Public Survey - *Other* Reponses

1. In what areas would you like to see sidewalk patios?

    - The patios that take up parking spots are NOT Sidewalk Patios. They should be on side streets or behind businesses and NOT on main thoroughfares such as Oak Bay Ave.
    - Part of the marina parking lot in front of the restaurant
    - Sidewalk patios are acceptable provided they do not encroach on the walking pass thru area AND similar businesses have the space in front of their establishment and only in front of their establishment. If the space in front is not useable because of bus/taxi/handicap spots then alternative concessions should be made. but all restaurants should be treated fairly. Finally, there should be a limit on the number of parking spaces used.
    - Maybe some at Willows beach?

2. What months of the year should sidewalk patios be allowed to operate?

    - Late spring and summer only
    - Year round only for neighbourhood commercial areas

3. If a sidewalk patio was to be located in a neighbourhood commercial area, what special regulations should be considered?

    - Ensure that walkway is accessible.
    - Ensure pedestrian access is safely maintained. Can feel unwelcoming to those just wanting to walk down the sidewalk
    - Doesn't interfere with the flow of traffic (Turning Lanes), and doesn't reduce parking by too much.
    - Accessibility
    - Bike and vehicle parking. Additional garbage cans.
    - Sight lines for vehicles and pedestrians to see cyclists.
    - Pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle safety.
    - Maintain proper wheelchair passing sidewalk width - most sidewalks in the village are too narrow already.
    - Not losing too many parking spots.
    - Consideration for the continued accessibility of the sidewalk - it must remain fully accessible for via foot, wheelchair, etc.
    - They should be required to be accessible that is for people with disabilities and in wheelchairs and a public accessible parking stall should be created to make up for the fact that well located street parking is being removed, in the case of those located on the street. Sidewalk and street cafes mean more sandwich board signs which create a tripping hazard and are dangerous for people with vision loss, so address that in regulations.

- Not taking care of Oak Bays mobility challenged and other populations by providing basic safe sidewalks first.
- Minimize impact on parking.
- Obstruction of the actual sidewalk.
- Accessibility and safety for folks with mobility issues and other disabilities (e.g. vision impairment).
- Patios in the street need to be level with the sidewalk to accommodate users of all abilities. A clear pedestrian area on the sidewalk adjacent to the patio needs to be maintained. Sandwich boards, garbage receptacles and patio furniture need to be clear of the sidewalk. The other conditions listed in the survey are open to interpretation. Ideas about limited hours of operation will vary considerably. For restaurants, they need to be allowed to be open till 10 p.m. Size will depend on the site. Lighting needs to be adequate for safety but should not be intrusive.
- This builds community.
- Type of business
- Accessible to people with mobility devices.
- limit patios on public sidewalks to only 'one side' - either up against the business or up against the road - not both. The patio at The Penny Farthing is like a chicane - I walk down the back alley to avoid it.
- Balance with parking needs.
- Safety for pedestrians cyclists and vehicles Limit of patrons as per license of operator Restrictions on parking in neighbouring streets.
- Lower traffic speeds and enforcing them. I like the idea of outdoor patios, which we already have in some places. But I am worried about cars driving into these extended sidewalks. Ideally I would prefer a car free Oak Bay Ave zone between city hall and the street by The Oaks. More like a city plaza as many European cities have, as well as other major centres in Canada.
- Business owners should not be able to impede the implementation of the sidewalk patios.
- Distance from moving vehicles on road should be at least 25 feet!
- Parking, access to business and residents. Handicap safety in surroundings. Schools nearby if alcohol beverages being served. Occupancy of license should not increase.
- Limited months of the year
- Parking availability.
- Control food odours.
- Gas combustion radiant heaters should not be used , as they are very harmful to the environment.
- 1. They should not impinge use of the sidewalk by pedestrians. 2. They should meet design criteria set by the municipality for some uniformity. 3. They should not use fossil-fuel driven radiant heaters.
- Summer only. Removed the rest of the year.
- Not block resident parking, sewer/utility access, bus zones, not block pedestrians - ie make sure one side or other has open sidewalk and within block safe crossing access. Avoid school areas.

- Bicycle parking
- A recognized accessibility standard.
- Making our sidewalks more challenging to manoeuvre for those with walkers. Wheel chairs mobility scooters.
- Access for pwd and seniors.
- Need to allow for accessibility for elderly and handicapped.

4. N/A

5. What types of businesses would you like to see make use of **parking spaces**?

- Local gardeners, specifically for locally grown vegetables, flowers (avenue for community gardens to fund expansion and more awareness of their presence)
- It depends where it is. If in the centre of the OB village the parking is already difficult at times. I don't think this should be a blanket statement, but a case by case issue.
- Although I don't have this issue due to the demographic of the area having close accessible parking for seniors is essential. I would tend to lean more towards essential services like grocery or at least not have available parking close to essential services taken up by street patios.
- Fresh local farmer products, artisan products.
- Would love to see a market in Estevan every Wednesday and Saturday - especially for fresh, local produce, clothes swap and refilling stations/refill of soaps, grains, etc.
- Library
- All other Retail (aside from grocery stores)
- In limited areas, some parking spaces could be re-dedicated to public and community use (including pedestrian use) to recognize that the "Highest and best use" may no longer be parking. Uses need not solely be commercial.
- Artisans, florist - pop-up style of small business to have short-term places to sell

6. What types of businesses would you like to see make use of **sidewalk space?**

- Library
- Retail (4 of the same response)
- It depends how wide the sidewalk is. Access to walk through the sidewalk space between the business and the patio space must be maintained, and it should be obvious that it's open to people walking through.
- Other non-pub businesses
- This is super context dependent. We have so little side walk space and *SOOO* much road space in most of our urban villages. Let's please convert more of the road space to safe space for pedestrians.
- Other businesses on main streets to have sidewalk sales, art classes, etc. artisans, florist - pop-up style of small business to have short-term places to sell.
- Any type of store

- Markets
- Flower shop
- Clothing stores ok too
- Sidewalk space use varies greatly and should consider safety issues which requires individual case considerations. Each business should have a license after inspection.
- Any retail business with merchandise to display (e.g. clothing store; produce markets, etc.) - as long as there is sufficient accessible space for the movement of pedestrians.
- Any businesses for reasonable uses.
- Any business.
- Any business as long as there are guidelines.
- All business - street sales add to vibrant community.

7. Do you have any concerns about impacts on pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, or other users around sidewalk patios?

- It can be difficult to manoeuvre around sidewalk patios, especially when servers are repeatedly crossing back and forth. This is particularly true for folks with accessibility needs.
- Oak Bay is full of people with mobility issues the current use of parking space on Oak Bay put undue hardship on people trying to visit the businesses on the avenue.
- Yes, as much as I like the Penny Farthing's outside patio, as a pedestrian it's really difficult to use the sidewalk in front of the pub when they are busy. I have to cross the street which I shouldn't have to do.
- It can make accessibility difficult when there is no parking near by.
- Most are too big and bulky; loss of parking is a real problem.
- Leave room for us to walk, cycle and drive.
- Not to impede on pedestrian traffic and cycling/rolling traffic (ie. bicycles, mobility scooters, baby carriages, & other non-vehicular rolling devices like skateboards)
- I still think there needs to be available pedestrian access on sidewalks.
- Issues for people with mobility issues.
- The patios make walking down Oak Bay Ave crowded and unpleasant.
- Accessibility for those with wheelchairs.
- Sidewalk patios can block the view of traffic and put pedestrians and cyclists at risk.
- Accessibility issues for those with mobility problems Interfere with walking pedestrians Difficult to maintain social distancing, especially important for seniors or those who are vulnerable to not only COVID19 but other respiratory viruses .
- It adds a lot of unnecessary back and forth traffic to the restaurant and I just don't think we need them anymore.
- Makes the narrow roads more narrow.
- Ability of pedestrians to walk through commercial hosting and eating areas. The situation at the Penny was ridiculous when they were slightly busy. You could not navigate the sidewalk when they had a few customers.
- Accessibility concerns.
- Pedestrians.

- Encroaching on sidewalks can impede pedestrians especially mobility impaired, wheelchair users.
- I haven't enjoyed walking through the Pennyfarthing sidewalk cafe, hard to keep distance from others during flu season.
- Yes, they are in the way.
- They should not impede the flow of pedestrians on sidewalks.
- Patios must not interfere with regular foot traffic .
- Accessibility for pedestrians including those using mobility devices.
- On Estevan Ave the Village Restaurant has blocked the sidewalk and has not allowed people with mobility issues to be able to pass by safely.
- Size of patio should be restricted and sidewalk itself should remain clear. The pub patio in the bay is too big and I often encountered obstructions on the sidewalk due to people waiting or servers attending to customers. Their patio occupies too much space, infringing on access to the neighboring businesses.
- Parking is already a concern and some of us can't walk or ride a bike to commercial areas.
- They should not impact anyone who has a disability ie wheelchairs or mobility scooters
- Pedestrians using walkers or other mobility aids have a difficult time getting through area between business and outdoor seating on Oak Bay Avenue. Concern about tripping or being bumped/knocked over by servers and customers. There is a big difference between a business having seating adjacent to their store/restaurant and using parking stalls. The sidewalk between the business and the patio becomes difficult to navigate for those who just want to walk by.
- Sidewalks are frequently blocked by waiting patrons.
- Not enough parking, makes it difficult for seniors and the disabled.
- Driving through the street near patios is hazardous because pedestrians frequently use the roadway to either walk from a parking spot to the patio or walk on the road to avoid congestion around the patio. The only site in Oak Bay where a sidewalk patio "works" is the Windsor Cafe!
- There seems to be this idea that people will, on a large scale, stop driving and switch to active transportation. I just don't think this is going to happen on a large scale as the psychological 'freedom' that the private automobile offers is too great for many to give up and although electric vehicles may replace the ICE, they still need a spot to park. Last time I checked, car ownership was at 1.6 or 1.7 vehicles per household. Even a reduction to 1.4 or 1.5 per household is still going to result in more cars due to increased population. Finally, what are the financial ramifications for the district by allowing 'patio spaces'? Is there a charge/cost to the commercial establishments that want these or are they expanding their commercial square footage for the 'sake of the community'?
- They push pedestrians further into traffic areas or make it difficult for people with mobility issues to get around.
- Of course the design needs to be done well to ensure safety is considered.
- No obstruction.
- Wheelchairs, strollers, cyclists all struggle to share sidewalks and roads already.
- Can usually be easily mitigated, particularly through better management of parking supply.

- Sight lines for pedestrians coming into crosswalks need to be top priority. Cyclists and motorists need to slow down. Add speed humps?
- Ensure safety considerations.
- Not near and blocking visibility on cross street. Motorists vision for cross street or crossing should not be blocked.
- Maintaining accessibility is key.
- Pedestrians. But I am sure it can work. Has in other cities.
- Vehicles often still want to pass cyclists occupying the lane. It's pretty dangerous and signage +fines should be made to deter and protect low impact vehicle users and walkers.
- The "gauntlet" as I call it by the Penny Farthing / Vis a vis is VERY crowded at times. I'm happy for the patio area, but taking over the whole sidewalk is unfair to our busy pedestrian traffic.
- Sometimes I feel like I'm walking through the middle of someone's dinner and I feel like I have to cross the street and back again. It definitely affects whether or not I go the store beside the restaurant. I thinking specifically of the tables outside the Penny Farthing. The patio seems to take up too much room.
- We do need to ensure sidewalks remain accessible (eg. that they are not too narrow to accommodate wheelchairs, etc.)
- Traffic congestion
- I've gotten used to walking on the street to get around the current sidewalk patios but not sure others are comfortable doing that.
- Safety
- Sidewalks are too narrow in many places already.
- Room should be left for disabled and pedestrians after all its not all about patios.
- Keep a reasonable sidewalk space open.
- Crowded sidewalks such as near the penny farthing. Poor visibility and traffic crowding near foul bay road.
- The sidewalks need to be widen if a patio is going to be allowed on the sidewalk. There must be space for at least two people to walk past each other when there is a patio on the sidewalk. My second concern is the use of umbrellas - their overhang is often in the pathway of bicycles, pushing the bikes into the pathway of the cars in order to not have an eye taken out by the umbrella spokes.
- Concerned about decreased street parking affect on businesses.
- There needs to be enough sidewalk space available to prevent pedestrians from feeling the need to enter the roadway.
- Too much congestion on Oak Bay Ave.
- "Sidewalk" patios seem to me to be a bit of a misnomer--many are actually on the laneways (eg Estevan)! They can reduce space for cars and bicycles and are largely unnecessary for the efficient and profitable "going concern". Patios which involve closing side streets at certain times of the day (eg evening) and in areas where noise is not a concern, are fine--as in Europe, Singapore, etc. Here, they can be interspersed with "night markets" (eg Richmond), hawker stalls, etc.
- Any plans should be designed with the needs of pedestrians at top of mind: sidewalks must still be useable, allowing free and easy passage for walkers. They must also accessible for

wheelchairs etc. Consideration should also be given to make sure that any designs don't create conflict points for cyclists with cars. For cars, I think less space dedicated to parking is a good thing! The only consideration I think should be to make sure that any accessible parking spots removed to make way for patios are replaced with accessible parking spaces elsewhere.

- Some concerns for patrons sitting at tables. Concern with motorists not being cautious driving around the patio space. Could be addressed with good signage and speed limits.
- Should ensure that pedestrians can still make use of a sidewalk without being routed onto a road, and that cyclists are not forced into traffic.
- Sufficient space should be required to allow pedestrians (including those with mobility issues) to easily navigate through/around patio areas.
- Congestion surrounding the outdoor seating and patio areas.
- On Oak Bay Ave the sidewalk has been made wider on the south side with painted lines. I think a proper width raised sidewalk should be made. There is not enough room for disabled people with walker and scooter and walking pedestrians to walk.
- People end up walking on the road and that isn't good.
- Oak Bay lacks bike lanes. would love to see more patios for business as long as it doesn't remove bike lanes.
- Oak Bay Village has had parking problems for years. Let's not take away more for the non restaurant businesses
- Yes, I am disabled and don't want limited sidewalk space impacted by commercial businesses.
- Sidewalk patios should only be allowed if enough room for pedestrians to safely pass.
- They impact pedestrians because they can interfere with a straight line of travel and introduce new barriers in the public domain, especially for vision impaired pedestrians. They affect motorists because if they are on the street, they reduce well located parking next to businesses, which serves some people with disabilities. They result in more sandwich board signs which clutter the sidewalk and can trip people with vision loss. They make it harder to park in the adjacent stalls and squeeze cyclists when they take out a whole parking spot. Everyone on the planet is negatively affected when they use patio heaters. Everyone in the vicinity can suffer when vinyl walls are erected, as they reduce visability and sightlines.
- Yes, patios dangerous for the disabled to get by in many areas.
- I am concerned for PWD and for people with bicycles - especially where parking spaces are used. Bike safety is lessened when cyclists have fewer options for evading cars and trucks.
- We already have a municipality that does not take universal access into account when planning any city changes.
- I basically no longer come to many municipalities because all of Victoria is becoming more and more for able bodied people with money.
- room for those with mobility issues; overall clear passage
- It's important that sidewalks still be accessible for pedestrians and especially disabled people. We also need appropriate cycling lockup facilities.
- We need more accessible parking spots along the Avenue
- We shouldn't impede pedestrians.
- Too much of a distraction when driving.
- Lots of positive impacts on local businesses, community vibe, safer streets, etc.

