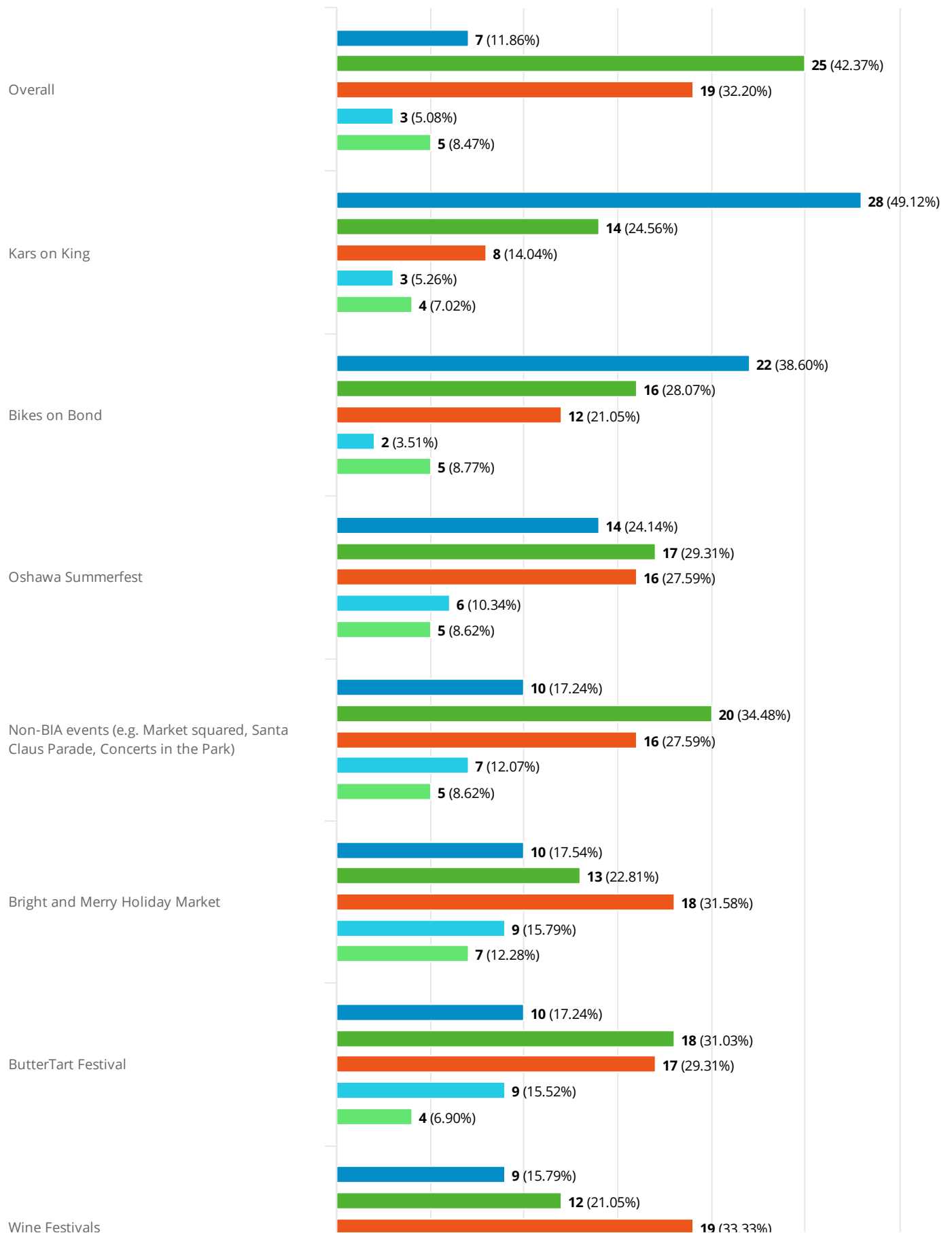
Improvements in social media are helping. This should continue !

