



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/ASSOCIATIONS Q & A**

### **1. How is a Business Improvement Districts/Associations Structured?**

- a. Please see links from [“Previous Presentation on Business Improvement Districts”](#) on our website.

### **2. How did Vancouver BIA handle increased traffic / parking to the downtown area?**

- a. The Yellowknife delegates heard many examples of how parking is dealt with in these urban areas. In any city there are options ranging from improved bike lanes, transit, increase pedestrian walkways, shared car systems, and, user pay parking lots.

Every community has their own sensitivity towards parking and proximity to the destination. We have approximately 40% of our downtown identified as surface parking in Yellowknife. Balancing perception with smarter parking and active transit options will be one of the items that any downtown merchants or BID would be reviewing on an on-going bases.

Some examples of Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association’s parking management are:

1. [Easy Park App](#)
2. Offering a parking lot / meter map of downtown on website

### **3. Do BID’s have the ability to change by-laws or work with City to create positive business environments that may be limited by current by-laws?**

- a. City by-laws are amended from time to time by the request of residents, groups or businesses. The process is regulated by municipal legislation, City staff are here to help guide applicants through the process. They may also work with City Departments to acquire special permission to host events, build sidewalk patios or other streetscaping.

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