

**Temporary Village
Proposed Sites – Public
Survey Results**

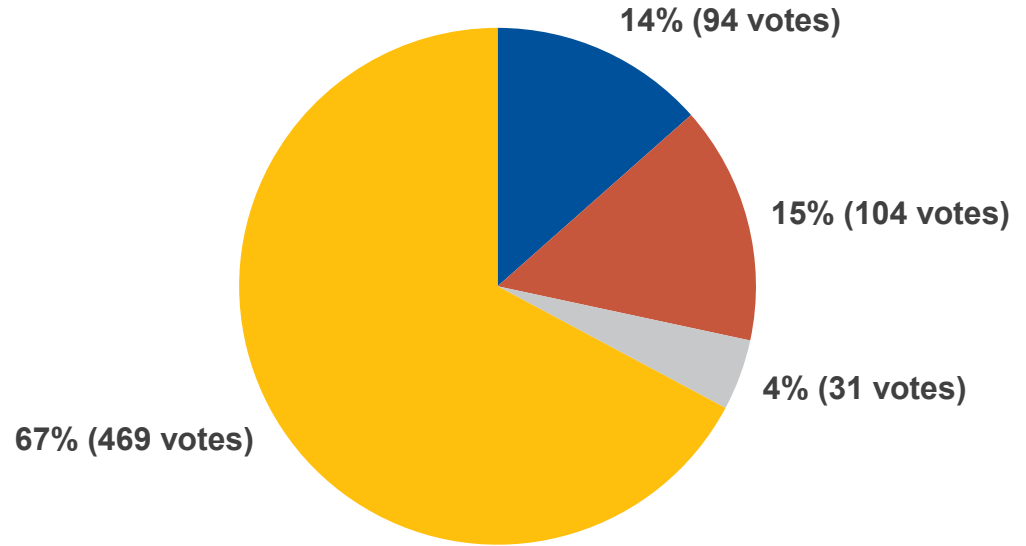
**Total Valid
Responses**

700

Do you live or work in downtown Fort William?

(698 responses)

