



Township of Wilmot **REPORT**

REPORT NO. DS 2016-13
TO: Council
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DATE: June 20, 2016
SUBJECT: New Hamburg Parking Study - 2016

Recommendation:

That Report DS 2016-13 be received for information.

Background:

New Hamburg has, for many years, enjoyed a thriving core with low vacancy rates and continued investment. Even with the development of significant commercial developments on the fringe of Kitchener (Sunrise Centre & the Boardwalk) the core area of New Hamburg has remained strong.

Unlike other Commercial zones in the Township of Wilmot the Core Area of New Hamburg has no on-site parking requirements. While parking requirements were included in what was then referred to as the General Commercial zone by By-law 726 (1969) the 1983 Comprehensive Zoning By-law which merged the former Town of New Hamburg By-law with the Township of Wilmot By-law removed the parking requirements for the new Zone 6.

Staff have spent some time reviewing the files from the early 1980’s related to the creation of the new bylaw but have been unable to find any substantive analysis or review of the value of parking requirements.

While it has been suggested by some that the removal of parking requirements was a strategic move to promote development and redevelopment in the core it would appear that the rationale was a little more simplistic based on the following notation in the minutes of the Township of Wilmot Zoning By-law Sub-Committee (September 29, 1982)

“There was considerable discussion as to whether or not the off-street parking requirement should be included; however it was noted that this can only be applied when there is new construction and that the vast majority of businesses in the commercial core cannot supply off-street parking. It was agreed that the various yard requirements and the maximum lot coverage requirements would require the new construction provide some open space and that it would be the businessman’s responsibility to use this open space for parking purposes.”

Indeed it is somewhat surprising that the move to eliminate parking requirements was made in light of the seemingly controversial decision to remove angle parking from the core some years earlier which had the impact of removing a substantive amount of parking along Huron and Peel Streets. The removal of the angle parking has been a longstanding source of debate amongst local residents and core area merchants and the debate continues today.

Discussion:

Council has requested staff to review parking availability in the New Hamburg Core in light of significant recent development activity. The New Hamburg Core has been thriving for many years with a number of significant financial investments and business expansions all of which collectively have contributed to the bustling and thriving core the community enjoys.

A similar request from Council was made in 2008 and staff prepared a review for Council's consideration under Report PB 2008-33 at that time. The summation of the analysis at that time was that Council might want to consider the introduction of parking requirements for new construction in the core as part of an overall program to maximize available parking. The report was received for information by Council but no resolution respecting amending zoning provisions was proposed or passed by that Council.

A few of the significant developments since the 2008 review include the renovation and office expansions of Zehr Insurance, the redevelopment of the Imperial Hotel and the redevelopment of the former New Hamburg Cleaners building with the Puddicombe House Banquet Hall.

This 2016 staff review was threefold:

Firstly staff documented the existing Public On-Street, Public Off-Street and Private Off-Street parking resources and compared these numbers with the analysis from 2008. In addition staff created various scenarios to model the realistic parking needs of the current core. An estimate of the number of parking spaces that would be required to meet the full application of the parking standards of the zoning by-law was prepared and other considerations such as the introduction of a 50% standard, used in communities such as Elmira, were also prepared. The 50% standard is used to reflect/account for typical core area behavior of parking in one location and visiting multiple businesses on one trip.

Secondly staff sought out public opinion by means of a survey inviting residents and businesses alike to comment on their perceptions of the parking situation in New Hamburg's Core.

Thirdly staff considered the primary issues and developed a checklist of the variety of opportunities to improve parking in the core.

It is important to note that this review of parking in the New Hamburg Core is intended to advance the discussion and heighten awareness of the many contributing issues to parking concerns – real or perceived.

Through continued discussion it is hoped that those who collectively live in the core, work in the core and do business in the core will continue to experience New Hamburg as a bustling small town commercial centre. The level of recent investment in the New Hamburg core is truly something that many communities wish they would have and indeed the concerns respecting

parking supply can be viewed as a symptom of continued success.

Parking Documentation

The documentation of the parking in the core resulted in the following:

<i>Municipal On-Street Parking</i>	112
<i>Municipal Off-Street Parking</i>	146
<u><i>Private Off-Street Parking</i></u>	<u>617</u>
<i>Total Parking Spaces</i>	875

A simplistic application of the parking standards of the Zoning By-law based on the known and estimated square footages of commercial floor area and residential apartments resulted in the following estimated number of parking spaces required:

<i>By-law 83-38 Standards</i>	1078
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On the surface of such a simplistic review it could be suggested that the core area therefore has a deficit of 203 spaces. However it is important to consideration the reality of the by-law standard which is that the standards in general relate to the requirements of a stand-alone business and do not reflect the cumulative impact of many businesses in close proximity.

By way of comparison the Township of Woolwich standards for Elmira (which is a relatively similar community with a traditional small town core) applies a 50% standard to its By-law requirements for core area businesses. The 50% rule accounts for typical core visits which involve parking a vehicle and visiting multiple businesses in one visit.

<i>50% of By-law 83-38 Standards</i>	539
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Such an application would suggest that there is a surplus of parking in the core in the order of 336 spaces. Again however, such a simplistic application may not necessarily reflect the complicated relationship of parking needs to core area businesses.

A modification to the 50% model would be to not reduce residential requirements by the 50% factor which would add 37 spaces (50% of 73 units) to the supply requirement. Similarly removing the Beer Store, the Bowling Alley and the Sobeys Plaza from the mix as people typically do not park at those entities and walk to other businesses in the heart of the core would further bring the supply and demand closer together and perhaps create a more realistic model of core area parking requirements as follows:

<i>Municipal On-Street Parking</i>	112
<i>Municipal Off-Street Parking</i>	146
<u><i>Private Off-Street Parking excluding Beer Store, Bowling Alley and Sobeys</i></u>	<u>318</u>
<i>Total Supply</i>	576

<i>50% of By-law 83-38 Standards excluding Beer Store, Bowling Alley, and Sobeys with core apartments at 100% of requirement</i>	491
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The resultant estimate would be that the supply of parking in the traditional core exceeds requirements by some 85 spaces.

In summary the analysis of supply and estimation of demand can be manipulated to create many differing scenarios of supply and demand ranging from a parking deficit of 243 spaces to a parking surplus of 85 or more spaces. Having said that the distribution of parking spaces is not necessarily in locations which are universally shared between businesses nor is it necessarily in a location which is considered ideal by all core area users.

Recognizing this staff believed it was important to consider the public perception of parking in the core through a survey of local residents and business owners.

Survey Results

The survey, which was promoted locally to the New Hamburg community resulted in a good response with 704 visits to the survey site and a total of 469 surveys completed. A complete copy of the survey questions are included as Appendix A.

The survey provided two streams of responses: one for Downtown New Hamburg business owners and one for Downtown New Hamburg Customers, Residents and Employees. The survey attempted to obtain a response to the most common question – is there enough parking in the core?

Perception of Business Owners

Business owners were asked to comment on two questions regarding parking requirements. Firstly whether there is enough parking downtown and secondly whether their own business was able to provide enough parking to meet their own needs.

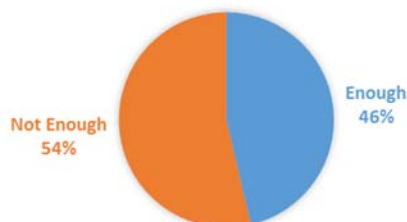
As illustrated on the two pie graphs, about 75% of respondents felt there was insufficient parking in the core, and about 50% of the respondents felt their own business was able to provide sufficient parking. That would suggest that 25% of respondents assume that a business or businesses other than their own contributes to a perceived core area parking deficiency.

For those businesses that provide parking, respondents were asked to identify their specific business' parking needs. The responses identified a parking ratio more comparable to the 50% of the Zoning By-law requirements discussed previously.

BUSINESSES THAT FEEL THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING DOWNTOWN.



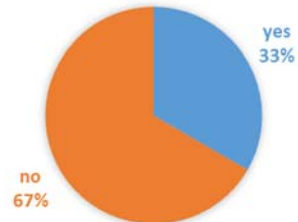
BUSINESSES THAT FEEL THEY PROVIDE ENOUGH OF THEIR OWN PARKING TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.



Perception of Customers

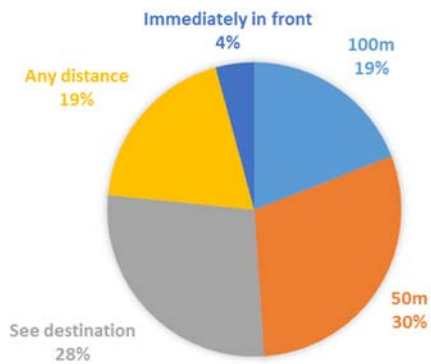
Downtown New Hamburg customers, residents and employees were asked whether there was enough parking in the core. As illustrated on the pie graph, about 70% of respondents indicated that there was not enough parking.

DOWNTOWN CUSTOMERS AND RESIDENTS THAT FEEL THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING DOWNTOWN.

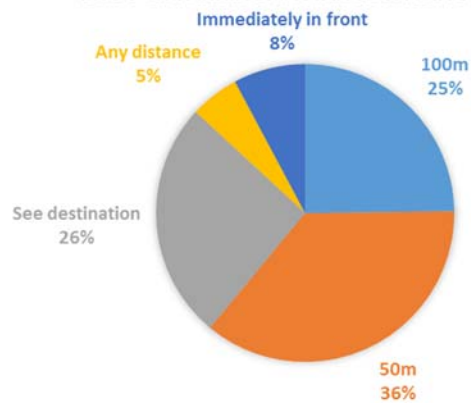


The survey also asked respondents how far they would be willing to walk from where they have parked to their destination. The two pie graphs below highlight the distance factors that were chosen from and the responses from those who felt there was enough parking in the core and those who indicated that parking was deficient.

DOWNTOWN CUSTOMERS WHO FEEL THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING: DISTANCE WILLING TO WALK



DOWNTOWN CUSTOMERS WHO FEEL THERE IS NOT ENOUGH PARKING: DISTANCE WILLING TO WALK



Although the responses are comparable, the most notable difference is in the willingness to walk an unspecified distance; respondents who indicated there was enough parking in the core were willing to walk further to reach their destination. This could suggest that parking perceptions are influenced by the proximity of parking, not necessarily the amount of available parking.