- The needs of people with handicaps have not even been considered!
- If bike lanes were impacted, there would need to be a safe diversion.
- Difficult to manoeuvre stroller/ walkers etc through gathering ppl, servers and equipment as sidewalks narrow. Losing a turn lane for cars for a patio is a large inconvenience and makes the patio less desirable as a large amt of traffic backs up by it (foul bay/oakbay area)
- SAFETY/ACCESS
- Elderly with walkers, wheelchairs. Mothers with strollers
- The Tapas Restaurant is a hazard- needs to be removed!
- All OB covid patios that I am familiar with (Estevan and Musgrave), Oak Bay Avenue (Penny Farthing) and Oak Bay Ave at Foul Bay pose a risk for pedestrians AND cyclists.
- They block access to other businesses. And obstruct the flow of pedestrian traffic.
- Limited visibility because of patio structures.
- There is to be adequate sidewalk space for the public use.
- Some businesses have successfully diverted pedestrians around the sidewalks, however on a limited basis it would be good. Safety for pedestrians would be a concern.
- The patio at the corner of Oak Bay Ave and Foul Bay Rd is a real concern. I was rear ended by an e bike at that patio. It's never in use and should be dismantled. But a safe area for a patio.
- Specifically The Penny has people rushing in and out and takes up more space than is allowed. It’s very dangerous for people just trying to walk through. They were understandable during covid but should stop now.
- Pedestrian congestion; safety wrt walkers and scooters.
- There needs to remain good access for ped flow especially consideration for thing which may impeded impaired individuals.
- We need more parking stalls, people with walkers need more space.
- Driver distraction
- I think it really depends on how/where they are. I am a pedestrian, a cyclist and a motorist, and I have noticed more impact as a pedestrian than as a cyclist or motorist personally. (However I am not inclined to be too concerned about the loss of a few parking spaces, which is the main car-related concern I've heard). I am more concerned about balancing safety and accessibility with the benefits of patios (which I think contribute to vibrant urban streets).
- Obstructions in sidewalks, especially for people with disability, carrying groceries, etc.
- Sidewalk patios should not be near important intersections like the on close to Foul Bay and Oak Bay.
- The traffic control around the patios and street corners need to be maintained.
- Any sidewalk space used should still allow an easy and unobstructed path for pedestrians and wheelchairs/scooters to get by.
- The sidewalk through the Penny Farthing was too narrow for safe transit (one example). I think it was the tables against the building next to the patio that was the issue.
- Enough room to get around with a walker or wheelchair.
- Need enough sidewalk space for pedestrians.
- Loss of parking spaces is a major concern. This has been done without taking away, parking spaces or impeding vehicles.

- We need to encourage more active transportation, so it's important to maintain pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. I'm not at all worried about parking.
- Sometimes difficult for inform or elderly people to navigate the sidewalk patio/ actual sidewalk safely.
- Patios should not block pedestrian use of sidewalks. (Scooters, walkers, etc).
- Need access to pass through
- Need to have ability for walkers and bikers to get through.
- There already isn't enough parking or safe pedestrian areas. Business should not be allowed to take over put sidewalks.
- There should be no impediment played in already limited sized sidewalks for pedestrians. Many in OB have mobility challenges and some use walkers. There are more young families with small kids and buggies - please encourage our community to shop in the Village and not push them away. As a driver and a walker, I find OB is already. not pedestrian friendly so please do not worsen an already under par service.
- I'd like to see a wide pedestrian corridor left on every sidewalk. When the sidewalks become blocked by restaurant patrons and fast moving restaurant servers, it is hard for those with mobility issues to get down the street. A collision between a server with a tray of drinks and a senior with a cane is something to be avoided. And I know how hard it is for my father to get down the sidewalk in his mobility scooter when the sidewalk is taken up with commercial activities. Leaving a wide pedestrian corridor will help reduce issues.
- Bicyclists' space should be preserved and enhanced.
- Make sure all can still safely navigate around these spaces.
- You must have safe options for all.
- As a person with accessibility needs who has used a cane and a walker during the pandemic (although I don't currently need either), I found that the addition of sidewalk seating areas made the already tricky sidewalks on Oak Bay Avenue, where the tree roots have made the surfaces uneven, more difficult to navigate. The worst has been in front of Vis a Vis, where having people waiting on the sidewalk, and waiters weaving in and out, has produced a lot of trip hazards alongside the existing tree issues. And because there are patios along both sides of the street, it isn't possible to just choose one side, although it is usually easier to navigate in front of Hide & Seek's seating area.
- Should provide for adequate space for all types of active transportation. Should not block access for walkers, cyclists, and those with aids such as scooters , canes, and wheel chairs .
- Sidewalk patios are dangerous. Especially the Tapas on Oak When bicycling there is not enough room for a car and bike.
- Must still have safe spaces for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles to maneuver around the patio.
- Anything placed on the sidewalk must not impede pedestrians (including electric scooters and wheelchairs). Many sidewalks in the Village are already narrow.
- Line ups at current patios on Oak Bay Avenue and Estevan often make it difficult for pedestrians including those in wheel chairs or with babies in strollers to get by. Perhaps approval of patio could include giving up a table or two to create waiting space off sidewalk.
- They protrude into the road and can be dangerous to oncoming traffic.

- Accessibility for people using wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, or other assisted devices requiring sidewalk space and lack of tripping hazards or barriers.
- There needs to be pedestrian use space if an establishment is using the sidewalk.
- In many cases the staff and customers block pedestrian traffic from freely accessing the public sidewalks passing by the existing patios on the Avenue.
- Should not block sidewalk.
- Pedestrian and cyclist space needs to be protected or expanded. Parking and driving space needs to be reduced.
- Enough space must be left to enable safe passage of pedestrians, cyclists & motorists.
- Signage and barriers are very important.
- My main concern in any patio area is the maintenance of safe pedestrian space.
- They should still be able to navigate safely through the mixed use space and feel welcome to do so without anyone getting grumpy about having to share space. This would take a mix of making sure the business is maintains a safe space, and also (probably more than the other) educating the community about what it means to share space and that we are not all entitled to walk around this world with everyone reading our minds and predicting our needs , that to live in a community we need to learn how to communicate and be generous with each other
- Sidewalks in oak Bay area narrow. Between patio seating and business signage, the sidewalks are becoming difficult to navigate.
- concerns about patron safety with regard to motorists and motor cycles.
- Sometimes it is hard to get through on the block on OB Ave between Hamshire and Monterey.
- Worried about maintaining sidewalk accessibility, and adequate bike parking.
- Most concerned about keeping good sidewalk through ways. should be wide enough for at least two people, dog friendly.
- Sidewalk patios crowd out pedestrians and motorists. They are uncomfortable for diners due to fumes, noise and potential for accidents. They may be cold, and gas heaters contribute to air pollution.
- First consideration must be given to unimpaired pedestrian access, including the width necessary for two people to walk side by side. This is particularly important for parents walking with young children and anyone accompanying a person who needs support.
- Please leave sidewalks clear.
- The street patios impede the flow of traffic and the sidewalks difficult to navigate.
- Must be sufficient space to pass safely. Pedestrians should not have to get close to unmasked diners.
- Would need to ensure that biking spaces are not interfered with.
- It makes it harder to maneuver around with dogs on leash, strollers, walkers wheelchairs etc. Also in snow it makes it more difficult to clear both the roads and sidewalks.
- Do not narrow streets for vehicles or pedestrians in order to accommodate these patios. Bicycles should use the street under limited sidewalk space. We can sacrifice bike lanes where there are sidewalk patios in order to increase safety for all concerned.
- Need to have a path for pedestrians and people using canes or wheelchairs.

- If using sidewalk space, businesses need to ensure that a pedestrian thoroughfare remains. It's probably not a good idea for a patio to encroach on a bike lane.
- Sidewalk patios should in no way prevent easy and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Should only be allowed where sidewalk is wide enough for two people to still pass, including if it was two people in walkers or wheelchairs.
- Ensure they can still get around.
- Motorist and pedestrians so close darting dogs and kids... don't mix.
- Vehicle traffic needs to flow easily. Too many distractions are not good or safe.
- Must be set up for shared use.
- safety for pedestrian and cycling traffic is an important consideration. Patios create more distractions for drivers so more is needed to protect non-motorised travelers.
- Safety for Pedestrians and cyclists paramount.
- safety of pedestrians.
- Patios shouldn't be on the main bikes routes as it becomes a safety issue and makes it tricky to bike.
- Accessibility should be for all easy to walk easy to park etc.. the avenue is already congested more structures in either the street or sidewalks would make it more difficult and cause frustration and possibly accidents trying to maneuver and navigate around structures etc.
- barricades need to be substantial enough (eg. vis a vie) to avoid an accident.
- They need to totally allow sufficient room for pedestrians and people with disabilities to easily walk past any patio areas.
- No sidewalk room.
- Parking is already difficult.
- A patio too close to an intersection interferes with traffic, particularly right turns., e.g., oak bay and Foul Bay Rd.
- Please ensure there is still a safe and clear passage through for people not patronizing the establishment. I think the set up at the Penny Farthing is great.
- Many sidewalks are in bad shape and need to be repaired ... and definitely need to be repaired if they are to be shared with patios etc. Many are also poorly designed with encroaching signposts that could be moved. Cyclists need a place to park, so more street car parking should be reserved for cyclists to free up sidewalk space.
- Sidewalk patios take up too much space and make our roadways more difficult to navigate.
- Need to ensure ongoing safe cyclist and pedestrian access.
- U still need parking available. And ensure there is room for pedestrians to walk safely by.
- Space has to be available for push chairs and wheelchairs to safely pass the business.
- There needs to be enough space for those with mobility issues to comfortably go past.
- Patio at Oak Bay and Foul Bay (old Blighty's) impedes traffic and should go. Dangerous spot to sit in the street.
- Safety issues for all involved.
- Limited access to other business next to the patios.
- In front of the Penny Farthing it is unfair to other businesses such as the Barber . Why should people have to walk through a restaurant to enter his business. The whole thing was supposed

to be a temporary measure to aid business in the pandemic. The pandemic has not gone away however the expansion of the problem I think is a very unfair and ill thought out idea.

- It makes it even more dangerous to bike and there are fewer safe places to pull over.
- Impact on anyone having mobility issues, accessibility to store fronts.
- Patios should not hinder people from walking by on the sidewalk.
- Must be professionally designed to accommodate public utilities and infrastructure such as drains. Shelter but not today enclosure. As open air as possible.
- Any sidewalk patios need to allow adequate space for pedestrians. The Starbucks patio often obstructs pedestrians. Also, the signage boards at Penny Farthing and other businesses obstruct pedestrians.
- Not enough room to start with. Pedestrians get frustrated trying to get by.
- Sufficient space is needed on sidewalks for people to walk by when they are between the storefront and the patio. Also need to make sure patios at intersections do not force bikes into traffic.
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety are very important considerations. Take ingress and egress potential conflicts with vehicles parked and moving for sight lines and impact attenuators, especially.
- Need to leave sidewalk space wide enough for wheelchair users, baby strollers, etc.; don't make remaining sidewalk too narrow!
- Find rules and regulations that enable these kinds of patios yet maintain that crucial 2 m wide path for pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or walkers, and strollers.
- Concern re: patio seating taking away parking for nearby businesses.
- There should be a large enough path on the sidewalk for pedestrians and mobility devices.
- Pedestrian traffic should be provided for / cyclists have enough room to safely pass.
- The Penny Farthing patio restricted access to walking down the sidewalk. It felt like you were entering their space and getting in the way of servers and customers. I started avoiding that area during business/lunch & dinner hours and not going to the other retailers around them.
- Our sidewalks are not wide enough in many places so it should be assessed and permitted if suitable.
- Safety is a must - no potential hazards concerning vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.
- Pedestrians should still have access to walk along the sidewalk.
- The only concern I have is that sidewalk patios should still allow pedestrians to navigate through/around them safety. I believe this will make for vibrant activity in these areas.
- When a business that serves food and beverages uses the side walk, it presents an unreasonable risk to pedestrians. The food and beverage consumers are not wearing masks and the pedestrian runs a gauntlet of mask less patrons. Existing patios are semi- permanent not temporary!
- pedestrian pathways should remain unimpeded.
- Ensure accessibility for pedestrians and don’t reduce cycle lanes.
- For example, it is too narrow a thoroughfare for pedestrians in front of the Pennyfarthing and Vis A Vis businesses. Trying to social distance, let other people by, for strollers and walkers as well as clientele waiting for the patios can be crowded at peak season.

- People blocking the sidewalk waiting in line for service and forcing pedestrians onto the roadway and patios expanding further than permitted by using movable planters etc.
- I would like to see traffic calming measures around patios.
- There should be size restrictions.
- It is important to ensure adequate space for pedestrians to pass by patios without fear of tripping .
- Yes, sidewalk space that is used should still leave room for those walking by to get thru. The space should be accessible for those with mobility issues.
- Patios should not be allowed if it means that the sidewalk is less than "X" feet wide - I suggest 10 feet is reasonable to allow pedestrians to pass both ways.
- Yes, they create a hazard that is not necessary for anyone using the roads.
- Sidewalk patios impede pedestrians especially those with limited mobility using canes and walkers.
- There should always be a clear path that would allow anyone with mobility issues to use on the sidewalk .
- As long as there is adequate space for mobility challenged people and strollers, I don't have any issues.
- People with disabilities.
- Pedestrians and cyclist, no concern for motorists, they own way too much space already.
- Yes, I worry about these blocking bike lanes and making sidewalks more difficult for wheelchairs.
- Very dangerous especially at Estevan village cafe , negotiating traffic at a congested intersection.
- I would like pedestrians, and those with mobility issues to be able to use the sidewalks, unimpeded. This is especially a concern in the Estevan Village where the sidewalks are uneven and dangerous.
- Some current tables (e.g., the table and chairs that are put out in the spring at Old Farm market) take up so much of the sidewalk it is hard for some folks to get by - especially in wheelchair, walkers, strollers etc.
- Just need room to easily walk around them.
- Patio should not unduly inconvenience pedestrians.
- I would like to make sure there is enough room for a wheelchair or stroller to use the side walk safely. I will add that people's shrubs currently impede wheelchairs or strollers all over oak bay and it seems there is no action taken, so the businesses couldn't be any worse than what exists now.
- Patios should provide for access to handicapped modes of transport.
- License should be considered individually with restrictions for safety , traffic and alcohol use considerations Estevan village hazardous with multiple street intersection Estevan village too close to elementary school Estevan village parking area small and congested Estevan village restaurant takes over walking space making it unsafe for pedestrians
- Tables and chairs should be kept at a very close distance to the establishment so as not to make it difficult wending your way through.

- Pedestrians should be able to move easily through the area without encountering obstacles or a narrow passage way. Patios that jut out into the road can be dangerous for cyclists by causing the cyclists to have to swerve into traffic.
- Patios disrupt vehicle flows and put bicycles are risk going around them
- Lines of sight for motorists. For example, when Vis a Vis on Oak Bay Ave have their umbrellas up or the white tents, very dangerous for motorists on Hampshire trying to turn left or right onto Oak Bay Ave. Can't see the traffic coming from the left until much too late. Also squeezing of cyclists on a narrower street.
- As mentioned the safety of pedestrians and visitors to establishments in these extended patios. And good signage for motorists alerting them to changed patterns and lower speeds?
- Wheelchair movement
- It's harder to walk on the sidewalk.
- Where sidewalk widths are sufficient, I don't have any concerns. Ideally, the patio is located to abut the premises, and pedestrians have easy passage along the remaining sidewalk - not intersecting the business and the patio. I do have some concerns about patron safety when the patio is adjacent to the roadway and would prefer to see some kind of buffer between patrons and moving vehicles OR well-design traffic calming measures that slowed vehicles adjacent to cafes to 30 kph or less.
- Sufficient space for the elderly and those needing wheelchairs or other aids to walking are needed.
- Not impair pedestrians or access to adjacent businesses.
- It will reduce walking and parking space.
- Safety for pedestrians
- It will cause detours from well travelled routes by those who habitually use them. This could lead to confrontations until everyone gets used to it. Also, concerned about affect on seniors and people with mobility difficulties. And mobility aids.
- OB Ave already very congested and I would not think it could tolerate much more loss of vehicle driving or parking space.
- Pedestrians should be able to walk along the sidewalks.
- Ensure adequate space made available for pedestrians to navigate around sidewalk patios, particularly those with mobility challenges.
- Maintaining widths for use.
- Narrows main streets down - thus traffic too heavy
- All patios should take into account traffic patterns, corners, bike lanes, car doors opening/closing, line of sight. Nothing wrong with Estevan's or the one in front of Penny Farthing.
- My concern is sidewalk accessibility. The coffee shop on Oak Bay Avenue has not cluttered the sidewalk but the Penny Farthing has taken over way too much of the sidewalk. I believe that the sidewalks should be clear for the public use. During Covid, I walked on the street when I got near the Penny Farthing and I still do if the outside seating is busy. This is not friendly to pedestrians particularly seniors.
- *****Patios interfere with sidewalk pedestrians****** Waiters run back and forth across the sidewalk, their kiosks interfere with pedestrians The businesses that use them no longer

have restricted use of former premises (Covid is no longer a hindrance) They do not pay rent for municipal lands. THIS HAS TO STOP!