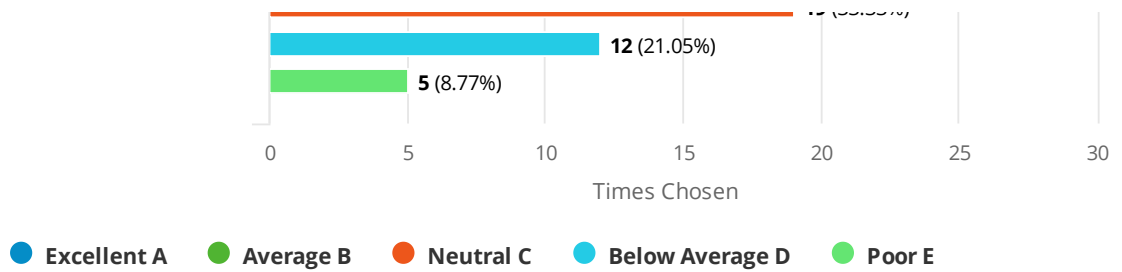
I have noticed more on social media and think you are doing a much better job than in previous years. Keep up the good work!

Perhaps it's not the fault of the BIA, but there is zero incentive to come to downtown Oshawa. You're going to pay for parking to eat or drink at one of the few worthwhile restaurants. Retail is virtually non-existent. Entertainment is virtually non-existent. Events are virtually non-existent unless you are considering city hall as promoting downtown as a whole?

12. Special Events & Initiatives The BIA organizes and supports special events in the Oshawa Downtown area as a means of promoting local businesses. Please let us know how we're doing in this area.

Number of responses: 57





Do you have any further comments?

Number of responses: 10

Text answers:

I am not sure how much special events boost downtown merchants. Stores are often closed during these festivals. However, festivals and events showcase the downtown and attract new residents. Events and festivals were previously funded by the Downtown Action Committee through the City. DAC undertook the mural program, Art in the Park and other events in partnership with the BIA. Major events should not be in isolated areas where there is little spin off revenue. Perhaps events like the Wine Festival at RMG should be shared between restaurants. Why should the BIA be responsible for all community events, we still need the City to chip in. Canada Day downtown was a bad idea that would never get past the fire department unless the plan was redevelopment by fire. The effort made enemies on Council

I make a point to avoid downtown during the nasty "bikes on bond" or "cars on king". I've never heard of any of the other events and I am downtown virtual every day.

Unless you are engaged with downtown you don't know; I live in North Oshawa nobody up there gets any info to bring them here;

There are a number of other special events hosted by other businesses in the downtown core that never seem to be promoted by the BIA. Comedy nights at restaurants, special food nights at places such as Cork&Bean, major sporting events and concerts, etc.

Consistent notice of these events for businesses. Would be interested in being in the Santa Claus parade to promote my business but more notice of date is needed. And Cars on King is good opportunity to promote businesses along King St, however access to stores can be blocked by car owners etc.

I own a business that sells toys and games. None of the current events help my business in ANY capacity. You need to start running GENERAL events like a Buskers festival or a Sidewalk sale instead of these Niche ideas like a Car show. WHO benefits from a Car show except the old people that don't spend a dime in our shops? A bunch of car nuts close down the main streets to gawk at cars while adding NOTHING to the local shops. In fact, both auto events currently HURT my business by blocking incoming customers on those days. I say this every year and every year the two main shows are Bikes on Bond and Cars on King. Please stop running these events and start a new line of festivals. Take a note from smaller towns like Cobourg.