Both streams of the survey asked respondents who felt there was not enough downtown parking, to identify what the issues were and also to provide solutions to their identified problems. Appendix B and C provide a complete listing of these responses. The responses and suggestions were considered by staff while preparing a summary of opportunities in the core.

Opportunities

Through the review of parking resources and the comments received from the parking survey staff have compiled a list of opportunities which collectively may serve to address the parking concerns in the core of New Hamburg.

In addition, it is important to note that the near completion of three significant projects in recent weeks should have the effect of freeing up many parking spaces which have been occupied by contractors for well over a year.

Application of the Zoning By-law Requirements

The Planning Act provides the tools by which, should Council choose, the requirement for the provision of on-site parking could be reestablished in the core of New Hamburg. Application would be somewhat complicated as existing buildings would enjoy legal non-conforming status for the parking existing on the day of the passing of the by-law.

Having said that the change in use of a building from one occupancy to another would trigger a review of existing parking vs required parking and any deficit could be addressed in one of three ways.

The first would be for the applicant to construct parking on-site. The second would be for the applicant to either build and/or secure (via registered easement) parking on another parcel in the core. And the third alternative would be to contribute cash-in-lieu of parking to a parking fund which could be established by the municipality and used to develop and enhance parking in the core area.

The Township of Woolwich employs this process in Elmira, together with the 50% reduction component. The fee collected as cash-in-lieu is approximately \$2000 per parking space.

Development Services staff continue to be of the opinion, as we were in 2008, that Council should consider amending the Zoning By-law to require new construction in Zone 6 to provide parking. As discussed earlier the requirement would be proposed to be 50% of the by-law standard requirement with the options of off-site leases or cash-in-lieu payments. Within the update to the Official Plan staff intend to include the necessary wording to permit the collection of cash-in-lieu of parking.

Enforcement

There are several differing time limits for parking in the core and a significant number of survey responses suggested that strict enforcement of the parking limits, in particular for on-street parking, would address the concern that business employees are parking in prime core area spaces.

The stretch of spaces in front of the post office are signed for 5min parking during daytime hours while the majority of the rest of the spaces on Peel and Huron are signed for 2hr parking. Peel Street north of Huron is signed for 3hr parking.

Strict enforcement of posted limits has pros and cons and certainly is not a unanimous opinion of survey respondents.

One of the most common comments respecting enforcement deals with the use of prime parking spaces by employees of local businesses. Comments suggest that if parking limits are enforced it will serve to ensure that employees are not using on-street parking thereby freeing it up for customer use. While staff certainly concur with the common sense logic that employees of local businesses should not utilize prime parking spaces it is contingent upon and quite simply more effective for the local business community to self-regulate their use of parking in the core.

Enhancement of On-Street Parking

In the last number of years the number of on-street parking spaces on Peel Street and Huron Street has been reduced. Spaces in front of the Lutheran Church across from the Library have been removed as have a number of spaces on Peel Street in front of Jake & Humphreys.

While in general it is difficult to increase on-street parking using today's typical parallel parking scheme staff have spent some time investigating the potential to review and consider re-introducing angled parking in some locations.

Angle parking is often perceived as having the potential to maximize on-street parking. While it is still used in many communities across Ontario, including Stratford and Ayr, its use has the potential to cause other concerns related to traffic flow and accidents.

Regional staff have indicated while it is clearly their preference to utilize parallel parking it is not impossible to give consideration at some point to whether angle parking could be used on Regional Roads in the core effectively (without significant impacts to traffic flow and public safety). The Township of Wilmot capital forecast includes a significant project to relocate the rearyard watermain along Peel Street to the road allowance in 2026. Staff anticipate that a major reconstruction project such as this would be an opportune time to explore the viability of angle parking on Peel Street.

Staff have also considered the potential for angle or perpendicular parking along Wilmot Street at Kirkpatrick Park. Currently the site of on-street parallel parking, the depth of the green space would allow for the consideration of angle or perpendicular parking in this location should Council deem the parking supply to be sufficiently deficient so as to warrant capital investment in enhancements.

Additionally there may be some merit to the Township considering the delineation of on-street parking spaces on local streets in the Core Area. During the many visits to the core area staff have observed that the parking on local streets is minimized due to the parking practices of many drivers. The Public Works department will budget for core area line painting in the 2017 Operating Budget deliberations.

Enhancement of Accessible On-Street Parking

One specific deficiency which was noted by staff and several respondents to the survey is the lack of an on-street accessible parking space on Peel Street.

Staff will initiate discussions with the Region of Waterloo respecting the addition of an accessible parking space on Peel Street. It would seem the logical location for a space would be in close proximity to the Peel Street crosswalk.

Enhancement of Off-Street Parking (municipal)

The Township maintains two significant off-street parking lots at 121 Huron Street and Kirkpatrick Park. In review of the parking layouts of these lots there appears to be both short term and long term opportunities to enhance and increase the parking available as part of on-going maintenance activities. The Kirkpatrick Park parking lot is scheduled for capital improvements in 2017 within the Wilmot 10yr Capital Forecast.

Many respondents to the survey indicated that they believe the police station, should it become surplus to the needs of the Waterloo Regional Police Service could be a logical location for redevelopment as an off-street parking lot in close proximity to core businesses. Staff will continue to monitor the availability of this site and advise Council accordingly.

Enhancement of Off-Street Parking (private)

In reviewing the layout of privately owned parking lots there are a few instances where property boundaries and site structures such as garbage bins impede the logical and orderly interaction of neighbouring properties to maximize parking opportunities.

While certainly private land owners have the right to utilize their properties in an inefficient manner there may be opportunities for staff to encourage these land owners to maximize the utilization of their lands.

Enhancement of Cycling Supportive Infrastructure (bike racks)

Often forgotten in discussions on vehicle parking are opportunities to minimize the need for parking by improving and enhancing facilities for cycling. There is a significant undersupply of adequate bike racks in the core which serves as a disincentive to cyclists. Increasing the facilities for cycling by introducing bike racks throughout the core has the potential to reduce some vehicular parking demand. The Facilities and Recreation has budgeted for the installation of bike racks in the New Hamburg Core in 2017.

While staff acknowledge that bike racks may be of minimal impact it is clear that the solutions to the perceived lack of parking in the core.

Enhancement of Signage

While signage has progressively improved in recent years staff believe that continued efforts to educate residents on the location of close at hand parking can only serve to improve the perception of parking in the core.

Walking distances, for example, from the public lot on Wilmot Street to Peel Street are not significantly greater than one might expect to walk at a mall and signage could incorporate wording to the effect of (Public Parking – 1 minute walk) etc...

Strategic Plan Conformity:

Reviewing and considering the parking needs of the New Hamburg Core responds to the goal of investing in our downtowns and commercial areas to support our prosperous economy.

The use of an online survey to allow the participation of businesses and residents in the discussion promotes the goal of being an engaged community.

Financial Considerations:

This review does not create financial implications to the municipality. Should Council choose to pursue measures to increase or enhance core area parking the financial implications of those projects would be considered under the annual Capital Budget process.

Conclusion:

In conclusion the technical reality of New Hamburg core area parking tends to conflict somewhat with the public perception of New Hamburg core area parking.

Potential solutions to the issue are comprised of a variety of independent opportunities (both on Public lands and on Private lands) which collectively come together to enhance the perception and reality of parking availability.

While the solution may be perceived to be complicated the cause of the issue certainly isn't. New Hamburg has a vibrant, healthy core with significant on-going investments which in themselves will drive further investments and promote the continued health of the core for years to come.

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APPENDIX A

Survey Questions

1. Are you a business owner in downtown New Hamburg?	
<i>This column if answered "yes" to Question 1</i>	<i>This column if answered "no" to Question 1</i>
2. What is the name of your business?	7. Select all responses that describe your relationship with downtown New Hamburg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a downtown New Hamburg customer • I am a downtown New Hamburg resident • I am a downtown New Hamburg business employee • I own commercial property in downtown New Hamburg • Other, please specify
3. What is the street address of your business?	
4. Do you own the building in which your downtown New Hamburg business is located?	
5. How many parking spaces does your business require for its employees?	
6. How many parking spaces does your business require for its customers?	
8. Please list the top three businesses or buildings you visit in downtown New Hamburg. Please list the business name or street address.	
9. How far would you be willing to walk from a parking space to a business and/or your residence in downtown New Hamburg?	
10. Are there enough parking spaces in downtown New Hamburg?	
<i>This column if answered "yes" to Question 10</i>	<i>This column if answered "no" to Question 10</i>
11. Are there enough parking spaces in downtown New Hamburg when there is snow?	
<i>This column if answered "yes" to Question 11, otherwise go to Question 12.</i>	
12. Please describe why you feel there is not enough parking in downtown New Hamburg. Please include examples of businesses, street locations or other information to better explain your concerns.	
13. How could parking be improved in downtown New Hamburg? If possible, please provide suggestions of how and where additional parking could be provided.	
14. Would you like to share your name and email address?	
<i>This column if answered "yes" to Question 14</i>	<i>This column if answered "no" to Question 14</i>
15. Please provide your name.	<i>End</i>
16. Please provide your e-mail address.	
<i>End</i>	