- On street patios create a danger zone for everyone as they create an unnecessary pinch point for road users and allow less room for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Business that have a division (using public sidewalks) between the building and patio present safety issues and should not be allowed especially if alcohol is involved.
- Obstruction of motorist, pedestrian, or cyclist visibility. Interference with pedestrians to walk safely. Removal of needed parking spaces for vehicles. Blocking access to other businesses.
- Sat outdoors one evening at a patio on OB Avenue and noise and speed of the traffic not only ruined our meal but had us very leery of cars going by.
- If traffic to sidewalk patios and other local businesses were all pedestrian or cyclists then there would be less of a problem. Unfortunately, the more attractions that the village offers, the bigger the parking problem - thus ensuring that nearby residents have to put up with limited residential (on-street) parking and blocked driveways. Is there any enforcement?
- I am very concerned about the loss of parking spaces, which are essential to those with limited mobility who rely on auto transportation to visit businesses, attend appointments, etc.
- It's not safe. People are right next to the street. Pedestrians have to typically walk around or walk into the street. It's just a very bad idea.
- Yes, they impede pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicle traffic, increasing pollution and endangering the many Oak Bay residents who must access critical areas of Oak Bay.
- What about disabled people?
- Need to ensure safety of all users.
- They can only be considered where there is sufficient sidewalk space to allow full unimpeded flow of pedestrians, cyclists. Many sidewalks are already too narrow, especially for those using mobility devices or with strollers.
- They cannot be located too close to major intersections or on major thoroughfares. The one at Blighty's is too close to a very busy intersection and contributes to traffic snarls and reduced visibility at the intersection.
- Use common sense to ensure pedestrian safety
- As a pedestrian I want to easily be able to walk on the sidewalks in Oak Bay!
- Impeding travel, congestion on sidewalk
- Must be designed such that there is no conflict or hazard to the flow of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- Sidewalk patios using parking stalls extensions as patios inhibit all users around such patios.
- So-called side-walk patios are far wider than a car or vehicle takes making main thoroughfares for bikes and cars much narrower than a normal traffic lane. The so-called sidewalk patios impede pedestrians on the real sidewalk and staff carrying food and beverages to patrons who are on the roadside patio, barge through pedestrians. This is intolerable. Sidewalks are PUBLIC SPACES, not belonging to businesses. For motorists and cyclists, patios do not have standard road signs - rather it is a hodge-podge of signage.
- Congestion
- Sidewalks should be protected to make areas accessible always. Bike lanes should be protected. I don’t think we have any in core areas.

- Currently parking in the Village is at a premium for most of the daytime business operation. Ourselves and increasing our neighbours, who used to shop in the village, now routinely go to the Hillside Mall or Fairfield Mall for their shopping !
- clogs traffic and sidewalks (e.g. Penny Farthing)
- The site needs to be carefully designed as space limited.
- Oak Bay sidewalks aren't wide enough to allow for sidewalk patios while ensuring sidewalk accessibility - please expand the width of sidewalks, particularly on Oak Bay Ave.
- I worry about cars driving into the patio spaces on the roads. There is also a concern about using too much of the sidewalk for tables and chairs leaving little to no room for pedestrians.
- The convenience of pedestrians should be of paramount importance. Cyclists should not be put in jeopardy because of these installations.
- Oak Bay Ave. Is a nightmare to drive through, too many distractions already .
- They confuse sight lines for everyone.
- I would suggest that whichever businesses ensure there is no loitering on the sidewalks in the area of the sidewalk patios. It's fine that people are seated and of course do have to move around a bit, but for the most part, they should not block sidewalk traffic.
- Make sidewalk patios contiguous to established cafe/restaurant premises and provide compensatory pedestrian access beyond patios, in parking spaces with safety barriers if necessary, so pedestrian public access does not pass between cafe/restaurant and its patio space.
- Increase barrier size adjacent to motorist traffic. Reduce motorist speed limits in patio zones, 20-30 kph Increase pedestrian walk area.
- On the sidewalk outside the Penny Farthing serving staff are considerate of passing pedestrians, but it is awkward getting by at times.
- YES. It is obvious that patios that spread across a sidewalk an into the roadwork are an inconvenience and a hazard. I cannot count the number of times that I have had to walk on the street (Estevan Ave) to avoid servers, patrons and their pets. Unfortunately, both sides of Estevan are blocked by sidewalk/roadway patios, making it hard to avoid them. Perhaps closing that block of Estevan to vehicular traffic should be considered. The only site in Oak Bay where a sidewalk patio "works" is the Windsor Cafe!
- As before, it must be obvious that pedestrians walking along the sidewalk can easily continuing walking through the gap between the business and patio space. (How is this managed in Europe? where sidewalk cafes are common?)
- Jut out into the street and are not safe if a driver was inattentive or had a medical issue.
- Always! I want everyone to be safe. There has to be best practices applied. Look to Europe for their usage.
- Reduces important parking spaces. Creates hazards for cyclists. Reduces accessibility for pedestrians (especially those with mobility problems).
- Congestion in these areas.
- Don't do blanket approvals. Common sense needs to prevail. Should be a grandfather clause as things are fine right now. Safe flow of other users (elderly walkers, bikes, cars) need to be factored in with on-site inspections before approval and there needs to be a public feedback loop to address concerns).

- The sidewalks and the areas of Oak Bay can not handle two people passing by each other, especially with a walker or wheelchair. The crosswalks are too dangerous to be used now, with more people it will cause both cars and people frustrations or an ambulance.
- Would be great for pedestrians, cyclists (dismount) and community feel.
- Patio location should not block sidewalk thoroughfare - particularly for people with walkers, strollers, wheelchairs.
- Need better cycle parking in general in Oak Bay and at patios Wheel chairs should be able to easily navigate around patios.
- Bike lanes Biking down Oak Bay Avenue has become increasingly dangerous. Bike signs to alert drivers of the bike lanes need to be more obvious and as well a Public campaign is needed The sidewalk patios are a wonderful community builder but please remember those that chose not to drive in our wonderful area!
- Issues with sidewalk safety for pedestrians is a concern and would recommend that patios only be placed in parking areas, not on sidewalks.
- I think it's very important sidewalks remain pedestrian accessible, especially to disabled community members, and that cycling routes aren't blocked.
- Wheelchair users need to be considered and sidewalks need to be usable still.
- Separated cycle lanes needed similar to Victoria. Needs to be clear passage for pedestrians.
- Sidewalks in the municipality are narrow, I'd rather see the sidewalks made broader and the street parking in village areas eliminated to accommodate sidewalk patios.
- Mobility is a big issue. Try to maneuver around those sitting at tables, and those waiting for tables.
- Pedestrians and cyclists require unobstructed safe access through/around patio areas
- Safe and reasonable passage for other users should be ensured.
- Wheelchairs, walkers access
- We must not end up subsidizing the business by handing over public space to private companies. They should pay if it is worth the business to have the space. They must not be allowed to block or impede pedestrian traffic. If they think it is worth their cost of removing parking near their business, then let them make that choice. The price of turning over the parking space to the business must be high enough to represent the market value of the space provided.
- I wish Oak Bay would invest much more in its sidewalks and bike lanes. Expanded sidewalk/parking space patios would be made even better if they also meant Oak Bay could invest more resources into widening sidewalks, adding traffic calming measures, and adding / expanding bike lanes.
- The increased size of modern vehicles and the prevalence of SUVs pose risks to cyclists as-is; some consideration regarding ensuring that cyclists on the road are not squeezed out should absolutely be made.
- Serving staff constantly passing across the line of "traffic" (people walking along the sidewalk to get from A to B, which is the actual purpose of a sidewalk after all...
- Accessibility is limited for elderly and handicapped. More handicapped parking is needed on Oak Bay Ave.

- Let's return to our single sidewalk paths and renew the wonderful walkability of our village No Problem with the Penny Farthing which is a terrific addition and service to the Village.
- Unexpected objects in the path of blind people.
- Ped access especially handicapped. Customer parking capacity within a block or so of desired business and handicap parking closer. OB would benefit more from a few resting benches along the more ped travelled roads than giving select businesses unpaid space increase.
- Safety, especially for elderly pedestrians
- Need to consider alternatives to traffic flow.
- I generally support the patio idea but do have concerns about a situation such as Ruth & Dean on Estevan Avenue. It began as outside tables right next to the cafe and later expanded to tables and planters across the sidewalk next to the street. This allows a much narrower sidewalk for pedestrians to walk on in front of that business. On the many busy days with a line up outside the building, people just milling and talking with their coffees, tables all full and waitresses crossing it is impassable for those of us wanting to visit other businesses. It is especially hard for those using walkers and certainly does not allow for social distancing. In this situation, tables on one side only would allow much better passage.
- Lots of us use walkers.
- Accessibility needs to be maintained and sidewalk clearance should be a min of 2m wide
- Vehicle fumes!
- Don't obstruct pedestrians & cyclists/scooter users etc. Do make use of outdoor patios for traffic calming.
- Safety
- Paths for pedestrians is critical and they must be safe for those who may have mobility and other issues. This could mean a hybrid model where partly in parking space and partly on sidewalk. I am aware some businesses have concerns less parking could impact their business, but I think better signage, where parking is available and perhaps summer time assistance with transport from parking lots. The more Oak Bay Avenue is pedestrian friendly the more it will take on a unique culture to the greater Victoria area. It is charming, but, could be more so.
- Pedestrians unhindered transiting
- There is an outdoor patio on the north side of Oak Bay Avenue just before the junction with Foul Bay Road. This massive and ugly structure so severely constricts traffic it is miracle this 'patio' has not caused an accident (or maybe it already has!).
- Impacts to accessibility should be considered, especially for those in a wheelchair, or pushing a stroller.
- They cause a narrowing where pedestrians are to walk.
- Needs to be designed in such a way not to impede pedestrians and to take in account those with mobility issues. Design with cycle safety in mind.
- safety - tripping, falling, space (bike/car)
- They must not impede in any way the mobility of people with walkers or strollers
- 1. flow of pedestrian traffic on sidewalk eg. Penny Farthing restricts flow 2. bike safety passing street structures when cars do not give way eg. Blighty's, Penny Farthing and Hide and Seek are too far into the street.
- They create blind spot, especially near Foul Bay Rd

- Pedestrians are also a top priority with proper space to accommodate a safety zone for them. Cycling needs to be designated in another space for safety reason and they need to be slow for this community. Motorists are not a priority at all and need to be slowed down or eliminated.
- Pedestrians should be able to safely navigate but cyclists should be on the road and slowly progressing. Motorists are not a priority and should be eliminated from our neighbourhoods. We want walkable places where we are safe from motorists and speedy cyclists.
- Sidewalk patios that abut a sidewalk and inevitably customers block the path of pedestrians trying to get by. Maybe a clear path left so pedestrians can pass without taking out a customer would be good.
- Accessibility, loss of bike parking, room for strollers and wheelchairs to get by.
- Increasing the space squeeze between cars/buses and bikes. Sat in one of these spaces trying to eat a meal, with a bus, just two feet away, rushing by or idling in my face.
- I would not support blocking or removing walkways or thoroughfares transiting establishments, and therefore making it more difficult for people to walk (or wheelchair/walker/scooter) access.) Starbucks has enough room for people to transit across--this should be standard.
- There are issues with adequate room for people to pass by existing patios, particularly for those in wheelchairs, pushing large strollers, etc. on the sidewalks, and bicycles getting squeezed on the roads. This is manageable, but needs to be part of design considerations. Should probably be disallowed on the street near corners, or have low barrier requirements, as the "walls" can block view corridors.
- Accessible parking and use of the sidewalk is vital for the disabled to access homes and businesses. Do not block them.
- Those with mobility issues plus they should have to pay for use of public space.
- Those with walkers, canes, wheelchairs need sidewalks!!!
- Pollution affecting people using said patios!
- Access should be protected at all times for people who use mobility aids.
- Disabled access being adequate and not compromised or prioritized lower.
- Pedestrians
- Yes! Their safety! Especially on bike paths. They are always being blocked & bicyclists need safety while they ride as there are all different levels of ability and they need to feel and be safe while they ride.
- There should be at least 1/2 of sidewalk area available for pedestrians
- What about disabled persons?
- Pedestrians should still be able to move freely through the sidewalks.
- It's very frustrating to walk through the Penny Farthing space when it's busy on the sidewalk part.
- The Penny Farthing/VisaVis use of sidewalk makes it impassable for all and especially for people with mobility issues.
- Sidewalk patios shouldn't impede traffic or put users in danger of injury from traffic.
- It is difficult to walk through areas where the sidewalk is between the patio and business frontage.

- It poses a danger to have a patio so close to the road where a vehicle could hit the patio full of people causing serious injuries and even death. Safety and liabilities are not been given due consideration.
- Adequate access for all pedestrians with all mobility abilities.
- It would need to still be safe for everyone!
- Sidewalks are made for people to walk on - not for cyclists to ride on and certainly not for eaters to eat on.
- Business activities on sidewalk must not impede free access or passage for people needing to use walkers or wheelchairs.
- Walking, and viewing the street in general as the outdoor seating right now is an eyesore.,
- Maintain access for pedestrians, wheelchairs and mobility devices.
- people with disabilities are not able to maneuver easily around these obstacles.
- Disabled people using mobility aides/ Bike secured parking.
- Sidewalk space for pedestrians and no accessible parking for my old grandma :(
- Limit the size. The Penny Farthing has gone too far and it's annoying to pass through. It's overkill. Don't permit that kind of setup.
- Safety for both patrons of the cafes/restaurants and motorists driving along on the roads.
- Patios stick out almost into traffic making cycling around hazardous! Plus they ruin the continuity of the sidewalks making it hard for people with disabilities and mobility devices to navigate. Bad idea especially on OB Ave.!
- Safety plus pedestrian access to sidewalks plus noise & light pollution if allowed evening hours.
- Pedestrian and people who require mobility aids.
- Can be an impediment and a hazard to pedestrians and cyclists and a distraction to motorists.
- Negatively affecting pedestrians by constricting walking area and causing cyclists to enter into a motor vehicle lane to pass . Patios too close to traffic lights impede motorists by reducing the number of lanes. Patrons on patio are exposed to toxic fumes as cars idle at an intersection (stop sign or traffic lights).
- I would prefer patios to utilize parking rather than sidewalk. Every city I have lived in that has a patio culture has either expanded the sidewalk into the parking spaces, or put the patio on the street side of the sidewalk. I prefer having the sidewalk not go through between the restaurant and the patio as there is disruption to pedestrian flow. Bicycles should not be on the sidewalk at all.
- As an avid walker there needs to be safe passageways to walk the area without fear of getting hit by cars or bikes. There likely needs to be access for commercial deliveries for the businesses.
- Such use of sidewalks should not impede the use of pedestrians.
- Pedestrians, people with accessibility needs, families, children, seniors.
- don't block traffic flow.
- Yes - they need to not only be aware of those with access needs but provide access.
- Those with mobility issues.
- Have to be careful of people bumping into others.
- Yes, particularly encroaching on sidewalks (eg. pub!) when breath concerns are evident.

- Find worst is Starbucks where whole sidewalk can often be blocked. Bikes are often the problem when added to the tables.
- Space to maneuver- bikes/cars and walkers/strollers
- Patios use limited space
- Getting around and thru patios
- Patios, minimal size, space to get around.
- Minimal sized patios, space to move around.

