



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Committee of the Whole – Special Meeting Agenda **AMENDED**
February 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
In-Person - Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS
Also held Via Zoom and Facebook Livestreamed

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions
4. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest
5. Announcements
6. Presentation(s)
 - a) Windsor/West Hants Together Community Engagement Final Report – RAD Consulting
7. New Business - None
8. In-Camera - None
9. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment



Community Engagement Final Presentation

RAD Consulting
February 17, 2021

Acknowledgements

- Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for funding this project.
- The consultation project was initiated by hard-working staff at the Municipality of West Hants and the Town of Windsor before the consolidation. It was then followed by dedicated help and assistance from current staff members at West Hants Regional Municipality, particularly Ms. Chrystal Remme.
- We extend our gratitude to all the community leaders and members who gave us their precious time during the consultation process. They always made themselves available to bring ideas and challenges forward to be captured in this report. They reminded us of the beauty of the region, the magnitude of the challenges ahead, and the great potential of the region that keeps them here and encourages them to show up and give of their ideas, vision, passion, energy, and time to improve their community through incremental efforts that have long-lasting implications.

Phase 1: GATHERING INSIGHTS

Project Goals

- Go beyond current consolidation process
- Engage internal staff
- Identify and engage minority groups and other stakeholders
- Identify and engage community leaders
- Six community workshops
- Identify community-led projects
- Research regional, provincial and national project funding opportunities
- Propose a future engagement framework
- Present findings to future council

Community Leaders' Interview Summary

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- Glooscap First Nations
- African Nova Scotian
- Acadian
- Students
- LGBTQ+

Glooscap First Nations

- Afraid to walk alone because of dangers faced by Native women
- Trail maintenance needed (e.g. to clear felled trees)
- Enjoys crafts (e.g. basket weaving by self and with granddaughters) and would like to see more creative workshop offerings
- Communication strategies between reserve members needs strengthening: not everyone uses the internet

Glooscap First Nations

- Not just youth programming or a youth center needed, but support for LGBTQ+ youth and their families
- Her children both struggle with self-harm and have been the victims of violent crime
- Her home is one of the only "safe spaces" available for LGBTQ+ youth in Glooscap: an inclusive youth resource center is needed
- Exercise groups for everyone

Glooscap First Nations

- Enjoys the seclusion but hopes for greater ties with surrounding communities
- Youth need both a youth center and youth programming
- Major transportation issues leading to isolation, particularly among elders
- Better access to health services, particularly for aging population
- Road repairs, trail maintenance, and pedestrian walkways needed

Acadian

- Better road signs are needed as the current signs are faded, and not clear or thorough enough to indicate the way to local destinations and landmarks such as the cemetery
- They would like Windsor to obtain a large stone monument, like the one along the Halifax waterfront, commemorating the 1,000 Acadians who were deported from Fort Edward by the British. The monument would cost \$65,000 but is important to preserving the historical legacy of the Acadian community and fundraising could support the cost
- Newspaper ads and articles, community days, and word of mouth suggested to promote news of consolidation
- Broader local, regional, and national knowledge of and appreciation for Acadian history and culture is needed

African Nova Scotian

- Concerns about existing forms of racism, especially environmental racism (e.g. noise pollution, no walkways, road neglect, park neglect, transportation and education issues, etc.)
- Lack of representation of the African Canadian community of West Hants in positions of power and authority (e.g. law, council, medicine) remains a significant issue
- Lack of acknowledgement of Black History month and commemoration of the many important African Canadian figures from the region is another main issue that disempowers the black community
- Greater prevention and treatment measures for health issues affecting the black community are needed, as well as transportation innovations
- The elderly of the black community are impaired by the lack of communication, transportation, and medical care: while gentrification may be an economic necessity, first honor the lives of all residents of color and the agricultural roots of the region

Youth

- Proud of agriculturally-rich coastal region yet many innovations are needed particularly for youth
- Transportation issues to and from the high school need to be addressed: many students can't participate in after-school activities because the school services such a wide radius (65km)
- Lake Pisaquid could be teeming with fish and plant life, but is instead almost empty because the causeway wasn't built properly and the city favors beautification efforts rather than healthy saltwater ecology
- More safe places for teens other than the skate park (which encourages dangerous behaviors) are needed, as well as community events to keep the entire population of West Hants integrated and active as a community
- More community integration would help bridge the generation gap between older and younger residents, many of whom struggle with depression, anxiety, eating disorders, and other feelings of isolation and misunderstanding relating to race and sexual orientation, in particular

Staff Internal Workshop

- **Challenges**
- **Solutions**
- **Public Engagement**
- **Aspirations for Future**

Staff Internal Workshop

- Sense of excitement about the consolidation
- Hopes for greater efficacy and internal-departmental integration and collaboration
- Internal Communication: Some frustrations with communication from leaders
- Internal: HR and community relations
- External: consistency, accessibility and transparency in community engagement and communication
- External: generating more excitement and energy in participation between staff, residents and representatives
- Internal & External: building trust within the new organization and with the public

Warden Zebian

- Excited about the work ahead
- Sees tremendous potential
- Would like to see better engagement and representation of diverse community in order to attract more people to the region
- Improve quality of life of existing residents through better service delivery

Mayor Allen

- Excited about consolidation (“FINALLY!”)
- Need to address housing disparity and transportation issues
- Deeply concerned with racial divide
- Need for inclusiveness and education around diversity
- Goals for creating unity and empowering all residents

Mr. Mark Philips, CAO

- Believes in the region to have everything a great community would need
- Has faith in the organization to be able to deliver on the promises of the consolidation
- Goals for empowering and trusting the expertise of staff
- Consistency, collaboration and continuity in relations with the public as top importance
- Will consider important initiatives such as diversity hires in order to better represent the richness of the region's culture and population

Themes & Findings to Date

- **Improved public transit** to connect residents to communities and regional services
- **Strengthened advocacy for physical and mental health services** that encompasses the needs of an aging rural population and other marginalized community members
- **Targeted education and awareness programs** to draw attention to the region's rich social and cultural history, particularly to address issues of systemic racism
- **Greater diversity representation and inclusion** in all areas of administration, governance, and decision-making processes

Themes & Findings to Date (continued)

- **Improvements to community infrastructure such as trails and roads**, including a safer and more expansive trail system, and extended waterfront connections
- **Affordable housing** for all generations living in the region, including seniors looking to downsize, expanding young families, and young professionals
- **Creating belonging through community led projects** such as youth centres and rec centres that support the needs and desires of a dynamic, changing population
- **Ongoing and consistent engagement and relationship building** between politicians, staff, and the public



Next Step: Workshops

- First Nation Workshop: Glooscap Community Centre
- African Nova Scotian Workshop: Three Mile Plains
- Rural & Town Community Workshop: Hantsport
- Urban Community Workshop: Windsor
- Shore & Greater Rural Workshop: Brooklyn OR Ellershouse

PHASE 2 - GENERATING SOLUTIONS

Engagement Process

- **whrmtogether.com**
- **Survey**
- **Online Engagements**

WHRM Together.

Windsor West Hants Community Engagement

November 2020 - January 2021

“Building a stronger West Hants Regional Municipality together”

Survey

- The survey was sent out to just under 12,000 households throughout the municipality, to be filled out and sent back by mail, by calling a municipal staff member, or online
- received 135 responses to the survey

Communities

- Three Miles Plains: 8 people
- Windsor: 29 people
- Garlands Crossing: 8 people
- Falmouth: 24
- Hantsport: 13
- Brooklyn: 7
- Ardoise: 3
- Avondale: 9
- Bramber: 1
- Burlington: 3
- Cheverie: 3
- Curry's Corner: 4
- Ellershous: 1
- Greenhill: 1
- Lakeland: 1
- Mantua: 2
- Martock: 1
- Mount Denson: 1
- Newport: 3
- Summerville: 3
- Scotch Village: 2
- Poplar Grove: 1
- St. Croix: 1
- Vaughan: 1
- Wentworth: 2

Gender & Age

- Female: 90
- Male: 40
- Non-Binary: 1
- Other: 4

20-30: 8
30-40: 23
40-50: 26
50-60: 32
60-70: 22
70-80: 14
80-90: 4

What do you love about your community?

- Rural lifestyle: quiet, natural setting, small, sense of privacy, country living, feeling of safety
- The people and friendly neighbours, and the strong community spirit
- Natural beauty, the tidal river system, the mud, waterfronts and trails
- History and diversity of cultures
- Future potential

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

- Lack of public transportation, difficulty of getting around
- Lack of access to services, food deserts, car-dependency
- Pedestrian safety in the communities (lack of sidewalks and safe trail system)
- Lack of reliable internet access and poor cell service
- Lack of amenities and community gathering spaces
- Lack of programming for youth and seniors
- High taxes
- Buildings in state of disrepair
- Poor public engagement
- Racism
- Affordable housing

What inspires you about the future?

- Potential for community growth,
- Small business growth
- Recreational opportunities
- New people, new ideas, new initiatives
- Becoming a healthy and active community
- Youth moving to the region, growing up and making the community theirs
- New recreation, sports and community centres
- Possibility of more youth and senior services
- Possibility for green and sustainable initiatives

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

- Better outreach and engagement
- Job creation and wage equality
- Better transportation services
- Investing in sidewalks and trails
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- More housing opportunities for young families and seniors
- Transparent governance
- Balancing urban and rural investments
- Working together as a regional municipality instead of working to advance one community agenda over another

Community-Led Projects

- Active transportation corridor, connecting multiple communities safely, such as rails to trails
- Transportation services such as ridesharing, shuttle service, public transportation
- Outdoor/indoor rinks and community sports facilities and infrastructure
- Storytelling projects and initiatives to highlight rich history of the region, including Black Nova Scotian, Acadian, and Glooscap communities and cultures
- Initiatives to address racism such as recognizing and celebrating Black History Month
- Investment in beautification of public open spaces and parks
- Empowering communities to undertake smaller-scale projects by themselves
- Better community programming and involving the community's youth

How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

- A vast majority of respondents said that they either have never been consulted, or engagements have been insufficient, or that they feel their input did not result in any meaningful change
- Others indicated councilor's pop-ups in the community, visits by staff and politicians, Mayor's newsletter, townhall meetings, and Facebook posts as ways they have been previously engaged

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

- Open, direct, transparent and honest communication
- Events and activities (some already existent in various communities)
- Regular newsletters and social media posts
- More surveys and requests for input
- A coordinated quarterly communication campaign with information on important updates, communicated through social media, print media, radio and townhalls in the various communities
- Amplifying and considering voices from marginalized communities and vulnerable populations
- Door to door, business to business, pop-ups
- Using the momentum of the new municipality, and continuing to engage positively and take input seriously

What are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community?

- Church service, sporting events, bingo games, museums and libraries, Lion's Club gatherings, schools and school-related activities, senior events, Farmers' Markets
- Hantsport Homecoming Music Festival
- Christmas parade
- The Windsor exhibition
- Avon River Days
- Pumpkin Regatta
- Monday Jam nights at Avondale Hall
- Friday night BBQs at the museum
- Full Circle Festival
- North Along the Shore Jamboree
- Monthly arts and culture events throughout the summer at the museum
- Garlic Festival

Do you feel
priorities identified
in Phase 1
accurately
represent the
aspirations of this
diverse and
growing region?

- Over 90% of the respondents agreed with the priorities listed above
- Some expressed their agreement with the goals, but were doubtful of possibility for the new council to address these challenges



What other priorities would you add to this list for the region?