Distribution of respondents



■ Live in downtown FW

■ Work in downtown FW

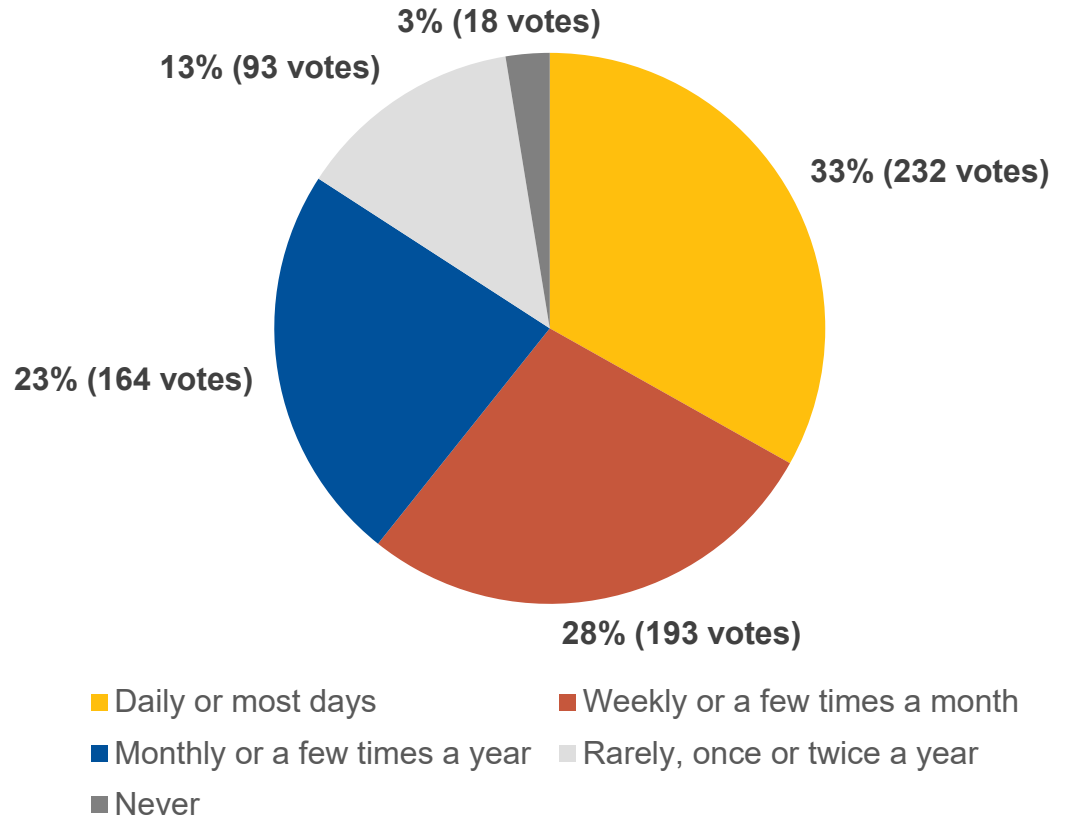
■ Live and work in downtown FW

■ Do not live or work in downtown FW

How often do you visit downtown Fort William?

(700 responses)

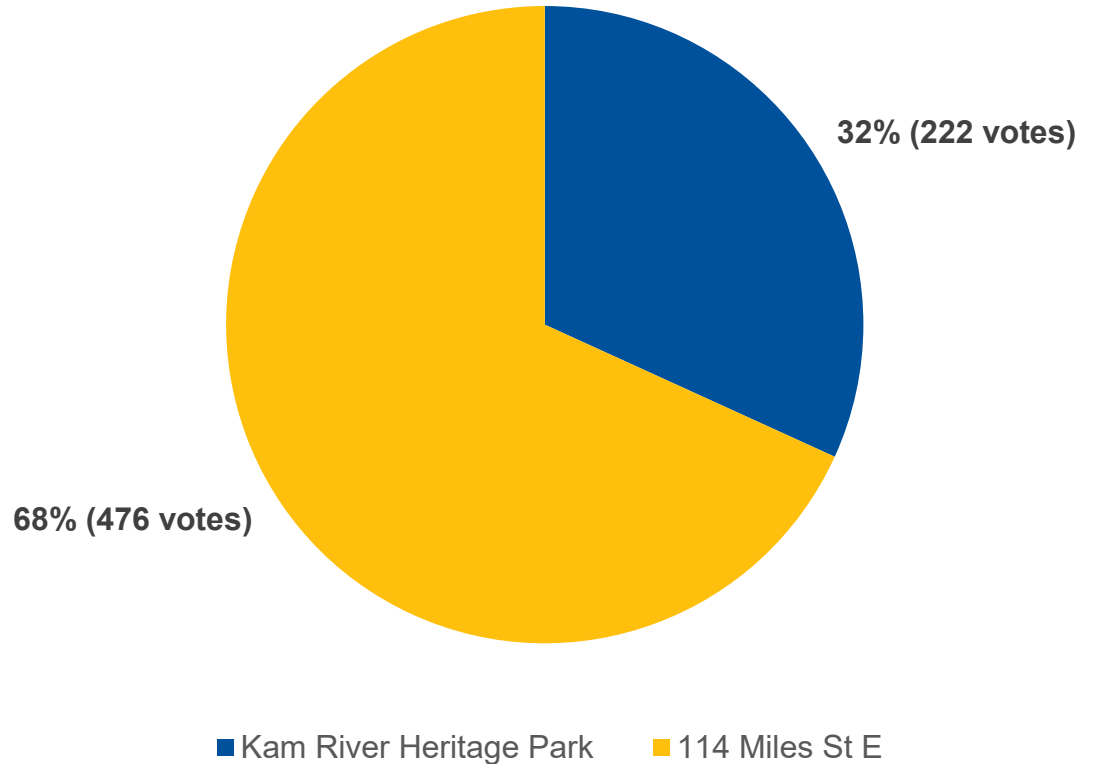
Distribution of respondents



Out of the two proposed locations, where do you think the Temporary Village should go?