8. Do you have any accessibility concerns about sidewalk patios?

- Yes. There needs to be a combination approach of best practices, common sense, & flexibility, along with a way to engage the public in active feedback, in order to track what works/ or what doesn't.
- Comment: over the longer term, in conjunction with good street scape design, I think that all patios should be fully accessible, whether on the sidewalk itself or within the road allowance. However, I would not want to see patios banned in the short term at the expense of full accessibility.
- BC Human Rights Code Section 8 - all facilities available to the public must be accessible for people with disabilities. As Oak Bay is the approved, then Oak Bay Will be healed liable for access barriers created by this program.
- Disabled access to the patios should be a must. Some patios have added ramping for chairs, scooters etc but not sufficient room to maneuver easily. There should be designated tables that give disabled access priority.
- I have talked to business owners whose walk-in traffic was greatly hindered by neighbouring patios. The public is reluctant to walk through patio areas both on sidewalk and outside sidewalk area in parking areas. This is a real concern. Some businesses were unable to survive. Is it possible to create a patio space that leaves the sidewalks available to the public pedestrian activity... strolling is a necessary thing in neighbourhoods. Also, the patios created for COVID were a quick fix and not very attractive. This should be addressed.
- Estevan village restaurant uses sidewalk for lineups for patrons creating obstacles Estevan village restaurant has tables beside building as well as an extremely large parking stall patio thus creating obstacles for pedestrians on sidewalk as well as street traffic due to the need to negotiate the street in order to use the sidewalk
- I would worry about sidewalks becoming too narrow for 2 wheelchair users to pass each other in some locations
- No one has thought about how disabled people can get into the patios and when they take out parking spaces for patios it is a very long way to walk to get to where you want to go. Able body people can walk.
- There are many accessibility concerns including the height of tables. Bar height does not work for people in wheelchairs. You are providing a privilege to the business and they should be required to provide a public benefit. Even if your patios are wheelchair accessible, the business may not have accessible washrooms and this barrier should not be grandfathered. People in wheelchairs or using walkers should be able to get onto the patio, maneuver, be seated, and use the full indoor facilities. They may have to go inside to pay. They need to be

maintained to stay accessible, have a realistic slope ramps with a good surface, and sandwich board signs need to be regulated.

- I actually love the patio at Vis a Vis however I've seen people trying to get through with dogs, other businesses etc. trying to avoid service staff and other guests of the restaurant. It is a bit of an awkward situation depending on how busy it is.
- I am concerned that pedestrian traffic is impacted by patios where patio patrons cross sidewalk area and cause discomfort for pedestrians.
- It is easier for those with mobility issues to access sidewalk facilities. Businesses must not be allowed to impede pedestrian traffic for the able bodied or for those with issues.
- As a pedestrian - Blocked sidewalks, parked bicycles, dogs with un- attentive owners. As an observer - the difficulty for those individuals who are mobility challenged. As a driver, the obstructed line of vision when approaching crosswalks.
- Any application for sidewalk use should include accessibility plan.
- Mobility equipment access for patio areas (i.e. curb ramps with sufficient room for wheelchair users to maneuver safely) should be built into whatever regulation is devised.
- My elderly mother could barely get through the Penny Farthing patio area in her scooter.
- Walking by with strollers, dogs etc. and people congregating on the sidewalk waiting to access restaurant or patio. They act entitled and force sidewalk users onto the road.
- Ensure adequate access for emergency services. The rest will follow.
- Sidewalk patios should have enough accessible access to good locations on the patio so as to be welcoming and inclusive. However, the ENTIRE sidewalk patio doesn't necessarily need to be accessible.
- Sidewalk entrance/exit ramps for vehicles are a liability for Oak Bays disabled due to the design of the ramps, forcing the walker downwards onto the roadway, down the incline entering the road and potentially falling, causing injuries and broken bones etc. I've been told for decades about this happening, and now I have a walker, I know it's true. There are different types of egress ramps that would be far better at keeping everyone safer using Oak Bay's sidewalks. Oak Bay would become a pioneer with ALL pedestrians young and elderly alike. From the very young child riding a tricycle along the sidewalk, the mother pushing children in their stroller, the infirm using a walker to help them get around, to even the wheelchair bound. Not forgetting the ice and snow, when sidewalks are not cleared and de-iced properly.
- Although in favor of sidewalk use, there must be a safe and unobstructed path for pedestrians and wheelcharis/scooters to get by. In Europe some of the cafe's had servers going back and forth from a sidewalk patio into restaurant and people frequently got spilled on and bumped into. Setup should be done in way to avoid that from happening (i.e. use sidewalk closest to building so pedestrians do not go between cafe and the patio).
- From a traffic perspective they are yet another hindrance and obstacle. When they are too close to a corner, it makes manoeuvring difficult (e.g. Oak Bay Ave and Foul Bay).
- I think any of these CAN be concerns, depending on how the patio is designed and laid out. They are not concerns that I believe should lead to avoiding the expansion/implementation of patios, but rather considerations that need to be incorporated into every proposal and weighted significantly.

9. Please select the top 5 design standards that you think should be prioritized to ensure sidewalk patios fit in Oak Bay's character:

- Cement dividers or similar to prevent car from crashing into the structures. (This is an easy item to address).
- Mitigating noise for surrounding homes if in a neighbourhood.
- We need more parking
- Allowing dogs.
- Patios should be allowed to be as large as possible and constructed with more permanent materials and installations so they don't appear so tactical/provisional.
- Patios should be allowed to be as large as possible and constructed with more permanent materials and installations so they don't appear so tactical/provisional.
- parking
- Joy. Vibrancy. Happiness.
- Mitigating impacts to residential parking, traffic ,safety, school children and alcohol use
- Mitigating impacts to motorists
- Mitigating impacts to drivers and uses of the patios.
- Location
- These patios are an accident waiting to happen. it is not uncommon for parked along side the road to be brushed by another vehicle. What happens when a vehicle careens into a patio full of patrons?
- Traffic obstruction
- Mitigating impact on passing vehicular traffic.
- Road safety considerations
- Mitigating impacts with increased parking and traffic on neighbouring streets Not allowed near school especially serving alcohol Size of patio restrictions to license of occupancy permit.
- Oak Bay 'character' is not a concrete concept that exists, Oak Bay has acknowledged in municipality documents that Oak Bay should not prioritize character at the disadvantage and harm of residents.
- Outdoor heating should not be provided. In this time of global climate change, people should go inside or wear appropriate clothing if they want to be outside. We should not encourage more energy use.
- Many elderly and/or disabled people live in Oak Bay and it isn't fair to prevent them from accessing businesses with street patios and reduced parking spaces.

10. Do you have any other comments or concerns regarding sidewalk patios in Oak Bay?
    - Sidewalk patios create community and slows down traffic which is needed in some areas like Estevan.
    - No. I think year round patios will be beneficial for our neighbourhood community, our collective economies and our neighbourhood identities and solidarity of neighbourhood populations.
    - While I understand why we started using the patios with the restrictions lifted on the use of indoor space it's time to go back to normal business. No one business should be able to leverage public space for their gain.
    - If the business is using public space to generate revenue then what does the municipality receive in return?
    - Keeps people healthier than indoor dining.
    - They are great. We need more. They add a lot to the atmosphere of Oak Bay and attracts tourists. The patios make Oak Bay unique.
    - This is great, please allow for more open spaces and markets.
    - In my honest opinion, I think if more sidewalk patios are being considered, the Avenue has to be closed from Monterey to Wilmot and make it a courtyard. It's just too congested. Pedestrian safety should be first and foremost.
    - Traffic barriers (orange) and stanchions (white) should be regularly (immediately) maintained and replaced when damaged.
    - There should not be a limit to the number of businesses that can have a patio. This process should be open to all that would like to have one. It's a big draw in the summer having outdoor seating.
    - I think patios made sense during covid, but are too big moving forward. They really impact bikes, cars and pedestrians.
    - I do not support any removal of any parking spots for seating - reduce the sidewalk, not the parking.
    - Keep them coming! Everybody loves them!
    - I fully support maintaining and expanding sidewalk patios! I think they are a great way to promote community culture and gatherings.
    - I love them! Makes me feel like I am in Europe again.
    - Delighted with the idea generally. Architectural standards need to be established. Perhaps if businesses had a longer term 'lease/land use agreement' they would be inclined to spend a little more on appearance.
    - The patios have been allowed to get too large. They impede access to neighbouring businesses, have encroached on the small amount of parking on Oak Bay, and have caused unpleasant bottlenecks.
    - I think these have added liveliness to the neighborhood and I'm glad to see them continue past covid.
    - I would like to see more patios - especially along the Avenue. It would be great if they all looked as nice as the Penny Farthing and used that as a standard look.
    - The presence of sidewalk patios have made my visits to the Avenue and Estevan Village less enjoyable and at times impossible because of the reduced parking available, especially

during holidays. While they helped businesses sustain their clientele during Covid restrictions they are not needed now and take parking spaces away from shoppers and other users.

- We don't shop in the village because of the lack of parking.
- I never use them myself, but on Oak Bay Ave it reduced a lot of available parking making it a lot harder to park there. We own The StandOut retail store beside the Penny and customers complain about not finding parking sometimes.
- Please don't over think or over analyze! Just do it, safely and beautifully
- Sidewalk patios are a great addition to our village core. However, I would like to see the patios on the sidewalk adjacent to the restaurant/business and the sidewalk built around it out into the parking spaces. Accessibility would need to be maintained (eg maintain level pathway for pedestrians) and safety ensured (proper heavy crash barriers around the extended sidewalk to prevent vehicle incursion) but this design keeps the seated patrons adjacent to the restaurant and prevents conflicts between patrons/waitstaff (who are trying to get to/from the restaurant/patio seating) and pedestrians.
- Penny Farthing is well used. Would be nice to expand seating in front of Starbucks but otherwise I don't see any need for more outdoor patios in Oak Bay
- Sidewalks are for people to walk on, not for patios.
- Patios are required to make Oak Bay more lively and to make the community a destination where people go. The Penny Farthing is a model of how to do it well and that model should be replicated. However, to retain Oak Bay's charm, these have to be well-designed structures that are aesthetically pleasing. The Penny Farthing took the time to make their structure look beautiful and as such, people want to visit it. On the flip side, the more make-shift structures like those of Hide and Seek coffee and the old Blighty's are two examples of structures that detract from the aesthetic of the neighbourhood. They look run down and therefore aren't used as often as people aren't attracted to them. The aesthetics should be top of mind with respect to the regulations and these make-shift structures should be required to become more aesthetically pleasing permanent structures.
- I support the idea of patios but the aesthetics must be regulated. Too many are poorly designed and poorly built. They add nothing to the character of the business (other than more seats) and nothing to the character of the area.
- Sidewalk patios bring life to the community. I support them. Think Europe, please. Encourage patios, cycling and walking and discourage cars.
- For MANY people with mobility issues in Oak Bay the patios have made it impossible to access other businesses in the area. Also these massive structures take up so much room that there is Never parking available especially in the Estevan Village area. They must go.
- Less parking, more patios! Sidewalks are too narrow as it is; use the road space. This will slow down traffic while not impeding pedestrians.
- Bring out liveliness and aesthetic of roads.
- I really like the patios, given that they are attractive, reasonable in size and space, and do not impact accessibility to neighbouring businesses or the sidewalk. I found it difficult at times to navigate my way past the extensive patio in front of the Penny Farthing.
- To replace some of the parking spaces lost to patios in the Village, I think the wide sidewalk area in front of The Hamilton should be reclaimed.

- The one in Estevan Village should be removed as the Village restaurant is only open for half days and the rest of the time the overly large unattractive structure sits empty takes up valuable space.
- In general I think they are a good addition to the community
- I support outdoor patios. They add to the ambience of the community and foster community living and interaction with the village and its inhabitants. I feel strongly that each space should be looked at within the context of the application and the location. There cannot be a one size fits all kind of rule.
- Not enough parking.
- Sidewalk patios are a wonderful addition to the community, adding life to the street, vibrancy to the neighbourhood, an interface between private and public space. They are inviting and provide some balance to the closed perception of the community nestled behind a 'tweed curtain'
- Having relocated from Toronto a few years ago I applaud Oak Bay for exploring this idea. Using the sidewalk brings an energy and vibrancy to communities, allows opportunities for members of the community to connect in a different way, creates safe passage for women, children and elders, and sales opportunities for businesses. When designed properly it doesn't interfere with pedestrian, cyclist or vehicle traffic and can actually make an area more of a destination point for all 3. So many, inexpensive options exist to better allow access, with or without sidewalk business (plywood ramps were used at every business in our Toronto neighborhood to accommodate strollers etc). This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance Oak Bay!
- I think they help build community and bring energy and life to our village core and neighbourhood hubs. Go for it!
- Would like to see a pickup/drop off area near patios that take up a substantial amount of parking space. But would prioritize patios in commercial areas where there is other parking nearby. Also more bicycle parking. I like to walk or bike around Oak Bay and love the addition of patios. Add to the vibrancy of the community.
- Preferably on the Avenue. Room for people to walk by. Pleasant to look at. Not just tables on the street.
- They make for a lively community and enhance the liveability of the community.
- Please continue them. I love them
- I support supporting local neighbourhood businesses so people don't need to drive downtown to go to restaurants and pubs. I've often thought Estevan village, for example, would be a perfect place for a neighbourhood wine bar or cocktail lounge open until 11 or 12 at least. It would bring more life to the area. Same with the other mini villages.
- We can lose all street parking in the village but so far Oak Bay has done a great job of balancing parking with patio use. Patios are an excellent way to bring life and vibrancy to a street and allows more people to use our local businesses in the months when they are willing to sit outside. Look around the world and in every vibrant city there are patios and people filling the streets!!
- I think the framing of this survey "Sidewalk Patios" is a bit misleading given that the scope includes rededicating parking spaces (not simply sidewalk space) to commercial uses. I support the idea of revisiting "highest and best use" in favour of more commercial activity

and "street life", but also feel scope should include re-dedicating public parking spaces to PUBLIC uses (not just commercial) such as expanded pedestrian, cycling and environmental uses. The Bowker Creek walkway is currently disconnected at the Oak Bay Rec Centre. It's a planning and a safety issue. This could easily be remedied by rededicating ~10 parking spaces to public/pedestrian use and also help better meet community and environmental objectives. In fact it is already a policy in the OCP, Active Transportation strategy and Bowker Creek Blueprint.

- Sidewalk patios make our community so much more inviting and lively. Would be ideal to actually expand all the sidewalks to encourage walkers and patios and make them accessible and aesthetically pleasing all at once.
- Make dog friendly the standard.
- I am saddened that several business have been forced to close on OB Avenue due to lack of parking spots. Too many street patios in that area
- Thank you for engaging on this! I really hope we can shift from prioritizing cars and drivers, which is inherently exclusionary, and instead support walking, biking and rolling. More safe places to meet, shop, eat, drink and gather through expanding side walks is the Oak Bay I want to live in!
- Great idea. 100% on board. Wish I could join a committee.
- Please keep Penny Farthing patio
- I think patios are great. We should encourage more local dining etc and enable more patios where sought in Estevan, south oak bay commercial and on the Avenue and Foul Bay. We should encourage less driving by taking away parking. Biking, walking, busing are all easy and there’s ample street parking available.
- The need for accessibility does not mean you should prioritize the use of cars. Please make your future patio policies safe for cyclists and pedestrians first, which will help businesses be more successful with these patios, while also lowering overall noise and emissions and encouraging more healthy means of transportation.
- I love them!
- "I think these patios are great. We need more places to enjoy outside while patronizing a cafe, restaurant etc. They make the area more fun and vibrant.
- We have too much road space and not nearly enough outdoor eating space in this time of airborne pandemics. Let's please make it easy to convert space for cars into spaces for pedestrians, sittting, eating, etc.
- They are nice if somewhat inconvenient while trying to get past them.
- Business clearly wants more space at no expense - I don't know what you are charging for boulevard space and financial questions are missing from this brief survey. I do appreciate a street full of life and activity and I do appreciate a refreshment outside. During COVID it was imperative for business to have this space and some of the spots on the avenue squeezed the sidewalk, impeded walking. If you are going to make these permanent (and I think definitely some should be) do it right - high standards, designed for permanence. Parking is not a worry to me at all. Thanks for asking.
- They should not be ugly. Plants help with the aesthetics. .
- As long as the plan for a patio is thoughtfully studied and consultation is complete, the patio brings a very welcome element to any business and to village life.