APPENDIX B

Downtown Business Owner Responses to Question 12 and 13 of Survey

<p>Please describe why you feel there is not enough parking in downtown New Hamburg. Please include examples of businesses, street locations or other information to better explain your concerns.</p>	<p>How could parking be improved in downtown New Hamburg? If possible, please provide suggestions of how and where additional parking could be provided.</p>
<p>street parking very busy. some tenants park on the street all the time, leaving limited space for customers, parking behind the pharmacy gets filled because of renovation of hotel, contractors are parking there</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>employees currently park in the municipal parking lot located behind Huron St - it is not unusual to arrive before 9am and there are no parking spots, this situation continues throughout the day</p>	<p>renovations to Eddly's Hotel may be part of the issue (trades/workers) needing parkingsome businesses have increased there staffmany residences in the downtown have several vehicles per unit - this will certainly be an issue when the new condos open up.</p>
<p>The new Banquet Halls being built at Puddicomb House will not have enough parking on site to handle the extra vehicles their events will attract. This will spill over into the on street parking and surrounding lots where there currently is no restrictions. The same goes for the new condos being built downtown. They don't have designated parking that I am aware of. I have room for about 6 cars behind my shop for my customers and I will not hesitate to tell people that they can't park there unless they are shopping in my store.</p>	<p>Enforce the time limit on the signs that are already on Peel Street for one thing. Allow parking down at the Jacob Street arena and park land for one thing. Other than that I don't know.</p>
<p>The public parking lot is frequently full, with all Huron Street parking also full. I have had to, personally, circle the lot a maximum of three times to locate a spot between the hours of 9:30am-5:00pm Monday through Friday. Clients have frequently expressed difficulty finding parking.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, I have no wonderful suggestions.</p>
<p>My clients are having to park too far away and some of mobility issues</p>	<p>add angled parking on the main streets</p>
<p>I feel that there is not enough parking in downtown New Hamburg as our clients constantly complain that there was no where to park on the street.</p>	<p>Having a 2 hour parking limit and having it enforced would free up a lot of spots as there are business owners and there employees that park on the street for 8 hours at a time.</p>
<p>Our clients sometimes experience difficulty finding a parking space in the downtown core, at</p>	<p>If property in the core becomes available, I think the township should have a fund ready to invest.</p>

<p>certain times of day, and at busy times. I am concerned with the new Puddicombe Conference and Banquet building, that spaces will not be available when functions are on.</p>	<p>A parking garage would eliminate a lot of problems. Providing more parking will keep our downtown busy and assure future growth.</p>
<p>Although our business is no purely retail, it continues to expand beyond the town, requiring more employees who drive cars to get to their employment</p>	<p>By the township acquiring property to expand parking</p>
<p>i do find that most times there is enough parking, but during busy hours we are getting very close to not having enough parking. the street, peel st plaza and home hardware parking lots are usually full during peak times, and soon people won't have anywhere to park so they may go somewhere else. especially with The Imperial and those new apartments being put up, I feel we will very quickly run out of parking.</p>	<p>I have heard rumours that they will be getting rid of the police station on Peel st. If those rumours are true and they are actually tearing it down, I believe that would be a perfect place to put some more parking spaces.</p>
<p>Most of the time parking to go into the CIBC or Post Office there are no available parking places</p>	<p>If the hardware store put it's salt etc. away from the side so customers could park properly. Have the police park behind the building (sometimes they have 4 or 5 vehicles sitting there)</p>
<p>our staff do not on park downtown streets - we either use the lot behind the firehall or we use the park on peel st so that the 10 apots that we have in our 2 lots are available for clients. Unfortunately, we regularly observe employees of other businesses and their clients parking in our lot.</p>	<p>A time limit could be imposed on downtown parking, especially on sidestreets. We notice that many people park in the downtown area for the day, whereas those spots should be made be available throughout the day for retial customers.</p>
<p>Employees more often than not must park on property belonging to other businesses or on the street which makes less parking for surrounding businesses.</p>	<p>street parking on an angle to allow more cars to park on the street or a municipal lot at the end of Peel St. just past the police station.</p>
<p>We feel that as the town has grown in population and business downtown have increased parking has not kept up with that growth.</p>	<p>Better enforcement of time limits by by-law officer. More speeding tickets so that fewer mirror clips happen. Parallel parking spots have been removed due to such events.</p>
<p>Old Country & Meme's has to rely on street parking. At peak times this takes up all of the main street. Puddicombe adding a banquet Hall will consume all available parking during events.</p>	<p>Widen street slightly & have angle parking to allow more spaces</p>
<p>Our Clinic as well as the Clinic beside us (doctors office) are always running out of room so have to park down town to allow clients in our spaces (since the Office Pro/Dolmans/Renu has made it clear no one can park in there lot after asking - even offering to pay), trying to find parking by the fire hall is next to impossible as that's where ALL</p>	<p>If you ever decide to relocate/get a new firehall that space could be torn down and made in to parking (and a new space for the firehall would make it easier for fire fighters to get to calls and get out in the fire trucks without having to go through the busy downtown core - especially when the line up is crazy past our clinic and you</p>

<p>the other businesses in the downtown core go. Trying to find a spot to park for lunch at Old Country or Meme's is usually difficult and sometimes I will just drive right on by and leave it (I've heard others say the same). The post office can be crazy at times. I think we'd get a LOT more people stopping in shops/businesses if there was more accesible parking</p>	<p>can see the green lights trying to get through to make it to the fire hall) OR it would be nice if the Office Pro/and other businesses would allow others to park there as well since every time I have been there to support ALL those businesses, the parking lot is NEVER near full.</p>
<p>Physically just not enough room. The side of my business faces Wilmot Street. Many tenants who live in the apartments about my business use this area for parking. This ties ups the spaces for the entire day sometimes.</p>	<p>Tenants as mentioned above and business owners should park in parking lots like the one by the river. I have seen, for example, bank employees park directly in front of the bank for the entire day - 8 hours! (In a two hour spot). By law officers should be on the look out for vehicles parked in prime spots for long periods of time.</p>
<p>AS it is, if there is not a parking spot people do not come in. Once the Puddicombe has their facility open there will be even less parking. The parking for that facility is inadequate and I hope there is some direction for the patrons there to know where to park.</p>	<p>It is too late at this point to fix this problem with parking. Parking should have been addressed at the time this facility was being built. Please do not mistake this as a complaint against the facility, I am happy that there will be more people in town for events but proper planning should have been done.</p>
<p>I have 4 parking spots on my property. We continually have neighbouring business employees parking in our spotseven after reminding them they are our private spots. This summer it has been very challenging to say the least. We will be putting up signs so that our spots will be available to us and our eventual apartment needs also. The parking lot that is owned by 3 business off Jacob St.(vast majority by murrays clothing) Behind my building is privately owned and cared for. I have been contacted by my insurance agent to put up private parking signs on my property (which is part of this parking lot)due to the neighbouring business expansion and liability for vehicles on my property. Their website indicates360 person facility. Parking with be a zoo. My vehicles are at risk daily due to the many trucks that come in and try to manipulate throughout my private back yard. It is a big concern for me. When asked to move employee vehicles so we can park have been met with rudeness and threats. Putting up moveable signs did not work. These people just move them. We will be doing something more permanent in order to satisfy our insurance company.</p>	<p>Thought prior to building would have been best done then. Now it is just going to be painful experience as events take place. Impossible situation. Motoring about town to do errands like a visit to library or banks is often difficult to find parking spots without parking in other businesses. There is no property downtown to put parking on that I am aware of. Using church parking lots etc. puts them in same situation as I am in with my insurance company.</p>

<p>At high volume times such as lunch and dinner times the parking can be an issue. Of course we are concerned that additional construction in the downtown core that will result in increased parking needs during high volume times for our restaurant will make parking for our patrons more difficult.</p>	<p>If the two hour parking time limit was properly enforced going forward and we mean properly and regularly enforced it probably wouldn't be an issue. As most businesses in the downtown core would find this suitable. As far as long term parking meaning over two hours, whatever businesses that require that kind of parking should be responsible to provide their customers with proper signage to direct them to wherever the lots are that allow extended parking.</p>
<p>With the new reception hall at the Puddicombe House, parking is going to be greatly compromised and people attending events there will take parking places from the downtown business's paying customers.</p>	<p>The cart has been put before the horse. Why wasn't parking addressed before the reception hall was built. Parking was already at a premium and now is even worse. The township is need to acquire land and make more parking lots for the downtown core.</p>
<p>construction projects took up all the available parking spaces in front of our shop last summer, people other than our customers (restaurant patrons) take up the parking in front of the shop and our customers who drop off or pick up bikes have to look for spaces</p>	<p>time limit on parking, maximum 2 hours or towed, advertise additional parking located at old arena</p>
<p>Downtown businesses rely on easy accessibility. Often I am told by customers they have parked at the wilmot street parking lot because there is nothing closer. Fortunately my business is a destination and people are willing to walk a bit. Although in the morning many customers will not stop for coffee if there is no parking within sight, as they are usually on a timeline</p>	<p>A little to late for suggestions , as we are limited to options. It is a problem finding parking on a good day.</p>
<p>Our employees and some customers park in the municipal parking lot behind our building. Until about 2 years ago there was rarely a parking issue. Since then employees who work later in the day have been unable to find a parking space. This may be because of construction at Zehr Insurance and the Voisin building across the street from our store. The construction at Zehr 's has concluded ,we believe, but parking is still an issue. We are not sure if it will improve when the Voisin building is complete. Where are those tenants and visitors going to park? We have tenants in our building but most of them work and do not park in the municipal lot during the day.We are also unclear where the customers of the Puddicombe convention hall will park. Originally we heard it will hold 200 people and</p>	<p>The Voisin building and the Puddicombe project are good for New Hamburg but in the future parking should be considered before a building is erected. It seems too late now to solve this problems.</p>

