

Concept

To stimulate the economy of downtown St. John's, the City is recommending the creation of a Downtown Pedestrian Mall. This will allow restaurants and businesses to expand their capacity and footprint to pedestrians, in a social distant and vehicle free portion of downtown.

The goal is to maximize the number of restaurants and businesses captured in the sections of road closure, while maintaining:

- Access to parking garages
- Traffic detours
- Emergency access

Throughout the event footprint, the City will provide picnic tables for take-out service. Restaurants will have the opportunity to secure their own outside area, if they wish to have table service. If restaurants wish to serve alcohol, in their outside space, they must adhere to all guidelines set out by the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation.

For any business, inside or outside the event footprint, who wish to expand to the sidewalk and/or parking stalls directly outside their business, in the format of a parklet (temporary patio deck structure) they will be directed to make application to the applicable City department.

Community Services will work with various City Departments and external regulatory agencies to plan a safe and successful event.

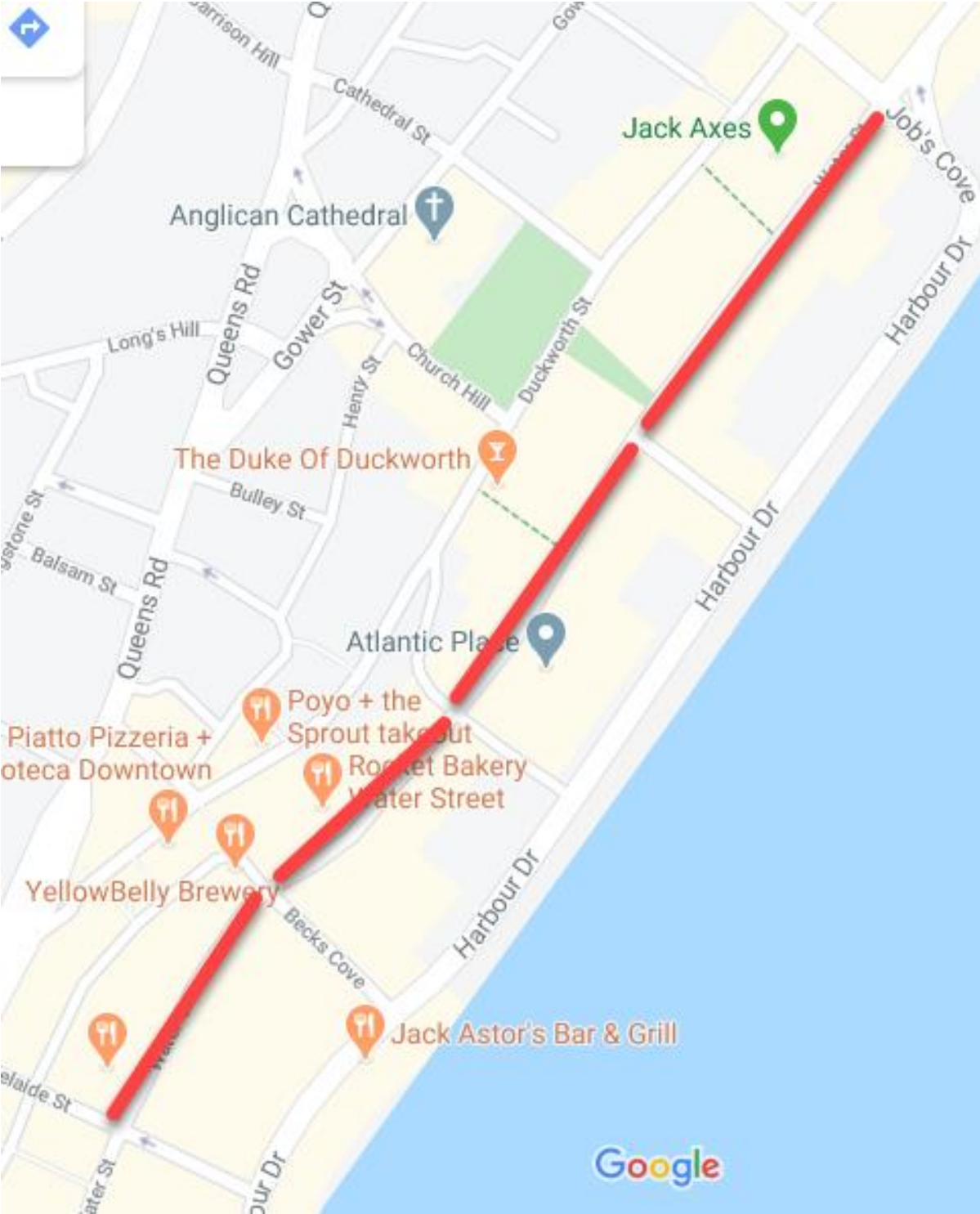
Road Closures

To implement the Pedestrian Mall, there will be a requirement to close several blocks of Water Street and/or Duckworth Street.

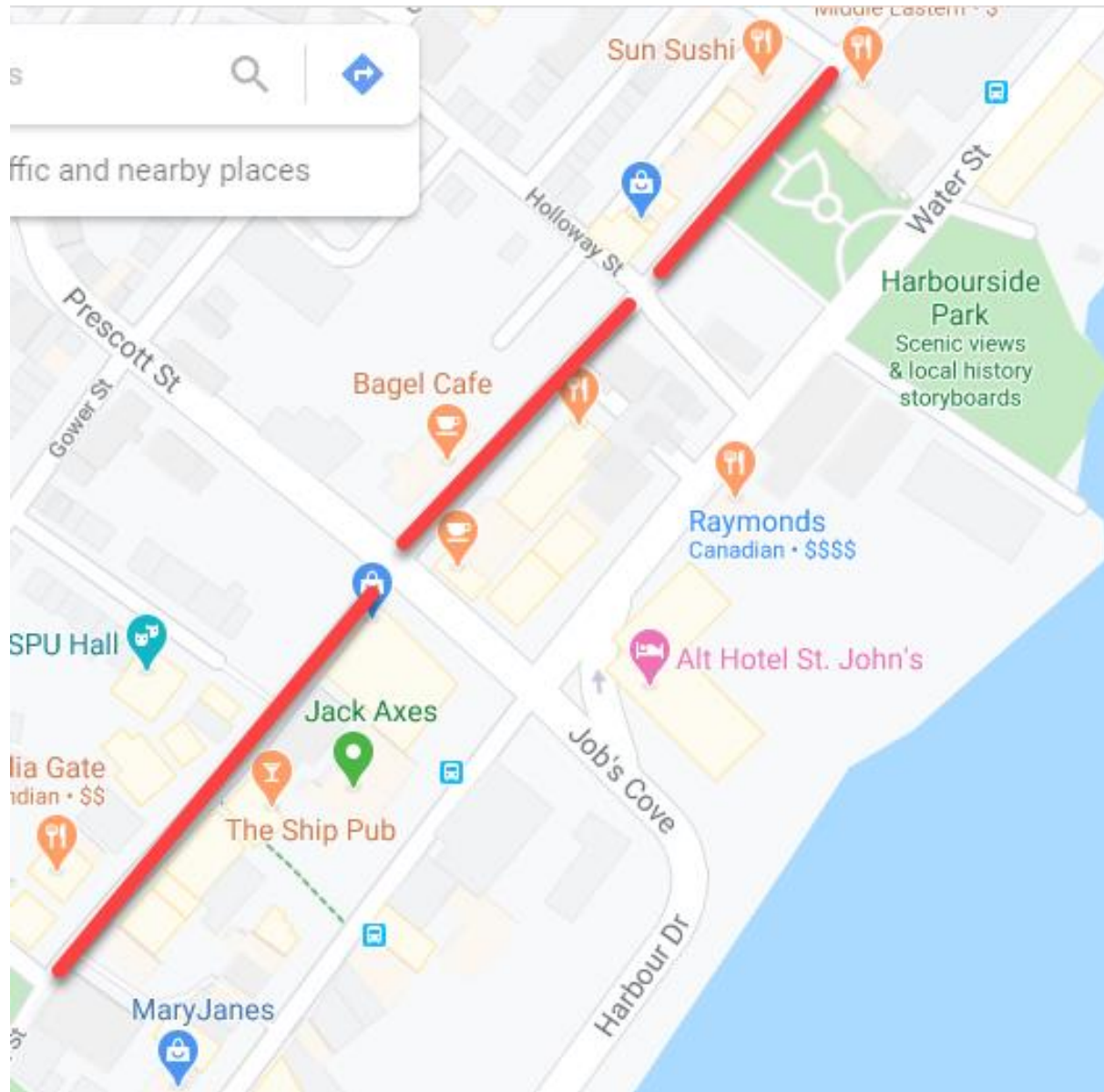
City staff are evaluating the most cost effective and safe means to implement the closure of the sections of road noted below.