New to the area. Have yet to go. Please have more cultural and family friendly events. Really enjoyed Eid Mela. Incorporate events from different backgrounds and cultures. Family event at least every month for community

to interact and come together. Feels very isolating coming from a big and diverse city and not being able to meet new friends due to lack of resources and initiatives. Please create area such as the "big park" in Toronto regent park where all families can come together and feel safe and events can take place

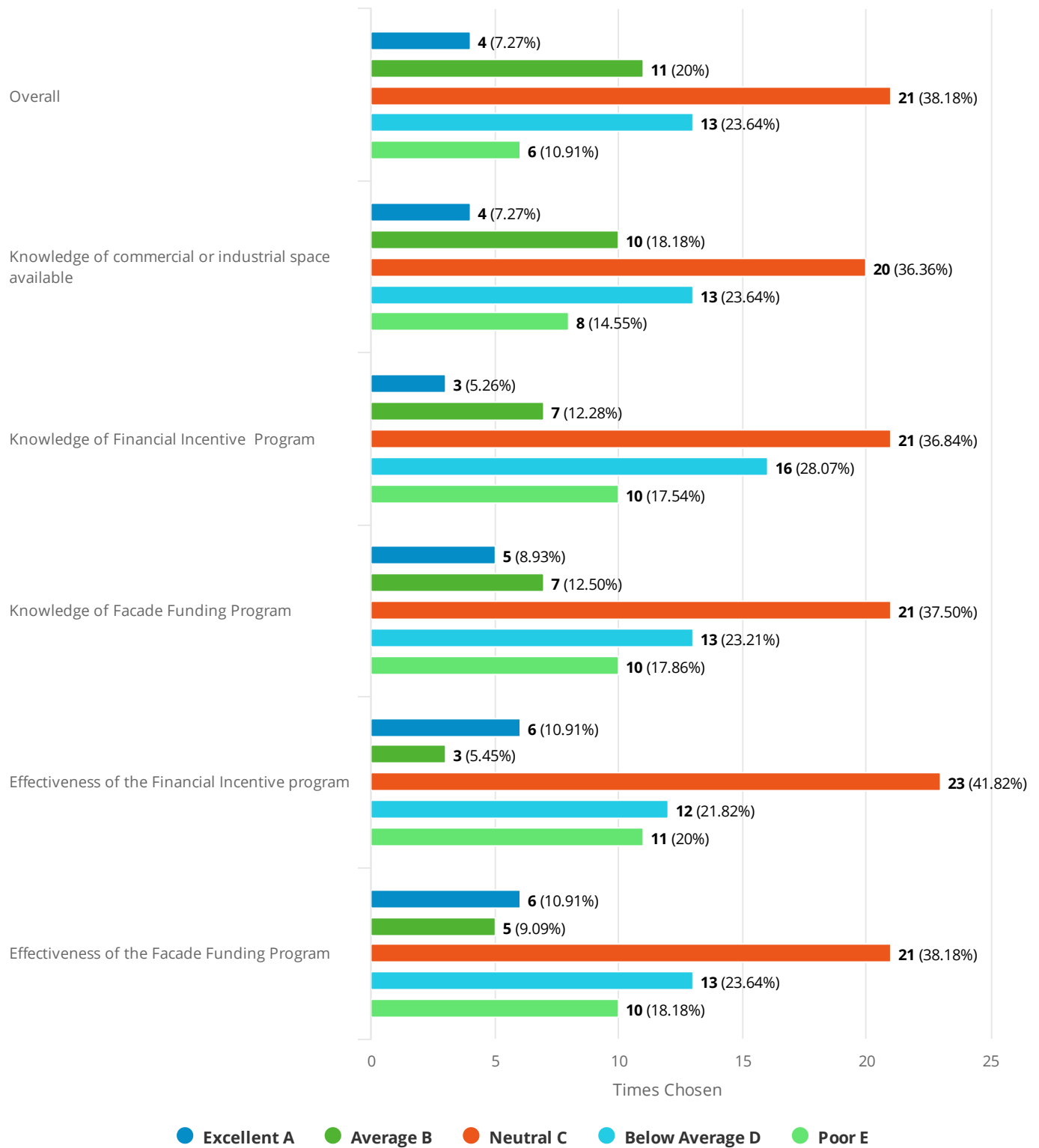
The Raptor Event was successful as a first time initiative at the TCC. It was co sponsored by the BIA we thought. Did not attend though. Have not attended any of the above except Cars but survey required a comment in each so posted A as the BIA does promote each of them very well

Downtown events have also improved. Great job!

