



Strengthening Downtown Kalispell – Together

Dear Members,

We are excited to share an important step forward for downtown Kalispell and our business community.

The Boards of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce and the Kalispell Downtown Association have unanimously agreed to move forward with a unified approach that brings the Downtown Association's work into alignment with **Downtown Kalispell Forward**, an initiative of the Kalispell Chamber. Ultimately, this alignment will strengthen coordination, expand capacity, and build on the momentum already underway in the heart of our community.

This decision reflects a shared belief that downtown vitality and business success are deeply connected—and that a more coordinated structure will allow us to better serve businesses, activate public spaces, and advance a strong, vibrant downtown that benefits all of Kalispell.

What this means

- **Downtown Kalispell Forward** will continue as the community's platform for downtown placemaking, business engagement, events, and revitalization efforts.
- Downtown businesses will gain stronger connections to advocacy, workforce initiatives, and regional economic development resources.
- KDA assets will be transferred to the Kalispell Chamber Foundation to continue and grow the Kalispell Downtown Forward initiative.
- Members will benefit from expanded marketing reach, streamlined communication, and deeper collaboration opportunities.
- Downtown priorities will remain front and center, supported by dedicated leadership and coordinated strategy as one of the Chamber's 4 strategic plan pillars.