- Yes disabled people with scooters, walkers, wheelchairs
- Do everything you can to support local small business success.
- Just don't like them at all; unnecessary and interferes with pedestrian and traffic
- Takes away from street parking which impacts all businesses . Patios are only helping out restaurants not any other retail.
- I would love to see more people outside enjoying our neighbourhoods!
- More sidewalk patios!
- I'm fully supportive of patios and outdoor spaces.
- I'm all for more sidewalk use. love Penny Farthing's expansion for example
- I think the patios have enhanced the sense of community in the core village areas where they are found. I would be concerned if they were allowed in neighbourhood commercial areas as the neighbouring homeowners would have to endure constant noise that is not to be expected.
- I think the patios are great, as long as design is mindful of street parking and sidewalk accessibility for elderly and disabled.
- Sidewalk patios are a vibrant addition to Oak Bay and should be encouraged.
- We have to be less parking and car-centric. Emphasize biking and walking. Provide bike lockups. Better public washrooms or mandate access to restaurants/retail bathrooms. You can't expect people to park far away and walk without providing bathrooms. Close off street sections (Oak Bay, Central Ave) to make use of street as well. Even if just once a week. Be creative.
- Love them use them year round.
- I think the patio expansions are great for our community!
- Some of the patios are down right ugly. There needs to be aesthetic and design standards
- I am supportive of increasing patio space in core business areas while considering the impacts to pedestrians and other businesses.
- No concerns. I support improvements in Oak Bay that help to generate businesses and improve community sustainability.
- Love the sidewalk patios.
- Patios are great and I'd love for them to stay full time - so long as our public spaces remain accessible and useable by people who aren' paying a private business for the privilege. The sidewalk should always prioritize walkers (and rollers) first. I fully support parking spaces being used for patios as it leaves the sidewalk free for pedestrians. The patios on Oak Bay Avenue have been a huge success and I can imagine other great locations - for example, the deli site at Eastdowne and Dalhousie could be a lovely local coffee spot (something like Le Marché St. George in Vancouver!)
- Businesses utilizing sidewalk patios should be charged a fee (taxes, increased licensing fee, etc) by the municipality since the business will have increased business space and increased revenue/profits.
- No. I just have to say the few patios that have been allowed have made the area much more desirable giving it an almost European vibe.
- If you're going to surrender to letting commercial operators use taxpayer-paid roadway for their business, at least negotiate proper compensation. But as earlier indicated, I would prefer these patio spaces to be on the sidewalk and keep the roadway space for operating

vehicles and cyclists. I'm not attached to having parking on both sides of Oak Bay Avenue. A decision to surrender the roadway to a private business will be extremely hard to undo. To support the idea of outdoor public eating I would support closing the entire back lane between Monterey and St. Anns for outdoor dining. Pave the area with beautiful tiles, close it to traffic for a period to allow for deliveries early in the morning and later at night. This is what Quebec City does in its historic area. Be creative about how you creative outdoor public space and opportunities to create sustainable traffic patterns in the future.

- More concerns about the parking in front of businesses due to the posts installed due to 6 feet during COVID. The sidewalks are wide enough no need to take away street parking which is at a premium at best
- I liked the allowances made during Covid times that provided wider areas for pedestrians and sight protection at crossings. And separation from cyclists.
- I enjoy the patio spaces in Oak Bay and would be happy to see more added.
- We LOVE the patios that have cropped up in Oak Bay and around Victoria since the pandemic started. The patio in the village at Penny Farthing has created a lovely vibrant feel in the village, very European and really fun. We have also frequented the Village restaurant patio in Estevan and have used many others around Fernwood, downtown, etc. Please keep them going as it just brings a vibrancy previously lacking in this city!
- The patios that have already been in place along Oak Bay Ave. for almost two years show that they can be successful, for businesses and pedestrians. I am a huge favour of them and, personally, don't feel impacted by the loss of some parking spaces. I have always been able to find parking. I also believe the patios add a beautiful ambience to a neighbourhood, assuming of course that they adhere to a certain aesthetic standards ie. neat, clean, nice design.
- I really enjoy the outdoor patios! It gives a great feeling to the village and makes it feel alive and vibrant. I hope to see improvements and continued growth!
- I support the idea of patios. I think they provide a wonderful sense of community. I fully realize that in the Village, parking is at a premium. Monterey Centre is at capacity for most of the day. Taking out parking stalls to provide patios is a difficult situation. Many people rely on their cars and subsequent parking to get around. As it stands, it is unusual to find a place to park. So while I support them, I also believe they have to be sympathetic to the community that will use them. I read that residents are looking for bicycle lanes. I fully understand. However the Avenue is already one lane each way. The traffic, rightly so, crawls along. Adding in bicycle lanes would severely impact use of the cars and public transportation. The community is in my opinion of an older age bracket, some of whom may be able to ride bicycles. I suggest that cycle lanes be put into secondary roads versus Oak Bay Avenue itself. Thank you for your careful consideration.
- For those with mobility issues, smaller sidewalks and less handicap parking are huge issues
- I think patios add to a sense of community.
- Keep in mind that sidewalk Café's are privatizing the public realm and those spaces then are only accessible to those with the means to pay for what the business is selling. This is not inclusive. Temporary things have a way of becoming permanent. You create a vested interest. You need to budget for Inspection and enforcement, especially when there is

moveable furniture and signage. I don't know where you will put them as the sidewalks in Oak Bay are already full of hazards and barriers

- I dislike them and have never used them. They are unsightly and discriminatory to the disabled. I would prefer to less than we have now.
- Sidewalk service adds to the character and makes Oak Bay more appealing.
- Patios are a good addition to our community with some caveats: Patios should be strictly daytime only, not evenings. Ideally cafes that open after 9 am and close around 4 would be given priority. Another issue is music/noise. Amplified music should not be permitted out doors. Lastly, Sundays should not be allowed. Residents need one day a week of peace and quiet in our gardens.
- Roslyn should be blocked off at McNeil and Demitasse should have a large patio.
- Patios have added some much needed street life to Oak Bay. They also allow people to have more outdoor time almost year-round.
- The Penny Farthing / Vis a Vis has far too much outdoor space.
- Fully support!
- I think the patios are a wonderful addition to neighourhoods, they make the areas more vibrant and interesting, and help the businesses that have them to be more profitable and sustainable.
- They are a privilege being considered above basic mobility needs.
- Patios on roads need good protection from traffic.
- Patios really add to the charm of the village. I love seeing people outside. I do not mind that we have lost some street parking, but I do think we could change some of the remaining parking into accessible spaces. My mother uses a walker and it is very difficult for her to visit local businesses with the current number of spaces.
- More is better. Cars should not have priority. We have great weather too!
- I hope we could have more outdoor festive food and drink during winter holiday season as well!
- I think it has been a welcome addition to the village. The one at the corner of Oak Bay Ave and Foul Bay is an eye sore.
- Please do not allow them the roads are congested enough, roads are for cars, buses, and bikes!
- I fully support sidewalk / parking stall patios.
- I think sidewalk patios are great and would be very happy to see more of them!
- No concerns. Love to see more like the penny farthing.
- REMOVE PATIOS - COVID IS OLD NOW
- Love them. Would love some bike lanes even more! Thanks for the opportunity to have input.
- Do not like them, too difficult to manage around them.
- Aesthetics are very important- the current patio at the Tapas Restaurant is so unattractive/ ugly and embarrassing and should be removed. It is also a hazard for vehicular traffic!
- Consider repurposing certain streets for pedestrian use ONLY - then patios make sense (charge business-friendly rent).

- I love them and I think we should have far more of them. They add to the community feel of the neighbourhood and attract people to visit.
- The sidewalks in Oak Bay are already too narrow, there just isn't room for these patios, and I believe they create a hazard for pedestrians, walking by them or attempting to enter the premises.
- Patios should be limited to the business that wants the patio, not sprawling over 3 businesses like the Penny Farthing.
- Outdoor cafes/restaurants and use of outdoor space adds life and vibrancy to our neighbourhood! The Europeans have made it work and so can we. More people can walk, and cycle in the neighbourhood, rather than all the cars everywhere.
- I value supporting businesses to add additional seating. I also like that people have options to be outside where it is often less crowded. I would like to see that all accessibility design standards are applied and that businesses are required to maintain the additional outside areas.
- No - it's wholeheartedly welcomed and I feel adds vibrancy and energy to a city.
- Access and cohesion to the community is necessary.
- The use of public spaces by businesses allows for businesses to expand in ways that were not previously attainable, opens opportunities for patrons to enjoy the establishment in a variety of new ways. Creating space to gather outdoors fosters an inclusive community. I'm picturing the European style of sidewalk dining, nothing beats that environment.
- More pedestrian / community focused spaces. Sidewalk patios are a good step towards European style public spaces.
- I do think that they are a nice addition here and there for busy places. Some businesses, however, cannot support the increased seating due to staff shortages. I also believe it would have to be on a case by case basis and it's impact on vehicle/pedestrian traffic....and be mindful of the surrounding trees and landscaping. Thank you.
- Looks cluttered. Hard to see other businesses. Parking is an issue.
- With a bit of planning and implementation we can have lovely outdoor seating areas like we enjoy using so much when visiting European cities.
- Dogs should be allowed to sit beside their owners while on patios.
- The patios went up because of covid, not needed any more.
- Yes, I think those with impaired vision must be challenged by patios
- Patios are a great community gathering place. Add some life to the streets.
- We are restricted to outside eating because we're immune-suppressed, so we use these patios (unsafe for us to eat inside).
- I absolutely love all the new patios and it has 100% increased my frequency of visiting local businesses.
- Some are unsightly.
- As mentioned above, get a handle on the type of bikes parking their bikes on sidewalks. This will help create space for humans.
- Should have option for pet friendly zone.
- Sidewalk patios were needed during covid restrictions. The restaurants are now back to being allowed to using the original seats in their restaurants that they purchased when

buying the restaurants. Give our sidewalks back!! Our tax dollars pay for the sidewalks these are not extensions of businesses. Enough!!

- I wouldn't sit outside in one of these patios because of the noise , car exhaust and weather
- I think the patios should complement a business. It should be on a small scale a and not interfere with pedestrian, cycling or road traffic.
- I support patios that can be used Year round in all types of weather, for the purposes of mitigating the spread of Covid, flu and other viruses. This could also be accomplished by requiring businesses to measure CO2 levels and have hepa filtration and far UV in place to ensure safe indoor air quality.
- The list above is worrying: accessibility concerns are about legal rights, and heritage is about community tastes - one clearly trumps the other.
- Please allow for cafe, restaurants and bars with enough certainty that business owners can put in attractive, patios and seating. No junk as was found on Oak Bay Ave just before Foul Bay Rd. Business to pay for public space with lease. No outdoor music except by special event permission. Should provide for safe active transport around and through including for those needing aids. Public eating /coffee places create community but should respect the neighbourhood design and be maintained. Should respect those living and shopping in neighbourhood that share area.
- I love sitting outside on a patio with friends and I think it brings a vibrancy to the village.
- They were necessary during Covid but now that we can take out or eat inside I think the patios should go.
- In particular, the contraption in front of Tapas On Oak is an eyesore. I have never seen it used, it takes up at least one parking slot, and it restricts visibility for cyclists and motorists approaching the intersection.
- Yes to patios.
- The Oaks should have a patio in a parking spot on the road.
- If done properly, allowing retailers of all types to spill out onto the street can be good for everyone.
- The patios add to the vibrancy of the community. Bring people out look at Europe and suddenly people shop, meet and talk. We need to have a community that lives in the streets not behind fences or in malls.
- I would like to request that Oak Bay Ave be closed to motor traffic from Monterey to Wilmot. This will allow plenty of space for patios, as well as for those who walk, roll and cycle. Similarly, please close the block of Estevan village now open to cars where the restaurants are. It would be delightful to dine in the middle of Estevan looking down towards the ocean. I would prefer that the noise and danger of cars be removed from these busy areas. Research shows that pedestrianized spaces from much more profitable for local businesses, whose owners tend to overestimate the number of people coming by car anyway.
- Having patios is an asset to friendly feel of the community however the size of each patio, the siting of the patio and impact on the area around each business must be taken into account.
- We need more patios, less realty business.

- Making them look clean and well maintained and well constructed. You don't want Oak Bay to end up looking like a shanty town.
- I think patios are terrific. They are traffic calming and give life to streets. They are welcoming and expand opportunity for businesses. They need to be accessible for people of all abilities, they need to be attractive and well maintained. While heating and lighting are bonuses to make customers and staff more comfortable, they should not be required because small businesses (like Hide and Seek) probably can't afford all the patio amenities that chains (like Starbucks) can. As for the question of parking, the municipality needs many more bike racks and spaces for people who arrive on foot (with bikes, baby carriages, scooters, etc.) The new patio policy needs to work in conjunction with environmental sustainability. Trees should not be disturbed, and when possible, new trees could be planted on (to be constructed) new street bulb outs that include newly planted trees. Patios could be seen as an improvement to Oak Bay…bringing new energy and liveliness is badly needed here.
- As a customer I have loved the patios because it means at many places I love to go to as a hungry walk in (the village, the Penny Farthing, etc), I have not been turned away, when in years past I have been frequently turned away because they are full—I have seen and heard discussion highlighting frustration that our tax funded spaces are going toward increasing business profits (if they are? These are tough businesses and increasing space also increases the need for number of servers and kitchen staff), and this perspective certainly needs to be considered, but also feel as a customer that they are great for me and my family and people who like to eat out without planning and scheduling and reserving every moment of our lives.
- Some of the adjacent to patio parking spaces should be repurposed for bike parking.
- Please don't turn Oak Bay into a low traffic neighborhood, you will be pushing people out.
- "Community meeting spaces contribute to a healthy community and city. With ongoing covid and respiratory concerns, outdoor meeting spaces are essential. We are fortunate to live in a climate where outdoor living is possible year-round. I fully support the encouragement of outdoor patio spaces, with some regulation, especially in appearance and upkeep.
- We are a walking, biking population. There is plenty of sidewalk and street space for all of us!"
- I think aesthetics is very important along with maintenance (cleanliness etc.) and safety with regard to vehicles etc. along the roadways. Our current health concerns are not going away any time soon and having these outdoor spaces is wonderful for concerned patrons and the businesses in general.
- I love all the patios that sprung up as a result of Covid. I hope that the new rules do not affect the present patios. There should be more of them.
- Sidewalk patios limit accessibility to businesses, pedestrians, cyclist and drivers as well as being hazardous.
- Bike lanes to Monterey Middle School would be a good idea. More accessibility for bikes.
- More outdoor space would be amazing! It builds community and a place where folks want to be! Thank you for considering this.
- I think patios add so much to the personality of a neighbourhood!

- I think most people filling out this survey, myself included, do not know enough about trade-offs and may not realize that an answer that seems to them positive may set in motion some effects they would consider negative. Also, in section on priorities, heating is mentioned both under environment and as its own answer. People who do not check the heating option are not necessarily indicating that heating does not make their top five priorities, because it is included in another option they may have chosen.
- I feel the sidewalk and parking stall patios bring an important European element to the community. It provides a safer setting (regarding Covid) and a more communal atmosphere. I worry that the permitting fees are too expensive for most small businesses and hope those fees are reduced.
- There should be more outdoor patio that are allowed to have dogs. There should not be an additional cost for the permit to hosts our four legged companions.
- Love the patios - feels like we have a special Paris feel coming to OB!
- "I think you should have included information on what patios are like in Oak Bay right now. This would really help people answer the questions imo. Perhaps some drawings, photos of current patios -- both ones that just use sidewalk space and ones that extend into parking space. I use the patios on Oak Bay Avenue and Estevan, but I'd prefer to have a visual reminder.
- I think outside patios are a welcome addition to Oak Bay. They contribute to a more vibrant and interesting community. "
- I am concerned about the safety of patrons when parking stall road space is being used. There must be sufficient barriers in place in case a car/truck loses control.
- Generally support them. Love the one at the Penny Farthing / Vis a Vis, and also across the street at Hide and Seek.
- For heated patios, please allow only renewable energy (electric) heaters rather than propane heaters.
- Please keep the sidewalks walkable and accessible for disabled.
- Please keep the outside patios. It makes the village so vibrant and it’s so nice to see how many people have been accessing and using them.
- Given the difficulties faced by businesses over the last 3 years, it is essential that these struggling businesses be supported for success.
- I heartily support sidewalk patios - I believe they support the building of a friendly neighbourhood and community.
- Have greatly enjoyed the outside patios and hope they can continue. They add life to the village and other places where they are located.
- I think they are a great way to enjoy the summer weather and support our local businesses with more space.
- I think the sidewalk patios have enhanced our community enabling us to enjoy the outdoors and people watch Also convenient if you have a baby carriage/stroller; and small children. Generally it is quieter outdoors too. Many indoor places if busy are too noisy. Pls don’t regulate them to the extent that they disappear.
- Please let the patios thrive.
- When looking at Penny Farthing as an example, it’s so nice to see life on the Avenue! I feel it’s one of the safest patios I’ve seen in town (except for pedestrian only streets), because

of the big orange barracade. Same goes for The Village restaurant - it's a well postitioned patio for safety. Look at the increased business those 2 businesses must have - wow! Basically, I feel if patios are aesthetically pleasing (and safely done), people will want to enjoy them and that will only help with the vibrancy of our beautiful neighbourhood.