(698 responses)

Distribution of all respondents

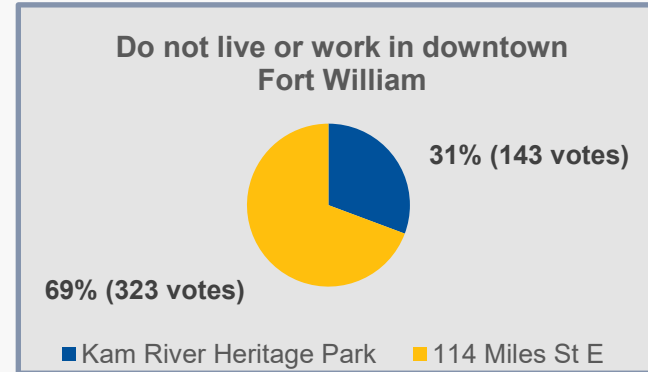
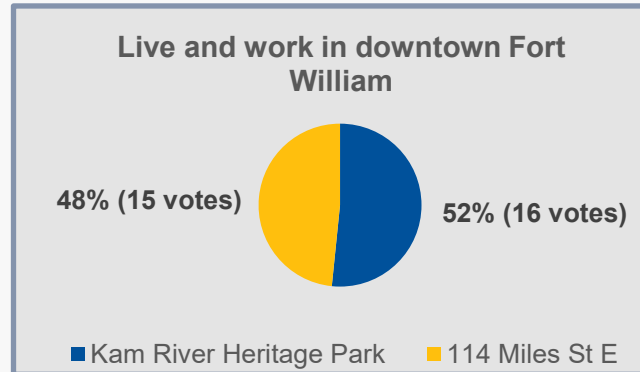
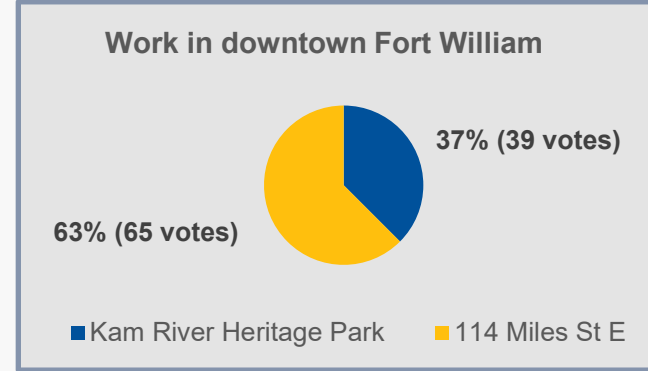
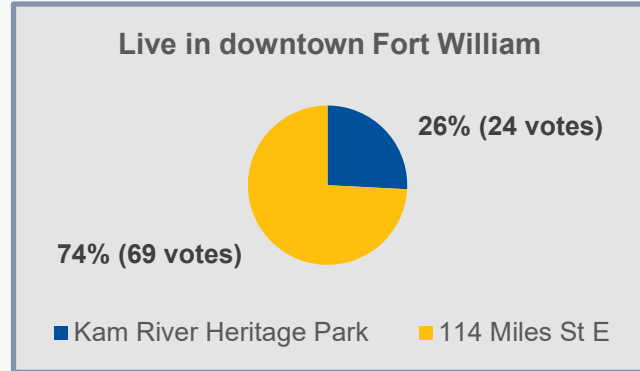


Out of the two proposed locations, where do you think the Temporary Village should go? *(Distribution by status of employment or residence in downtown Fort William)*

Results across the distribution of respondents by status of employment or residence in downtown Fort William show strong support for 114 Miles St E as the site for the Temporary Village.

114 Miles St E was preferred by 74% of downtown residents, 63% of downtown workers, and 69% of those who do not live or work in the area.

Only those who both live and work downtown were evenly split (48% vs. 52%).