Water Street	Duckworth Street
Bishop's Cove to Beck's Cove	Cathedral Street to Prescott Street
Beck's Cove to Ayre's Cove	Prescott Street to St. John's Lane
Ayre's Cove to Cliff's Baird's Cove	St. John's Lane to Holloway Street
Cliff's Baird's Cove to Prescott Street	Holloway Street to King's Road

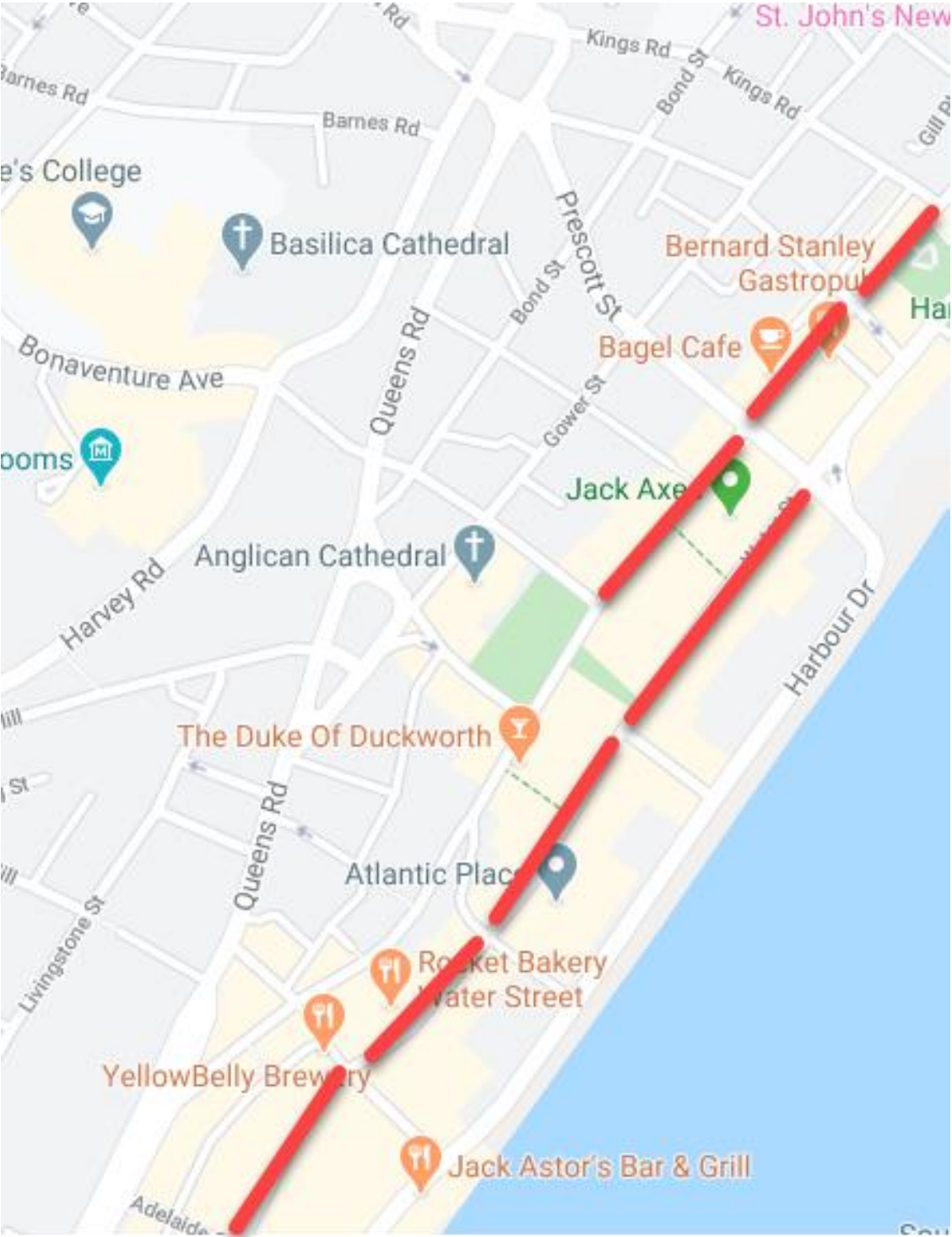
Water Street Proposed Closures



Duckworth Street Proposed Closures



Water Street & Duckworth Street Combined Proposed Closures



Proposal – Option 1

Closure of portions of Water Street and/or Duckworth Street, for three consecutive weeks (4 weekends) in July.

Dates: July 3 to July 26 (24 days)

Road Closures: 8am July 3 to 10pm July 26

Event Hours: Monday to Friday 12pm to 10pm
Saturday 10am to 10pm
Sunday 10am to 8pm

Allowance will be made to permit deliveries as well as access to businesses, as needed, until 10am daily.

Costing for Option 1, with all roads closed, includes:

- Event Staff & Cleaning Crew
- Road Closure Security
- Picnic Tables
- Overnight Security

\$95,000

*cost does not include labour crew as City staff can accommodate the one-time set-up and take-down.

If the decision is made to close Water Street or Duckworth Street (not both), the cost would be cut by approximately 50%.

Proposal – Option 2

Closure of portions of Water Street and/or Duckworth Street, every weekend, throughout July and August.

Dates: Friday to Sunday
July 3 to August 30 (27 days)

Road Closures: 8am Friday to 10pm Sunday

Event Hours: Friday 5pm to 10pm
Saturday 10am to 10pm
Sunday 10am to 8pm

To ensure no vehicles are parked within the event footprint, thereby reducing the need for towing, the road will be closed as of 8am on Fridays.

