## James Street through the years







Photos courtesy of Nonna's Cucina and Marconi Club



JAMES STREET MALL - In 1961 "as a relief from the closing of the highline bridge," the James Street Merchants' Association received permission from council to close the street to traffic and

create a shopping mall. Thirty-two of the stores on the street participated with sidewalk displays, decorative streamers and recorded music, creating quite a festive air.









## What we're hearing about James Street

Revive area with markets, outdoor concerts, etc.

Neighbourhood marketplaces that people can enjoy without leaving far from home.

More flea markets, splash pads.

A community centre is desperately needed in the area for the children.

City needs to enforce property standards.

The neighbourhood is too isolated.

Need indoor and outdoor play spaces for teenagers, like basketball courts and a gymnasium.

Do something about dilapidated buildings.

Urban renewal for the area was a mistake.

Need to clean up area for safety and business vibrancy.

More people living in the neighbourhood so more shops can open.

A community village that provides affordable housing and micro-enterprise programs to help residents integrate into society.

