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I would like council to reconsider the closing of Alexander Street on Saturday's through the summer. The first thing I would like to point out is that DSA did not provide a consultation with the affected area before approaching the city with the idea to close down Alexander Street. Tracey (Total Office Supply) and I did ask the affected businesses and there were only 3 in favour of closing, two that did not care either way and the rest were against it. I would also like to point out that the majority of DSA have no or little retail experience. I am not sure if council is aware of how long it takes to build a relationship with customers and how one wrong move can send them other places to shop. Trying to get them back can take years, if they ever return. Parking downtown has always been an issue and a lack of parking for customers will be even a bigger problem if the street is closed. Changing to 2 hour parking will also limit how many customers will be able to reach the stores.

As a council you should be looking at how to keep the downtown core viable. As you may have heard on the news there are now businesses asking their communities to open up

the streets to traffic and parking. The communities where streets were closed are having less traffic and therefore less customers. Some of these businesses have already said they will be forced to close their store or restaurant if the streets are not opened up to parking. I know there are some communities that close a street down, most of these have sufficient parking for customers. Not a shortage of parking like in Salmon Arm. Each community is different in what there needs are. Has anyone asked people which they prefer, did they also explain that there will be less parking if the street is closed or If 2 hour parking is implemented. Did anyone mention that it will become more difficult to find parking. It is my opinion that until DSA and the City of Salmon Arm have these studies done in a professional manner that it should NOT be looking at either of these options. As usual DSA and the City are willing to jeopardize businesses without doing their homework. These types of decisions should be made in the best interest of the downtown, not in the best interest of what individuals would like to see for themselves. Thank you for taking the time to read this.  
Gerald Forman

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