- Celebrating cultures
- Climate change
- More mental health services
- Addressing LGBTQ+ challenges
- Building a new rink
- Equitable taxation
- Internet and connectivity in rural areas
- Affordable housing and energy sources
- Public transit solutions such as commuter train

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? (Continued)

- Creating more small business opportunities
- Improving quality of natural beauty and resources such as adding a fish passage on the Avon River
- Rural economic development projects
- More fun activities for all ages and communities such as more places for swimming outdoor and indoor, outdoor rinks, more informal gathering spaces within each community, dog-friendly areas and dog parks
- More opportunities to learn from various cultures in the region
- By-laws to improve communities' well-being such as road calming and noise by-laws

Online Engagements

Session One: Greater Rural Workshop

- More comprehensive bus routes and updated road signage needed
- Retain youth in the workforce with viable employment opportunities
- Recognize the value of rural communities and their youth
- Mail communication is ideal in lieu of in person, and municipal funding for community access points in rural communities for public access to internet connection is needed
- Native, Acadian, and Black Nova Scotian heritage markers are needed
- Regulation of landlord/tenant relations and foreclosure/eviction protection needed
- Given the rising price of homes (accessibility/affordability), address restrictive bylaws for non-traditional housing such as tiny houses and for those who want to farm
- Paid museum staff, use museum for townhall meetings, and “find creative ways to share or solicit information” with community members such as interactive museum exhibits

Session Two: Urban Community Workshop

- Limited transit options make access to mental and physical health services difficult
- Cultural deficits in West Hants
- Poor internet (dial-up rather than high-speed) and cell phone service
- Loneliness for people working from home or not working: people living in “silos” of isolation
- Better promotion and sharing of regional treasures needed (beaches, water access points, trails) and continued celebration of diversity
- Council not included in online community engagement sessions so as to better appreciate “community concerns, ideas, aspirations, and sharing,” without the sessions turning into a political forum
- Fire Department commended for their excellent work

Session Three: Rural & Town Community Workshop

- Climate change is dire: Clear-Cutting and Carbon Sequestering
- “No environment, no economy” (link between jobs and environment)
- Council’s support sought with utilizing land, and abandoned farmland
- Low income, health insurance deficits, and transportation issues severely impacting health care (mental and physical) for seniors and general population
- Existent racism and poor minority representation in the local job force
- West Hants Historical Society providing excellent exhibits on race history
- “Overhousing” for senior population and lack of affordable housing for youth and growing families a serious problem
- Province and/or municipality should help regulate rent control

Session Three: Rural & Town Community Workshop - Continued

- Community praise for “hands-on” efforts of Council to reach out to individuals and local business owners and be present at Town Hall meetings
- West Hants seniors enjoy more programming activities than in Hantsport
- Disbanded RDA’s, Board of Trade, and Arts Council a disappointment
- Vetted “Senior Assistance Group” with annual membership fee proposed
- Support for residential retrofitting needed, as 40% of homes are “energy poor”
- Celebrate “varied, unifying, and holistic” local resources such as gypsum quarries, East Hants caves, lakes, and “rivers the salmon would return to if given the chance.”

Session Four: African Nova Scotian Workshop



- Question of survey's efficacy given the time constraints: phone calls and text messages suggested in the ongoing and future "rolling engagement"
- Major transportation issues in Three Mile Plains, including complete lack of shoulder or sidewalks, and continual heavy construction traffic Panuke Road, Grade and Pleasant Streets, making pedestrian foot traffic impossible: a prior consultation before construction started would have been appreciated
- Road infrastructure system "inequitable" across region (particular near the water, plumbing, and sewer plants); noise pollution also a problem

Session Four: African Nova Scotian Workshop - Continued

- Rails to Trails movement unanimously supported by all present, with a presentation on alternative modes of transportation by Jeremy Cromwell, but the railway owner wants to keep the rails as is in case needed for gypsum transport in the future; other option includes building trails adjacent to rails (\$1.4-1.8 million dollar project, or \$50k/kilometer), but with economic benefit
- Many TMP schoolchildren learning to ride bikes for the first time; additional trails need into town from elementary school, or connected to the high school

Session Four: African Nova Scotian Workshop - Continued

- Black History Month needs commemoration and celebration, with a public proclamation and consultation: a Black Lives Matter march was held, but “marches only go so far.” Awareness and structural changes are needed
- Educational assistance and job training programs needed in addition to equal opportunity employment, to help residents gain knowledge and skills, so as to overcome employment barriers: “A conversation needs to happen”
- Equal, balanced representation in job sector and medical sector needed, or else black residents won’t come to town or seek out the services they need because they do not feel represented and fear being misunderstood

Session Four: African Nova Scotian Workshop - Continued

- Greater celebration of George Elliot Clark (black Windsor-born poet) needed (along with the Howard Trail and the Windsor Birthplace of Hockey), and African Nova Scotians who were or are pioneers in hockey, the military, and the arts need to be recognized, commemorated, and celebrated
- Too much bureaucratic “red tape” involved in accessing mental health services, particularly for vulnerable populations such as youth, seniors, and LGBTQ+ residents; stigmatization, lack of education, and transportation issues compromise residents’ ability to access mental health services
- Safe spaces for youth such as the skate park also impacted by a lack of transportation services (youth have difficulty getting home once there)
- Juanita Harvey praised the young, educated, Three Mile Plains leaders present during this engagement session: “I’m totally impressed”

Funding and Partnership Opportunities

- Federal
- Provincial & Regional
- Organizations

Final Recommendations

Start small, start today:

Recognition of Black History Month, February-March 2021

- This may be achieved by:
- allocating more resources from existing municipal budgets;
- holding an online celebration in February by inviting local representatives of the black community to discuss their history and culture;
- inviting members of Black Nova Scotian community and/or a black artist/poet to at least one of the upcoming council meetings to talk about their experiences living and working in the municipality;
- inviting the community leaders identified in this report to provide recommendations for short-and long-term initiatives they see as appropriate to commemorate the Black History Month in 2021 and in the future;

Tactical Urbanism

- Temporary traffic calming measures such as narrowing main roads using painted concrete blocks
- Open Street Sunday: opening a major road, or a portion of a major road that connects several communities to pedestrian and cyclists
- Activating existing public spaces by adding chairs and tables in an initiative known as Chair Bombing
- Reallocation of parking to small pocket parks for a day in an initiative known as Park(ing) Day
- Short-term beautification or community service projects, such as wreath-making, tree-decorating, "Knit bombing"
- Fundraising campaigns to raise money for informational and memorial signage, road-markers, monuments, and plaques



Tactical Urbanism



Tactical urbanism in other areas of community development

- forming of Youth and Senior Advisory Committees
- Shared activities uniting a variety of groups such as a litter Cleanup Day, Ecology Awareness Day, or letter-writing day to area representatives responsible for making policy guidelines on how bodies of water, and private and public woodlands are protected against clear-cutting

Create A Comprehensive Community Plan

- There are multitudes of efforts underway in different communities across the municipality
- A Comprehensive Community Plan developed through a community-based process would bring many of such pieces together
- It is recommended Council direct staff to continue the engagement efforts and work with communities across the municipality to prepare a create a comprehensive community plan that provides the guiding principles for the entire municipality. Regional organizations such as Cities and Environment Unit (based in Halifax) are able to assist the municipality with preparing such a plan.

Making Planning and Engagement More Visible

- A vast majority of survey respondents indicated that they feel that they have never been engaged by the previous municipality and town,
- Many expressed their desired to be heard and involved in the future planning of the municipality
- It is recommended to make planning and engagement more visible. This can be achieved through mobile engagement and planning pop-ups during ongoing community events and activities as well as a storefront operation.





Prepare an Integrated Mobility Plan

- One of the largest challenges identified by the community members engaged in this project, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic background, was lack of access to reliable public transportation and safe active transportation infrastructure
- It is recommended that Council consider directing staff to prepare a comprehensive public and active transportation plan. A successful example of such a report and its phased implementation is Halifax's Integrated Mobility Plan, which encompasses practical solutions for a municipality with an urban, suburban and rural character.





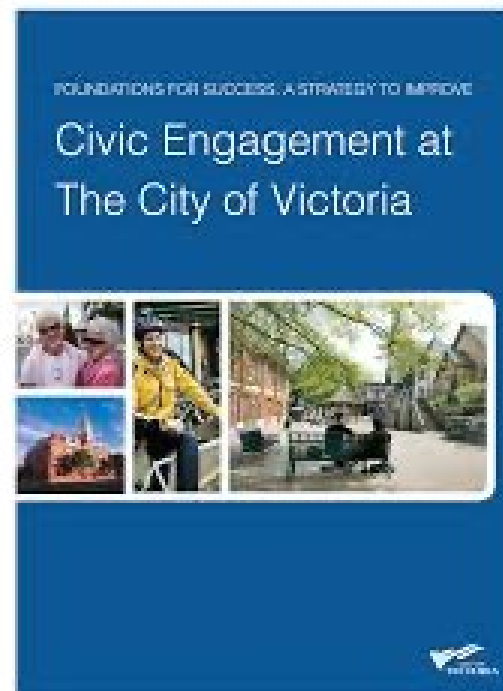
Prepare an Integrated Mobility Plan (continued)

- Consider becoming a part of initiatives such as Leading with Transit, which is working towards province wide transit system that could greatly benefit the communities in Regional Municipality of Windsor West Hants.
- Seek funding provincially: Kings Transit, Halifax Transit, Transit Cape Breton, Straight Area Transit, Antigonish Community Transit
- Federally, Infrastructure Canada has several funding mechanisms to help build and strengthen public and active transportation in urban and rural communities



Create and Adopt A New Engagement Framework

- It is recommended that Council designate internal staff members to further analyse the information from this engagement project and solicit internal municipal and external community leaders to implement this proposed engagement framework for the municipality beyond the scope of this initial phase. This extensive engagement framework may then be adopted by Council and be used for all future projects.
- Consider initiating an open-source platform for engagement. There are existing online platform that are part of a new generation of open-source civic technologies which can be used to engage the public in decision-making. Initiating such platform may be a feasible goal given availabilities of various tested and affordable technology solutions.
 - Madrid's Decide Madrid platform in 2015. Decide Madrid aims to ensure transparency of government proceedings in the city of Madrid and to widen public participation in Council decision-making and spending processes.





395,000+

Number of registered users on Decide Madrid



9,000,000

Number of site visits



21,000

Number of proposals submitted



38

Decisions made through direct voting

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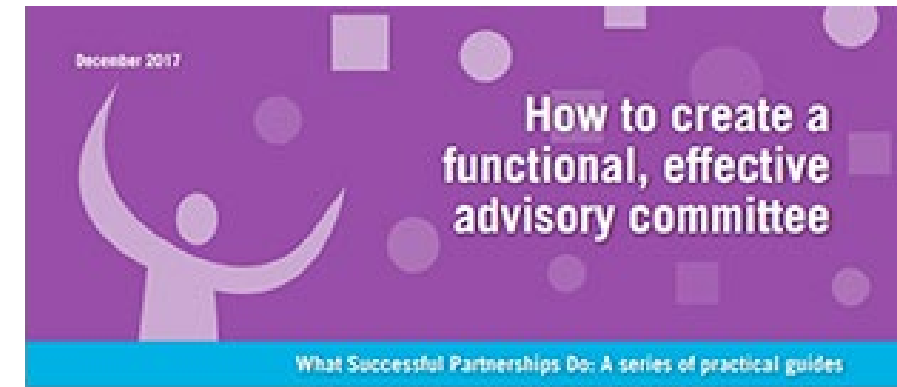
Form an Internal Diversity and Inclusion Committee



- Given the diversity of the region, and the extensive feedback we received regarding the lack of consultation with diverse communities, and diverse representation in areas of governance, it is important for the municipality to form an internal Diversity & Inclusion Committee to assist staff and Council in identifying areas of improvement, as well as help promote and fund projects throughout the municipality in recognition of the rich cultural history of the region. Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage has funding opportunities available that may assist the municipality in setting up this committee.

Form an External Advisory Committee to Council

- Many marginalized communities in the region face challenges of representation and inclusion.
- To help bridge the gap between the municipality, Council and the communities is an external residence advisory committee to Council
- Must include representatives from the Acadian, Black Nova Scotian, and Glooscap First Nation communities, as well as youth, seniors, LGBTQ+, and newcomers
- It is recommended to appoint internal staff and/or an external consultant to assist with preparing a mandate, governance model, targeted responsibilities, and a budget for this committee. A practical guide for forming this committee is “How to Create a functional, effective advisory committee” by Health Nexus, a Canadian bilingual health organization.



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INTRODUCTION

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What is an advisory committee, and why have one?
Steps for implementing a functional, efficient advisory committee
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Putting an advisory committee in place can be a good way to involve and engage the community in your organization's work. However, not all advisory committees are engaged, functional, and effective! This basic guide offers tips drawn from HC Link consultants' experiences as well as other resources. It will help community organizations use best practice for creating advisory committees as an element of supporting community engagement. The guide may be useful to others as well.