- As my wife is disabled, we noted a number of patios that don't address accessibility and that should be a requirement for all patios, not only access, but perhaps priority tables for the disabled.
- I see no reason to restrict use of existing exterior commercial space, sidewalk space or parking spaces outside of the guidelines suggested in my answers to this questionnaire.
- I think patios really add to the healthy community vibe in Oak Bay. I love it. Please ensure that there is still some parking available. I think the set ups at the Penny Farthing, and Ruth and Dean and The Village in Estevan are great. It livens up the place--fun to see people you know dining and saying hello as we walk by. So great to have the safer outdoor eating options during the pandemic as well...and good to be prepared in the future for any other potential pandemics...
- Council / staff should not be determining what is or isn't "Oak Bay's character"... a vague and highly subjective (& sometimes outright racist) non-definition that has stalled action on housing & other key issues. Someone always complains that any proposed change (from permitting the Penny Farthing to rental suites) will destroy its "Oak Bay's character". It still hasn't happened. More patios will only improve the "character" of our community.
- Businesses that have made "sidewalk" patios - with built up seating such as outside restaurants like Penny Farthing should pay more taxes than other businesses in recognition of their increased business area and the reduction in parking for other businesses in the area.
- Patios bring life to a neighbourhood. It would be great approving more patios.
- Sidewalks are used extensively in European cities for outdoor seating. OB should follow suit!
- So far they cause ugly appearance of the street, mostly due to the imposition of barriers, white sticks sticking up, orange protective devices. They are presented without taste and respect for the residents attending those locations.
- Patios are part of vibrant communities. They also help local businesses by allowing them additional service space.
- I love them.
- I can't think it's healthy eating meals with traffic driving past all the time.
- I feel the vast majority of residents and businesses in Oak Bay support street/sidewalk patios to be able eat and drink outdoors and that it only adds to the vibrant community of Oak Bay. Thanks.
- I think we can take inspiration from other cities where this has been done well. It should be about use, feel and appearance.
- Sidewalks should be widened in village areas and sidewalk patios incorporated into the design, like in European cities. Sidewalk patios are much more aesthetically pleasing than patios on a street, Minimum construction, maintenance and appearance standards should be enforced.

- I think this should be supported to further build and enhance a vibrant, community based village.
- Please add more patio space without restrictions.
- Keep them they add vibrancy. And oak bay has soooo much parking.
- using public property for profit cutting access to other business I hate walking on the north side of oak bay avenue where the pub is one feels like you are walking through a restaurant they even are allowed a podium on the sidewak to take reservations and seating
- Yes, please no street patios that impede the flow of traffic. For example, the one outside the old "Blighty's Bistro" along with a few remaining parking stalls impede the right turn traffic West bound Oak Bay Ave turning onto North bound Foul Bay. Often pedestrians cross at this light delaying cars turning right (because they can't sit waiting in the curb lane) delaying cars trying to get though the intersection and backing up traffic sometimes past Elgin Road during peak times.
- It is difficult enough to maneuver on the avenue without bicycles and homeless people harassing people having to pick your way through waitresses with plates of food on a public walkway is ridiculous and potentially dangerous. If a business wants a patio they can move to a location that accommodate on on their own property.
- I love the patios - I wish they were flush with the sidewalk and flat-(drip through frame construction allowing storm water to move unimpeded below). It would be nice if they looked more permanent and not like a "covid contingency"....
- I think they really add to the ambience of the area. They bring life to the street. Some of the patios erected during Covid look like afterthoughts. Design and appearance should be considered.
- Thank you for doing this - lets do something fast!
- No, as long as they are beautiful, accessible, safe and do not interfere with pedestrian, bike and vehicle movement around them.
- The on street patio in front of "hide N seek" and Blighty's looks like a junkyard, is unnecessary post Covid should be removed.
- I think sidewalk patios have been a valuable addition to Oak Bay and should be encouraged. They attract people to the community and when they are built attractively, add to the vibrancy of Oak Bay. I know there are complaints about them taking up parking spaces, but they add to the feeling of community and that, to me, outweighs the loss of parking.
- I love the outdoor patios and hope there will be more to come. Victoria has the best climate in Canada and it should be embraced with outdoor living. Thank you.
- I think they are wonderful. It's a shame that the topic of accessibility is being used to fight against the patios. Many of the people arguing against patios I have never seen fighting for a wheelchair-accessible Willows Beach (which is a shame that we don't have that). Oak Bay needs more life. Oak Bay needs more young people. Oak Bay needs change.
- Using the Oak Bay Car Show as an example, eliminating parking does not decrease people's ability to enjoy the nearby amenities. Many of the current patios are at capacity during peak times, and allowing a continuation or expansion of them just makes sense given the demand. Year round availability allows the locals to take advantage of the excellent weather we enjoy here.

- "Expansion of patios during COVID has been fantastic - in Oak Bay and throughout the city. Businesses have more seating, and many businesses now have outdoor seating that wasn't present before.
- I strongly believe that the patios encourage people to visit businesses more and encourage a friendlier atmosphere. I often choose to visit cafes/pubs/stores that have patios over ones that don't! Even in the winter, with umbrellas and heaters, I often find the patios to be a better place to enjoy a meal or coffee. There is even a bike repair shop that has a patio, and it gets an incredible amount of use.
- The added seating of patios allows businesses to service more customers, allowing many small businesses to thrive during the last couple of years. Giving businesses the ability to make the decision on how best to utilize their space is no-brainer."
- I really like the existing sidewalk patios and would like to see them expanded to other locations.
- Nothing appealing about sitting on the roadside (gutter) trying to eat/drink with loud vehicles, gusts of deisel exhaust going by. Waste time looking for parking on the Avenue. This isn't Paris.
- I think outdoor patios (e.g. Penny Farthing patio) have added enormously to the character and ambience of our community as well as allowing local businesses to expand their space. I love them!
- Considering patios in places like Oak Bay Village should be done in coordination with the sidewalks planning project. There are places in the village where wider sidewalks would help make it easier for patios to coexist.
- It's one of the positive effects of the pandemic.
- I think they may be a great addition to the sense of community. I like dining or sipping coffee outdoors whenever possible. Merchants have done a great job of making the patios attractive, safe and winterized. I think these patios are a positive outcome of Covid. Reminds me of Europe.
- "More public benches and seating with tables around oak bay especially near cafes/coffeeshops and the marina would be nice.
- Many bus stop benches were used during the pandemic and continues now - around demitasse for instance."
- "It would be nice if we could restrict automobiles from travelling on Oak Bay Ave between Monterey and Elgin.
- There is a lot of commercial traffic that drives down that section.
- Standards to ensure fairness between business operators. Perhaps there needs to be a square footage "license fee" as this does increase business capacity , more for some than others.
- These are a great idea, enhancing the experience of patrons in our commercial areas.
- One of the very few good things to come out of the pandemic.
- I don't have any concerns about sidewalk patios at this time - I think they've been a lovely addition to our community - and I hope to see more in the future!
- Concerned about the protection of people on the patio from vehicle traffic.
- I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on this topic. I would love to see sidewalk/parking stall patios continued where they are now and encouraged where they

add vibrancy to urban life. I have found that my visits to Oak Bay Village and Estevan Village have been much more enjoyable with the patios that have been added in the last couple of years. (In turn I have stayed in those areas longer and I likely spent more money there.)

- Is there a fee for the patio permit? When the district permits a patio business to exclusively use (24-7) existing public street parking is there a financial remedy or consideration?
- I love them.
- expanding patios into parking stalls should be limited to those stalls immediately in front of the establishment. An exception could be granted only if adjacent businesses agree to losing the stalls in front of their business.
- It's a great idea, used by many people all year and should be expanded.
- The pop-ups during the past 2 years have all been generally acceptable. Clearly merchants gave some thought both to the feasibility and design of their extensions.
- I think the outdoor patios are a lovely addition to the community. If well designed and maintained I think their presence should be encouraged.
- Waiting area should be accommodated within the patio or restaurant and not using sidewalk impacting pedestrians.
- I think they add much needed vitality and outdoor gathering spaces for the community. Fully supportive all year round!!
- I think Oak Bay has a huge opportunity to create a vision for The Avenue that would allow for less pedestrian and vehicle conflicts and diverting traffic appropriately. I also believe that the current site of the Municipal Hall could be better utilized as an outdoor space, but also is an aging building that does not need to be in that location, and could better reflect the heritage and values of Oak Bay, if there was a re-envisioning of the area.
- I think it would be fantastic if the city of Oak Bay implemented sidewalk patios. Not only would it add charm and character to the community, but it would also create a more vibrant and lively atmosphere for residents and visitors alike. These patios would also provide more outdoor seating options for local businesses, which would be especially beneficial in the warm summer months. Overall, I believe sidewalk patios would be a great addition to Oak Bay and would greatly benefit the community.
- I would like to see all parking eliminated on the north side of Oak Bay Ave between Monterey and Wilmot to allow for patios and bicycle parking.
- The patio at the Penny Farthing is way too much....it’s clear that Oak Bay cares more about businesses than residents by allowing such a large expropriation of public land for personal profit.
- Yes, the pandemic is over! Please let us return to the way it was. Being able to access and support the local businesses , to park a car fairly close, is more important than giving an unfair advantage to just one business to make more money. Look at the businesses who have moved or closed in the area of the Penny Farthing. We have lost so many parking spots due to patios and the keeping of 6' space between pedestrians all along the avenue. As a side bar, " How much extra tax did the owners of the patios pay the municipality, for the use of the roads and sidewalks over the past two years or more?"
- I really enjoy making use of the patios and I hope they continue. As a person who wears a mask indoors in public spaces I really enjoy the patios.

- It looks junky to have people eating on the pedestrian sidewalks and devalues the character of Oak Bay, especially at Penny Farthing.
- I generally support the idea.
- Aesthetics is a biggie. And we cannot afford, at least here in Oak Bay to lose parking spaces to these patio spaces.
- "It was a regrettable event that brought this change about but all things considered welcomed change particularly during early COVID days"
- Pivoting quickly (in many cases; some businesses experienced LONG delays) to facilitate and allow sidewalk patios was fantastic. It has proven (in our opinion) to be a very positive addition to our community and neighbourhood. We love being able to sit outside all year long and it has made it more inviting and available for a walkable neighbourhood. It has also helped us see that outdoor cafes and restaurants can be a safe alternative to flu/pandemic "seasons". It creates a sense of vibrancy to Oak Bay!
- I do think we should allow some businesses (within reason) to operate on public property.
- I am concerned that the Oak Bay council would make the extremely poor and unguided decision to remove patios from Oak Bay.
- I have concern that parking is seen as inherently conforming with the 'character' of Oak Bay in question 9. If one is being treated as character the other is too. Oak Bay needs more life, patios are a good start, also need to build housing for the people that will be filling them.
- "Sidewalk patios are an amazing addition to Oak Bay Ave and it's businesses. Not only does it increase their capacities to make their business in our communities more sustainable (and they are actually able to continue their operations) but I also brings a community feel to the Avenue. The look and feel of these patios has made me want to visit the avenue more.
- Car parking (especially not non-accessible spots) cannot take precedence over people, this is not a way to think into the future. I do also recognize, through my work with people who have varying levels of physical mobility it is important to make sure they have equal access to the amazing outside seating.
- These should be allowed and using parking spaces makes the most sense. "I don't support the use of parking for business purposes" makes no sense as all the parking is used for the businesses. Use the parking to increase the usage of the stores, without making it harder to use sidewalks
- The existing street/sidewalk patios have brought so much life to the Oak Bay Avenue, and these should be continued and expanded.
- This survey could be greatly improved. The questions and available answers seem to hold the authors own personal bias and is not easy to understand as a community member.
- As we live near Estevan village the concerns are for safety , for children and pedestrians as both the increase and speed of traffic in a congested multiple street intersection have developed.
- Having the patio dining and coffee shop alternatives over the Covid time period suddenly gave Oak Bay an intimate yet cosmopolitan feeling. It was like being in Europe yet I hadn't travelled far from home. I fervently hope that these eating areas stay and even expand during the warmer weather. Thank you for encouraging input from the public.

- Currently in Estevan Village there are 4 patios one (in front of the Village Restaurant) which is on the street and takes up 5-6 parking spaces..."supposedly" it is for all the restaurants to use, but in fact is only used by the Village Restaurant. It is taking up valuable parking. We wanted a handicap parking spot in front of the doctor's office or pharmacy that request was rejected...the parking was put around the corner on Musgrave Street without any concern of safety for people in wheelchairs having to wheel in the street to the crosswalk and cross!! Now that suites have been okayed in Oak Bay parking is at a premium, it is getting harder to park many of the connecting streets near Estevan Village...that patio on the street needs to go to make room for parking!
- I'd like to see these areas designed properly so that they are not simply an inexpensive, poorly designed add on. Many currently detract aesthetically from our streetscape.
- Overall, I love the patios and would love to see more of them!
- Oak Bay has fallen behind many municipalities in this regard and I'm glad to see businesses will finally be allowed to recover from COVID
- Sidewalk patios add to the vibrancy of oak bay and get more people outside. Win-win for all.
- I live a block away from Estevan Village. Parking has always been an issue. Many employees park in front of our houses all day. This is exasperated by the 5/6 parking stalls missing due to a patio built on the road. The Municipality put a handicapped stall on the road on Musgrave St. years ago because they said they couldn't afford to lose 1 parking spot by putting it in front of the Dr./ Pharmacy. It doesn't meet the standard of a disabled spot and it is used by trucks to deliver to businesses. Obviously, if we can't afford to lose one spot for a disabled person, how can we lose 6 spots to people who want to drink coffee outside?
- Good Maintenance
- Windsor park cafe "sidewalk patio" is a nice addition as it does not impact sidewalk or parking use. Sidewalk Patios beside buildings attractive but not safe on streets. Oak Bay streets not designed for large patios. With the increase of population in Victoria and popularity of Oak Bay and it beaches we need maintain its beauty and safety. We need to be good guardians by keeping restrictions on size of sidewalk patios and not allow "street patios". Business profit at the cost of safety should not be a standard practice in Oak Bay .
- I live very near to the Estevan village. I have huge concerns regarding the number of parking stalls being used by the Village restaurant. As a result of their taking up 4-5 stalls, in a very small commercial strip, we on Musgrave st have increasing difficulty finding parking for our own residents. I have no issue with them being allowed to have tables set up outside as long as they remain close to the building thus making it easy to walk by and especially for anyone in a wheelchair
- As noted in my previous comments, I am most concerned about the impact on pedestrians (by narrowing the sidewalk and creating obstacles) and cyclists (by narrowing the road). There could also be an impact on the availability of bike parking, of which there is already too little.
- Have expressed my concerns about patios, they were allowed for "Covid" to assist certain businesses it a tough time. That time (Covid regulations) has past
- Servers at restaurants crossing the sidewalk to get to customers on patio from the restaurant, perpendicular to the flow of sidewalk traffic. Example - Penny Farthing. As a

pedestrian very difficult to navigate through that busy patio/sidewalk area, especially with a child and leashed dog in tow. Have had one close call with a server carrying a tray…

- It will increase the vibrancy of oak bay and will also allow for restaurants to flourish .
- I think they add nice ambience to the neighbourhood, but they can't be allowed to take over all the sidewalk and parking stalls so that people can't frequent the other businesses in the area.
- It's exciting for businesses and with our weather I think it will be beneficial for all users. As long as there is accessible parking still available for people with disabilities, other people can park further away or opt to walk/bike or bus in.
- "I feel that OB Ave village has a good mix of sidewalk/parking stall patios right now. With the exception of the “patio space” at the foul bay/OB Ave intersection. That wooden structure is unsightly, and is a hazard sitting where it is - in a congested busy intersection. Also blocks access To the businesses on either side and uses up parking space where there is already very little.
- I think Estevan village does patios very well. No complaints.
- More outdoor seating space when well done enhances the liveability of neighbourhoods and commercial area. Also important for people who aren’t comfortable being crowded indoors with cold/flu/Covid being so prevalent. We need year round outdoor options. "
- We must have design standards established and maintained so the patios don’t look cheap and thereby detract from the overall visual quality of OB.
- Glad to see this being considered.
- "The Penny Farthing Pub is the example of patio creep. They now have two patios, one front and one rear.
- Taking limited parking away from the busy area was supposed to be temporary with Covid, the parking is lost now."
- Sidewalk and in-roadway patios have animated our streets and brought now life into our village centres. This is a good thing! However, going forward, I think we need to make some adjustments to the quality of design and relationship between the patios (semi-private uses) and the public use of sidewalk. I think patios work best where there is sufficient room for both pedestrians and patio users . Unless the sidewalk is very wide, it is better to have the patio abutting the business it is associated with.
- I like the outdoor patios and believe their look, comfort and convenience will determine their acceptance.
- I find the sidewalk patios in Estevan village and on Oak Bay Avenue excellent, they have really added to the community and people getting to know their neighbours……love what they give those of us who have health concerns and haven’t wanted to go inside.
- I love the European flavour and human scale that the sidewalk patios bring to Oak Bay. It slows life down a bit to enjoy the great and historic community that we all share
- Sidewalk patios were supposed to be a temporary measure to address a health safety need and support local businesses that would financially suffer because of them. during the pandemic. We don't need them and they are an imposition on sidewalk traffic and the availability of vehicle street parking.
- I think they are a great idea and a good start to moving Oak Bay away from a car-oriented community!