<p>now we hear it is over 300. This sounds like a major issue for the people on Peel St.</p>	
<p>Downtown needs a comprehensive plan not simply a parking study and some businesses conflict with pedestrian safety and parking needs. Precious retail spaces are used-up for office parking. Waste locations and not having a comprehensive Downtown plan leads to a look of clutter in our downtown. Police cars rule in the heart of our downtown.</p>	<p>Easy - hire someone who has good ideas, understands traffic and use of space and knows the history and future plans of the town's merchants and residents both new and old and all while hearing what the businesses really need and desire over the long hall. There are many ways to significantly add parking with the cooperation of a few property owners and the Township.</p>
<p>there should be enough parking spots, but mostly employees from other businesses are parking on the main street, so the customers do not have spots for parking.</p>	<p>i do not know</p>
<p>Very often the parking lot behind the studio and TD Bank is full especially mid afternoon, as well as the lot across from the studio that is beside the fire hall. Finding a parallel parking spot on the street (Huron) is very limited.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>Frequent times when main street parking spots full, with many people parking off-street in spots not intended for the general public, such as the Peel West strip mall. If you add in the parking spots other than the main streets (Peel and Huron), the situation is much better.</p>	<p>Enforce the two-hour parking limit for parking on Peel and Huron. Seems common to me that business staff and owners park on these streets all day, to be close to their work, and make it more difficult for their customers to find a spot near them. They could park on Wilmot, or in the park, where the parking pressure is less, and free up the high demand spots for customers.</p>
<p>Peel and Huron street during business hours of 10 to 5.</p>	<p>The old swan huts could be more parking. Also what will be happening with the old police station building. Could it be more parking?</p>
<p>Our off Street parking is designated for ONLY our business including employees and clients. Very often I find people parking there who do not belong simply because the area lacks enough parking</p>	<p>It's simple go back to angled parking. Why Ernie Ritz (then Mayor) changed that is beyond me ?? Beyond that it's obvious the Township needs to purchase blocks of homes and turn them into parking spaces.</p>
<p>During prime eating times there is no parking. When there are public events they park on the street all day. I am not sure why there is a 2 hour parking sign.</p>	<p>You need to remove houses in the downtown or a parking garage.</p>
<p>There's not enough parking spaces because the road side parking is always full as it is therefore making it time consuming and unsafe to exit safely onto the main st. The parked vehicles cause blind spots.</p>	<p>An additional parking lot anywhere on the main st that has room for one</p>

<p>One can usually find a parking spot somewhere; granted it might not be in front of the business you are going to. But that is the nature of parking in NH. We adapt. Snow banks take up too many parking spaces in parking lots in the winter. There are a significant number of spots lost because of this.</p>	<p>There are LOTS of parking spots available in the Sobey's lot. Would you allow parking on Jacob Street?</p>
<p>There are times when customers come in saying they had a hard time finding a place to park. They can enter through our back dock also which helps. When there is snow several spots are unavailable. We have 2 tenants also but no car at this point. I didn't count that in my numbers. If you take all the rental units also that would take up many more spaces even if not using now there is that possibility. As business are increasing around us there will be more demand for parking (ideally)</p>	<p>More snow pile removal. Business with extra space (at back) be upgraded and made into parking spaces (even for workers to leave more prominent spaces for customers)</p>
<p>Some spots are inaccessible due to snow. Even if you can park getting out and then safely getting over the snow bank is treacherous. We are young and had difficulty. I can't imagine older drivers doing it.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>

APPENDIX C

Downtown Customer and Resident Responses to Question 12 and 13 of Survey

<p>Please describe why you feel there is not enough parking in downtown New Hamburg. Please include examples of businesses, street locations or other information to better explain your concerns.</p>	<p>How could parking be improved in downtown New Hamburg? If possible, please provide suggestions of how and where additional parking could be provided.</p>
<p>The downtown core continues to grow (ei. an banquet hall being built on peel street) and get busier and parking has not followed suit.</p>	<p>Obviously more parking is needed maybe adding parking on the boulevards the way downtown Kitchener did would be a way to add parking without having to widen the street past the boot factory.</p>
<p>If you work at a business there isn't enough spaces for clientele and staff. The community parking lot beside the fireball is always crowded and 1 business owner thinks they own 6-8 parking spots and yells at people working at other businesses</p>	<p>Have another lot of a parking garage</p>
<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>	<p>The public parking lot down by the river needs a lot of work</p>
<p>New Hamburg has grown and become busier over the last few years. The addition of a banquet hall is a concern for anyone who wishes to frequent our downtown businesses during a function at the hall and should be a tremendous concern for the owners of the hall.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>Often have to steal parking from TD to get to other businesses</p>	<p>Move Fire Station out of Down town move the mill out of downtown</p>
<p>The businesses downtown are mainly restaurants, banks, and service business such as insurance agents, lawyers offices etc. A large number of the off-street parking is taken up by the employees of these businesses, which doesn't leave much parking for customers, especially since a lot of people descend on the downtown at lunch time. Many grab lunch and visit one of the banks, the post office etc. during this time.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>There is not enough main street parking. You have to park in a lot of a business that you are not necessarily going to simply in order to walk to the business you want to get to.</p>	<p>I am not sure.</p>
<p>There are many days that I have to drive around the block 3-4 times to get a parking spot. - Especially on Peel St.</p>	<p>I am not sure if adding more parking spaces is even possible. Maybe angle parking?</p>

Peel and Huron Streets are always full. It is very busy by the post office, can't get a spot and it is VERY busy to cross the street (dangerous)	Not sure!
During the busy times of the day, there are hardly any spots to park.	[No Answer Entered]
To get parking in front of the bank, it often takes several times around the block until someone leaves.	[No Answer Entered]
Often you cannot find a place to park especially at the post office because I believe people park there and then go and do the rest of their downtown business without moving their car	I think that is the planning departments job. Now with even more residential on the main streets it is going to get even worse
ALL OF PEEL STREET IS A MESS CARS PARKED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD AND A REAL MESS IN FRONT OF JAKE AND HUMPHRYS THERE ARE WAY TO MANY CARS ALL OVER THAT AREA	?
Can't often find a spot to go into the bank, post office, or stores along peel street.	[No Answer Entered]
It is hard to difficult to find empty parking spaces to pick up the mail.	[No Answer Entered]
Hard to find a spot to park close to second impressions. Don't want to have to carry bags/boxes too far for consignment.	[No Answer Entered]
Concerned with the imperial restoration and the event hall that parking will be problematic downtown.	Not sure how it could be improved. Is looked at before approvals for new buildings or rents are given
While there may currently be enough, the new developments in downtown New Hamburg will strain parking to the breaking point. As well, the township's bylaw enforcement officers are way past acceptable limits in enforcement, allowing no leeway of any kind.	Stop driving people away with over-the-top bylaw enforcement; insist that business owners do not park in prime, on the street locations; insist that new developments such as the Puddicombe banquet hall provide an adequate number of new spaces.
As a disabled driver, the Post Office parking is the most frustrating. Permit spots are across a very busy daytime street and create a danger. Only 4 spots in front of P.O. Parallel parking in front of Short Stop and Mimi's needs clearer pavement lines. Trying to park in front of Jake and Humphrey's is now impossible because of realignment of spaces.	Accessible parking MUST be moved to the front of Post Office. Has angle parking on Peel ever been considered. Seems to work at car show during Moparfest.
by the post office is ridiculous to get a spot - or anything facing on that side of the street. Other side isn't as bad.	[No Answer Entered]
Already is difficult to access businesses but now there are huge buildings happening with NO parking. Both the new addition to Puddicombe and the pub/condo happening are ridiculous. It	New businesses need to be responsible!!!! The first event at Puddicombe will be a disaster.

<p>demonstrates an utter lack of competence in the Wilmot planning dept. I'm embarrassed to live in this backward township at times.</p>	
<p>there are many times, especially over the lunch hour where there is no where at all to park.</p>	<p>I am not sure how to fix the problem, but letting Puddicombe add to the number of people using the down town parking area is not the smartest idea.</p>
<p>Often when going to Counter Kitchen or Kathy Jordan Design there is never parking available on the st. I always need to search for somewhere to park. Most days the street parking is full in front of those businesses</p>	<p>There is a lot beside litre short stop. Often that is full too, but could it be widened? Make more parking available.</p>
<p>In a previous question you asked about the business we visit downtown and only listed three but I visit alot more but you limited my options - I visit all the banks, the vet, the health food store, the beer store , old country etc . I am healthy and mobile and I don't mind walking however more and more I see parking is full at peak times. I can walk but I worry about seniors and parents with small children - they need closer spots. I love our downtown but am concerned about the new banquet hall - where will all those people park??????</p>	<p>I think they extra parking in the lower field by the arena should be paved..hard to describe but currently it is gravel. We've parked there sometimes and it can get muddy.</p>
<p>It's going to get really bad once the puddicombe house starts up their hall. I find the area over by the post office very stressful with people parking in no parking zones and the crossing outside of the crosswalks. It's a wonder no one has been hit and killed.yet.I frequent many shops down town and most times there is very little parking. Home hardware has no extra and I'm almost never able to park there when I'm going there.</p>	<p>I have no suggestions for where since it seems like there isn't any space left.</p>
<p>Peak times are horrible. 9-2 and 4-6pm Good Luck getting anything close to where you'll be shopping or eating.</p>	<p>I don't think it can be improved much, parking should have been a concern long before New Hamburg got this big.</p>
<p>This is a really bad question. It's obvious there is not enough parking... Because there is NO PARKING available especially during peak times Friday/Saturday. The area population is growing and the township refuses to keep up. 'Same old same old' doesn't always work. I would shop in town more if the businesses were accessible. Really don't want to drive around for 10 mins or more to find a place to park.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>Businesses with no parking lots have very little parking access along the street. some vehicles</p>	<p>Limit parking along the street to 10-15 mins.</p>

are parked along the street for numerous hours throughout the day.	
There is mainly street parking spots. There are far more patrons to the downtown stores than there are spaces to park. If we want to continue to support the local businesses, the needs to be more parking in the downtown.	[No Answer Entered]
when the new Puddicombe hall is in business its people will fill most or all of the spots downtown.	[No Answer Entered]
Royal Bank is terrible for parking. Don't go to Pharmacy on Main street because there's never parking there.	Buy property downtown for parking only.
Never spots to park. The ones that are available require parallel parking	[No Answer Entered]
Many times I have had to go around the block and see if any spaces come available. Buying big items isn't easy to get to the car and you need a space that is fairly close.	Parking spaces should be changed to angle parking instead of parallel parking. More cars would be able to park I would think.
At peak times it is very crowded.. Limited parking ... And with the some of the new businesses set to open (puddicolm monstrosity, and the Reno of the Imperial hotel there has been poor planning as far as where people will park ... I m all for the restoration of our downtown but the addition of new buildings.. Those business need to include adequate parking in there plan	
During the day, the parking lots behind the fireball and surrounding area is full with employees. There are few parking spaces for visitors, especially at lunch time	create more public spaces. The green space behind the water loot for example, not sure what is being done with that space, but it could extend the parking lot that is already there.
At certain times of the day it is difficult to park on Huron Street. I have circled the block several times in order to get asking spot closer to the store I want to go to.	Remove fancy Bledsoe and bring back angle parking. They should never have allowed Putticomb House to put up that hall.
In most cases we have enough parking, but I don't think you the township should have allowed the puddicomb to build that dance hall or meeting hall when there is no parking. Where are they going to park? There is only parking on one side of Peel Street and I know it is going to be a zoo getting out on to the road with cars parked and the families on Peel are not going to have room for their own visitors..	I don't think there is anyway of improving the parking in the downtown area unless you build a parking lot but I don't know of any place to do that.
I feel that having a new event venue that can accommodate 500 people is going to seriously affect parking and hurt local businesses on Saturdays . Parking is already limited and I don't	[No Answer Entered]