This resource has been adapted from the original [French version](#).





Invest in Building New Multi-Purpose Community Centres or Enhancing Existing Ones

- The desire for better and more community centres was a consistent need that was expressed throughout in-person interviews, survey responses and online engagements.
- This was also pointed out by a Glooscap parent of LGBTQ+ youth who said her home is the only safe space for her children and their friends to express themselves freely.
- It is recommended to map all existing community centres and activities taking place within them and build a strategy and a phased approach to building new centre and enhancing existing ones, through repairs and programming, with the goal of all communities throughout the municipality having access to such centres

Start a Safe Streets and Trails Initiative

- A challenge facing many rural communities, including those in West Hants, is street safety along the main and side streets, as well as the trail network.
- It is recommended to prepare a priority list of renovated or new streets and trails that would vastly improve the quality of life for residents throughout the municipality. This list can be compiled with the help of residents and community leaders in each community using available technology for community mapping.
 - Halifax Regional Municipality's Traffic Calming Assessment Lists
- Explore federal and provincial funding and partnership opportunities



Address Systemic Racism and Environmental Racism

- A main finding of this report is the need to address systemic racism and environmental racism that has negatively impacted the Black Nova Scotians in the community for decades.
- It is recommended that Council form a taskforce to strategically address this issue and put together a comprehensive plan for addressing racism, both through internal review of policies, plans and procedures, as well as external education for the general public through initiatives such as commemoration of the Black History Month



Address Climate Change

- Climate change poses a serious risk to the quality and way of life of all people living in the communities across West Hants
- It is recommended to prepare a plan to both address climate change adaptation as well as outline steps the municipality is able to take to reduce its carbon footprint
 - Bridgewater's Energize Bridgewater plan that aims at addressing energy poverty and climate change
 - Halifax's Halifacts 2050 plan aiming at significantly reducing municipality's carbon footprint by 2050.
- Seek federal and provincial funding to both prepare such plans, and help implement them



Address Affordable Housing

- It is recommended that Council direct staff to undertake a comprehensive analysis of these tools that the municipality can introduce to encourage the development and enhancement of access to affordable housing including :
 - Providing municipally owned lands for affordable housing
 - Encouraging innovative land use planning by-laws allowing for larger inventories of developable land within complete neighbourhoods
 - Permitting secondary and backyard suites for individual homeowners
 - Addressing energy poverty concerns through retrofit programs
 - Streamlining the development approval process to reduce housing development costs.

Local business improvement

- It is recommended that Council direct staff to undertake a retail mapping study to better understand existing retail stores and also to identify gaps between needed retail services in every community across the municipality.
 - Invest in infrastructure such as safe sidewalks and crossings and new trail connections, that strengthen existing retailers
 - Consider land use policies that would encourage more retail businesses in areas where such services are needed but are currently lacking.
- it is recommended that Council direct staff to undertake a mapping exercise of existing agricultural uses in the region. Doing so can allow for comprehensive work that would support a farm to table movement, not just around the municipality but in all of Nova Scotia.
 - Guelph-Wellington's Canada Smart Cities Challenge Proposal in 2019







Farmers



Implementation

- This report provides a comprehensive list of priorities and community-led projects gathered through the engagement sessions
- The list is expansive and includes monumental structural undertakings, including addressing climate change, systemic, and environmental, racism, implementing safe active transportation infrastructure, improving employment services, and activating governmental assistance with affordable housing
- It is up to Council to review, analyse, prioritize, and allocate staff and resources into implementation of these projects



Closing Thoughts

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



Thank You

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
FINAL PROJECT REPORT

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We hope this report has accurately captured their viewpoints, and that it helps to generate future in-depth conversations, projects, and policy changes, necessary to spark positive change.

INTRODUCTION

On July 19, 2018, the two councils for Windsor and West Hants agreed to a consolidation of their two municipalities. The goal of the consolidation has been to improve the quality of service delivery to residents of the two municipalities, and to position the unified municipality for future investments and growth as a united region. Since the beginning of the process, there has been a communication strategy in place to inform residents of the process, including a region-wide survey, public open houses, and newspaper and Tim Horton's ads. However, given the sensitive nature of this provincially-mandated process, and the fast-approaching deadline of April 2020, a new approach has been cultivated, involving more citizens in the process: this approach includes electoral district mapping, and strategizing around service delivery methods and staffing concerns.

Although resident involvement is a mandated process, this new approach offers a unique opportunity for the united municipality to establish protocols on how to engage its residents not just during the consolidation but in the future. It has the potential to thoroughly engage residents on their aspirations for their regions, and incorporate their visions for community-led projects. It also provides a forum to reach out to community members that may have not been involved in community-planning discussions to date, such as Glooscap First Nation and African Nova Scotian community members, and the youth, among others.

Recognizing these challenges and potentials, in December 2019, RAD Consulting was hired to conduct a comprehensive community engagement about the future of the united municipality. This engagement process acknowledges the socially-dynamic complexity of such an effort, and the need to engage with as many diverse perspectives as possible. Thus, RAD Consulting took a broadly evaluative and qualitative approach by interviewing and listening deeply to various internal stakeholders' perspectives before beginning the comprehensive consultation. The goal of this engagement process was to go beyond addressing merely practical challenges of the consolidation, to identifying new opportunities by tapping into the aspirations of the diverse communities within the region. The following report outlines the various measures taken and the holistic, progressive conclusions reached through this wide-reaching consultation process.

PHASE 1 - GATHERING INSIGHTS

First, we gathered insights regarding the current challenges from municipal staff, politicians and community leaders in the form of workshops, one-on-one meetings, and surveys. This approach aimed to observe, ask, listen, and thereby gain greater insight. Steps in this phase included:

One-on-one interviews with community leaders representing:

- Glooscap First Nation
- African Nova Scotians
- Acadian Nova Scotians
- Youth
- Seniors
- Differently-abled persons
- LGBTQ+
- New Canadians
- Young families

As part of Phase 1, we also conducted a half-day workshop with staff from both Windsor and West Hants. Finally, we also conducted one-on-one interviews with:

- Warden Zebian
- Mayor Anna Allen
- Mr. Mark Phillips, CAO

PHASE 2 - GENERATING SOLUTIONS

For the second part of this project, we will engage the larger community in the region through community meetings. The goal in phase two is to not only to communicate the consolidation process and outcomes, but also to go one step deeper and engage residents on their future aspirations for the new municipality. What are the projects all residents would like to see their community undertake? What are some of the various opportunities the new municipality can undertake to improve their individual qualities of life?

Please note: all community member names in this report are pseudonyms, to protect their privacy, and the opinions expressed by individuals during the interviews do not necessarily reflect those of the entire community.

BACKGROUND

Windsor is a town in the centre of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the region of West Hants. With a combined population of approximately 20,000 people, this is a region with a diverse and storied history. The site of the annual great pumpkin regatta and home to many museums, parks, and community spaces, the vibrance of this area is immediately welcoming.

On July 19, 2018, the two councils for Windsor and West Hants agreed to a consolidation of their two municipalities. The goal of the consolidation has been to improve the quality of service delivery to its residents, and to position itself for future investments and growth as a united region. In October of 2018, the Province of Nova Scotia passed Bill 55 for the consolidation of Windsor and West Hants. As of this Act, the two regions, intrinsically linked geographically, have agreed to consolidate into the fourth Regional Municipality in the province.

To facilitate this transition, a transition committee was created that meets bi-monthly, consisting of a Coordinator, Mayor, Warden, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Warden, representing each region equally. As the committee works their way through the various strategic decisions and planning involved in this consolidation, several clear patterns and goals have emerged.



As part of service quality improvement, there are some practical decisions to be made. These include electoral district mapping, service delivery methods, staffing questions and planning strategies, much of which is already underway via the committee meetings. Details of these studies can be found on the website for the consolidation: strongerregion.ca.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Alongside the practical matters, the consolidation has provided an opportunity and a new priority for the future council to better engage its residents, not only in relation to encompassing issues like voter turnout, but also as it pertains to specific concerns like access to fire services. The consolidation process has underscored the need to conduct this engagement in an equitable fashion. Though it is much smaller geographically, Windsor has a more concentrated population and the rural voice of communities throughout the West Hants region must continue to play a key role in development plans.

As preliminary plans for these changes proceed, they have also been shared through the communication networks established, which include the public consultation “Have your say!”, a region-wide survey disseminated via public events, open houses, information booths, and advertisements both in newspapers and Tim Hortons.

The survey reached 1,050 respondents of the total population of over 20,000, just surpassing the committee goal of 1,000. Per the data from this survey, a significant gap exists around youth feedback; the overwhelming majority of respondents were between the ages of 35-65. This generation gap should be rectified in future consultations. Per the received responses, priorities and recurring themes include taxation (re)distribution, governing efficiency, and collaboration and cooperation. Interestingly, these topics were identified both as potential benefits and challenges, though the tone was hopeful and positive when discussing the forthcoming merger. Other key themes included the need for improved public transportation and infrastructure maintenance, and continued hopes for a smoothly-integrated transition.

The feedback from this data is promising, as it aligns strongly with the vision of the transition committee and the proceedings already underway. Per the website, the guiding principles for this consolidation include boundaries that preserve the integrity of the current culture, proportionately distributed taxation and debts, diversified restructuring of administration, regional services and planning that accounts for current assets and existing strengths, transparent and diverse public engagement, and collaborative decision-making in the interest of growth and improvement for the entire community within the new consolidated region.

Overall, it seems that both the government and residents want to considerably contain and preserve their existing culture and traditions, while leveraging their strengths to form a better future, together.

Some questions raised in communications to the committee and feedback from the survey merit further elaboration moving forward. For example, there seem to be significant concerns around continuing conflict between the currently designated Windsor and West Hants, though it presents primarily as a 'rural vs. urban' divide, and manifests as concerns for loss of the rural 'voice,' and unfair taxes – especially an 'urban tax.' Community aspirations do, however, clearly encompass a vastly more efficient government even with a 'smaller budget.' The contrast between these two would be a key topic to raise in conversation, either with those in governance, or the general public.

Other gaps in the data, along with the underrepresented perspective of youth, included input from Glooscap First Nation, African Nova Scotians in the area, seniors, and New Canadians. Other potential groups to consider might be small business owners, the LGBTQ+ population, and differently-abled persons, though further research should be done to determine what percentage of the community these groups represent.

Treating this consolidation as an opportunity for growth and new development that all officials and residents clearly hope it to be means that research should also be put towards potential avenues for regional, provincial, or national initiatives and aid programs that can be taken advantage of through this process. This should be done in conjunction with the themes and specific responses that emerge as the public consultation continues to explore and mine further community aspirations. Community-led projects, design and placemaking, and improvement of quality of life for all residents should fuel ideas as this exciting merger continues.

PHASE 1

GATHERING INSIGHTS

PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

A. COMMUNITY LEADERS' INTERVIEWS

GLOOSCAP

1. Sarah: "Take Care of Your Elders, and Keep the Youth Busy"

Sarah, our first interviewee, moved back to Glooscap seven years ago, having been born there. Formerly having worked in Community Health, she is currently a master's student at Acadia University, and described her nation as having a membership of 400, with many members living in the United States and elsewhere, whereas the actual reserve population is roughly 100 residents, 25-30 of whom are youth. Glooscap is located on a 460-acre parcel of land, said Sarah, and approximately one new unit (e.g. home) is built per year.

Sarah, 37, and the mother of three children, spoke candidly and appreciatively about the close, tight-knit community of Glooscap, where the "kids know every house" and there is a lot of overlap between families. Compared to suburbs, Sarah believes a small reserve such as Glooscap, which is relatively young (not an original reserve), allows for more opportunities to know one's culture.

She glowed while speaking of different events the reserve hosts, such as the four-day sacred fire, Pow Wows, and a Mid-Winter feast, as well the lack of traffic congestion, the opportunity for evening walks, youth programming, and more. "This is a great place to be, and not just because I'm from this nation," she said.

Sarah's main suggestions for innovation and improvement in Glooscap was geared toward breaking down isolation (for example, the nearest café to gather for a cup of coffee with a friend is in Hantsport), and the stigma that the reserve is hostile to outsiders, communicating a message of "You're not allowed here, you can't come here." To help encourage non-native visitors to the community, Sarah suggested hosting the Winter Carnival in Glooscap, and inviting non-natives to their trail for snow-shoeing and other recreational activities.