Allowance will be made to permit deliveries as well as access to businesses, as needed, until 12pm Friday and 8am to Sunday.

Costing for Option 2, with all roads closed, includes:

- Event Staff & Cleaning Crew
- Labour Crew for set-up/take down
- Road Closure Security
- Picnic Tables
- Overnight Security

\$98,000

If the decision is made to close Water Street or Duckworth Street (not both), the cost would be cut by approximately 50%

Parking

Event parking will be available at various locations through the downtown, including but not limited to private parking garages, City Hall parking garage as well as on-street parking (outside permit zones and event footprint).

Communications

Communications will be engaged to develop a plan for advising residents and businesses of the road closures as well as the event.

Community Services will work with Communications and Parking Services to implement a plan to advise drivers of available parking locations.

Social Distancing & Cleaning Protocol

- As with the recommendations for walking on City streets, the flow of pedestrians within the event footprint will be to keep to the left and maintain 6' distance.
- Picnic tables provided by the City, will be placed at least, 6' apart.
- The City of St. John's will arrange a cleaning crew for cleaning of picnic tables after each use, as well as clearing garbage/recycling bins.
- Event must adhere to the guidelines set out by the Provincial Government with respect to capacity, operational layout and cleaning.
- Private business owners will be responsible for cleaning of their own facilities, including those who have extended their footprint into the event site.