understand why this was not taken in to consideration.	
The fact that the downtown is in a T shape and everything is so squished together makes it harder to get to locations conveniently. I have used the park Parkin often if I can't get a street spot, but during the run off of winter, that is often under water and closed.	No new ideas - sorry.
I plan my business in th downtown core based on parking availability. I wouldn't ever go for lunch on a Thursday/Friday for example, and expect to find parking. I also do not go to the hardware store on a weekend if at all possible	I couldn't begin to suggest an option for better parking but addin businesses that require LOTS of parking does not make any sense at all!!
There isn't much parking on peel street and you have to be ok with parallel parking. Not much available around home hardware and tend to avoid it for that reason.	Angled parking on 1 side of peel? I don't know if that would give more spaces
I am not a big fan of on street parking. I Find that there are a lot of people that just open their doors without looking and you have to watch out for them.i	I know that there is more parking behind the post office that could be used for people to get their mail.
Especially with the new residences and businesses at the imperial building there will be even more vehicles competing for the already limited spaces, especially by the busy post office and banks nearby	[No Answer Entered]
when downtown gets busy, peel st parking is full very few alternatives, the jackson plaza does not like people to park there unless your a customer, the businesses there are short sighted, more parking helps everybody in the downtown core	see above
I bank at CIBC - I see staff parking on street & entering the bank. Later in the day, their vehicle is still parked on the street.	By-law enforcement officers issuing tickets for long term - on street parkers.
[No Answer Entered]	Well if police station not being used you could tear it down and make a parking lot.
Puddicombe did not provide enough parking spaces when they built. Driving downtown and trying to get a parking spot at lunchtime on a weekday is very tricky.	If the police station closes that area should be turned into parking
Very congested, commonly difficult to find a spot at certain times	Angled parking
parking for the business along wilmot street is next to impossible.since nearly all of the town has to pick up their mail at the post office, it becomes very difficult to park in the area. people do not respect the 5 minute parking in front of the post	I am not sure where more parking could go. the area is very built up and leaves little room for parking. when the old edley's new business's open it will become even worse.

<p>office.the speed at which vehicles travel along huron and peel streets make it dangerous to parallel park.i</p>	
<p>The spill-over is always into the Jacksons parking lot, but at lunch time, etc that is too full. And now with Puddicombe's new building (who the HECK approved that large eye sore crowded into that downtown spot?!) where will people park when there are events on down there?</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>Because the puddicomb took up a huge space for parking and once they start having events there will be even less parking for other businesses.</p>	<p>The puddicomb shouldn't have been approved for their hall.</p>
<p>There is no parking for most of the restaruants in town. And they are all popular and busy. Country Kitchen, My Place, Jake and Humpfreys, MeMe's Cafe.</p>	<p>No idea. Clearly the town needs parking lots. Where? Don't know.</p>
<p>I am extremely concerned about the new wedding venue - The Puddicome House - where will all those people be parking when there is an event.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>Each designated parking lot (aside from the Sobey's lot) have like 6 spots maximum, and quite often they have signs indicating that it's for a specific business only.</p>	<p>I think an additional parking lot should be constructed in a central location,</p>
<p>My concern is with the new development of Puddicombe. When there is a wedding in that building where will people be parking?</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>Feed mill does have enough space to park.</p>	<p>Providing road parking or bigger parking lots</p>
<p>I really try to avoid going down town after 4:30 pm it is nuts</p>	<p>Get the feed mill out of down town there is all the parking you need</p>
<p>There isn't enough parking for customers of businesses because the employees need places to park as well. The employees of all the local banks park in the bigger parking lots ie: behind cooks pharmacy because their lots are to small to accommodate them and customers. I personally have a young child and really don't want to have to park down at the Nith so I can go to the bank and the hardware store.</p>	<p>I honestly have no idea it's a hard situation to figure out.</p>
<p>We do not believe that cars should be able to park along Wilmot street near the corner by the RBC because it is very hard to navigate through that area if there are 2 vehicles. My daughter and I frequently go to the library and need to park at the TD bank parking lot because there is no parking behind the Subway and library area.</p>	<p>More efficient parking spaces need to be made. Reduce the amount of areas that people can park in that mak it difficult to turn or exit lots while increasing the number of spots that are more accesible</p>

<p>Find it redundant that parking survey being done now and not before permits issued to have reception hall built downtown!!!</p>	<p>Good question that should have been previously considered. Feel sorry for existing retailers and restaurants downtown as parking has been an issue prior to Puddicombe expanding.</p>
<p>Parking is not expanding to meet the growing business demographics. Population growth and tourism brings more traffic to the core. Great for business if infrastructure supports</p>	<p>Options are limited given the historic nature of the surrounding buildings. Instead of parking think transit. What about bus service? Green initiative.</p>
<p>Not enough for for both employees and customers. Not everyone knows about the Parking behind cooks pharmacy, nor is it very convenient if you have numerous stops to make</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>There are never any available parking spaces when I am going downtown new hamburg</p>	<p>Not exactly sure where the parking could be provided, but with the new banquet hall we are definitely going to need something</p>
<p>There are not enough handicapped spots</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>The Puddicombe House, especially with its addition I definitely can't see that it will have sufficient parking. As well as the new and improved Imperial. As it stands now it is difficult to find parking let alone when these new additions are up and running.</p>	<p>I have assumed that the closed down lawn bowling business might end up being a parking lot.</p>
<p>At the post office I often have to drive around the block a few times to get a parking spot especially at prime times of day</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>For the building that memes & new beginnings is in....there are rarely spots available that are close by. Normally I don't mind walking, but for my purposes with these businesses it is problematic....a quick stop to pick up a coffee on the way into kW before work at memes isn't always an option if parking is not available....would like to support local, but if it's not fast I go elsewhere. With new beginnings I am often taking in a box of stuff with kids in tow and it is often difficult to find a spot that is close.</p>	<p>15 min only parking on meme's, short stop etc side of the street</p>
<p>There never has been enough parking</p>	<p>People could park at the grandstands or in field by the legion and provide a shuttle that runs around downtown every half hour</p>
<p>I often have to drive around the block and hope a space becomes available by the time I get back around. There are hardly ever free parking spaces available. I have a small baby and when running into a location such as the bank or old country it is difficult to manage when the weather isn't particularly nice.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>

<p>Because the parking lot behind subway is always full including the Main Street in that section, often.</p>	<p>Move. The mill to a bigger. Propertand make a high rise parking lot there. The mill causes many trucks to come downtown. And the mill doesn't need to be in the downtown area anymore.</p>
<p>The downtown has become far more busy in the last few years with the growth of the town. It can be hard some days to find a spot to park</p>	<p>More spaces A parking lot added if possible</p>
<p>Cibc bank has little parking. Same with side stores. (People Parking on side of road effects vision of seeing when people come around corner)</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>RBC and CIBC customers always park in 5 min spots in front of post office and stay there for up to 30 min. Its not really fair to the people who are just stoping by to get their mail. This shows that the banks obviously don't have enough parking space.</p>	<p>Parking lot behind post office and CIBC bank could be better organized. Also wilmont street could be better organized to provide more spaces. In general, the whole block between huron, peel, burns and union is a complete mess, as is wilmont st. Those areas need some serious urban planing.</p>
<p>There is often no parking on the main streets for businesses there, and I am walking from Sobeys parking to Home Hardware. I might park in TD Parking to do business at Cooks pharmacy. Especially around lunch hours when more people come into town for the restaurants.</p>	<p>New Buildings requiring parking should have to have their own parking as part of their site not be piggy backing on already overloaded parking facilities in town</p>
<p>In most cases there are enough parking spots. However on weekends there are not. Also with new upcoming businesses and living areas more Peking will be essential to accommodate the growth in our community.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>on huron street you rarely find a spot only if its when everyone is working and you might find one or two???</p>	<p>????????????????????????????????????</p>
<p>Street parking in New Hamburg makes turning out of side streets such as RBC and Td Canada Trust, very difficult because of limited visibility around parked cars.</p>	<p>More parking behind Cook's Pharmacy and Td Canada Trust.</p>
<p>The town is getting bigger and bigger which makes the downtown area more busy... each business is quite busy with many customers and we al require parking. On many occasions I have had to drive around until a spot comes available or I have to park too far away from my destination . I am a consumer that has severe back pain and needs to be fairly or really close to the store I'm needing. Most times this is ot possible due to the parking and the amount of people that are using the businesses downtown.</p>	<p>Not sure!!!</p>