She feels there is "so much potential to benefit indigenous and non-indigenous youth" in Glooscap, but that more facilities and resources are needed in order for this vision to be actualized. Therefore, Sarah's dream project would be a youth center with daily after-school programming. "We really need a spot for our youth." Similarly, she is concerned about improving the lives of elders and seniors in Glooscap—solidarity exists, but could benefit from better connections to surrounding communities. Communication is key, Sarah states, in better connecting Glooscap residents to those of bordering cities and towns—particularly for those residents that do not use the internet and would respond better to a home visit or phone call.

For those who do, Glooscap residents stay connected through a group FB page, where they discuss everything from upcoming events to spontaneous Tim Hortons trips for anyone interested.

While remaining positive throughout the interview, citing the increase in youth, the library, the health center, the growth of Glooscap's infrastructure, and the administrative offices in the former band hall, Sarah did have a number of additional constructive suggestions, and proposed the following beneficial changes, which include:

1. Transportation accessibility, such as a bus, for the population, especially seniors and those without cars. "Without a car here, you're kind of stuck," she said.
2. More public spaces such as parks for the youth to gather
3. A youth center with after-school programming
4. Independent businesses that provide a space for socialization (cafés, restaurants)
5. Road repairs and the implementation of pedestrian walkways
6. Beds allocated at the Hantsport assisted living facility for indigenous people to assist Glooscap's aging population and the aforementioned problems of isolation and transportation
7. Most people in Glooscap have doctors in Windsor, even though there is a Heath Center in Glooscap, Sarah said, so better access to health services would be a benefit to all
8. Better trail maintenance, particularly to make them wheelchair-accessible

Regarding the forthcoming consultations and workshops, Sarah suggested holding a daytime consultation to increase participation, and sending personal invites, or visiting residents in person, at their homes, if possible, as well as providing refreshments at future meetings.

In sum, Sarah's suggestions for improving the life quality for all members of the Glooscap community is summarized by her quip: "Take care of your elders and keep the youth busy!"

2. Marie: "I Want to Know Everything About Everything"

Marie, whose grandmother was the former chief of Glooscap 40 years ago, when Glooscap only had two houses (her grandmother went to the Supreme Court to ask for separation from the Annapolis Valley First Nation reserve), is an energetic senior and self-described "homebody," who, like Sarah, also lived off the reserve for many years, only returning 8 years ago. Beginning and ending with the positive, Marie enjoys living on the reserve for the connection she experiences between herself and other natives. She spends a lot of time on the walking trail, though, like Sarah, also cited a dire need for repairs (e.g. at the present moment, about 100 trees cover the ground, partially barring the path, having been felled by storms).

While not a problem the Consolidation project can solve, Marie shared that she experiences fear going on the trails or anywhere else alone: "When you're indigenous, you hear about all the murders. I know it's not happening a lot here, but you always have to have your guard up. I don't go too many places alone . . . I don't go too far, but I would like to go farther if I could."

When asked about how to bolster community involvement, Marie cited the community garden that was recently created, but lacked the involvement of enough residents to sustain it throughout the year. Marie also lent her labor in the building of the new playground and is an expert basket weaver. She also sews and does hand-beading, often for the reserve members' Pow Wow regalia skirts ("I would have started my own business," she said, "but I didn't want the stress").

Before marriage and children, Marie was involved in the reserve's voting for chief and council. Now her days are busy taking care of her two granddaughters, who are not, to her dismay, interested in basket weaving (they claim it's too difficult), but one of whom enjoys making medicine bags with Marie, who describes herself as wanting to know "everything about everything," from playing the guitar to learning and mastering various other art forms. She is also close to her sister and relatives who live on the reserve, as well as many non-indigenous people, whom she visits in local communities such as Gaspereau.

Rather taciturn on the subject of proposed changes, Marie said she wishes there were more creativity workshops for all, recalling a memorable centerpiece workshop utilizing Christmas cedar recently that was very enjoyable, and a better means of communication between members other than Facebook, which she doesn't check regularly. She would be much more involved, she said, if she knew what was going on, as, "when I'm at home, I'm in my own little world." She suggested letters, phone calls, and a paper newsletter as various ways communication networks could be strengthened. Marie also raised the issue of food accessibility—the local gas station is the only place to buy food in Glooscap.

Knowledge, to Marie, is key, and thus the more knowledge that is communicated to the residents, and the stronger the bonds of communication, the happier everyone will be, particularly in the winter, when life gets more isolating with the onset of colder temperatures.

While she finds the need for food to draw community participation in events disappointing ("Every time they put a project on, it's a failure. The only way to get people out is food") and spoke passionately about our time of devastating ecological collapse ("I don't know if it's too late. I think it is"), overall, Marie's perception of life in Glooscap was redeeming.

"They treat you the way you should be treated here."

3. Joan: "Somebody's got to help me help my kids"

Joan's interview was by far the most emotionally charged of the three interviews at Glooscap. We began with a discussion of what she perceived to be the benefits of living in Glooscap: "I love how secluded it is," she said; she also appreciates the Glooscap First Nation walking group run out of Windsor. Lastly, she was very grateful for the outpouring of support she received from the community when her father passed away over the holidays.

Joan is the mother of a 13-year-old lesbian stepdaughter and 14-year-old transgender son, both of whom have undergone a significant amount of trauma as a result of their sexualities and changing gender identities. Thus, Joan's emphasis on needed change was not just youth programming or a youth center, but support for LGBTQ youth and their families. According to Joan, there is a group for LGBTQ youth in Kentville but it is "clique-y," and there is a parent support group in Sackville on Monday nights, but nothing yet in Glooscap by way of support or services. Joan related the various traumas her children have endured (she has a third son who lives off-reserve but is returning in the fall) since coming out, and transitioning, respectively, including multiple suicide attempts (both children), and her son's rape on a public road while walking home from a Haunted House during Halloween. Her daughter is condescendingly referred to as a "Frequent Flier" at the nearest hospital, where she is regularly admitted for observation, a stress compounded by mounting ambulance bills and the daughter's altercations with local law enforcement. Currently, Joan's home is on "lockdown" because her son was discovered to be carrying a switchblade, ostensibly for the purposes of self-harm (the lockdown entails stripped beds, anything sharp removed, and constant monitoring of her endangered son).

Joan described her own small home as the only refuge for her children and other LGBTQ youth in the reserve, a place LGBTQ youth can come and feel free to be themselves without fear of violence, punishment, or judgment. "There's got to be somebody else," said Joan, describing the strain that her own parenting isolation puts on her, contributing to her own anxiety disorder and manifestly causing her much pain and distress. She was recently admitted into a closed regional FB group for parents of LGBTQ youth, which helps, but is not the final answer. "There needs to be more services for our kids, and more parental supports," said Joan. "There is help, but you have to be lying half-dead in a hospital to get that help."

Thus, Joan's plea was for funding to be made available for mental health and LGBTQ services, organized group sessions for the purposes of education, as well as the establishment of a safe space or spaces other than her home. "It's a hard battle to win trust," Joan said, in relation to seeking support services, because even established safe spaces can be targets for homophobic and transphobic violence, if discovered. A resource center would be ideal, she believes, for the purposes of educating everyone, but specifically adults with generational beliefs that run counter to the wellness of the LGBTQ youth in Glooscap, including that of the chief, whom Joan described as unhelpful in this area. She praised Horton's 9th grade principal Shawn Bennett as a community luminary in this regard, and a personal support to her, as well as the communities of Windsor and Hantsport for having a counselor on the school staff.

Regarding her own health, Joan said an exercise group for plus-sized people would also be beneficial, but her main focus during our interview was implementing the above much-needed services and spaces, to lessen her burden and make her children and other LGBTQ youth feel safe and welcomed in their own skins: "Somebody's got to help me help my kids."

4. Betty and Florence; “Il faut prévenir les gens”

Please note: This interview was conducted in French, and transcribed in English, yet a few of the quotes are preserved (with translations) in the original French, for accuracy and to preserve the spirit of the interview.

Betty and Florence are very engaged in the Acadian community of Grand-Pré, and maintain the Ste. Famille Cemetery, at 419 Gabriel Rd., Falmouth, NS (West Hants County), a historical site that is overseen by “Les Amis de Grand-Pré,” a group of 23 members, with 12 actively involved.

The history of this cemetery is fascinating by any objective standards: as Betty and Florence described, in the 1600s and 1700s, the native Acadians in the region marked the graves of their beloved dead with wooden crosses, on the spot where the cemetery is now located, but the crosses soon disintegrated, leaving the site unrecognizable as a resting place after the land had been taken over by the British in the 1760s.

Then, in 1996, while excavating for a subdivision, the developers struck upon human remains, and the city ordered a full archeological dig to investigate further. After a thorough exhumation, 300 buried human remains were discovered on the plot, clearly used as a resting place for the Acadian habitants from the first half of the 18th century. The city purchased the land, then turned it into a historical cemetery whose individual graves are not marked on the ground, but, rather, as of 2003, by names inscribed on a brick walkway leading toward the cemetery, now run primarily by Betty and Florence, who chatted openly and freely with us about Acadian history and future prospects for the region.

Unlike other Canadian settlers involved in the fur trade, the Acadians—the first white settlers in Nova Scotia—implemented a sophisticated knowledge of “architectural agriculture” farming techniques (e.g. the construction of huge dykes in the Valley, channeling the salt marshes from the Bay of Fundy) while co-existing peacefully with the Indigenous Mi’kmaq habitants, working with them on the land and, later, on a unified but ultimately failed guerrilla-style resistance to British forces during the Seven Year War (1756-1763).

“The land back then [under Acadian control] was fertile, rich, and beautiful,” Florence said.

Prior to the war, the Acadian and Mi’kmaq populations also intermixed as family units, giving birth to the Métis, an ethnic group native to Canada and parts of the US who trace their descent to both indigenous North American and European settlers.

Also prior to the war, both the English and French had begun colonizing Nova Scotia en masse, taking over the rest of Canada as well and fighting each other for land, during which time the Acadian habitants would neither leave, nor take a side.

As punishment for their resistance, Betty and Florence explained, in a very sincere effort to share as much historical background with us as possible, after the war the Brits deported all the Acadians, and burned down their homes and farms, thus beginning a diaspora, with nearly all Acadians except a few in hiding deported to Morocco, France, and various US states such as Louisiana. Prior to their deportation, the British and French also waged what Betty called “unintentional biological warfare” (though some historians claim it was intentional), introducing infectious diseases into the Acadian population that they had no immunity to defend, thereby perishing.

The British and French also attempted to introduce Catholic conformity and Catholic schooling to the formerly independent Acadian people before their deportation, with little success.

It wasn't until the late 1800s and 1900s, the women explained, that the surviving ancestors of deported Acadians began to return, settling in Cape Breton, the South Shore, and Grand-Pré.

"Le Patrimoine Acadian est bien connu, solide, et ouvert," at least within the region, said Florence ("The Acadian heritage is well-known, established, and open"), relaying an anecdote about a small Acadian group of tourists from Louisiana who recently visited the region, only to be stopped on their exploration of the land by a local Acadian farmer, who welcomed them to his farm for a personal tour and visit.

Regarding the consolidation, as it stands today, Betty stressed the importance of networking, and managing the ease of same: while Grand-Pré is "not a paradise," she joked, it is a wonderful place to live, and there is "always the chance to collaborate with other communities." Phone calls often constitute the primary mode of communication between the town of Grand-Pré and its residents. Perhaps as a result of this relative insularity, and despite the knowledge most Nova Scotia residents have of the area, Betty and Florence mutually spoke of the "unknown history" of the region (as well as other Acadian towns in Nova Scotia, including Clare and Cheticamp) across Canada and its obviation by major national news sources such as Radio Canada.

Thus, our conversation pivoted to potential improvements to the region, with the intention of preserving and disseminating this rich history through historical archives and monuments. There exists "The List of Fort Edward" in the Nova Scotian archives (a list of prisoners held captive), for example, as well as a military fort outside of Windsor, but these two pioneering women hope for more.