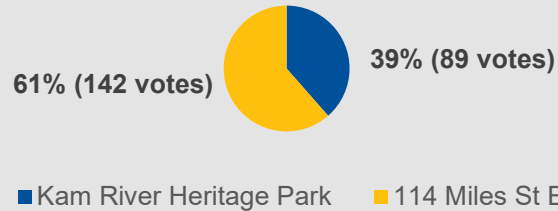


Out of the two proposed locations, where do you think the Temporary Village should go? *(Distribution by visit frequency to downtown Fort William)*

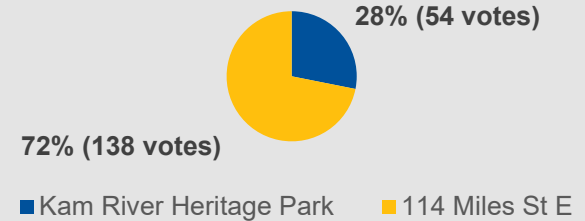
114 Miles St E is the preferred location across the distribution of visit frequency, with strong support from both frequent visitors (61% daily, 72% weekly) and less frequent visitors (74% monthly, 71% rarely).

Only non-visitors were evenly split.

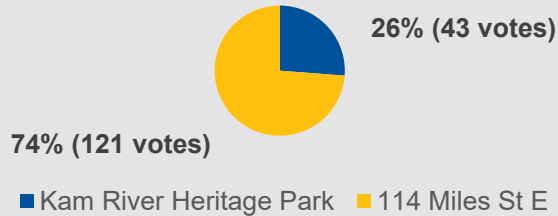
Daily or most days



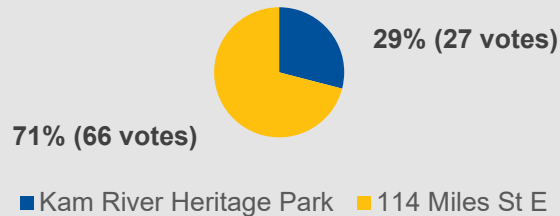
Weekly or a few days a month



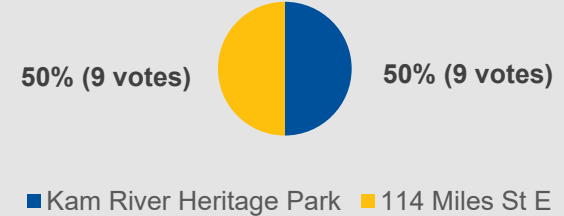
Monthly or a few times a year



Rarely or once or twice a year



Never

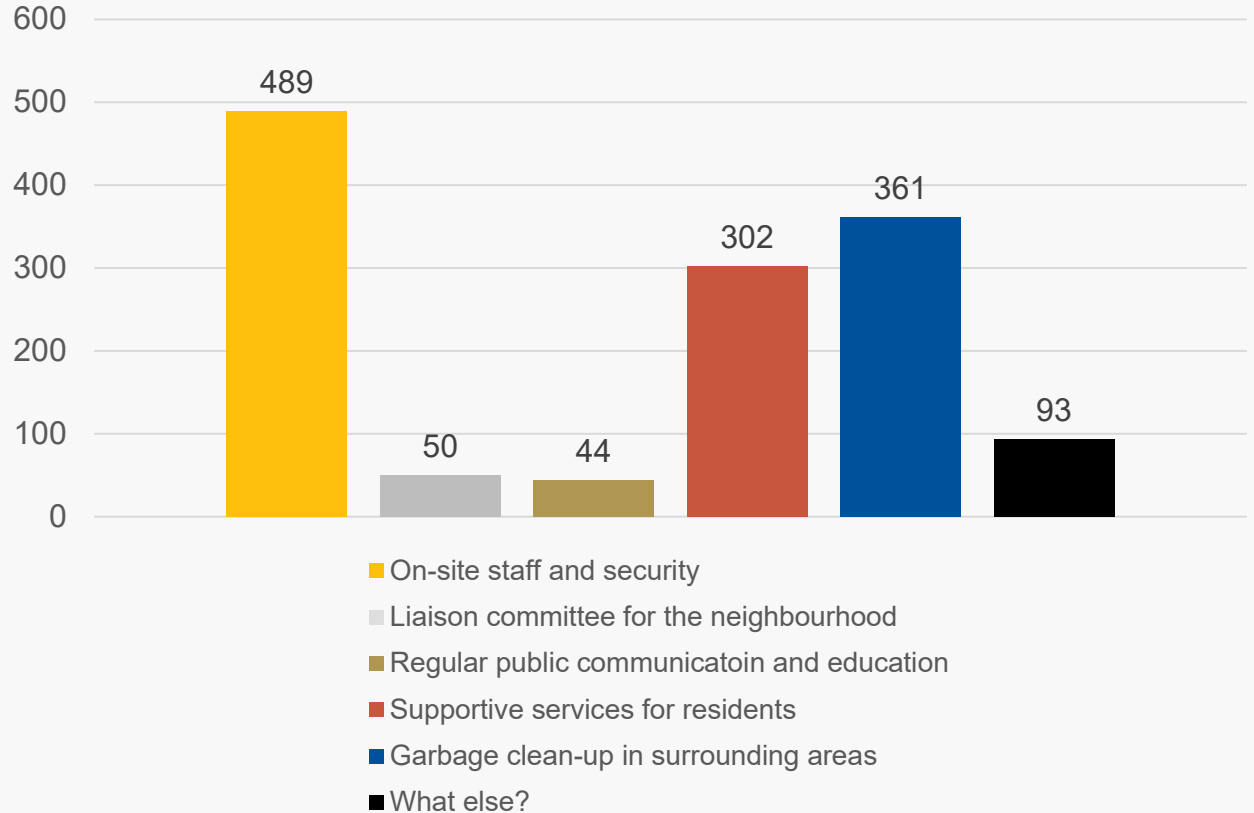


What would help make sure the Temporary Village is a positive addition to the neighbourhood? Pick your top two.

Results highlight a strong focus on practical measures to ensure the Temporary Village is a positive addition, with “on-site staff and security” (489 votes) and “garbage cleanup in surrounding areas” (361 votes) as the top two priorities.

Supportive services for residents (302 votes) were also important, while communication-focused measures like a liaison committee (50 votes) and public education (44 votes) were less emphasized.

93 respondents provided additional suggestions via the “What else?” option (see next image).



What would help make sure the Temporary Village is a positive addition to the neighbourhood? “What else?” option.

(93 responses)

SAFETY, SECURITY, AND DIGNITY

Survey responses reveal a strong emphasis on creating a safe and dignified environment for both residents of the Temporary Village and the surrounding community.

“Security needs to be trained in trauma-informed approaches to ensure safety for everyone, including residents and the surrounding community.”

“This needs to be a solution that is CLEAN for our community.”

PURPOSE & STABILITY

Feedback highlighted the importance of helping residents build independence through access to meaningful activities, employment, and supportive services.