<p>Parking on a Saturday trying to go to breakfast is busy</p>	<p>If parking was perpendicular instead of parallelPossibly tear down the Jackson mall and make parking</p>
<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>I feel Puddicombe House has an inadequate size of parking lot. It will be negative for customers of other businesses and residents in the downtown ares, especially come weekends in the summer when weddings will be held.</p>	<p>Improved roadside signage that makes existing parking options clear. Improve the Peel West plaza parking lot across the street.</p>
<p>Very frequently when I need to park on Huron St or Wilmot St. (These seem worst) I cannot find a parking spot period. As a young mother with small children and carseats, I cannot walk long distances to my place of shopping or business. There needs to be a better plan!</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>There just isn't, the minimum requirement for parking spaces to sq footage for commercial business' just doesn't seem to add up from when I took Urban Planning. However it's like uptown waterloo where there is parallel parking and then parking lots. So people can park at Sobey's, the legion, or the strip area parking. When you hit downtown at peak times it can just be flustering to find a parking spot especially if you just need to run into the bank or pick up a prescription.</p>	<p>I don't really think there is a way.</p>
<p>The hole down town parking sucks in general already there's never any parking behind guardian drug on huron street in that back parking lot and parking right on huron street is always packed it's hard enough trying to park a truck there parking on peel street is the same way and it's way further to walk to sub way and what not when your parked over there as well as the plaza beside josslin is either full or the only empty spots are the ones that are reserved just not good at any time of the day to try and park Down there</p>	<p>I'm not sure how you improve or put in another parking lot when there is already so many businesses established - it's sure nice to see the town growing but maybe it's at it's max</p>
<p>The Post Office is where I find it the most trying. I had mail that was not in a rush to get anywhere, and I drove by after work, everyday, for a week, before there were any available parking spots.</p>	<p>Truthfully, I have no ideas where parking could be added. Everything seems maxed out down there. However, maybe we could put in a few new crosswalks, so those that do have to park far away don't have to walk all the way to the main intersection to cross the street safely. One from Subway to the TD Bank. Another by Puddicombe house.</p>
<p>When I shop at cooks pharmacy parking is no where in front. Have to park at back and when</p>	<p>That's a good question and a hard one to answer. There is t anymore more land to make into</p>

weather isn't nice I just don't stop. Also when I need to, stop CIBC parking in their spaces are always full and I drive around the block three to four times. I've even parked at home hardware just to go to the banks or post office. When that new building opens parking will be in higher demand.	parking for the downtown core. So I have no answer for this.
the park by the waterwheel	put parking at former lawn bowling area
Often have to circle the block a couple times to get a spot	?
It seems lunch hour is the worse time to find parking, especially by Meme's or Old Country. It is very frustrating when you only have an hour for lunch but spend 20 mins circling the downtown core for parking. Dundee insurance always has spots open but you can't park there or they put a not on your car that you are going to get a ticket.	Dundee insurance should open there parking during the lunch hour, I really don't think they require that many spots at any given time. I understand it is private property as it is the Jackson building. Allow parking on the street beside CIBC, also does RBC need that back parking lot? Put up a sign on the corner of Wilmot and Huron that there is public parking at the river. Add more wheelchair accessible parking spots.
Not enough parking for the Home Hardware.	Make all spots in the lot beside Josslin Insurance public parking spots.
Very congested, just not enough parking	More parking lots for businesses
Peel and Huron are good examples of not enough parking and also on the street where Home Hardware is they should be at a different spot so there would be more parking. The parking spots are always taken up at Home Hardware. It should be a one way street where Home Hardware is like it was years ago then you could park on the other side too.	[No Answer Entered]
Post office parking is very hard to come by. Huron is already very busy, and with new businesses opening in new spaces in former Eddy's, it's only going to get worse (the development of Eddy's is fantastic mind you)	opportunities may exist at these locations: former police station, whatever the eyesore at 25 Peel is, former lawn bowling club (although it is out of the way), purchase and demolish St Peter... Also would be nice to lose the feedmill.
BUSY AT LUNCH WHEN I VISIT	[No Answer Entered]
With the Imperial set to open, and during business hours or on a Saturday it's already packed in nice weather. In bad weather with little ones we don't want to walk far! Parking lots at Sobey's and Peel St Plaza always have room but that's too far when I just need the PO or bank machine.	No idea. Lol
Never parking on Huron st. Or even close to the business there.	[No Answer Entered]

<p>Hard to find a parking spot. New businesses have no parking or very little parking spots available, i.e. restaurants, banquet halls, etc. This is not fair to existing businesses whose patrons can't park close to their businesses. Congested traffic and safety concerns.</p>	<p>Take down houses to provide more parking spots, or if police station is closing, remove building and make into a parking lot.</p>
<p>Very concerned about the Pudicombe House's new 200+ person banquet hall and the lack of parking considered in planning for this build. What was the township thinking? We were told that this parking study would be conducted prior to breaking ground. What a load of bull***! Clearly the Cressman family does not care about the needs of anyone else in the community.</p>	<p>I haven't seen any enforcement of parking restrictions. Three hour time limits are routinely exceeded in front of K.R. Abbot Accounting on Wilmot Street. Merchants should be incented to park their own personal vehicles in the public lot at Kirkpatrick park, leaving street locations open for customers. Parking around Home Hardware is always a ***-show. I have resorted to now shopping at Lowes at the Boulevard. Why locate parking intensive businesses like the banks on Huron Street? The Mennonite Credit Union location makes much more sense.</p>
<p>building a a new building event building with NO parking is a huge concern!!</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>employees are parking on the streets or using up lot space</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>employees using up spaces</p>	<p>the angled parking on Seyler St beside Home Hardware is the wrong direction & dangerous</p>
<p>I have difficulty most of the time trying to get a parking space close enough to the Post Office and various shops.</p>	<p>I don't know as I am not an urban planner.</p>
<p>It gets filled up really fast, and then I am driving around looking for a spot.</p>	<p>Maybe just one big central parking lot?</p>
<p>Just are not enough parking spaces even with parking in lots as they are full!</p>	<p>.</p>
<p>I find that I am often having a difficult time finding parking when I go to the bank or the post office. That area is so busy with traffic, pedestrians, and people parking. I'm concerned about what's going to happen when the business opens thats in the old tavern, where people went to park?</p>	<p>I think that we need to have a lot somewhere close by that people can walk from, to the businesses. But I have no idea where</p>
<p>Driving around the block three times in order to find any spot tells me there is not enough parking.</p>	<p>That's the problem, you've run out of room and now we have a hall to accommodate. Not that I'm against the new hall.</p>
<p>Lots of people do not parallel park on the Main Street , those spots are usually full anyway . The parking lots at sobeys or at Titos pizza are always full .</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>I drove around CIBC a number of times until I could find a place to park</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>

I can normally find a spot and have no concerns however with the plans Puddicombe has I am concerned.	I am not sure it can be improved
A lot of times it's a struggle to find parking	[No Answer Entered]
It is not uncommon for me to not find a parking space when I drive downtown to my business. Currently, I am able bodied and can walk a fair distance if I need to, but I know my mother will quite often give up and go home without doing her business after driving around the block numerous times waiting for an open spot. the staff of these businesses need to park somewhere and since they're the first ones there, it makes sense the lot behind Cook's Pharmacy gets full early. We have restaurants downtown that do not have any parking at all or only a few spots and when they can serve so many more. The parking lot behind the Waterlot is insufficient (when it's not under water)Try picking up a pizza at Arca on a Friday evening. Most times your pizza will be cold by the time you get back to your car. I want the businesses in downtown New Hamburg to stay in business and I want new and different ones to join them, but I don't see that happening unless you solve this problem.	parking instead of a fountain, parking in place of the soon be empty police station. Buy the church & house across from the library and turn it into parking. Ideally, we need a multi-level parking garage, but'the where' is a major problem.
I often find myself with no to park during breakfast, lunch and dinner times. Especially on weekends I often cannot find a spot. Old country takes up a lot of parking during morning to afternoon as well as the other cafes and restaurants. I often have to walk a far distance to get to my location due to a lack of parking. Living in a retirement community (morning side, steonecroft and fox borough) I feel the elderly should not have to walk across town to get to their location.	Street parking should remain a 2 hour parking. No by-laws should be changed for street parking. An example of a parking lot could be to the left of the entrance to the grand stands/racetrack off boulee St, this parking should only be used if there are events in the downtown due to a long walking distance.
You normally can't find a parking spot on the weekend or on weekdays around lunch time	[No Answer Entered]
Currently there is just enough parking, though it really depends on the time and day of the week. My major concern is the availability of parking when the Puddicombe banquet opens as there doesn't appear to be much space set aside for parking. Also when the new building(old eddy's) opens with their businesses and the residential apartments become occupied.	I'm not sure where parking could be improved. I think that there should have been provisions set out in the development of the new buildings. New Hamburg is growing and although often parking can be found, it will become more difficult to do so.
Post office and on peel street parking is lacking	[No Answer Entered]

Always seems packed during the day and I drive a truck so it's tough to find a spot	Not really sure where the space would come from
When I try to park downtown there aren't always spots available. Especially close to the bank.	[No Answer Entered]
Parking for the post office is especially limited and I've had to go around the block in order to find a spot in the past. There is a hazard with people entering and exiting their vehicles on the street do close to the intersection.	[No Answer Entered]
Streets are crowded, not enough parking lots	A parking lot
[No Answer Entered]	[No Answer Entered]
during peak hours it can be difficult to find parking. (evenings, Saturdays)	not sure
[No Answer Entered]	The Firehall and library need more parking. When there is a program at the library there is never parking available
There is already nowhere to park when I go to get my nails done at Puddicombe. I often have to park across the street in the Titos parking lot if there is any spaces available, or way down the road.	I know that we will need more parking but I have no idea where you are going to put it
Parking lot of cibc is taken over by snow.	[No Answer Entered]
[No Answer Entered]	[No Answer Entered]
I try to do most of my business early in the morning (when the parking is easy) and that works well. After work is an entirely different matter, I try to avoid that.	[No Answer Entered]
SNow takes up parking spaces	I have no idea
I have to park at RBC irregardless where I go. On street parking sucks!!	Better sight lines coming out of parking lots. Making a left out of RBC you can't see cars coming from the left and you have to inch your way out and risk getting hit.
There are no enough spots outside of home depot	[No Answer Entered]
Main street is packed	Knock down the police station and create a parking lot
If you are attending any of the restaurants in town , it is a concern whether there will be a spot to park within a reasonable area. If a person is senior or handicapped it is next to impossible.	The biggest concern I have is where all of the patrons to the new building at Puddicombe will be parking? If spaces are minimal now, what will residents and guests do when there is an event on at Puddicombe?
[No Answer Entered]	[No Answer Entered]
Peel street area seems to fill up quickly	[No Answer Entered]
Limited parking options available on street. Parking lots inconvenient to location of most downtown business	Without removing old buildings there is no room for additional parking. There are a few properties that need to be bulldozed!