Even visiting Acadians, for example, "come to see the names on the tombs" at the Ste. Famille cemetery, but are surprised and moved to hear more details about the history of deportation, a history one would think widely known, especially by Acadians themselves. This important education (which also entails Florence, Betty, and other Acadian community members visiting local schools) requires a bit of a perspective shift, Betty said: "For years, the military history was prioritized: now we are working on incorporating a human element into this military story."

Florence and Betty had two more important suggestions to make regarding the improvement of their community, and they both concerned making Grand-Pré more accessible, approachable, and informative for residents and visitors alike. The first suggestion was to make better road signs, as the current signs, exposed to the elements for years, are faded and hard to read (a), and (b), they are not clear or thorough enough to indicate the way to local destinations and landmarks.

And lastly, Betty, a member of the Acadian Odyssey Commission, proposed that the town of Windsor obtain a large stone monument, like the one along the Halifax waterfront (which includes a description of the city's founding charter, and links to other monuments in Nova Scotia) commemorating the 1,000 Acadians who were deported from Fort Edward by the British.

The only reasons, as they see it, that the Windsor monument hasn't yet been obtained is the cost: \$65,000. However, the women argued that through a fundraising campaign, the money could be at least partly obtained through donations and other fundraising efforts.

"Il faut prévenir les gens," they said ("It's necessary to let people know in advance"), a point also stressed by the African-Canadian community leaders in the subsequent interview: clarifying and implementing a means, timeliness, and consistency of communication, it seems, is this municipal consolidation's greatest challenge and potential strength.

In closing, these women's chief suggestions, concerns, and source of pride, was quite obviously historic cultivation and preservation. A larger network of community engagement, such as what is being proposed by the consolidation, would "help the Acadian community to be known outside of the province, or independent of the province," said Betty. Without this active network, it's easy, as she put it, to "lose the human connection." An enlarged "portrait" of Grand-Pré in the province and surrounding communities ("portrait" in French connotes a painting or photograph of a person) would help them form alliances and work closely with other historical societies such as the West Hants Historical Society, as well as universities and schools (e.g. Université Sainte-Anne). Overall, speaking on behalf of other Acadians, the ultimate dream of their community is to receive more federal funding, thus allowing the municipality itself, rather than the federal government, to govern and protect the unique history of their land and people.

"We have a rich Acadian cultural history here in Windsor-West Hants that is not known, or is only known by certain people, that would be of great value if it were able to be shared more with the general public."

5. Municipality of the District of West Hants: Erica, Dan, and Bill "The elephant in the living room is racism and discrimination"

Our second and last meeting was our largest and most grievous, with Erica Bland, Dan Johnson, and Bill in attendance from the municipality of the District of West Hants.

These attendees, with Erica as their spokesperson, were the most well-prepared of any other interview group, informing us at the beginning of their knowledge, and telling us that they had already prepared a list of questions for us, as well as a background summary description of their municipality and thorough list of concerns they wanted to address.

In sum, Erica and the others' concerns—all impassioned, informed, and well-articulated—related to their collective feeling of disenfranchisement, discrimination, and disrespect, largely stemming from the complete lack of diverse representation of people of color—to date, none—in their town's governing bodies and social services (e.g. law enforcement, fire department, council, public schools), despite the fact that black residents constitute 15-16% of the population.

"In the hospital, City Hall, police force, and elsewhere, there is no representation of black citizens—we are not invited to the table, nor invited to hold positions of power."

Erica began her presentation by defining the term "environmental racism," and describing the ways in which she believes the black residents in her community are plagued by it, in both overt and covert ways. According to Erica, environmental racism refers to any policy, practice, or directive that differentially affects or disadvantages individuals, groups, or communities based on race or color. Examples of environmental racism include racial discrimination in environmental policy making; the deliberate targeting of communities of color for toxic waste facilities; the official sanctioning of the life-threatening presence of poisons and pollutants in those communities; and the exclusion of people of color from leadership in environmental regulations and planning. Other environmental racism practices include redlining, zoning, and colorblind adaptation planning, which many citizens of color have difficulty preventing, historically, due to their low socioeconomic status, and lack of political representation and mobility.

Erica next addressed specifically how the Three Mile Plains area of their community, populated by people of color, has been targeted for acts of environmental racism, whether intended or unintended (the latter through neglect or a lack of municipal intervention), naming specifically the heavily-loaded sewage construction trucks that regularly drive down their streets, creating noise pollution (a pollution that worsens near the sewage pits). "As these trucks begin at 7am, you don't even need an alarm clock," she said, and apparently the noise is so loud that it makes sitting on one's porch during summer unpleasant if not impossible. Their streets, additionally, have no sidewalks or streetlights, an obvious safety hazard for any pedestrian traffic; this lack of a pedestrian walkway and lights often results in people (cars, buses, and trucks) driving onto people's lawns, and worse, when the area children are waiting for school bus, they have nowhere to stand except in the literal street or on a neighboring lawn.

Despite "repeated talks with community leaders," according to Erica, nothing has been done to address any of this road neglect except the occasional patchwork repair. "If this was any other community [than the black community], this wouldn't be allowed to happen," she stated.

Regarding recreational spaces, Erica explained that their community has one park, but it also is completely neglected by the city, and never maintained: examples of such neglect include their dilapidated basketball court, and swings without seats. Recently, instead, the local volunteer firefighters visited the park to help with needed upkeep and repairs. "More vocal people are needed," Erica said, in helping this issue reach the necessary officials and convincing them to take action. Explaining that there is "zero" communication between the municipality and Three Mile Plains, Erica stated: "We feel neglected by this municipality and the lack of communication from them." This feeling of neglect and avoidance is compounded by the absence of the municipal representative to Three Mile Plains, who doesn't show up for any community events, said Erica.

This breakdown in communication between the municipality and the black community is manifest in the municipality's failure to even attempt to inform the residents about any developments in their own community, said Erica. Council and community meetings are advertised only on Facebook, leaving no paper trail, and the community website is confusing and not user-friendly. No new information is ever uploaded online, in any case, and for those without the internet, no pamphlets or paper notices are ever sent via the mails, either, to alert them to such important information as new tax fees and water shutoffs. Perhaps most alarming, according to Erica, is that there is no disclosure of information prior to their municipal elections, and multiple bylaws about who can begin a new farm, continue maintaining a farm, the number of animals one is required to have on a farm, and more, were changed without warning or notice: it was only by researching the fine print in the bylaw documents online that one citizen was able to ascertain the information and pass it along so that others could avoid penalty or foreclosure.

Along with allegations of environmental racism and little to no communication from the municipality, Erica continued by saying that although the Nova Scotian black community has been here since the 1760's, Black History month (observed annually in February across the world) is nonexistent in their region. There is no proclamation; no mention in the newsletter; and no celebrations or events. Furthermore, there is no public recognition (no historical plaques or museum exhibits, etc.) in Windsor, the birthplace of hockey, or anywhere else of Willie O'Ree, the first black hockey player integrated into an all-white league, who was born in Fredericton, NB in 1935, nor of George Elliot Clark, a Canadian poet, playwright and literary critic born in Windsor in 1960, who served as the Poet Laureate of Toronto from 2012 to 2015 and as the 2016–2017 Canadian Parliamentary Poet Laureate. One of Canada's most illustrious poets, Clarke is known for chronicling the experience and history of the black Canadian communities of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, creating a cultural geography he coined "Africadia." Additional indignations against the history of the black Canadian communities in Nova Scotia is the disrespect of the black Canadians who served in the armed forces, all of whom were buried and remain in unmarked graves, and the lack of commemoration, also, of the black Canadians who worked in the shipping industry during the 1700s and 1800s, and were responsible for importing all domestic goods to Nova Scotia.

When asked by the interviewers what these three community leaders felt was in their power to do, at the present moment, to change these circumstances and incidences of historical erasure, they said they are trying to use their voices to address environmental racism, silencing, and racist neglect, and are attempting to pressure council to create a fund to "offset the burdens borne by the black population" (such as the broken ball joints on the cars of most of the black community members, caused by the rough and untended condition of the roads), particularly seeing as though the council members themselves access their roads: "If they're going to drive on our roads, they need to fix them," said Dan. Same goes, the leaders expressed, for the regularly broken water lines, as well as public utilities such as telephone and internet wires.

They also mentioned the West Hants Cultural Association, the Three Plains Hall, and their local church basement as meeting places where they can support each other, and form collective agreements and plans of action to address these unequal standards between the white and black communities, as well as other problems that adversely affect the black community, such as the low literacy rates among the elderly black citizens, who at present need not only literary services but an elected official to contact them, as well as the phenomena of black schoolchildren being pressured to take non-academic classes, and to not excel at the academic classes they do take which would prepare them for college.

Apparently, a focus group in the community that includes the presentation of black students was begun in 2019, an intervention Erica praised, but this is only the beginning of what is needed for community-wide equal representation and parity to be achieved.

Regarding legal recourse, sadly, said Erica, they cannot afford to hire a lawyer to file a lawsuit against the municipality for such crimes as charging the black residents a sewer tax, when none of them even have a sewer meter. Despite this, in addition to the various communication issues mentioned, specifically those that relate to the problem of widespread illiteracy, they do have the support and historical experience of the entire black community, including their parents and colleagues (Erica's father, for one, attended segregated schools) to deal with the consequences of racism.

For example, Erica (an RN and nurse manager at the hospital), asserted that the stress undergone by the black community as a result of this institutionalized neglect contributes to the statistically higher health problems endured by the black community, which include higher risk and incidence of stroke, diabetes, lung and heart disease, and breast and cervical cancers, among others. Prevention and treatment are badly needed, said Erica, to improve their quality of lives and overcome their social isolation (many of these residents are likely to stay home and self-isolate because of these health concerns), as are dietician consulting groups and illness prevention classes, offered currently in the city but not their community—to this end, she suggested implementing mobile health clinics, to visit the elderly in their homes.

Innovations are also needed with regard to transportation for growing population of the elderly and others: the Dollar Ride bus that services Three Mile Plains is a full three-kilometer walk up a hill, impossible for many, and many black residents don't drive, let alone have cars.

They also suggested the implementation of other seasonal recreational activities such as snowshoeing events and other community events, especially when the "pit" (the sewage treatment plant) isn't running (which is rare).

These three community leaders are fed up with what they described as the municipality's sugar-coating of these racist deficits and oversights with feel-good posters about gardening, music, community spirit and togetherness (one such poster was hanging in the room of our interview), other forms of colorblind rhetoric and offerings such as the Farmers' Market and the "Happy Community Committee," and racist tokenization, only for the gain of the municipality. Only "if they're going for a big grant, they'll contact us," said Erica, angered by the fact that her stepfather's farm is featured in area tourism literature, yet her stepfather himself is ignored and never contacted otherwise.

The black residents being spoken of today are largely an older population, Erica said in closing, and therefore represent a different style of community that would respond better to paper mail, door-to-door visits, and phone calls, than to website updates and the Facebook page. Their unique history and values are also different: their local church, for example, is one of the oldest black churches in all of Canada, and there remains a serious friction between the town values inherent to rural life (open spaces, agriculture, fishing) and the urbanization values they acknowledge are needed for economic progress. "This province values gentrification," Dan said, with even the provincial logo indicating gentrification and other "urban development crap," and while they seemed accepting, if begrudgingly, of this fact, they are determined to continue to combat the existing unequal social structures: "The elephant in the living room here is discrimination and racism." Therefore, they all urged the council to not both "promise change and follow up with action," so as to reverse and rewrite the traitorous, racist history of the land, wherein the residents of color—all descended from black loyalists—were "promised land and never got it."

YOUTH/STUDENTS

6. West Hants High School Interview: Diana, Laura, and Tom "It's hard to find a space where all kids can go to be accepted"

The final Consolidation interview took place at West Hants High School on February 4th; our interviewees were three West Hants students, all active in their school's activity clubs, and representing varying grade levels: Diana, Laura, and Tom.

When asked to speak about what the students felt were the most beneficial and noteworthy aspects of living in the area, Tom spoke first about the pride he feels in being part of the Nova Scotia coastal region, wherein so much of the local commerce and industry is structured around the ocean—he himself is an ecological activist, within and outside the school—and is home to both native Mi'kmaq and Acadian heritages. He also appreciates that in Windsor, there is an abundance of local food vendors, representing the agricultural richness of the area, and he cited new and established bike routes, reduced carbon emissions, and green initiatives, as progressive, eco-friendly measures the region has recently undertaken to reduce its toll on the environment.