- Now that Covid restrictions are lifted, why do we need outdoor patios to continue for establishments that were indoor venues before the Covid restrictions. Also, think people with mobility, visual and balance issues.
- I hope sidewalk patios will allow pedestrian use of sidewalks.
- So far, I think the current Oak Bay patios have been a positive aspect to life in our community.
- I would love to see more patios. The one good thing that came out of the pandemic.
- As mentioned, the traffic, both vehicles and pedestrian is busy enough without more restrictions and loss a of traffic/turning lanes.
- This is a BAD IDEA. The Penny Farthing for example, is taking over more street space when the COVID issue is ending. This favours restaurant-like businesses and hinders retail stores. These patios are not self- contained - employees must traverse the sidewalk and their kiosks take up public space. This needs to be rejected outright.
- They were fine to help businesses flourish during COVID, but are too risky to continue as permanent fixtures on the roadway.
- Patios that are against existing structures with unobstructed sidewalk passage provide safety. Patios that have been quickly build during the Pandemic that require passage through Public Sidewalks causing multiple safety concerns , may have skirted licensing issues as to size and location should be dismantled. Councils new permitting process and design standards for sidewalk use and parking stalls use for sidewalk patios should focus on accessibility and safety issues, as well as maintaining the peace and enjoyment of Oak Bay neighbourhoods , not for businesses profit expansion use at the cost of safety and desirability of Oak Bay.
- As I stated earlier I do not agree with patios being allowed to interfere with pedestrian, vehicle, and cyclist traffic and access to other businesses. Should not be allowed to obstruct pedestrian, vehicle and cyclist visibility and should not take away parking spaces.
- I said it all in #9. And I'll add, noise, pollution and possible danger from vehicles hitting the patrons. We had one experience and that turned us off altogether.
- I am concerned that what was meant to be a neighbourhood pub has now become a 'destination' outdoor restaurant and has extended its patio across two neighbouring businesses. The sidewalk in front sometimes become a bottleneck with queing patrons, dogs on leashes, bikes and a TREE in the middle.
- This is a very confusing questionnaire. Patios on public sidewalks and patios on public roadways (using "parking spaces") should be dealt with separately. When the term "sidewalk patios" is used, what exactly is being referred to? I can live with seasonal patios on sidewalks but not on public roadways! Oak Bay village is getting more heavily used, not less. More parking spaces are needed, not less! (Unless the goal is to exclude those with mobility limitations.)
- It's a bad idea all around. Please listen to your former mayor Christopher Causton. Covid is mostly over, so let's go back to the way it was before.
- Parking does seem to be a growing concern. Oak Bay is attracting more visitors and that is something we want to encourage. I love the expanded patios, but also see the need to balance this with the finite parking.

- There are certain people (some on council), some who own Oak Bay businesses, some residents, and some non-residents, who want these patios and other obstructive businesses and will seek every opportunity to place them in the villages, marina, Willows Beach. The businesses complain about lack of parking but are content to remove parking spaces if it means more businesses. People end up parking up and down the side streets which creates even more congestion. All this so they can increase tourism and continue to make life ever more inconvenient for the residents. Don't add more patios, just get rid of them.
- The patios need to be appealing to look at...not just some wooden structure hastily constructed. One other comment not regarding patios but about the white bollards lining Oak Bay Ave. If no longer needed, please remove as they spoil the avenue esthetics.
- How come there are no questions about disabled people ?
- I think the patios in Oak Bay village have really revitalized the area. It seems so much more vibrant even in the winter now. They should be promoted by the municipality! The VicPubCo patio brings people from all over the city who will shop at Oak Bay businesses. The municipality should be favouring public gathering spaces that enhance the community over enabling single occupancy vehicles.
- We don't really have sufficient space for many of them. And they sort of look like weird islands squeezed into the parking spaces in the village but they are OK there and would be in Estevan too. Not sure if there are any other "village:" areas that might support them. Screen for location carefully and mindfully, respecting the accessibility and pedestrian flow issues. Then apply decent strandards. its bonus revenue to the cafe owners, get something for it.
- I think they add a lot of character to the neighbourhood
- If patios are to be allowed utilizing existing parking/sidewalk space the businesses taking advantage of the extra space should be paying rent and appropriate taxes based on the extra square footage allowed. It seems unfair to allow some businesses the extra space and not others.
- I think they’re a great addition to oak bay and attract new business to the community compared to parking although improvements need to made for bike lanes and connecting to other networks
- I think their addition adds vitality to the community. More social spaces are a plus
- These have been in use now for awhile, since the pandemic and people appear to enjoy socializing and eating outdoors. By all means they should become a standard in our fair community! Thanks
- Don't permit them at all
- We have enjoyed the patio expansions, especially at Penny Farthing in Oak Bay.
- Most of the sidewalk seating in Oak Bay is safe and does not use parking stall extension space to increase business use. Estevan village cafe/restaurant has sidewalk seating similar to other businesses in Oak Bay. During the pandemic however the business used parking stalls extension for a sidewalk patio that is disproportionate to the size of the small business (occupancy) . The exceptionally large size patio which serves alcohol has changed the atmosphere of the area into a downtown party patio zone. It has drawn party goers from willows beach and elsewhere, increased traffic and parking on residential streets. It

poses many safety issues. This is an example of misused sidewalk seating parking stall extension patios in Oak Bay.

- Patios were allowed to accomodate businesses during the downturn due to COVID. This is no longer an issue as the Province of BC has removed all requirements for people to wear masks. The crisis is over. Businesses must now return to their own premises. If allowed to remain on roadside and sidewalks, they are expanding their businesses at the expense of the public. In any event, they should pay commerical rates for the use of public spaces, otherwise they are getting a free ride. Above all, they must not hinder public access on sidewalks nor impede traffic, especially on main thoroughfares such as Oak Bay Avenue. By all means, encourage patios on side streets or on business premises but not on thoroughfares.
- End parking minimums.
- Should be encouraged but not to the detriment of accessibility to shops, sidewalks, etc. they add a level of needed vibrancy.
- I believe that a limited number of sidewalk patio's in the village has considerable merit. However, the patio owners should pay handsomely for their use of patio space and by the square footage used. The temptation among some is to turn Oak Bay village into a poor image of Government St. as opposed to it being an attractive and convenient place to visit and enjoy in season.
- Some businesses will be located in areas easier to use street parking etc. and do it well. (E.g. Penny Farthing) My main concern is how to fairly use public parking spaces without disadvantaging other businesses who are not as fortunately located?
- Increasing the areas that people can spend time outside at cafes, bars, restaurants is a very positive thing. Oak Bay Village would benefit in particular from more outdoor eating areas. A large amount of public outdoor space is wasted on roadways and parking (surface parking lots should be phased out entirely, replaced by underground parking), and this wasted space could be better used for places for spaces that create a more livable city, such as pedestrian squares, parks, and patios for restaurants/cafes.
- As Oak Bay truly is a walking neighbourhood the side walk patios are a perfect compliment.
- Owners of pets must understand that all pet owners are responsible for their pet’s behaviour.
- They should not be referred to as sidewalk patios as they should not occupy the sidewalk. In most cases the municipality planned and built the sidewalks with public funds and they should not be used for commercial purposes.
- The structures at Foul Bay and the barn yard fencing in front of the pharmacy are a complete eyesore and shouldn’t be there . Since a good friend got badly hurt in a crosswalk in the middle of the day by a distracted driver, I hesitate to walk down Oak Bay Ave . And never bring friends or visitors there . A big no to patios unless they are in the back alleys , they don’t have to be on main streets.
- Sidewalk patios are unsightly and negatively impact adjacent businesses.
- We would like to ensure competitive fairness for all directly competing restaurants to the greatest extent possible.
- I like the idea of sidewalk patios. When people are outdoors, enjoying a meal and company, it makes for a better feel all around. After all, Oak Bay is a Village and subsequently, foot

traffic and people enjoying themselves should play an important role in the character of said Village. Thanks for doing this!!!

- Must be aesthetically pleasing and inviting. They need to be as inviting as a cafe or restaurant.
- I believe that the availability of patio's can make the municipality more vibrant.
- I think the sidewalk patios currently in Oak Bay have worked well. They have been thoughtfully laid out and have benefitted the businesses and the users of the facilities. I think they have proven a welcome addition to the vibrancy of the commercial facilities.
- Reduce motorist traffic. Increase pedestrian traffic.
- Oak Bay Avenue is simply too busy and not wide enough for safe negotiation past the patios that were installed as a temporary Covid measure.
- The only site in Oak Bay where a sidewalk patio "works" is the Windsor Cafe! The seating is not on the sidewalk - it is a true patio. Servers do not carry hot meals and drinks across a pedestrian pathway. There is reasonable separation between traffic and patrons.
- There are two health issues concerning sidewalk patios:
  1) Recent scientific evidence suggests that even low levels of alcohol consumption are harmful and public health initiatives aimed at reducing societal alcohol consumption are being initiated - public display of alcohol consumption seems inconsistent with this
  2) Sidewalk/roadway patios in Oak Bay are located, as far as I am aware, on arterial or collector roads. Patrons are directly exposed to nearby automobile and truck exhaust. I have never patronized a sidewalk/roadway patio for this reason.
  I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M BEING ASKED TO EXPLAIN THIS TO OAK BAY'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.
- Patios are fabulous additions to a vibrant inviting community They allow greater opportunities for patronizing local businesses and socializing with friends. Absolutely need to support them!!
- I like them, and particularly the Penny Farthing patio. I like how their patio, with its plants and heaters etc. adds life to the street. It looks inviting and enhances the street. More like that would be great. But the big bulky wooden structures do not create an enticing look, and often look water logged, and like they are starting to rot. They are not inviting.
- Very much in favour!
- Sidewalk patios are a positive contribution to Oak Bay both economically for business and experience wise for the public. It’s good to see other uses of the roads than just for cars.
- We need more ways to bring vibrancy to Oak Bay Ave after 6pm. It literally turns into a ghost town. Ironically back in the 40's they had more late night avenues on offer: a dinner club, a movie theatre, etc More open-minded & creative venues need to be considered; in my 27 years here, it seems Oak Bay Ave caters to a select group who go to bed at 8pm :(Not all seniors agree of course! As a municipality, to invite more opportunities for the community to enjoy, promotes & insures sustainability for the whole village!
- I think sidewalk patios around cafes/restaurants/pubs add to Oak Bay’s sense of community.
- They are an eyesore and diminish the appeal of visiting the Village core, especially during the "off" season when their use is slight (if any). This commercial use of public space should not be allowed.

- Traffic, pedestrian safety. Make sure the patio is not too close to intersection and crosswalks!
- Why limit survey people to only 5 answers in question #9 above. All of the choices need to play a factor! Common sense will need to prevail for every proposed patio. Aesthetics will be paramount.
- Yes, never mind the patios, improve sidewalks for everyday use and keep them safe so we do not trip over sidewalk upheavals. It will be worse with the patios. Patios on the street will cause more traffic problems including the buses and large trucks that go through the village. Waiting to cross the street will be more dangerous, as the crosswalks, with people, frustrated car drivers waiting, ambulances screaming to get cars out of the way and patios do not mix. Also if crowds come what are you going to do about washrooms and where will they park their cars?
- "Would love to see Oak Bay Avenue in ~3 blocks around Penny Farthing close down to all vehicles and made into a UK style high street. If not then close sunny side of street, ie close west bound lane and open up to shops, restaurants and exhibits similar to what Deep Cove in North Vancouver has done.
- Thanks for your consideration."
- Cost
- Love the patios! They add to the neighbourly feeling of the municipality.
- Dogs under control should be allowed on patios.
- Make room for pedestrians on sidewalks by removing large art works that do not show to advantage on the street and would look much better in other locations - e.g. Russian doll, snaky thing at OB and Monterey and seal carving at Willows Beach
- Since patios are expanding into public space, they should be used to improve that space for all (i.e., create sites of interest for strolling pedestrians, open-air spaces for people to sit and eat or chat, etc.) I think it's fine if parking spaces are taken over, except that more parking should be reserved for mobility challenged people in busy areas like Oak Bay Avenue and Estevan.
- I think these patios increase the energy and aesthetic of the village when done correctly.
- Redevelopment of commercial areas is needed with higher density housing. Higher density development should include more public outdoor space for example wider sidewalks and room for outdoor patios.
- Eliminate street parking where patios are desired and make sidewalks broader to accommodate them at the business' expense rather than temporary use of street parking stalls.
- I shouldn’t be forced to walk on the road to get around a sidewalk patio!
- I favour having sidewalk patios. A key benefit is being in the outdoors. Local traffic of all genres should be required to make reasonable compromises in regard to the impact of these patios.
- I don't want to have to fight with patio seating to get near a store/business. Parking is hard enough in the village without using parking space for cafes.
- "I love sidewalk patios, as well as big sidewalks, bike lanes, and traffic calming. I also would be very happy to see any number of (non-accessible) street parking stalls put towards other

purposes. The Oak Bay core is lucky to be well-serviced by transit, and has several large surface lots just off the main avenue.