“Let’s help them get better so they can be part of the community again—this should include addiction treatment, stable housing, and opportunities to rebuild their lives.”

““Employment, volunteer, or other services that offer a purpose for people and a way to do something positive with their day.”

COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES

Survey responses demonstrated the need for collaborative approaches. Many respondents advocated for engaging residents of the Temporary Village in planning and decision-making while also keeping the broader community informed and involved.

“Propose weekly cleaning and ask the tenants what they want from the service. Respect their choices, and act accordingly.”

What would help make sure the Temporary Village is a positive addition to the neighbourhood? “What else?” option.

(93 responses)

COMMUNITY INCLUSION

Respondents emphasized the importance of fostering positive relationships between residents of the Temporary Village and the surrounding community.

“Opportunities for residents to feel as though they belong in the neighborhood. Anything that might help develop a sense of pride and place for them, like a welcome BBQ or public art project.”

“Collaboration with local businesses and groups could offer a chance to integrate residents into the broader community through shared events and projects.”

MANAGED ENVIRONMENT

The importance of maintaining order with clear rules, consistent monitoring, and defined transition plans was seen as essential to ensure the Temporary Village functions as a stepping stone rather than a long-term solution.

“There needs to be 24/7 security on-site and clear rules for residents to follow, alongside support services to help them get back on their feet.”

LOCATION

Location emerged as a significant consideration. Some responses outright oppose the project, and others suggest relocating to a different area. Other feedback highlights the importance of balancing the needs of residents with minimizing disruption to the surrounding neighborhood.

“Ensure the location offers safety, accessibility to services, and minimal disruption to surrounding businesses and residents.”