Regarding public spaces and services that need improvement, Tom mentioned the downtown skate park is an issue: "That is where a lot of young people are exposed to bad behavior," he said, such as smoking, fighting, verbal aggression, and other misbehavior.

Laura and Diana both concurred about the dangers of the skate park, while conceding that it is, along with the Hants Aquatic Centre, one of the only public spaces where teens can gather (though the latter is only open for three months out of the year). Laura, a lifeguard at the Hants Aquatic Centre, said that while the pool attempts to provide a safe space for at-risk youth, its closure for the remaining nine months of the year makes this service difficult. "A lot of the kids, they just need to escape their house," said Laura. "We are an accepting community—we embrace all kids, and their differences." For example, she said, the transgendered youth that come to the pool are called by the name the individual prefers or has chosen—and the pool staff and community doesn't tolerate anyone who would treat that person otherwise.

On the subject of public spaces accessible to youth, Laura spoke of the long distances many West Hants students travel to get to school: the school services a 65km radius, and there is only at present one access route. Therefore, many students who do not have parents to pick them up in the evening and who take the after-school bus are prohibited from participating in after-school sports or other extra-curricular activities. Laura cited one recent French exchange student who wanted to participate in track and field, but was too embarrassed to ask her host parents to make the long drive to and from the high school in the evening, so did not participate.

"The main concentration of activities is in Windsor," said Laura. "And in our community, transportation is an issue."

Our conversation then moved to fresh- and salt-water ecology, particularly centering around Lake Pisiquid, formerly known as the Avon River, a potentially fertile body of water for fishing, but currently devoid of fish due to construction oversights with the connected causeway. In 1970, the construction of a flood-control causeway carrying Highway 101 and the Dominion Atlantic Railway across the Avon River closed Windsor off from shipping and has affected navigation in the Avon River downstream from the causeway due to excessive siltation.

Highway 101 is scheduled to be upgraded to a 4-lane expressway in the future, and there have been discussions about replacing the causeway with railroad and highway bridges to improve water flow. Lake Pisiquid, once home to salt marshes and plentiful tomcod catches, is located on the upstream side of the causeway, and is currently obstructed from freely flowing into the Bay of Fundy, due to an implemented sieve. "The causeway wasn't built properly," said Laura. In addition, the lake is drained yearly and residents are told "it helps with breeding," when really, according to the students, the annual drainage process is done to keep the water an attractive color for tourists, as salt marches are usually a brownish color. "When people go down to the waterfront, they want to see something beautiful," said Diana, explaining the reason.

"The Bay of Fundy is brown, but blowing up with life," Laura added: all the students agreed that the ecological health and viability of the water is more important than its pleasing color.

Salt marshes are a great absorber of carbon, said Tom, and the current plan to double the highway (from a 2 to 4 lane expressway) would eliminate the marshes. Tom instead proposed opening the causeway, to let the tomcod through, and to restock and clean the water.

"Hopefully more voices are being heard that are beneficial to the group mindset," he said.

Dependent, to a degree, on the municipality of Windsor for their social programming and events, the students then spoke of the interconnection and dependence between West Hants and Windsor, both small communities, yet stronger together. For example, Diana referenced how much she looks forward to "Family Days" at the annual Windsor Winter Carnival, a time when she sees people in both the Windsor and West Hants communities she hasn't seen for a long time, and makes new friendships, in a public space where no one argues or complains—where a good time is had by all. Windsor will also soon be home to a new hockey rink, said Tom. As "hockey is big in the Windsor community," the new rink will be a more modern facility, he said, and better heated than the prohibitively cold older rink, a large reason behind the new rink's construction. In addition to the Winter Carnival and the new hockey rink, Laura cited other events Windsor hosts, such as Avon River Days, during the summer, and the West Hants-Windsor Pumpkin Festival, held annually in October, famous for its "Pumpkin Regatta" (wherein local contestants sail down Lake Pisiquid in giant flotational pumpkins).

These kinds of gatherings, said Diana, are essential in helping young residents feel connected and not alienated by their rural surroundings. "I have black, trans, and gay friends," she said. "These events and places help my mental state and those of others . . . If we had a group or a community that was more accepting [of difference], that would be better for our mental health."

Diana, a mixed-race student who spoke openly about her white grandfather's slow journey from racism to acceptance and embracing of his mixed-race grandchildren, went on to say that Hants County (containing both the West Hants and Windsor municipalities) is sometimes a "small-minded, older generation." "They don't have the open-minded concept," she said, especially regarding the technology and media explosion of her generation. "It's hard, given these differences, to be accepted by adults . . . it's hard to find a space where all kids can go to be accepted. If we had an available space with open-minded adults present, that would be helpful for everyone. Let's be honest: a lot of kids suffer from anxiety, depression, eating disorders, and other issues. Respect and understanding are needed, for and by all."

Laura agreed. "I feel like we need more spaces like the pool and the skate park, that are not just open to teens but monitored or supervised by adults." The skate park is free, and the pool charges a minimal cost for admission, she added (the pool also has a "jump start" program to help low-income families afford a seasonal pass and swimming lessons), but both West Hants and Windsor also need, in her opinion, a low-cost or free facility specifically dedicated youth activities and programming, to, as Tom put it, "engage with youth better in the future."

All three students agreed that it's important to bridge the association between having fun, as youths, and participating in their community: such things, they said, should not be opposed.

"When you work with people from an older generation, you realize it can be hard for them to connect with young people," said Tom. "They build a mindset, and that's hard to change. But if you have a group of students or young people working in the community, that helps that group [and their specific concerns] become recognizable . . . then, when the next generation comes, they will have benefitted from those agents of change."

B. STAFF INTERNAL WORKSHOP

Staff were engaged on the following topics and questions, and a summary of the workshop will be provided in the subsequent report.

Challenges

1. In your experience working with either municipality, what are some of the problems that you have seen with the system of operation or related to the work that you do?
2. As the new municipality comes into office, what are the issues that need to be addressed immediately?
3. What are some existing problems that you would like to see addressed through the engagement process?
4. Who might show resistance?
 - What could be their concerns?
 - How can we best address those concerns?

Solutions

1. Looking at some of these themes and challenges, how can they be resolved or mitigated?
 - Who is involved?
 - Who is affected?
 - Why is it important?

Community Engagement

1. How do you engage the residents today?
 - The methods, places, people, and projects through which you engage the public
2. What are some of the methods/processes you have deployed before that have been successful?
3. What are the gaps in the engagement processes today? – give them 2 minutes to think about that
 - Who are the people that you feel are often excluded?
4. What are some ideas you have to close the gaps?
5. Who are the people who have been helpful in your previous engagements?
6. Whom should the new municipality make sure to include in their engagement?

Future Aspirations

1. Let's step outside of your roles working for the municipalities. We now want to ask you some questions as residents of the new municipality: what are your hopes and dreams?

INTERNAL ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Overview

The morning workshop with several members of the WWH staff gave our team the opportunity to capture some of the existing knowledge and expertise of the people who have been a part of the two municipalities in the two regions for many years. In this workshop, we worked through some internal and external challenges staff has faced through the Consolidation process. We also discussed opportunities ahead.

Findings

Overall view of the consolidation

First and foremost, all workshop attendees showed support for the consolidation process. They discussed some of their frustrations with communication from both sides as the town and the region initially came together; however, they support the main goal of the Consolidation that is using finite resources to provide a better quality of service to residents. They mentioned that the influx of resources to help people would allow the infighting between two previously separate regions to stop and allow the community to work more effectively together.

While they recognized the public perception of infighting between the two municipalities, staff has worked together on collaborative projects for many years, including the water tower project. Staff from both municipalities agreed that there could be more proactive planning to ensure that future projects under the new united municipality are better executed. All staff agreed on the importance of clear and sustained communication with members of the public on all fronts.

"This is going to be a learning year. I hope that we can communicate to the public the fact that we are learning together as a big part of this. We want people to be patient."

CHALLENGES

The following themes emerged from the first part of the workshop:

- **Town/Regional Divide:** see community leaders as ambassadors
- **Work / Life balance:** option to work from home, clarity regarding overtime, hours, resources, and personnel
- **External culture:** reconsider policies and autonomy
- **Internal culture:** regular meetings, provide more autonomy
- **Staff needs:** communication from management, accountability measures, better HR practices
- **Utilities/services:** proactive, long-term planning instead of reactive
- **Transportation:** invest in alternative public transportation, consider Uber

SOLUTIONS

- **Working Together:** staff has been working on regional plans for several years. Now with the consolidation, departments are growing and adopting new facilities and responsibilities. They asserted that they have to approach these changes holistically to ensure collaboration.
- **Providing more information:** the community has concerns about debt, and related worries about finances. Given such public misconceptions about the consolidation process, clearer language is needed. Financial security is an important issue to the region's many seniors. Many residents still lack information about the consolidation process, and those that are informed want to know "what's in it for them." Some are also wondering how their taxes will work now.
- **Taking Pride in the region:** staff has heard positives comments about the process too. There is pride in the rural communities, and people value this region. In Windsor, there is a lack of pride in their own town amongst the younger people, but there are so many people moving into town who are bringing the growth the region is hoping for.

Dominating Topic: Internal and External Communication

In the face of significant stress amongst the staff, managing an uncertain future, they note that communication has not been adequate. Many staff and residents opened their hearts over the previous 4-6 months to the HR consultant who was hired, then she suddenly left. The lack of communication has caused anxiety.

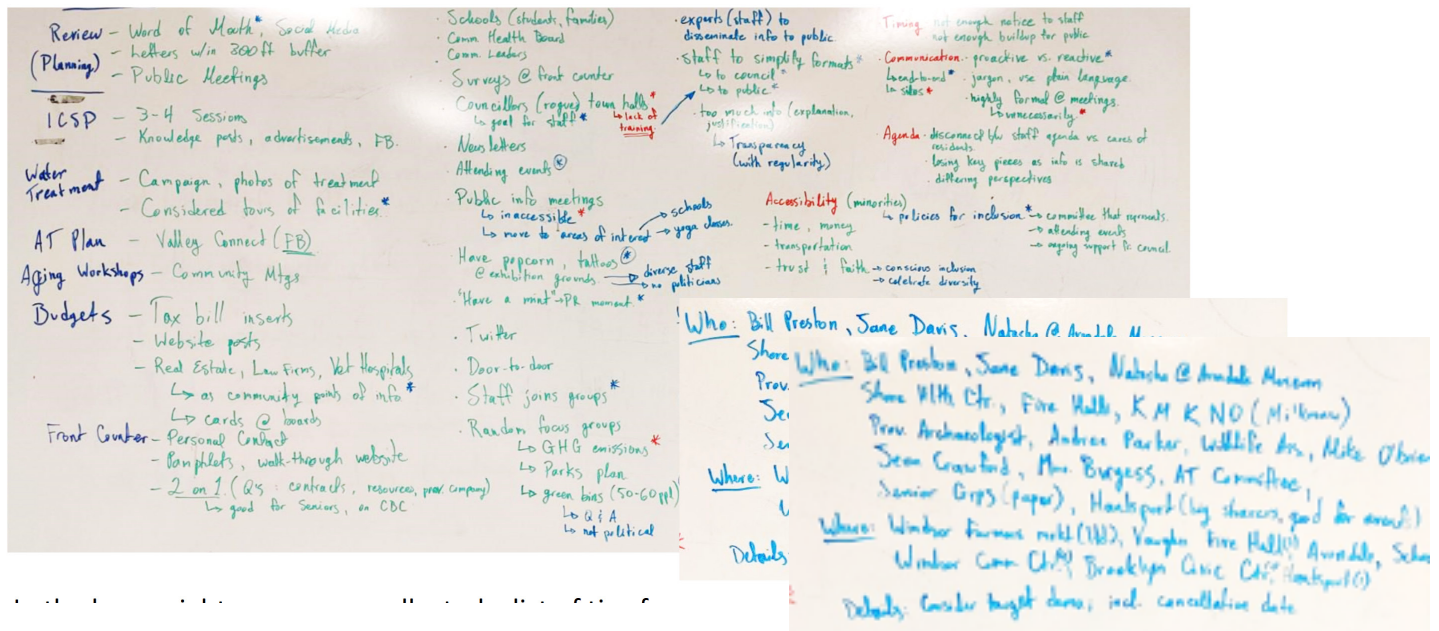
To mitigate this, they were provided key areas for improvement. Chrystal Remme, as the community relations specialist, will be the staff lead on communications moving forward.

