

Downtown Parking Survey Summary

Issues:

- The overwhelming issue brought up was the crowded parking in front of businesses during business hours.
- Most business owners claimed that customers were their main concern. The real issue sounds like a lack of employee parking. The less employees parking in front of a business ultimately opens spots for customers.
- Another issue brought up several times was the downtown residents that lack overnight parking. The 2-6am parking restriction in front of bars was also brought up repeatedly.

Solutions:

- The overwhelming solution for daytime parking for employees/customers was to rent out the former Wahoo Super lot. The lot could be used for employee parking, ultimately opening spots in front of the businesses to allow for convenience.
- A solution to the lack of residential overnight parking was a permitting system and a set of rules to follow during a snow event.
- A solution to the 2-6am rule for bars was to eliminate the restriction in front of the bars and set strict snow route policies that are enforced.

Overall:

Business owners clearly think there is a lack of parking for their customers and employees. Nobody is sure of a best solution but would like something done. A good number of survey takers think that residents should have their own parking during the day and overnight, as well as removing the overnight restriction in front of bars. A number of survey takers also would like to see enforcement of whatever policies are in place currently, or that would be moving forward.