Look at starting some more family-based events - i.e.a Fall festival (apples/farm based), Canada day festivities/decor downtown, Busker-fest

13. Business Recruitment The BIA assists in recruiting businesses to occupy available commercial space in the Downtown Oshawa area. Please let us know how we're doing in this area.

Number of responses: 55



Do you have any further comments?

Number of responses: 15

Text answers:

BIA Board representatives should not be going to Council and advocating for the removal of the caps without first holding a series of round tables with property owners and business owners that will be disproportionately impacted, nor should they be advocating an approach that deviates from MPAC best practices. This is irresponsible and will have unintended consequences. The programs listed above are administered and funded by the Municipality for the benefit of the BIA members and are responsible for a lot of the residential, hotel and commercial redevelopment. I am not sure why the above questions are on this survey. It may confuse people as to what the BIA is responsible for within its budget or is that the intention?

Never heard of any of this.

Everyone thinks making it prettier will make it better; it's not how we look it's what we do down here events weekly ; we need downtown activity not prettier buildings your wasting your money making it prettier it's what is available; this is a posh attitude fixing the face you all need to get people here by having business and events

Not sure how you're doing in this area but there are a number of empty store fronts which would be the method of measurement in my opinion.

I am not aware of how BIA supports businesses in this area therefore remain neutral in answers

Have a business downtown for a few years and have not heard of some of these.

No idea this even existed.

Haven't heard of any of these before. More workshops at the employment of such initiatives would be helpful

Does the City Economic Development Dept specifically encourage the BIA area for occupancy as well? or is it all left up to the BIA? And what about the Durham Region economic development Dept. or is the OSHAWA BIA area where they prefer to be the dumping ground for regional social services? Example a Lakeridge Health sponsored S I Site while not even considering any other BIA area in the region. Also a methadone clinic and Pot stores wanting to open next to it ? Certainly hope that the city/ region does not allow a business licence for that location as per the latest pot shop lottery.

Buissnesses need help navigating the frustrating hoops of city hall. The BIA should reach out to building owners to help them through the application process...

I didnt know any of these programs existed and would love to hear more. I need to beautify my storefront while making sure its functional to keep people from sitting on my storefront window ledge.

Apparently there are grants, loans, etc. available, however; this information is not common knowledge.

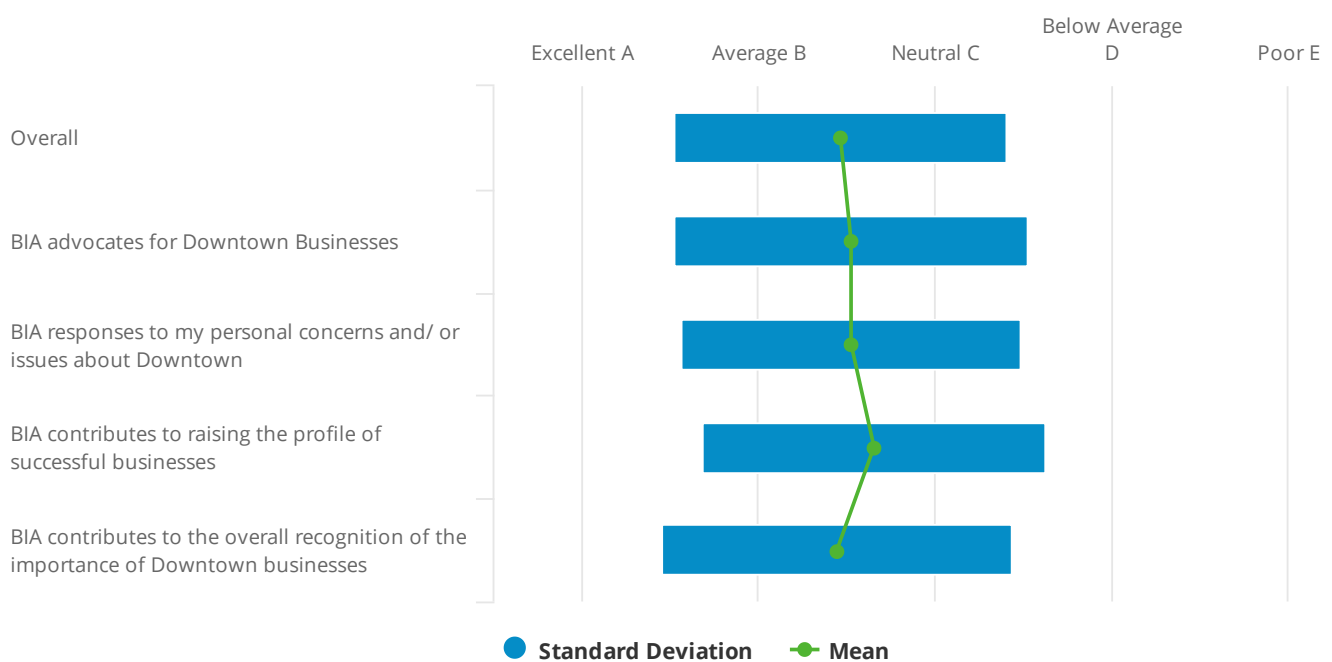
I did not know much about these funding programs to comment either way.