1. **Organization design:** designing an internal system that is more reflective of the needs and goals of the organization. Policies and processes should enable and encourage productivity, and refrain from lowering all involved to the lowest common denominator.
2. **Access to information:** all staff, from front desk to the CAO's office, should have access to up-to-date information and material to ensure consistent communication internally and externally
3. **Training and orientation for councillors:** the current orientation materials are not sufficient. Collaboration between staff and the CAO is needed to put together an updated, relevant, and accessible manual for all new councillors.
4. **Collaboration:** elected officials and staff from various departments should maintain consistent communication– both amongst each other and to the public.
5. **Engagement:** The larger community must be engaged in all important decisions on an ongoing basis. Also, various methods of engagement must be deployed to be able to reach a wide variety of community members.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Staff are genuinely interested in engaging the public in a more meaningful way as they believe in the value such engagement can add to their decision-making process. For that to happen, they said: 'don't make the engagement process political.' There is currently a lack of trust between the public and the politicians. In the past, there have been cases of politicians making promises without coordinating with staff on the feasibility and availability of resources. Staff believes that the discussions will result in more constructive conversation with the public if politics are not brought into it.

The below figure demonstrates the results of a thorough discussion around current engagement strategies. In green, the general strategies and knowledge; in red, problem areas or things to improve; in blue, successful strategies or key priorities moving forward.



In the lower right corner, we collected a list of tips for our own engagement workshops, including key leaders to involve, where to hold them and details to mention to the public.

Some key ideas for improved engagement with the community are:

- Visuals both at events and when spreading the word
- Sharing information on Facebook and the website
- Rather than just hosting townhalls, engaging the public in times and places that is convenient for them, such as farmers market, hockey games, etc.
- Asking what activities the public would like to engage in
- One on one, personal service and relationship-building
 - Go to the spaces the community already gathers (schools, community health board, community events)
 - Surveys at the front desk counter
 - Rejoin community groups as both staff and community members

Some ongoing priorities and areas for improvement were:

- **Timing** of engagements
- **Communication** with target demographics
- **Accessibility** of information and spaces (i.e. – no jargon, wheelchair ramps)
- **Transparency** between those answering questions and those asking
- **Inclusion** to build trust and faith in the administration – both elected officials and staff

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

To conclude, we asked what could be promoted about this region, what did staff as residents valued and took pride in. The list was no small account of an incredible place with an amazing story:

- arts and culture;
- rich history;
- natural beauty;
- open, kind, and friendly people;
- a shift to attracting new families;
- and a place to grow up in or return to;
- birthplace of hockey;
- largest pumpkins;
- fun quirky facts and festivals;
- the waterfront in Windsor;
- the tides on Bay of Fundy.

Staff was also optimistic that a united region will be able to thrive, each community with their own sense of place but as a singular unit.

C. ELECTED OFFICIALS INTERVIEWS & CAO

We conducted one-on-one interviews with the following elected officials and the CAO:

- Warden Zebian
- Mayor Anna Allen
- Mr. Mark Phillips

The questions asked during the interviews were as follows, and the interview summaries will be provided in the subsequent report.

Interview Questionnaire:

What is your role and what are some of your daily activities?

1. How does your role relate to –or is affected by– the consolidation process?
2. What are your wishes for the engagement process?
 - For the staff and residents.
 - What message would you like conveyed throughout the communities?
3. What are some of the current problems that you would like addressed through the engagement process?
4. What is your vision for after the engagement (future-state: vs. current-state)?
 - What would be a successful outcome for this project?
5. Who are the key people we can collaborate with us for us to have a successful outcome?
 - What are their roles, their level of engagement and potential concerns?
6. Who might show resistance?
 - What could be their concerns?
 - How can we best address those concerns?
7. How can we best engage all the staff towards a successful public consultation?
8. What are some potential challenges we might face in the process?
 - With staff or residents.
 - What are the best ways to circumvent these challenges?

WARDEN ZEBIAN - "SOMETIMES, YOU NEED THE OLD MENTALITY FOR CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY."

The Warden listed his day-to-day duties as both the warden and councillor for District 9. He is responsible for answering questions, sharing information, dealing with conflict, and giving the final signature on everything.

He said his job is to know his staff intimately, and to build a stronger appreciation between them. Historically, he said, the crucial role of the warden has been to give staff a space to express their concerns and feel heard, and he acknowledged that this role now involves a greater awareness of how the staff has been thrown into a vortex of uncertainty. The transition committee has been fortunate to have benefited from the professionalism and confidence of the staff, despite initial concerns raised. Over time, however, he continued, there has been attitudinal changes and significant buy-in from them.

Speaking about the consolidation, the warden cited hopes for the elimination of differences, easier planning methods, and more cohesive decision-making. He thinks that right now there is lower resident buy-in than what is needed but believes that this could be changed by bringing to light the pre-existing collaboration between Windsor and West Hants. The political side of the administration has failed with engagement and relations to community groups, he added, but the leadership knows this needs to change. For example, many of the local communities, including African Nova Scotians, Lebanese, Chinese, and others do exist with their own sets of needs and desires. However, they were not being engaged as part of the consolidation process. The warden would like the stance of the municipality to change from being purely reactive to being proactive. The new municipality must take a more active role in engaging everyone. Some ways he suggested making this shift include supporting immigration, intentional inclusion of identified communities, and public education.

Referring back to the staff, he said he realizes that the council can be in-cohesive when trying to communicate. They tend to flip-flop, overwhelm staff, and make them feel underappreciated. There should be a meeting, or several, between staff and councillors to share the scope of their work and to clarify everything that goes into meeting requests from council. This would be a good first step toward better training for councillors as well.

Focused training on policies, communications, relationships, and more, with a clearer structure could be a tremendous help. While there is the potential for issues to arise when dealing with inexperienced of the new councillors, having conversations facilitated by the CAO, the community development officer, and/or the communications office would be helpful. He mentioned the new Community Relations Officer the "glue that makes things work," performing a well-respected and very appreciated role.

Taking things further, the Warden sees a fresh start, and re-prioritizing values going forward could lead to a beautiful, inclusive, happy community. The only way to grow, he said, is to be more welcoming, and to market this region as inclusive. When asked how this representation should happen, whether intentional or naturally driven, he believes in a more organic growth. When it comes to municipal hiring practices, the most qualified person should be hired. There should also be more intention in hiring practices, to attract employees who might need greater assistance in becoming comfortable in the role.

Warden Zebian also said they need to better care for the region's aging population, to increase accessibility for those with no way to downsize their homes. It's under appreciation for seniors to be selling their properties to downsize but then be left without options to stay within the community due to lack of housing.

This will make them feel ostracized after contributing to their community for so long. To honour these older residents and make them feel more valued, the warden proposed looking at alternative transportation systems that would move people through town; an extended trail network for cyclists and hikers; increased pedestrian infrastructure, and more open, safe main streets in each community.

However, changes like these can't be done alone.

Regarding engaging with new and established stakeholders, the warden proposed local youth as a good source of information. Council can easily dismiss the youth as they often don't get involved in politics. And council and staff have the tendency of consulting with the same list every time they need to engage and leaving other groups such as youth out. But the warden called this pattern more a consequence of "divisiveness" -- not only between the Windsor and West Hants populations, but even among specific families. The warden said firmly that when only a handful of certain names or groups are regularly allowed input into process, everyone suffers. He identified as an area that this needs to change.

Counting the success, he mentioned engaging all the residents in Hantsport is simple, because the whole community is cognisant of one another. Similarly, in Brooklyn and the shore, people come together when they need to; decisions are based on everyone's needs and these are thus supportive communities. "Sometimes," he said, "you need the old farmer mentality for close-knit community."

As the consolidation moves ahead, the warden believes the rural staff will happily follow, though the town staff may be more resistant. The agricultural society needs to be brought in – a statement later echoed by the mayor and the CAO. The farmers, business district and council meetings with the community are all common in the county area, but the town needs to become more inclusive. High schools also need to be engaged on every level, not only to foster stewardship, but to ask them what they want to see change in this community. Seniors, as well, should be more inclusively brought on board. No one is going out to Manning, Elms, Dykeland, to date, but they should be asked for their "wisdom and experience and opinion," he said.

The Warden is hopeful the current engagement process will reinforce the needs that are being communicated by the residents, such as improved communications, inclusion policies and practices, and broader internet coverage. Especially important, he said, is the creation of a youth council to "get them involved and identified as key players." Finally, this current process needs to include pointed recommendations for council, confirming the need for strategic improvements like internet communication, but also outlining the importance of listening to community callouts, to improve accountability and begin to strengthen a strong and continuous public engagement and consultation. Citing the previous reticence from council, the warden added matter-of-factly: "It's more work, but it's your role."

Overall, communication is the key in moving forward and improving the quality of life for all. Constant communication with the entire community should include engaging with residents every month, thus opening conversations, and making these intended aspirations a reality.

While council meetings are currently livestreamed, which increases visibility, going out into the communities to visit residents individually and in groups is still a necessity. Participatory budgeting would also be a great development, he said, urging the consideration of discretionary portions for the councillors to use for groups they are representing and to get people involved. This process would also help improve the council's current engagement with local businesses, currently only maintained by individual connections. For example, Avon Chamber of Commerce needs to be engaged further, the Rotary club is localized to the town core, and the shore area has only isolated businesses, he said: thus, there is also a need for a business committee, and a rejuvenation of the chamber of commerce.

The interview concluded with some questions:

- How exactly are these leaders to build relationships with council and staff?
- How can council maintain a more open attitude?
- How can accountability be improved, maintained, and made transparent?

A successful resolution to these questions is crucial to achieve the inclusive, diverse, happy community the warden envisions.

MAYOR ANNA ALLEN – “THIS IS A REGION DRIPPING WITH HISTORY.”

Opening with a question for the interviewers, “did you know we have the first public library in Canada?”, Mayor Allen shows her great pride for her region. The Mayor has 22 years of experience in office and is not running again, though she hopes her two main priorities are carried on by her successor: affordable housing, and women in local government.

She acknowledges an issue in this region: that of division over race. Going into some depth on the incident that occurred during Halloween in October 2019, she described the subsequent community meetings, town halls, staff training and RCMP trainings conducted to try to not only raise awareness of the issue, but to include as many voices as possible along the road to reparations. Even months past the initial incident, there is an ongoing effort to offer inclusion and diversity training to all staff and councillors, including the health board, now as well.

Her principal views on the consolidation, are that the time is now. She and other officials have been “planting seeds for a long time,” she said, gradually including meetings between both the Town of Windsor and the Municipality of West Hants, and intentionally pushing projects that foster collaboration. She stressed that the motives for council members in attendance should be honest, with genuine concern for and understanding of those they represent. Some ongoing issues she hopes to see improved are the low-income status of many residents, and the housing deficit. There is an issue with seniors being either stranded in rural areas, or unable to maintain larger estates that they don’t need, with people of all ages looking to rent instead of own and having no options. The isolation and expenses tied to these issues also translate into problems with food security and domestic violence. The consolidation also opens a space to demand better regulations for landlords, and fixing house maintenance delinquency—a key priority, given that the minister for housing lives in Windsor.

Another desired change stated by Mayor Allen, given the shared resources of a consolidated region is affordable transportation. Hantsport is currently the end of the line for any public transportation, excluding a tremendous amount of the rural population. If people have solid transport and housing, she says, everything else would come along.

Transitioning into a discussion around public engagement, the Mayor had many suggestions. The consultation team can reach out to differently-abled persons through Windsor People First, a home off Chester Road that hires differently-abled persons, encourages voting, and works toward a redistribution of goods and services to meet community needs and foster growth and understanding. To further involve those who may be misunderstood, she says that teachers in elementary and high schools would be able to connect to the LGBTQ+ community and the youth.

