The Tin Shed Cafe has one of the most successful outdoor spaces on Alberta St. The space can be understood best through its circulation, green space, and day lighting. The circulation for The Tin Shed Cafe’s green space has two entrances; one coming from the cafe and one from the street. The circulation is organized in two sections. One section is the perpendicular entrance from the street and the other section is the larger rectangular dining area which includes the bioswale. One key element that promotes circulation is that there is no solid structure blocking the view of the street, which encourages people to come in off the street.

The natural elements are effective in creating a semi-public area away from the street where people interact with the environment. The center of the natural elements is the bioswale, which contains small trees, grass, shrubs, and ferns. With the small trees creating a comfortable canopy.

The only aspect of the green space that does not work, is that it does not receive very much light. This is because one building sits directly to the east and another building sits directly to the west. There is also a balcony that covers most of the southwest corner, resulting in only brief daylight penetrating the garden. Even though there is a lack of sunlight, the circulation and the natural elements work together in a way that creates a lively outdoor atmosphere.