Not sure how to rate the BIA knowledge of these programs but still lots of empty storefronts that doesn't give the impression of a flourishing downtown. This does not fall solely on the shoulders of the BIA. The city needs to do more to attract business downtown.

Do not really know

14. Communication The BIA has a key role in maintaining communication between the business community, city council, municipal departments, and local community groups. Please let us know how we're doing in this area.

Number of responses: 54



Do you have any further comments?

Number of responses: 10

Text answers:

I believe the BIA staff have to spend more time talking to and engaging local business owners in the downtown. The composition of the Board is somewhat unrepresentative of the business community paying the BIA levy, this should be addressed as soon as possible. The Library has a friends of the Library; this group fund-raises, advocates and volunteers for special events. It is an example of a good model for the BIA to engage current and future residents without surrendering governance to them. A small membership fee could add to the coffers and make members eligible for special privileges and discounts. When I celebrated a major business anniversary no representative from the BIA came to my business celebration despite receiving extended notice, my staff and I were very disappointed.

I know little or nothing about the BIA. I have heard that property owners have to pay for it. I have also heard of a story about places like the Bent Willow being excluded from BIA promotions because they weren't in the "downtown core". That's just crazy.

Sure BIA is doing something but we need the City council to get off there Brooklin and poshawa high horses and actually shop here, themselves. They themselves don't even care enough to come here

BIA tends to be selective with which businesses they work with regularly. I'm sure a lot of this has to do with the fact that some business owners never want to do participate in new initiatives but there should be an educational component to attempt to bring them on board. BIA should advocate for downtown business yes, but they should also advocate for those that are bringing tourism to Oshawa in general as a way to push the downtown at the same time.

In 3 years I have not noted a significant change to the downtown core.

Love the features and posts on social media. Love this feedback initiative. Would love to see the downtown core booming and family friendly. Fun and diverse as other major cities. Walking and accessible for all and reduction of using cars etc

