

What the Community Wants for the Future of St George – in its Own Words

Below, is a selection of comments that represent the general sentiments of survey respondents.

- *Forward thinking and creative*
- *Economically & culturally*
- *Into a vibrant town*
- *Once past the CV19 threat we must focus on restoring the Visitor Market. Both the Air Visitor component and the Cruise component need focus. The Cruise component should NOT be about the large ships at Dockyard and certainly not about bringing large ships to St. George. We need to procure medium sized ships (100-200 pax) on 1 week itineraries from Boston and New York to be alongside for 4+ days. Two such ships would bootstrap the Towne's business sector more effectively than any other single development - hotel, marina, or even casino.*
- *Introduce more business. Build an office building and condos.*
- *To keep its charm and encourage more of a sailors paradise*
- *Better offerings at shops. Identity.*
- *The city needs to be modernize and use its building. Enough of closed building. The owners need to use them, rent them or sell them*
- *Renovated infrastructure; continue as world heritage site; respect the historic buildings, etc; finally get marina with no connection to government; more pedestrianised areas, especially Water Street; better parking.*
- *Concentrate on world heritage status*
- *Food and retail outlets, permanent police presence*
- *Pedestrianize water street encourage more vendors and get rid of the freeloading on the square and more kid related activities*
- *A booming retail sector*
- *Marina, Police station, traffic laws enforced, less illegal drug use by residents, less violence by residents, more use of the community centre by residents*
- *Back to its picturesque self*
- *Better transport links, boutique shops and clever eateries supported by the hotel and a marina*
- *New Marina providing an exciting mid Atlantic location for Yachts big and small*
- *I would like to see it modernize while maintaining its character. I do not want it to be a City of Hamilton in the East. I go to St. George to escape the city rush*
- *Develop dock for yachts, launch a special fund that enables all buildings to at least be painted; clean up the town square and encourage cafes and aesthetic looking outdoor dining areas with coordinated tables, chairs, umbrellas plants and so on; build on historic re-enactment and have art walks along with seasonal walks, foodie festivals with unique themes, rubber derby ducks again for kiddies. Think outside the box!*
- *More hotels, businesses and residents living and working in St Georges... with a 7 day, 12 hour ferry schedule to Hamilton*
- *Have a more vibrant economic presence, ideally attracting younger people to live here*
- *Thriving with its unique stores, restaurants and activities*
- *Cruise ships return, hotel developed, more restaurants*
- *Top notch Marina, streets festivals in the square, more restaurants, and jazz & music Cabarets! More night life and safe environment! I have always believed that St George's could be the SOHO of Bermuda. Like SOHO is in New York*
- *More amenities that remove the need to travel to Hamilton. Better grocery and wholesale selection. Entertainment that doesn't revolve around a bar. Your programs making better use of the community center and local venues. Protection against loss of access to beaches and golf course.*
- *To keep its charm and encourage more of a sailors paradise*
- *Cruise ships return, hotel developed, more restaurants*
- *A centre for local artists and artisans*
- *More stores open for shopping. Introduce trolley tours. Water tours to point out some of St. George forts, places of interest and can include St. Davids.*
- *I hope to see more boutiques and artistic shops open, a push towards creating a space where locals can shop, eat and be entertained all year*

round which the businesses and tourist will benefit from!

- *More events which would bring more foot traffic. More family friendly events, such as: food festival, outdoor movies, and or outdoor entertainment.*
 - *Advertise more to display our assets. Hold more cultural events such as performing plays on the beaches and Town Square. Utilise the arable land in our community family gardens, such as the land adjacent to Gunpowder Tavern. Create more parking in the town area. Incorporate the Southside community so that the beaches and open spaces will be utilized more. Provide live entertainment in the town areas. Fix up the dilapidated buildings. Introduce outdoor markets*
 - *Renovated infrastructure; continue as world heritage site; respect the historic buildings, etc; finally get marina with no connection to government; more pedestrianised areas, especially Water Street; better parking.*
 - *While historic in nature, I know no one travelling to see an old building. It is time to modernize!*
 - *More enthusiasm from local business*
 - *Marina, Police station, traffic laws enforced, less illegal drug use by residents, less violence by residents, more use of the community centre by residents*
 - *More involvement of the community with the residents, increased physical activities for tourists and locals alike as well as additional vendors, entertainment, teachings of historic figures*
 - *Build on new hotel coming online and add a super yacht port of call I would make sure government do not put a container dock, powerplant or industrial activity including a sewage plant across the water from the town n Marginal wharf. IF they do it will be a disaster for the old town.*
 - *Look forward to more goods and services. More local artists, antique dealers, vegan restaurants and grocers, local crafts, food vendors, pedestrian only with exception for seniors and handicapped. Play fountain in square or right off square for children. Open air wellness events/classes. Hosting flea/resale, vendors markets in large car parks on Sundays.*
 - *I would like to see the introduction of cruise ships back to the area as that would boast the small and medium size businesses in the area. Improvement in the infrastructure of the town. Remove derelict buildings. Provide small business loans the owners to help build local products offered by these owners. Install cameras in the town on Water*
- street to build security confidence. Widening the channel to allow bigger ships now is a good time to start that project.*
 - *Just more parking options. It's fine the way it is otherwise*
 - *A place to bring your boat to have lunch, a small boutique hotel on the water, a large marina, better shopping appeal, and bicycle tours/routes to go throughout St. Geo*
 - *Crucial for town to retain its distinct character*
 - *Develop dock for yachts, launch a special fund that enables all buildings to at least be painted; clean up the town square and encourage cafes and aesthetic looking outdoor dining areas with coordinated tables, chairs, umbrellas plants and so on; build on historic reenactment and have art walks along with seasonal walks, foodie festivals with unique themes, rubber derby ducks again for kiddies. Think outside the box!*
 - *Tourist destination spot eg weddings and celebrations*
 - *There are few opportunities for fitness in St George's, e.g. there are no nice gyms, or yoga studios for the local community. Something in this area could be developed. In addition, more 'upscale' evening events such as weekly happy hours would attract people to come out e.g. currently no restaurants on the waterfront offer such a thing. Tempest restaurant does not even open its patio doors, so that space is left unused. Public spaces can also be utilized more for events, e.g. the town square/ordnance island for drive in movie nights or small local concerts.*
 - *Alfresco dining options along King Square & Water Street, electric transport options, cannabis zone, marina, new re-enactments, business development office with Quango, SEEZ concessions, penalties for derelict buildings, grants to open new businesses in town, Fort St Catherine leased, more beaches with amenities, ferry year round, ferries nights and weekends to Hamilton and Dockyard during summer, live art at King Square weekly, Somers Garden leased*
 - *A vibrant, living town, working for both residents and businesses*
 - *Money spent on overall appearance and more pride taken by residents in the appearance of their property and surroundings*
 - *I'd like to see St. Georges transform into a blend of economic hub, port of entry to include marina and all ancillary services, hub for the east end and hot spot for locals*