

Colour Palette

Landscape elements will follow these colours:



Red - information kiosks, street lights, benches, bike rack and trash receptacles



Black - tree grates, accent colour for other street furniture



Natural - paving patterns
- Westcon "Plaza Series"
(Visit westconprecast.com)



Dual Use Elements

Retaining walls/seating walls could be built from:

- indigenous, blasted rock used in landscaping/buildings (grey/tan colours)
- Allan Block "Europa Collection" (visit allanblock.com)
- Pisa "Roman Pisa"

Dual Use Elements cont...

- colours are to be Rocky Mountain Blend (charcoal/sandstone)



CONTACT

Adhering to these design elements will ultimately enhance our town's ability to attract and retain investment. If there are any further questions please contact:

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TUMBLER RIDGE

URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

Tumbler Ridge was professionally planned and designed to provide a pedestrian-friendly downtown core, quality recreational facilities, generous greenbelts, and a unique sense of place.

Industry in the region is taking off, and there is an increasing demand to upgrade and enhance community services and facilities to meet the needs of the residents, and the businesses that serve them. While the District of Tumbler Ridge encourages development in the downtown core, it is important that new development enhance the character and vitality of this important area.

The purpose of implementing Urban Design Guideline is to ensure that the downtown core is an attractive, safe and inviting place with high investment potential. This, in turn, creates a place that everyone in Tumbler Ridge can be proud of.



The Intent of the Urban Design Guidelines is to:

1. Provide a tool that developers and District staff can use to inform their approach to new design;
2. Help District staff and council to review development proposals fairly and consistently;
3. Bring order, character, clarity, consistency and a pleasing harmony to the downtown

DESIGN OBJECTIVES

1. Reinforce the unique character of Tumbler Ridge.
2. Develop a "theme" that reinforces the unique character of the community.
3. Encourage public and private investment in the future of Tumbler Ridge.
4. Create a safe environment for downtown Tumbler Ridge.
5. Continue developing a pedestrian oriented downtown.
6. Encourage a vibrant, recreational and cultural atmosphere.
7. Maintain a sense of connection to the surrounding urban neighbourhoods.
8. Maintain a sense of connection to the natural environment.
9. Encourage quality building and landscaping.



DESIGN ELEMENTS

While all design elements have some effect on the way public space is experienced, it is easier to understand their impact and how they relate to each other when considered in regards to Community Character, Pedestrian and Vehicular Circulation, and Streetscape Appearance. The design elements are described in detail within the Urban Design Guidelines document, and support the design objectives for new development in Tumbler Ridge.

DESIGN ELEMENTS WHICH REINFORCE COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Community character is reinforced by design elements which make a place seem special or unique, causing the experience of visiting or living in a place to be more memorable. An enjoyable downtown core attracts more foot traffic, which results in increased sales potential for business owners. Through the UDG, the District of Tumbler Ridge intends to promote the implementation of design elements which reinforce the identity of the community, such as public art, murals, and enhanced building facades. These elements can also be used to reflect the District's 'natural' theme as well as the historical legacy of the town.



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The design and layout of open space, gateways, and signage, and appropriate selection of street furnishings can also affect the experience of visiting Tumbler Ridge.

Building Facade

Materials to be used in design details/building facade:

- split faced rock, fascia (i.e. local sedimentary rock)
- wood beams and architectural features/columns
- trim and details painted black/charcoal

Ground level facing street should be 50% transparent (window glazing) to promote a strong visible transparency.



Streetscape

Planters in the downtown area are to have like colours, pattern, and complimenting size to the character and theme of the town. Wood and pressure treated wood is discouraged for use in the planters.



Signage

Signs reflect community character by being incorporated as part of awning/canopy systems, scaling signs to pedestrian size and where appropriate, providing lit signs to enhance the evening hours.



DESIGN ELEMENTS WHICH IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR CIRCULATION

Numerous design elements are included in the guidelines to encourage improved circulation of pedestrians, in and around the downtown. Generally, pedestrian routes should be attractive, well lit, and clearly signed. Design elements such as planting beds, special paving and streetscape furnishings should be used and sidewalks should be wide enough to accommodate heavy pedestrian traffic and community events.



Street Furnishings

Developers and shop owners are encouraged to provide street furniture on the public right-of-way for pedestrian use.



Canopies

In areas of significant pedestrian activity, canopies are recommended to protect pedestrians from adverse weather conditions. They should be placed at comfortable levels from the ground and should be at least 1.75m wide. These canopy systems should be supported on the building facade and should not in any way interfere with the pedestrian right-of-way.



DESIGN ELEMENTS WHICH ENHANCE STREETSCAPE APPEARANCE

Design elements which can be used to enhance the appearance of downtown streets include street trees, raised planters, building facades and canopies, street furnishings, signage, and lighting. These elements should be implemented in consideration of the appearance of the entire street, so that facades, furnishings, and plantings, are complimentary.