Angela is awesome

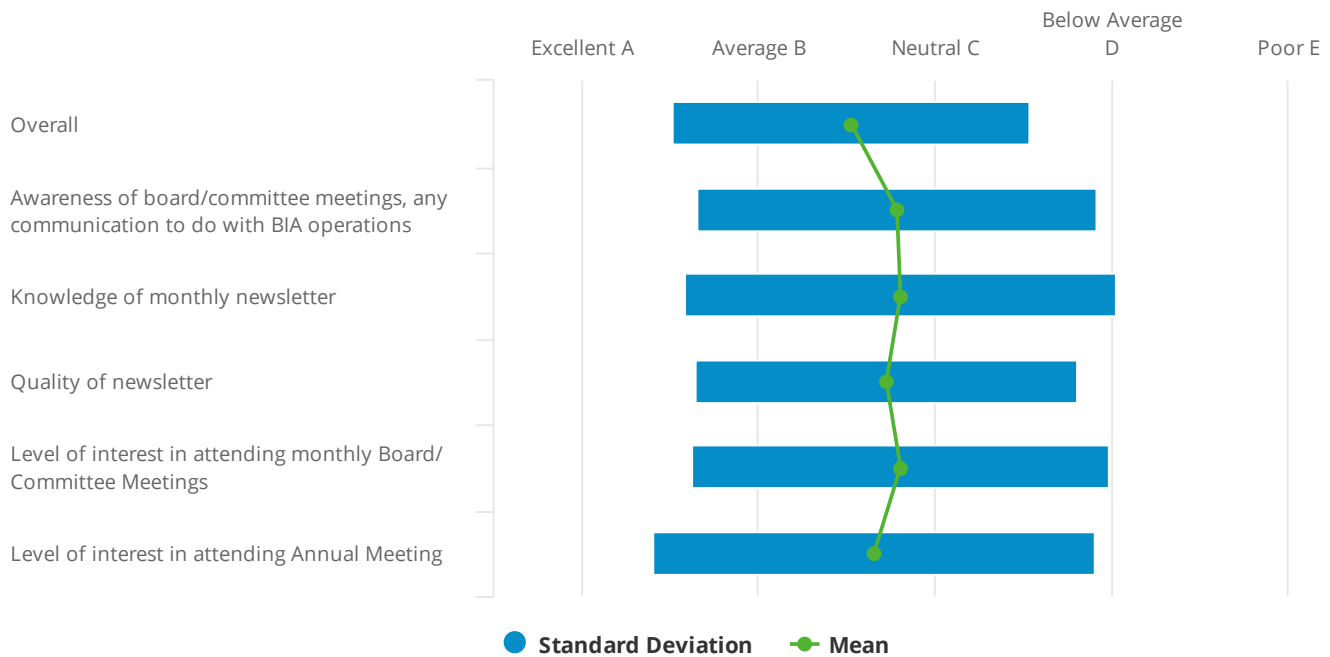
"HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OSHAWA"

It appears only select businesses are targeted for recognition... I have advertisements placed on my car frequently...why is this not corrected by by-law enforcement?

I feel like the BIA tries, but does not get far when dealing with City Hall. It is a shame that political agendas bog down the BIA agenda to help downtown businesses compete and attract outsiders.

15. Board Meetings The BIA holds monthly meetings to discuss concerns brought to their attention in order to put solutions and action into place. Please let us know how we're doing in this area.

Number of responses: 54



Do you have any further comments?

Number of responses: 11

Text answers:

The last newsletter I received was in February. When the Board is proposing major changes that will financially impact members absolute transparency is a must and informed consent must be actively pursued by the Board. I believe an intranet connecting property owners and business owners in the downtown would improve communication and drive greater participation in Board Committees. The Business owners did not know about the proposed budget increase or the ramifications of removing the caps. Even Board members were confused about the process and the impact. Downtown Oshawa wants a strong BIA that can act as an advocate for the downtown but better communication is essential. The membership is not the enemy, it is the funder. The Board and staff should never be perceived by the membership as trying to sneak something past them.

Never heard of any monthly meetings.

Nobody really cares about BIA we want the city to step up; if they cared we would not need BIA

Garth used to be sporadic with his emails in regards to some of the meetings but I haven't seen anything in regards to a newsletter.

BIA has done a good job communicating to businesses re: monthly meetings and events

I've attended several meetings. None of my ideas presented ever materialised into anything.

Would love to attend and provide feedback. Please continue to update and post. Hoping to see many improvements in the downtown core. Too quiet and lack of resources coming from Toronto.