- I'm very happy to see Oak Bay taking feedback on sidewalk patios. I hope Oak Bay expands sidewalk and parking patios, with a minimal additional burden on business owners. "
- Patios increase the vibrancy of public spaces. These have been popular even once indoor dining restrictions were no longer in place, indicating demand from citizens. This can be done in a way that balances the legitimate concerns of the small minority who do not want them. There is likely a loud but very small minority with frivolous concerns and these should be weighed very thoughtfully against the interests of the majority.
- Public Spaces are what makes a community great - roads/cars are not the criteria to be designing city infrastructure for.
- I believe sidewalk patios are a good idea for Oak Bay and creating a welcoming atmosphere. However, this should not be at the expense of pedestrians or cyclists. Street parking on Oak Bay Avenue itself is not as important to long-time residents and patrons of basic services on the avenue, but sidewalk obstructions to pedestrians not otherwise patronizing an establishment, and anything that might make healthier/cleaner means of transport (such as cycling) difficult, should be a stopping point.
- "It seems harsh to be against these ... and I suppose I am not TOTALLY opposed in every case, but COVID restrictions are pretty much over, and that sparked the need, right? We need our parking, yes we do. And sidewalks are for those getting from A to B. There have always been the odd such use around - the little tables outside the Ave Starbucks, for instance. But there are WAY too many of these ""patios"", most of 'em at least a little unattractive and poorly maintained/shabby. And even if they weren't... those businesses have premises, and again, parking areas are for parking, streets are for travelling along on vehicles of whatever sort, and sidewalks are for pedestrians - IMHO, these public spaces are for strictly public (not customer) use and should - mostly - stay that way. Thanks for this opportunity to comment.
- Perhaps Oak Bay Avenue, between Monterey and Foul Bay, could become a one way system to allow traffic flow as well as patios.
- Patios are great but we need more people in Oak Bay to support businesses. Oak Bay Village has WAY too much parking. Where is the plan to convert some of the surface parking lots near the village to much needed housing? Please tackle some real issues instead of catering to OLD FARTs.
- It is important to me that regular pedestrian flow along sidewalk is not impeded by the patio.
- Let’s rethink the patio and ambiance of the Avenue now that Covid is our permanent life style
- They have served their purpose now time to be dismantled.
- Only that council not indulge in tunnel vision and cause a lot of adverse effects while trying to be on board with one targeted trend. i think sidewalk tables are fine but then council has to make the sidewalks wide enough for it to work without narrowing traffic lanes (and paid by us of course) and you cannot have 6 in a row. How happy would businesses be if you asked them to have 3m cut off their buildings to make room for the patios? Well you

are asking others to lose 3m of something they currently have, right? So also need to get a policy in place that controls adverse effects and still looks fair. Good luck.

- Unfortunately Oak Bay Ave is not really wide enough for proper patio and pedestrian use. Maybe making OB Ave one way would allow for better and safer outdoor space for all users.
- You have already made up your minds, this is just a ruse.
- I am fully in favour of sidewalk patios. The existing patios have made Oak Bay a more lively place to live. There is more than enough parking for people who choose to drive.
- Integrated greenery like planters for shrubs and small trees etc would be a plus.
- Commercial businesses should pay a substantial fee to the municipality, especially because of competing businesses that are shut out of a space.
- Outdoor patios should remain as such and not become pseudo indoor expansions of building footprints by incremental scope creep. There are examples of this in city of victoria at pubs and restaurants.
- "I think activating our outdoor spaces provides a vibrancy that adds to our community. I am fully supportive of restaurant, cafe and pub's using both sidewalks and parking spaces to expand in to public space and activate and add life to the community.
- I believe the businesses that have done this are both respectful of neighbouring businesses as well as considerate to accessibility concerns.
- I would encourage solutions that encourage business owners to utilize these outdoor spaces even more and invest in to these spaces as they become permanent.
- Let's see more street activation like Penny Farthing & Village Restaurant!
- Those areas are more vibrant and enjoyable because of them!"
- Thanks for the opportunity to respond. I think this is excellent but should become part of the overall Oak Bay Avenue plan. so this year a test year and then the broader strategy.
- In the name of public safety, please keep these often massive structures off the travelled portion of roadways!
- Sidewalk patios were one of the best silver-linings during the pandemic and deserve to be supported further. They enrich the street-life, foster a vibrant community, and support local businesses.
- Sidewalk patios provide a wonderful, lively ambience to the village. Very European!
- Please please support this, the patios that have been introduced since the pandemic have been such an asset to the community, I fully support more all around the Oak Bay district including a pedestrianisation of estevan village block to encourage the number of restaurants and businesses there to have all year patios and a safe environment to enjoy the outdoors for the customers and community
- I think it's long overdue and the centrality of the car to Canadian lifestyles needs to be actively countered!
- I find they take up parking space that is needed for those who have mobility problems
- The patios give a real community feel to our neighbourhoods
- I have enjoyed the added street life of the patios on oak bay avenue and Estevan. I want our local businesses to thrive! I welcome attractive, well-maintained use of outdoor spaces and think we can come up with solutions that minimize pedestrian impediments. I expect there

may need to be some attention to noise mitigation in the evenings in places close to residences.

- I've observed in other cities, permanent outdoor spaces/patios that are incorporated into the overall look and feel of the streetscape/landscape with a consistent look. These are recent additions, if you didn't know, you'd think they had always been part of the community. Great addition to the neighbourhoods, attractive and inviting.
- Sidewalk patios add vibrancy and sociability to a community
- Ruth and Dean have done a good job of their patio/sidewalk space. Villages - too big , taking too many parking stall. Penny Farthing- too big, restricts bike safety, restricts access to other businesses
- they're a great addition to the neighbourhood , and part of a vision of taking back streets from the automobile domination
- Let us keep the sidewalks for their purpose of walking safety. Please look at Ottavios as a "perfect" patio, set back and maintained, clean with seasonal plantings and a fountain.
- Taste and use of building materials of prime importance. The flow of traffic is dangerously impeded at Foul Bay and Oak Bay (Tapas) and parking impeded at Hide and Seek. We have so many ugly stanchions on our Avenue . Now more eyesores are not welcome. The Penny Farthing patio is an asset because of taste and materials used.
- I am happy that you are bringing Oak Bay up to the standard of a good community that is being practiced in europe for a long time. Prioritizing peoples need to interact just by walking in their community and enjoying the extra services that are provided.
- I love the patios! They bring activity to the community
- Patios/sidewalk cafes improve the friendliness and neighbourliness of Oak Bay. Widening of some sidewalks along Oak Bay Ave should also be seriously considered.
- OUr neighbourhood should be a gathering place for walking and enjoying a coffee, a lunch, a grocery, a market. It should be based on the European way of being in a downtown area where traffic is very very limited such as the italian 'centro storico'. We want to live with ease and meet each other without effort in a shared safe and beautiful space. We must limit traffic. We should have a walkable community.
- They take away from on street parking which I feel is prejudicial to small business. It benefits the Penny Farthing mainly which I see is frustrating.
- Do not allow street extensions where traffic is impeded to turn eg. Foul Bay and Oak Bay
- It is becoming increasingly difficult to maneuver around sidewalk structure jutting out into streets, bikes have to go around "traffic calmers and sidewalk patios"
- I’m in favour of sidewalk patios provided they don’t create significant accessibility barriers. The potential benefit to the community and businesses that can take advantage of such spaces is high
- Why keep patios that are empty most of the year, to sit idle. Also, the up keep around them, as leaves and debris piles up and isn't cleaned up.
- This survey reads like it was written by an able bodied virtue signalling university student. What government in their right mind would even suggest that accessible parking could be displaced to provide additional commercial space? I cannot believe that senior management would have allowed question 4. Now we are all watching and you better have your lawyers on stand by.

- I couldn't care less about the Starbucks of our neighbourhood, but anything we can do to help our independent, local proprietors prosper, we should consider in partnership with them. I hope a similar survey is conducted with the retailers so their ambitions are fully understood, and then our Muni aligns that reasonably with the wishes of the community.
- I understand Council is looking at all the villages for comprehensive design. I wouldn't want the "temporary" rules that might allow use of parking stalls to be permanent if, for instance, the sidewalks are going to be widened in future to incorporate patio space. We don't want to be in a situation where new wider sidewalks are installed but the business have a right to also use the street.
- Public space should not be used for private profit
- Roads weren't ever meant to be restaurant spill over spaces!
- Patios are great in all ways, always! They bring more people into our beautiful town, making it a desirable place to spend time. As a parent with small kids, patios also offer a more casual environment for families. We hope this gets approved and brings in more casual restaurants in particular to Oak Bay. We pricey pub food but nothing more family friendly. (Fernwood is a good example of a lovely community pub, pizza, tacos, and wine bar. Cook St Village too!)
- I have travelled around the world and I have never seen opposition to sidewalk restaurants - in fact they enhance the ambiance of the neighbourhood .
- If we are going to really be a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood community we should allow for gathering opportunities. With respect to neighbourhood pubs, the idea is that we should be able to walk/cycle to these places so that we are not driving impaired when we leave, which begs the question as to whether parking is really needed for these establishments. Using the street or alley parking for outside patio enjoyment instead makes sense.
- I think the only problem area is the congestion around the Penny Farthing.
- Love it! A great way to add vibrancy to a public space
- Don't think it's fair to businesses that don't have a business use for a patio to lose parking for their potential customers. Do business that increase their revenue producing area on to public land pay more taxes or rent to the municipality? Do the businesses that are adversely effected get a reduction in taxes for loss of business?
- Don't block traffic or parking spaces with patios.
- I have a concern about the fairness of access - smaller, poorly placed businesses seem to miss out while The Penny Farthing is now taking up a huge part of the block.
- The patio of any pub/restaurant SHOULD NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE BUSINESS ITSELF, affecting other neighbouring businesses.
- They are a great idea and long overdue !!
- The entire CRD, and Vancouver, are 40 years behind other cities. Beautiful weather essentially year round, yet no patios, it is crazy.
- They should not be allowed to take up public space.
- I love the patios that popped up during COVID! It's something I've been wishing for my whole life growing up here! It makes the commercial area feel friendlier, more alive, more neighbourly. Sure hope they continue on 😊

- The avenue looked so much nicer before these eyesores sprang up.
- These patio's were temporary for COVID, they have served their purpose, now time to dismantle.
- mobility is a big concern. Patrons of these patios also stand blocking access to the rest of the sideway, forcing my blind husband onto the street to maneuver around them.
- This survey is awkwardly worded. I think you should allow more options and more general comments (like this). Overall though, restrict the size. And don't eat up parking spaces. The reality is that people drive. You can't stop that. Don't allow tables two deep, for example. Keep the areas narrow so there is less impact. And don't over-regulate this making it hard for small business. The Penny Farthing has the money to go whole-hog. Lots of little mom and pop places don't. So make sure it's fair to all. That's in terms of size, build, etc. Don't force the small players out of the patio game.
- Sidewalk patios can add a lot of ambiance to a "village" part of town just as we are used to in Europe where such spaces are expected.
- Most of the year they seem to be empty, certainly most of the winter. They interrupt the free flow of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. They destroy the character of the village and mostly are ugly structures, taking up space. Useful during Covid perhaps but no longer a benefit to the village
- It would be better to expand the sidewalk and create patio space than to have seating in the roadway..
- Looking forward to a vibrant street scene that patios provide - love shopping then stopping for a coffee or drink outside!
- I don't know of many places with enough space for this.
- Listen we seen a lot of patio vendors close due to city or neighbourhood politics. Or not even get a chance to open because of City red tape. In Victoria the struggle to be successful a business has to jump through hoops, pay lot of money just to get proposals short listed. All that being said by all means yes should be allowed to open.
- Lovely to see people outside and using patio seating.
- It is hard to wheelchair up over curbs and boulevards to get to sidewalks, hard to wheel around trees and chairs and people's bags and parcels.
- "If you are serious about not taking away accessible parking spots take the question out of the survey. Shame for including the question. Fire the person who included it in the first place".
- Please make sure the area is attractive and inviting.
- Have designers who are people with disabilities design this whole project.
- It is shocking that you would take away accessible parking for a business to use as a patio. There are already too few. The staff team who came up with this idea should be reprimanded. Move them too where, exactly? Somewhere further away from the store or restaurant? Appalling
- Persons with disabilities should walk unencumbered.
- Businesses are open without restrictions, patios are no longer necessary
- Patios provide the 'character' that Oak Bay is currently lacking by providing much needed community spaces for all generations to enjoy.

Business Survey - Reponses:

12. To help reduce potential conflicts between patios, patio users, and adjacent businesses, what would you like the District to consider to mitigate your concerns?

- Not having them. How much more parking can be taken away in the village when this has been an ongoing issue for years.
- How many parking spots are available. The Village restaurant only uses the patio for appx. 2/3 months of the year yet they take up all the parking spots 12 months of the year.
- Do not take up any parking spots please.
- Remove expanded patios from the main avenue.
- There will always be some type of conflict but the patios should be subject to a one year trial period and then potentially adjusted to accommodate concerns.
- I think the addition of sidewalk patios in the city in general has a positive effect on aesthetics.
- It is discriminatory to allow only food/alcohol businesses to consider/have patios on the side walk and in parking stalls. This disadvantages businesses that pay equal taxes but do not benefit from the additional space provided for virtually no cost.
- Parking
- Personally, as a business owner on a street with already limited parking a patio taking up 5-6 stalls is a huge issue sidewalk patios are fine.
- Start patrolling the parking on a regular basis. It is no secret that everyone knows you can park all day on the street and get maybe 1 ticket a month for $10. Hardly a deterrent. Half of the spots in and around the village are taken up by staff of local businesses employees. This will alleviate any parking concerns.
- Patios should be confined to the area directly in front of the establishment with a low profile allowing others to see over and through the patio to ensure it does not restrict the visibility of the surrounding businesses. Patios should also only be allowed for establishments where at least 65% of their revenues come from food. Patios should have seating and tables for customers as well as umbrellas and heaters.
- Standardized rules plus adaptive rules for different locations.
- Those who want to build a patio should have more than one design for adjacent businesses to choose to from/ consult about. Feedback from businesses should be considered.
- Where there has been consultation and agreement with neighbour business and where it is SAFE (traffic wise) to have one. Does not block visibility of other businesses
- If parking restrictions were enforced by the municipality it would keep parking spaces moving. Currently you can park all day without incident in Estevan village.
- Since the Penny Farthing patio extension, there is a sizable amount of the extra garbage blowing into frontages along the street. And it is also taking away parking spaces that are much needed for local businesses. Their taxes should reflect the extra
- Don't allow.

- Make sure they do not impact accessible parking stalls or the flow of traffic for people with mobility aids.
- Adding extra seats for business results in added capacity for profit which is greatly needed right now.
- Maintaining a reasonable amount of street parking for businesses and clients.
- Stop allowing sidewalk and street patios.
- Signed approval from business owners in adjacent business (not just property owners - but the actual operating business owners).

13. Do you have any other comments or concerns regarding sidewalk patios in Oak Bay?

- "Very disappointed when council allowed the penny farthing to take up the parking stalls they did to have more Oak Bay real estate. Vis a Vis already had a patio..
- During the winter it's wasted space and not accessible for parking."
- It is essential we continue to allow patios for the health of the businesses that have struggled due to the pandemic. Anything we can do to support the businesses in their efforts to stay afloat is our responsibility as neighbors.
- PLEASE REMOVE the patio in the Estevan Village. We do not have enough parking as it is. Also, many people are not able to navigate the sidewalk.
- They provide vibrancy to the community.
- There is not much parking available in OB. And it is even less now. Covid is over we do not need to give restaurants more space!
- The existing large patio on Oak Bay Ave should be shrunk down to only the businesses frontage. It is too large for a permanent structure. Covid and respiratory illness while still important it is not where it was when we required outdoor dining to stay in business. These patios weren't part of the business plan and should either be removed or drastically shrank in size and scope.
- Solely safety concerns. Like I said Blightys Bistro is not safe for cyclists or motorists navigating at a busy intersection
- Love them.
- "Yes, this entire survey is biased to promote patios and parking spaces for a minority of businesses. That is patently unfair and unethical.
- I appreciate the nature of having a lively street scene, but not at the expense of those businesses that do not have the option of also having patios and using parking stalls to increase their business revenues."
- I love the sidewalk patios. It adds real charm to Oak Bay
- Instead of taking parking are why not just have tables in designated area?
- Patios are an extension of a business, and they should be paying additional rent to the municipality based on their location for the space they are occupying. I would like to remove the simple seating areas that some businesses erected during the pandemic because they could not provide indoor seating. Charging rent for the patio space will help ensure that only those businesses with a solid business plan for a patio should be permitted.

- The business should be responsible for maintaining the look of the street patio to look good.
- Sidewalk dining when done in accordance with municipal guidelines works well, however, when a restaurant moves into parking areas, taking up valuable parking should not be allowed.
- Business are losing money due to less parking.
- Safety is the most important aspect of installing/keeping the patios in Oak Bay but all other concerns should be given proper consideration.
- Parking.
- I don't feel the patios are a great idea on a main road such as Oak Bay Ave, especially when they impact parking that is for potential customers of a business that does not benefit from these types of patios.
- They add vibrancy to the village.
- The fact that you would include using accessible parking stalls of which there is already a lack of is very concerning about your respect and consideration of the disabled community.
- I think they add value through lively and fun atmosphere to the village.