Peel St is horrible trying to get pizza or short stop etc	Not really sure as there is no room. Now having puddie comb hosting wedding and the new apartment building going in. It's crazy trying to get into bw feed and no one lives there yet
Peel street and Huron street, Post Office has not enough parking.	[No Answer Entered]
There is about 10-14 parking spaces on the Peel St. And it is near impossible to ever find a spot, and if there is one you need to parallel park and that just causes a traffic jam.	Make more parking lots but unsure where they would go.
Worried about when the new Puddicombe Conference Centre opens.	[No Answer Entered]
Wilmot Street business area does not have enough parking by the bank ,Water lot Restaurant hair salon etc. in that area	No idea
All employees and tenants of the businesses on Huron park behind library/Cook's Pharmacy, which leaves only the street parking spots open. Most of parking lots owned by the businesses (ie: banks, post office) stipulate parking for their customers only, which doesn't leave a lot of options for public parking.	Not sure, as I'm not aware of any additional vacant lots in downtown core or buildings which could be demolished for parking.
Some businesses do not not have enough parking for their customers and/or apartment renters, so people tend to park at other businesses. Construction workers have no place to park while working on existing businesses. Big example is the Building/ restaurant/ hotel planning on houses receptions etc.	Angle parking, meters, better patrolling of parking
Everyone always parks in the roads even if they are just going for a walk downtown. In parking lots spaces become covered by snow banks	Additional parking would be greatly appreciated by memes cafe where the existing parking lot is. It can be greatly approved
I work downtown and the municipal parking lot behind Cook's Pharmacy is always full by 8:30. You can't leave at lunchtime or you can't get a parking spot again. Also people park in the Royal Bank parking lot that are not going into the bank	Increase the spaces in the lot behind Cook's Pharmacy. Make parking for people who park on CIBC side of street.
Snow takes up spots in parking lots around town and also the pile up of snow on the side of the streets downtown	[No Answer Entered]
Often see people parking where they shouldn't: beside CIBC, in front of Subway.	I'm not sure that it can be improved. More businesses (a good thing) means more cars (a bad thing).
Its way too congested downtown New Hamburg	[No Answer Entered]
Some of the parking is restricted due to business ownership, so not all spaces are available to all, ie the business mall on Peel Street that includes	Not sure, but do know that as our town progresses and more people more into New Hamburg and area, more parking is needed.

<p>Belk's Jewellers. During the winter season we lose many of the spaces due to poor snow removal which blocks some of the spots. And in the rainy seasons we often lose parking by the gazebo due to flooding.</p>	<p>Perhaps looking at a parkade of some sort with an second floor? It is a good place to be as the town grows, but seems parking should have been discussed before Puddicombe's new addition was built, it will be interesting to see what happens when it opens this month, especially as it will be hosting 3 events in February.</p>
<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>	<p>Taking the parking off the main streets as it is very diificult to pull out of driveways when vehicles are obstructing your view</p>
<p>As a resident on Peel St who relies on street parking for guests it is clear there is not enough parking as retail customers use our street to access restaurants, spas, home businesses etc. Of greater concern is the large catering space just built on Peel Street and begs the question of where patrons will park.</p>	<p>Can the land beyond the Legion be used as parking as during the Relief Sale?</p>
<p>-Jake & Humphries (near our house) no off street parking and their own employees use the Peel St. parking spots in front of the restaurant-Soon to be open Puddicombe building will really add to parking shortage-United Church also has inadequate parking-in</p>	<p>-Don't approve building permits with inadequate parking provisions-After all these projects were approved, now you're trying to squeeze in parking where it wasn't included in the original plans-this shouldn't be an after thought</p>
<p>The post office needs more parking.</p>	<p>angled parking spots instead of parallel</p>
<p>New Hamburg is growing and there needs to be more parking spots available. Especially on Huron when attempting to go to the postal office</p>	<p>Slanted parking on Peel and Huron would open up more spots</p>
<p>Can't find spaces appropriate for seniors and those on disability. Some parking made difficult when businesses excepting deliveries.Construction has had an impact. Time for lights on corner of Peel and Huron before someone gets hit by car; cross walk not respected by drivers.</p>	<p>It's a little too late to ask how to improve parking when it will only get worse with the construction of the banquet building where the old laundry mat use to be. No respect for existing businesses let alone customers who will take their business elsewhere if this situation gets worse. Only a matter of time.</p>
<p>There is not enough parking by the post office, it always seems to be full. I would park behind the post office if you could enter through the exit only door because i just want to be quick and get my mail</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>Most businesses are in the core of downtown, (Huron St & Peel St.) which means there is high traffic in those areas. The downtown area is quite compacted considering the population of New Hamburg. I don't think for able body people walking from a near by parking lot would be a problem, but, for the elderly and people with mobility issues it is very difficult.</p>	<p>To have more disabled parking, would be one solution.To have a parking lot near Peel St. for example, for downtown patrons.</p>

<p>Most of the time there are no parking spots on Waterloo or Peel St, it matters little what time of day it is. With our increased population of seniors (Stone Croft and Morning side), there needs to be more parking options.</p>	<p>Pudicomb should not have been allowed to build a wedding venue. It will congest all streets around including Jacob street which has limited parking to begin with and is often full when there are activities at the Community Centre.</p>
<p>There is often not a lot of parking in front of the post office, when everyone in town is required to have a post office box and it is impossible to pick up your mail during prime time. It is frustrating that the parking lot across the street is for RBC customer's only and behind are handicapped or for the post employees.</p>	<p>More parking lots that aren't restricted parking.</p>
<p>So hard to get a parking spot near the post office.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>I live on Peel St. Pulling in and out with so many cars parked on road is dangerous. New Puddicombe building is going to make this much worse. New businesses are not adding parking or responsible for parking, they should have to provide this to add to New Hamburg's potential to grow.</p>	<p>Businesses planning to grow or build should have to provide a plan for how they are going to provide parking on their property is necessary for proper village growth. Making building permits contingent on using some property for parking should now be mandatory. Given the flood plan and heritage buildings, options for new parking are limited. Tax dollars should be spent on paying for new parking options because some business owners are not willing to spend the appropriate money to grow responsibly.</p>
<p>Puddicombe's new building is going to cause a major problem. Most parking lots within view of this business are privately owned and should not have to be responsible for their lack of foresight.</p>	<p>Changes to current downtown New Hamburg bylaw, requiring any new commercial building should have to include plans for parking. Grandfather in old businesses and move forward with proper city planning.</p>
<p>There is never any free parking spot available during peak times on weekends and with the new Pudicombe hall there won't be any available parking left for people to go to any of the other businesses if they have a wedding all of the parking will be gone.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>We have a bustling, thriving town core, which is vital to our community. It is almost always busy and can be difficult to find a place to park. I am concerned that the new conference venue erected by Puddicombe House, built without parking, will discourage people from visiting (shopping, eating, and therefore investing) in the core. It is already difficult to find a parking space close to their business with the spaces taken up by their construction crew and contractors.</p>	<p>Puddicombe House needs to source off-site parking for their new venue. I have no idea where all of the people coming to a large function will park. It was irresponsible for both their business and for Township Council to allow this venue to be built without a plan for parking. This is going to have a major negative impact on all of the other downtown businesses.</p>

[No Answer Entered]	Additional handicapped parking spaces and Expecting Mother's spots
Trying to find parking to run into the post office is hard to come by during rush hour	[No Answer Entered]
Many people park on Jacob street where I live to get to the downtown area, especially when there is a special event. This creates a lot of foot traffic and often people parked on my private property.	Businesses such as Puddicombe should have more parking for their guests. The problem will only get worse with the completion of the hall.
at any point in the work day, finding parking at CIBC is nearly a hit or miss and results in circling around until a space is available or parking in other buisnesses parking lots.	additional parking should be added, perhaps across from the mill in the empty gravel lot behind TD. the sobeys parking lot could be extended on the end of peel street where the dead end is to provide more parking especially when we have large community events that out of towers come to such as Mopar, the relief sale, etc.
Car seem to park anywhere they want. Across residential driveways (between subway and 91 huron st). Cars are parked in front of fire hydrants. Cars are parked on the wrong side of the road. Parking on some side streets reduces the street to virtual one way streets.	Perhaps the development/expansion of businesses should take into consideration the number of parking spots they might be in need of. perhaps narrowing streets with sidewalks should be re-considered (eg. Asmus St) Better signage for existing parking areas (eg behind Waterlot, end of Boulee st near old arena.) Shuttles to satellite parking areas when large events are held in New Hamburg.
Parking is most difficult during weekdays when people are at work and customers are trying to shop, go the bank, library, etc. I often have to drive around before I can find a spot that is remotely close to where I want to go.	Without taking down any buildings, I'm not really sure. There isn't alot of space available for additional parking or it would be utilized already. We want people in our community to use our downtown businesses, but we don't want them to be frustrated and then go elsewhere.I'm not sure the fire hall building can be taken down without affecting the library, but having a new fire hall closer to highway 7&8 would certainly make more sense for many reasons, and in turn would free up some parking spaces normally reserved for fire fighters.
If there is any kind of event going on, parking is full. This can simply be like valentines day evening and all the restaurants are full.	More parking lots like the one behind Murray's, this one involve buying up some properties at when they become available. A parking garage would be ideal but expensive.
Home Hardware needs more spots	[No Answer Entered]
The apts/condo/andPuddicombe new building should not have been allowed with out adding parking to their own spaces	there is NO where.. Down town is an Island. there is no place to add more parking.