We only know of the meeting list thanks to special print out from Angela. Can not find it on the mobile site from iPhone. We usually am not able to attend but we just like to know what's going on and when. Angela has done an excellent job with emails to us and communications and in all she does for the BIA.

Board meetings should be better advertised ...

I would love to take part in more BIA meetings, however; I do not live locally and the hours of these meetings does not fit into my schedule

Difficult for me to participate

Do you have any further thoughts or ideas that would improve Downtown Oshawa?

Number of responses: 22

Text answers:

Downtown Oshawa is still in transition. Using Guelph as a comparator is risky because it has 700 business owners within its BIA, we have 220 and are subject to a higher turnover. However, it is a great source of inspiration and programs that can be scaled and replicated. I think the budget should have been phased in and I do not believe the Board should have preempted the membership by going to the City to delete the caps without prior consultation with the membership. In consultation with the Oshawa tax department the Board should have modeled the increase and impact on business. Using the freedom of information act as an excuse is lazy, the information is available, it just takes time to do the calculations and cross reference the material. The example given of the property that is going from the cap of \$5500 to \$18,000 is incorrect. The \$18,000 is based on a budget of \$241,000 not \$530,000. This property will actually be going to \$31,000. This is an unreasonable increase in any single year, and it is only the BIA levy on top of a commercial tax rate that already leads the province. No responsible Board would push such a thing through without consultation and careful analysis, shame on you. This cannot go unchallenged because it could have unintended consequences making it impossible for property owners to budget and rent their buildings. With the rapid development of the Ritson Centre that it scooping up the downtown banks and retail it is time to extend the BIA to Ritson to reduce the burden of the levy. Having said this, I think the BIA is a terrific organization that can make a major contribution to the future of the downtown. The staff are great but need to be a little more member-centric and think things out before jumping.

Bring on more street festivals!!!

Downtown Oshawa is convenient for me, but I'm unusual in a number of respects. If Oshawa is looking for ideas on how to improve Downtown Oshawa, they could look at virtually any other cities that have vibrant downtown areas like Kingston, Peterborough, etc. Downtown Oshawa needs a reason for people to go there

other than work. It needs a grocery store and movie theatre. People need to be able to walk to these places without putting their lives at risk, so Costco plaza is out. That place was designed specifically to punish pedestrians.

I think I shared enough and I am probably one of the most successful long standing businesses in Downtown Oshawa; my business alone draws over 100 customers / unique customers every single day. The Vape Store on Ontario street

Start supporting the businesses that are bringing those into the downtown core and start being more collaborative with businesses and in return you'll see more coming into the downtown core. Memorial Park bandshell is such a wasted space that is completely underutilized.

Yes...the locker setup for the homeless set up next to my business was placed by the Simcoe United Church without the authorization by local businesses...it is increasingly becoming occupied by the homeless as a sleeping area and storage of personal items not in lockers. I hope the city and church will take immediate action as my thought pattern has changed about continuing my business to operate in downtown Oshawa as I am losing clients and cannot attract additional business...I am sure other businesses are thinking the same about moving. Hope there a is positive resolution in this matter.

open up the public washrooms in Memorial park for persons experiencing homelessness so they have a dignified opportunity to use facilities without putting additional use pressures on the washrooms of local businesses. A solution must be found.

Free parking for business owners. Parking is really expensive when you have to pay all day everyday and run your small business. And parking garage spots are not cheap and have a large wait list for some garages.

