

01:03:45 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: I agree with the notion of a photogenic sign, but maybe capitalize on the ice cream connection!!

01:04:16 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: Markdale and Chapman's seem to be missing a huge marketing opportunity here...

01:11:16 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: Assets such as theatres or rec centres don't necessarily have to be front and centre in downtown. The old Chapman's block on Main West is a great option for something like that.

01:16:28 Joyce Hall: Affordable. and co-housing option. There are jobs where there's no housing for workers.

01:17:23 Joyce Hall: Small homes since Grey Highlands has eliminated the minimum house size.

01:17:52 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: And please - get council to stop giving tax breaks to downtown commercial owners who keep their properties EMPTY. Stop paying for inertia!

01:19:05 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: Housing really is the key, particularly rental housing. The more people who live in downtown Markdale, the more shops and services there will be.

01:19:23 John van Beurden: Underground parking is extremely expensive and likely not cost affective for Markdale.

01:24:54 Joyce Hall: Colorful awnings, natural planting spaces, and benches that tie the street together.

01:25:08 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: An indoor year-round market is a great idea, particularly as there are SO many local, small-scale food growers in the area. People love to shop for local food and personal products. With a Chapman's anchor because it's insane that there is no ice cream parlour in the town where the ice cream is made!

01:26:26 John van Beurden: Agree with the indoor year round market...sounds great. Yes, Chapman's need to be engaged.

01:27:17 Kate Russell: we also need to look at Markdale in the context of the entire Grey Highlands community - as in there are four art galleries in Flesherton - each community has a unique focus - it seems we are looking at Markdale in isolation here.

01:29:46 John van Beurden: King Edward Park is under utilized. It's a large tract of land owned by the Municipality and close to downtown.

01:30:56 Joyce Hall: I agree, John. It needs designing with walkways, gardens and places to stop. Maybe even allotments.

01:31:13 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: That park is poorly planned, looks dusty and unused, and not at all inviting overall.

01:33:13 Kate Russell: King Edward Park used to be a racetrack! If you saw it during fair events, you would see what it is really for...the gymkhana ring, arena for hockey, all arenas do not get the attention deserved as the municipality seems to discourage community groups from supporting them as in the past

01:37:17 Paulette Vance: Agree, the Park needs beatification

01:41:47 Kate Russell: are we really talking 6 to 8 storey buildings in Markdale? Is there even sewer and water capacity for that? Seems a lot of this visioning is stepping on a lot of privately-owned land with ideas to minimize driveways, expecting changes in existing business...lots of demolition coming to meet these ideas.

01:45:25 Paulette Vance: Great ideas

01:47:29 Kate Russell: there is a fall fair held at the park (including a horse pull, gymkhana, has had a midway in past) also area for snow removal from the streets is stored there, arena parking lot fills up for hockey, Rotary Park has trails and water and picnic areas...again, full picture of hystorical use is important...

01:52:17 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: The answer for both is the same - people! People who accept and want change, compared to people who want things to stay the same.

01:52:49 John van Beurden: Someone got to make to make the first move....get the Municipal Town Hall downtown.

01:53:38 Rob D: I would like to think something like a smaller version of at Lawrence market around town too

01:54:40 John van Beurden: Yes like the idea re Lawrence market type of thing.

01:54:47 Joyce Hall: Opportunity/obstacle: Find great tenant businesses for the stores that are already there. Why are there so many empty storefronts? Are the rents too high?

01:54:48 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: I have never gone to town hall, in 15+ years of living in the area. So putting it in prime downtown space would be a waste. I don't know about you, but I go the shops downtown all the time!

01:55:16 ELIZABETH DINGMAN: Storefronts are empty because they get a tax break to keep their space empty. For real.

01:55:22 Kate Russell: have an open air event in the space - see if people want to use it - art festival - with downtown storefronts - show people what a lively downtown looks like (similar to the Rotary street frolic on the space) - people have to see how it works and looks to experience the idea

01:56:19 Kate Russell: put details in the poster board in the current town square...

01:57:01 Barbara Pearn: I think Municipal building doesn't attract shoppers to downtown.

01:57:19 Kathy Fraser: Finding a balance between tourists, weekenders and permanent resident's needs. Cost.

01:57:21 Kate Russell: No to town hall downtown...lots of parking needed for that...

01:59:07 Betty and Roy Bassett and Metcalfe: Good Food

01:59:10 Nadia Dubyk: food - good restaurants

01:59:29 Kate Russell: new town hall is way too expensive! not a draw!

01:59:29 Barbara Pearn: Unique shops, unique art shops, food shops, clothing shops

01:59:40 Nadia Dubyk: concerts

01:59:44 Rob D: Affordability and variety

01:59:55 Kate Russell: events, art, outdoor food, music, even in the Burnside Parkette!!

01:59:56 Graeme Demarsh: Maybe a dog park?

02:00:10 Kathy Fraser: Welcoming people, green space,

02:00:18 Barbara Pearn: biking trails

02:01:33 Graeme Demarsh: What is the timeline?

02:01:39 Nadia Dubyk: food trucks - saw one a few summers ago in Markdale but haven't seen it since. fun experience

02:01:42 Graeme Demarsh: For actual construction?

02:02:04 Kate Russell: and, who is paying for this?

02:02:53 Kate Russell: mom says a GOOD fish & chip shop...plus bring back the ice cream hut!!

02:03:33 Barbara Pearn: Ice cream parlour, for me it would have to have lactose free ice cream!!

02:03:42 Joyce Hall: Wine and beer for sale with food.

02:03:44 Kate Russell: figure out the food sales restriction left on the space and how it should be defined - as in when they tore down Foodtown, Sobey's restricted the use of the space.