There is just not enough parking as is , sometimes I have to go half way down the street and walk to the shop I want to go to because there is not enough parking	I don't even know where we would put extra parking , if the Puddicombe didn't open that new building that could be a new parking area
When there are events at the Puddicombe house, the attendants occupy all of the parking spaces and leave no space for anyone else.	Behind Murrays clothing or further down Peel street
There is so many businesses that is just not enough parking. The streets are always full.	Make a couple of parking lots, the business could maybe open some more space on their personal land
When snow is piled in the public parking lot there are fewer spots to park than in the summer, and still the same number of people trying to park. This lot is often totally full. New businesses that do not provide their own parking will make it more difficult to find parking.	I do not know of any areas that are available to provide more parking.
Not enough spaces for the amount of businesses on Peel.	Not allowing banquet halls to be built
I frequently have to park in other businesses parking lots and walk as there is not enough street parking	The biggest issue I have is seeing cars parked at street corners particularly at the corner of TD bank and at the intersection of boulevards and Peel. I feel that cars are parked too close to the corners making me have to pull out into traffic or enter the main road blindly! I would like it if this was changed as I don't feel like it is safe and is very frustrating.
Stupid new gigantic ridiculous ugly monstrosity behind Puddicombe.	Rip it down.
Private parking lots to eat at restaurants in downtown core Unable to	[No Answer Entered]
annoyance	demolish redundant buildings
I often have to drive more than a block away or even circle the block in order to find a spot	Not sure
The parking lot beside Josselyn's is always full and also full of blind spots when you try to pull out of it (my sister got in a car accident there). The parallel parking only option holds up traffic as people try to back in, those spaces are always full, and dangerous as I've seen many people pull out into oncoming traffic as they leave the spot.	Utilizing space between Puddicombe and the travel shop, expanding the parking lot behind old country and making it accessible from Main Street
Many employees take up prime parking spots and park there all day long. Peel Street, and Wilmot Street.	Parking could be improved by ticketing people that park longer than time allowed. Parking limit signs need to be placed along Wilmot Street near the downtown core - currently only in front of the Waterlot and RBC.
Where will the new business patrons park	[No Answer Entered]

<p>There is not enough because I have had to circle the block many times to find a spot. I have a baby and it's extremely frustrating! The parking along peel street is extremely dangerous. I have almost been hit numerous times at the cross walk because there's so many cars that park on that road, that they can't see me. It also makes it very difficult to come out of the tito's plaza onto peel street because the traffic lines the road. The parking is going to get worse with the new puddicombe house addition and the new restaurant and nan brewery being built.</p>	<p>I'm not sure.</p>
<p>Very few businesses have parking downtown. Including the smaller businesses. People Park illegally all the time creating dangerous situations. Also businesses that have no parking are taking parking from those that do. Ie. Murray's. Jackson plaza. Etc</p>	<p>Make local staff of businesses not Park in front of their businesses</p>
<p>Main Street is typically full</p>	<p>New businesses should be responsible for putting in a parking lot (ie Puddicombe and imperial hotel)</p>
<p>I live above Cooks Pharmacy and come home from work at 4pm everyday, there is NEVER a parking spot for me because there are so many businesses and workers !!</p>	<p>Expand parking lot</p>
<p>Rush hour is insane, cannot find a place anywhere when I need to run errands. I don't have much time when I need to squeeze in things that need to be done and it would be nice to not drive all around down town to find a spot. Now that the Puddicomb is expanding, their lot won't have much room for weddings. It would of made more sense to have that as a parking lot.</p>	<p>I feel like there's wasted space with barriers in the lot behind the library.</p>
<p>There is not near enough parking for New Hamburg whatsoever. I have been a resident of New Hamburg my entire life and downtown parking is a joke. I don't know what is especially going to be done for when The Puddicombs building is complete. Something truly needs to be done. It is always rammed with cars on the street, in the parking lot where Belks is and in front of the post office. I truly feel bad for the elderly having to go through this. Downtown parking it doesn't matter whether it's during busy business hours, during the evening or on a Saturday afternoon. Parking especially on special events that New Hamburg host such as Mopar. I live on</p>	<p>The Police Station has been sold. That's an option.</p>

<p>Jacob street and work locally here as well. Trying to get out of my street is a joke and we have people thinking that they can just park in our driveway.</p>	
<p>I have family and friends whom work downtown, and literally live downtown (Apartments). And coming home from school or work is sad. People who live in the area of the main parking lot on Huron Street have nowhere to park at times. How can you not park where you live everyday.I have had to park farther than needed to shop downtown. But I do not mind walking far .. But I am sure visiting seniors or living residents do.</p>	<p>Hourly Parking for customers - Designated parking for residents - If there is parking by a business that is always empty then the employees should park there.</p>
<p>Every night when I come home there is always cars parked on the street and in the parking lot and I live there and I can never find a spot</p>	<p>New Hamburg would benifit from a bigger parking area or having a parking for residents only parking spot</p>
<p>I live above Cooks Pharmacy, and it is a real nuisance that there are not allotted parking for tenants, behind building Ibdont feel that I should have to park my vehicle elsewhere.</p>	<p>[No Answer Entered]</p>
<p>Living downtown we don't notice this the same way, but that is the feeling we get</p>	<p>Can the parking lot behind Focus computers be altered at all to fit more cars?</p>
<p>Businesses such as restaurants have large capacities and many go as groups in their own cars taking multiple spots per table.One establishment has it's own parking in back however patrons prefer using street parking.With the new banquet hall being allowed to be built, there will be less paring yet, as it can hold over three hundred people plus staff with little to no onsite parking, that will add a burden current legal parking cannot sustain.</p>	<p>Start enforcing current parking laws especially when cars are impeding residents from using their own driveways.Enforce current parking laws during the dinner hours when some patrons like to park anywhere even if it is not a legal spot.Start towing cars illegally parked.</p>
<p>Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings the downtown is overcrowded with cars. Car alarms, horns honking and speeding noisy cars make for an unpleasant neighbourhood. During the days of Thurs to Saturday I see the street full of cars and people have told me it is a hassle for them especially when they have come from out of town.</p>	<p>First step would be to establish a by-law whereby any new structure must have X number of parking spots per square meter or whatever the measure may be. I really can't see where there is room for additional parking without disturbing residents' peace and quiet of their home.</p>
<p>Puddicombe House owners/managers believe they can take over all public downtown parking, hampering other businesses who rely on on-street parking for their livelihoods!</p>	<p>Where is our local Government and some good decisions for all businesses affected?</p>
<p>Going to Meme's Cafe or any businesses on either side of that street (Phedalia's, the old country etc.) can be a challenge due to lack of</p>	<p>My first thought is more parking on the main street, but I recognize there is not a place to add more. A better idea might be to install bike racks</p>

<p>parking during busy times (lunchtime, weekends). Promote alternate modes of transport (walking, biking), instead of more parking spots.</p>	<p>on the main street, which could support an alternate mode of transport and reduce the need for more parking. I live on Hincks street, but our family does not ride our bikes to the downtown because we are not aware of a safe place to lock bikes. Perhaps there could be a couple parking spots marked for elderly or people with children to help encourage the most convenient spots for those that may need them more.</p>
<p>We have a vibrant, bustling core with active and diverse businesses. I am concerned that Puddicomb House was allowed to build a giant conference centre without sufficient additional parking. I'm not sure how they feel that their customers will be pleased with the lack of parking space; and I have no idea how Township Council allowed the permit for this venue to be built. This will no doubt discourage locals from shopping, eating, (and therefore investing) in the core and over time, those people will take their business elsewhere. It is already difficult at times to find a space along the main streets (Peel, Huron) or in the (formerly called Jackson Plaza) parking lot for parking, and there is very limited parking for those with special needs or seniors who may not be able to walk great distances. I have also noticed that the construction crews and contractors for building the new Puddicomb structure park well beyond the capacity of parking that currently exists at Puddicomb House.</p>	<p>Puddicomb House should be required to provide off-site parking for those accessing their venue. For large events, they should have a large parking area outside the core and provide transportation to their venue. A few spaces that already exist should be designated for those with special needs. A crosswalk should be installed by the intersection closest to the TD Bank / Library for safe crossing farther up Huron. I am willing to walk farther than a block, as the survey indicated, but I cannot see those attending a wedding or special event in Puddicomb's new business venture traipsing in high heels and a special outfit endlessly throughout the core after poaching a parking space from another business....and where will those customers then park?</p>
<p>Saturday's are very busy in town and hard to find a parking spot. I see people parking at churches and sobeys then going to stores and restaurants downtown.</p>	<p>Parking garage, church's can rent out spots on Friday and Saturday nights for weddings etc at puddiecomb.</p>
<p>Businesses /apts have been allowed down town with out having to supply parking for their businesses.</p>	<p>There is no place to add parking.</p>
<p>I am very frustrated with the parking in New Hamburg, especially in the parking area of Skowron's painting and decorating. In the past, it has been fine for parking, but this past year I am finding that sometimes there is NO parking for me to pick my paint up at times. Going out for anything in New Hamburg that is on Peel St. or Huron is very hard to find parking. Not going to be good for future business, including restaurants. When the new building's open that are being renovated right now, we are going to</p>	<p>Have 2 or 3 hr. parking ONLY designated for the first sections of the parking lot beside the fire station and in front of Skowron's for those businesses that people need to pick stuff up. Don't allow people that work in town to park there. This takes up to much space for people that want to shop and run arrons.</p>

<p>have a big problem. This is going to effect New Hamburg, and a lot of people are going to start to do there business in Kitchener/ Waterloo all due to parking downtown.</p>	
<p>When there are major events going on, like Moparfest and Mennonite relief sale, parking is very difficult. Also, at hightraffic times, it's hard to find a spot, say in front of the post office to get your mail, or even near pizza arca, when you're picking up your pizza. You also need to accomodate those people that live in the downtown core. They may have a vehicle and need somewhere for it to park.</p>	<p>You could do some sort of highrise parking, maybe in the Sobey's plaza.</p>
<p>Sometimes you have to drive around the block three to four times to find a spot near the Post Office.</p>	<p>Not keep expanding the town.</p>
<p>Sometimes business employees/staff park on streets which should be used by potential customers.</p>	<p>While Region paints parking lines, Wilmot no longer does so. False economy. Ask Region to widen Peel Street from Felt Boot to Boullee St. and re-install parking.Purchase the Mill and convert it to a parking garage.</p>
<p>The parking in downtown New Hamburg is tight at times, especially along Huron Street and Peel Street, during typical business hours.</p>	<p>More awareness about the various parking lots in downtown New Hamburg and who is allowed to park in each lot would be helpful.</p>
<p>Business growth over the last decade has impacted customer parking with no bylaw restrictions.</p>	<p>tear down police station and post office and convert to pay for parking lot.Create angle parking for downtown stores.</p>
<p>We frequent other businesses as well (Jake & Humphreys, Home Hardware, Belk's, etc.) and often times there is no parking to be found even in the plaza parking lot. When we had our business downtown, we often had issues with receiving deliveries or customer parking... especially during the lunch and dinner hours.</p>	<p>I am not certain... Perhaps some of the businesses that house larger groups (i.e. restaurants) could provide their customers with onsite/private parking and not strictly relying on the street parking for their patrons.</p>