I have now owned and operated my business in the downtown core for 3 years. If it were not for the cheap rent, I would have moved my business ages ago. The foot traffic downtown is terrible. The quality of customer downtown is terrible. More people want my money then want to spend their own. This is a very poor area that will only improve once you:

- Remove all social services downtown
- Push out the homeless population - STRONGER Police presence with ACTION
- Force property owners to improve their facades and store fronts
- Encourage new business' to move downtown by providing incentives like tax breaks
- Stop building in competing surrounding areas like the Ritson Costco plaza and the Oshawa Centre

Please incorporate family fun when planning. More accessibility to decrease cars on the road, more residents and families in downtown core.. More educational and family drop ins library, play centre etc

We really do need more street parking. Also to include past Mary Street the nice street garbage containers and recycle container and benches.. Our money is used as well in this...But it seems that only the main downtown area or the old BIA area is getting the nice new and shining street containers and such

free parking for businesses,owners of property's to take some responsibility in making their property more descent in look

A brewery with food might do well

Get rid of legal drug selling outlets

- work to create more signature events
- work with Automotive Museum as it's Oshawa's number 1 attraction

If the BIA are going to attend important events of a business owner, perhaps they should be more outgoing and friendly and interact with the host/hostess.

I have seen an improved effort in the past 6-12 months from the BIA. Crime and drug use remains an issue businesses here deal with. It is a shame City Hall has not been able to do more about these problems. That being said, please keep up the good work.

More food festivals on the streets like how Toronto downtown doing might attract more people to visit downtown Oshawa.

relocation of the meth clinic and St. Vincent de Paul would keep a lot of the undesirable elements out of the downtown area. I have a number of clients who won't come in to my office.

I think the addition of a small community grocery store similar to those you see in the bigger cities, would be a great addition, especially with the new residential spaces.

Complete a win this space concept
Worked in Cobourg as well as Peterborough
Why not Oshawa

Visible actions
More communication of plans and results
welcoming streets and signage
free wifi for guests

Do you have any event ideas that you would like to see implemented?

Number of responses: 20

Text answers:

Member intranet and local discount program between members, a major non-partisan advocacy campaign directed at Metro Links and the Province to secure the Go train stop at Knob Hill Farms, a grant program for BIA members to install Fiber Optics into their buildings, this will attract and keep employers in downtown and attract new business. Right now it is cost prohibitive without matching grants and loans.

No

Maybe a business exchange tradeshow?

Buskerfest, a street flea market would be awesome, an art/artisan market, craft beer festival..

Veggie fest, or vegan fest, more emphasis on health and wellness.

I would like regular seasonal events WEEKLY. Farmers markets, winter markets etc.. get activities here every week

Start promoting the events currently being organized first and build from there.

Green Days where people/businesses help to pick up litter and advocate for a Green future. Education on the consumption of utilities and single-use plastics. Education on the recycling programs available.

remove the lockers

craft Beer festival and arts/culture events

- Buskers Festival
- Sidewalk Sale
- Halloween Fest (October)
- Toy Fair
- General downtown fair that includes rides and attractions for families
- A city wide race or scavenger hunt similar to the greatest race or the events put on in Toronto called City Chase - different business' would have clues or objectives inside for participants to achieve.
- Events on BOND St, not just KING

Cultural events.... Community events....local business marketplaces.... Vendors.... Weekly and monthly events.... More diversity.... Reaching out to backgrounds and communities and allowing them to represent themselves and Organize events to share their lives... Ex South Asian events etc

Caribbean Event in the park

More parking. Free parking after 3pm.

Where did the Municipal bylaw office move to? Years ago that building was a restaurant as well. Encourage the former post office building to be repurposed as a shoppers drug mart, giant tiger, or brewery (like Whitby's Brock Street Brewing Company). Three of those 4 corners are now vacant, the former Tim Hortons as well as most of the west side of Simcoe st s just s of highway 2. A pot shop is not the answer for that area.

- foodfest
- beerfestival
- expanded merrymarket

Free concert series during summer months like what the Peterborough Musicfest has. Its fully supportes by local business and i believe government grants.

More effort being put into dealing with the drug crisis, not good for business to actually observe drug dealings in plain sight, or watch as overdose victims are removed from apartments above store fronts. Customers DO NOT feel safe.

Win the space
Need more retail before we can do a sidewalk sale

food fest
generals tailgate
frosh week / pub crawl