The right approach to engagement should have no resistance. It would be easy, in a place so rich with culture, to celebrate it, create space for it, and expose the larger community to better see all of its members. Not only should there be better education about diversity, she said, there should also be subtle structural changes for inclusion practices and policies as well. The private school is currently very diverse, and high schools tend to have many exchange students, so despite kids not always being very kind, they are no stranger to diversity. Taking the time to foster inclusion and understanding in the school system would easily translate into outward ripples of increased community engagement.

This consolidation should also allow for more proactive planning, as opposed to reactive – a sentiment echoed almost unanimously so far. consolidation leads to shared resources, and hopefully more efficient use of their use, as well as the ability to optimize the work of those in governance, to be prepared when issues arise, and to create more openness and resilience as an administration, region and community. As long as there is an intention to raise the standard, it is possible to improve services. The council and staff could work through fire, health, and police, teaching them how to be inclusive and considerate, and implement standardized training and sensitivity guidelines.

How to actualize this plan once the new councillors are elected, the current Mayor states, would entail the CAO taking the lead, and working with the new Mayor to be a champion of the recommendations that come from this consultation process. There is a need for clear council orientation to create unity and encourage sensitivity, and to make that the standard. To simplify this for both the council and the public, according to Mayor Allen, this must be done as the new council comes in, to take advantage of the opportunity for a paradigm shift while minds are still open: “It’s important to get it right from the outset,” she said.

New council takes office on April 1st, and elections are on March 7th. Thus, Mayor Allen encouraged speaking with the new Mayor and the CAO together right after elections have taken place. As they begin orientation, the CAO will lay out the order of business and understanding of processes: the perfect time to clearly articulate expectations and establish what is important moving forward. Getting the new members out of the council chambers environment might also assist with creating a positive team feeling, making proceedings more friendly than formal, she stated. The CAO, while setting the tone, could also rely on experts, bringing in other municipal associations to assist with initiation.

“It would be nice,” Mayor Allen said, “to have a new way of doing things.”

To begin, develop a plan that will first meet community needs – don’t throw out the past, but do prioritize what must be done. Communicate with simple, succinct, clear messages; the council will have a lot to absorb, so making it digestible is key. This is also crucial for communicating with the public. There is a need to create unity between the two regions without compromising their identity, as concern has surfaced from the rural side about losing everything they’ve built.

When engaging with the public, go to their spaces, bring food, and make community meetings and engagements accessible. Also, take the time to communicate more with townspeople as they are less engaged than rural residents. Reach out to the downtown business society, she said, consider Brooklyn as a central location, and remember that Hantsport is very participatory.

Reiterating something from her official council farewell, Allen concluded by saying: “Don’t let fear stop you from moving forward.” Remember the hurdles overcome, she stressed, and don’t let the future hurdles hold you back. It’s important to acknowledge issues, but also to acknowledge successes. That is what will move everyone forward.

CAO MARK PHILLIPS – “LET’S CELEBRATE RICHNESS, CELEBRATE DIVERSITY.”

When asked to describe his role, CAO Mark Phillips describes himself as a facilitator, supporter, and lead. His job, he says, is to make sure staff expertise is matched with resources, departments, and community, connecting with needs. Some of those needs he identifies are economic development – creating an open space for businesses to thrive and the creation of spaces for people to feel connected and proud within their community. He grew up in the region and hopes to put his familiarity with the place and people to good use and be the leader through this change.

His hopes for this consolidation process are to work through several compartmentalized levels of change. “Why would you do this job?” he asks. There can be negativity in the culture here, and ongoing rivalry and community segregation. The historic division has been observed between rural and urban areas of the region, but people are expressing that they are tired of it, says Phillips. They are ready for a change and fresh start as the CAO, he hopes to recognize and understand the division but bring more of a holistic cultural connectivity into the community.

Part of the mandate for the consolidation that he is bringing forward is: communication, connectivity, and consistency. In a formal and informal context, he hopes to establish connections with leaders, manage community expectations and be consistent with meeting with them. Some communities of particular diverse characteristics are Three Mile Plains, Falmouth and our coastal shoreline areas from Summerville to Walton. Creating positions like that of a community relations coordinator is a part of being present and ensuring we stay connected. An example of further support from the Municipality is through the support of events and music festivals, which are growing but are still somewhat isolated within the communities that host them. A simple way to build community would be to support and connect people to these various events.

Speaking further about the two sides of the region, Windsor and Hantsport, as urban areas, have traditionally received higher service delivery and supports as compared to the more rural areas and this is reflected in different tax rates and area rates. The staff and Council role in this, says Phillips, is to support the various communities within the region and to explore uniform municipal service delivery where it is desired and where it is not. The region also has other government jurisdictions responsible for services and they also have a responsibility to help people understand who’s responsible for what.

On that note, the Municipality gets to diversify the staff, which according to Phillips is a priority. A good example of diversity in the workplace is the Apple Store environment where there is a visibly diverse service team. He speaks about the importance of self-identification, affirmative action, which is important not only in hiring but in creating spaces. It is hoped that over time we can create a similarly diverse workforce that is as easily identifiable and celebrated for its diversity.

The sports complex that was just built is primarily seen as a place for hockey and soccer, but there are ways to diversify its use beyond just traditional sports. People should feel welcome in our spaces, he says, through design, people, and policy, considering many different ways to proactively open the doors to other groups of people that may not be at the facility for athletic purposes. It is our goal to address the challenges of a residents who enters the facility and cannot self-identify within the space. There should be not only athletic components but historic, social, technological and spatial components that offer something to everyone. When people do not self-identify or lack the confidence to use the facility they may not come back.

In five years, they hope to significantly improve community connectivity. The new municipality aspires to move past the historic division by improving community signage, working on beautification initiatives that encompass the entire region, more awareness of our world-class assets like Martock, 100kms of shoreline, lakes, community history, improved service delivery efficiencies and a government that serves the entire community beyond the district that they serve. The goal is for sincere, positive impressions of both government and culture within the region. People say now, "good luck getting people to work together," but Phillips refutes that notion, saying: "There is so much to celebrate and people are ready to do this."

At the present, some ongoing issues are transportation, housing, and healthcare. An issue is how to address the remoteness of some residents and their connectivity to services like healthcare and recreation, as housing and transportation are clearly connected. Some residents are economically limited; living in older houses in rural areas and to move to denser areas to alleviate the transportation challenges is not feasible and perhaps not desirable. Additionally, the availability of diverse housing for all populations, but particularly affordable housing, is a challenge in our urban areas. We need to work on this.

A generic "lack of confidence and trust" with government at all levels, and the services they deliver, exists within the region. He hopes all residents, including people from segregated and historically disenfranchised communities will have an open mind and give the staff and new council a chance to respond to the changes underfoot. that is be demanded. Lack of trust is the real problem. The staff need to be in the communities, not just their offices when possible. People can sense insincerity and disconnectivity, Phillips affirms, and he wants to impress upon elected officials and staff the need to be present, connected, to listen and to respond.

He recognizes the traditional differences within geographic areas of the region and the historic identities that exist here. Often generations of families reside within the areas they live, highlighting a rich history worth celebrating as well as an increased sensitivity to the historic divisions or rivalries between communities. This wealth of history and intergenerational awareness can be marshalled for the good, aiding in ongoing efforts to improve life for future generations.

NEXT STEPS

Moving forward, will conduct several community workshops to create a more open space and to foster more in-depth discussions with the general public. These workshops will be dual in purpose. We aim to 1) ensure the residents are aware of the consolidation and has access to further information about it; and 2) allow the public to provide guidance to the future administration for the engagement strategy. There will likely be five or six workshops, to be considerate of those groups who may have different needs. As a preliminary outline for these workshops we have selected:

1. First Nation Workshop: Glooscap Community Centre
2. African Nova Scotian Workshop: Three Mile Plains
3. Rural & Town Community Workshop: Hantsport
4. Urban Community Workshop: Windsor
5. Greater Rural Workshop: Brooklyn or Ellershouse
6. Shore and Rural Workshop: Avondale

The specific dates and times will be arranged based on convenience for those groups and availability of community spaces. We will be bringing in additional team or staff members to meet the facilitation needs for each. There will also be a media engagement and social outreach strategy for each workshop to make sure the targeted populations are aware of them in advance and ensure maximum attendance, considering intergenerational needs and different modes of communication. We are aiming for 30-50 people from the community in attendance for each session.

Finally, we will issue a final report and recommendations to council. This will be completed and communicated to the new council in May or June 2020.

PHASE 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

Some initial recommendations based on our findings thus far set the expectations for what the council will be receiving from us post-engagement.

Based on our findings so far, there are several initial recommendations for council to incorporate as considerations moving forward through this process. Several specific ideas came up repeatedly from diverse sources, while other recommendations are consistent themes throughout the consultation and engagement to date.

Some crucial infrastructural changes or improvements for a successful region that have been raised are:

1. **Improved public transit** to connect residents to communities and regional services
2. **Strengthened advocacy for physical and mental health services** that encompasses the needs of an aging rural population and other marginalized community members
3. **Targeted education and awareness programs** to draw attention to the region's rich social and cultural history, particularly to address issues of systemic racism
4. **Greater diversity representation and inclusion** in all areas of administration, governance, and decision-making processes
5. **Improvements to community infrastructure such as trails and roads**, including a safer and more expansive trail system, and extended waterfront connections
6. **Affordable housing** for all generations living in the region, including seniors looking to downsize, expanding young families, and young professionals
7. **Creating belonging through community led projects** such as youth centres and rec centres that support the needs and desires of a dynamic, changing population
8. **Ongoing and consistent engagement and relationship building** between politicians, staff, and the public

There are also some guiding themes to revisit throughout every step of the development and restructuring in this consolidation. If properly accounted for and worked towards, each of these values would greatly increase the level of service provided by staff and elected officials alike. The key values for community-building and strengthening are:

- **Communication;**
- **Engagement;**
- **Transparency;**
- **Accessibility;**
- **Collaboration; and**
- **Continuity.**

Many of these values are already clearly prominent in previous communications about the consolidation that have emerged from the council, transition committee, and staff's efforts. Our team will provide a full communication and engagement strategy as well as the sum of our findings to said parties upon completion of our community consultation.

PHASE 2

GENERATING SOLUTIONS

PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

After completion of the interim report on March 16, 2020, we started preparation for in-person consultation sessions as was anticipated in the interim report. However, due to COVID-19 lockdowns, the engagements were suspended until late in the summer. Then in September, in coordination with and assisted by the municipality, we planned a second round of in-person engagement sessions. However, the planned in-person sessions in late November and early December 2020 again had to be canceled due to the second COVID-19 lockdowns in Nova Scotia.

As a result of these delays and the uncertain nature of holding engagements during a pandemic, we decided to move consultation online. The website whrmtogether.com was created. The website provided information related to the previous round of engagements, a downloadable link to the interim report and presentation, and information about the future engagement.

We recognize and acknowledge that the decision of taking the engagement online resulted in limited outreach to many community members, particularly those without access to internet in rural Nova Scotia. To help mitigate this situation, we designed a comprehensive survey around the main objectives of the engagement. The survey was sent out to just under 12,000 households throughout the municipality, to be filled out and sent back by mail, by calling a municipal staff member, or online. We received 135 responses to the survey: a summary and the full responses are provided in this report.

Subsequently, we hosted four Zoom consultation sessions that were advertised through mail notices, Facebook groups, word of mouth, and by contacting community leaders. We also attempted to host two in-person engagement sessions in January 2021; however, the sessions had to be moved online as well, as public health guidelines prohibited businesses and organizations to host in-person meetings during that time.

While these limitations were unavoidable, we feel that the responses provided to the survey and through the online engagement sessions provide a small but truthful representation of the opinions and aspirations of the communities we intended to reach. As we mentioned in all our online sessions, we hope that this project is only a jumpstart to many further and more in-depth conversations with the communities across the region, initiated by the West Hants Regional Municipality. Throughout this engagement, we have heard public officials as well as the municipal staff communicate their ongoing desire to engage the community more deeply and to build trust across all communities. Thus, despite the shortcomings of this engagement due to COVID-19 restrictions, we hope this report serves as a future framework for engagement with all regional residents, with the goal of creating comprehensive plans and tangible solutions to challenges ahead.

SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

What do you love about your community?

- Rural lifestyle: quiet, natural setting, small, sense of privacy, country living, feeling of safety
- The people and friendly neighbours, and the strong community spirit
- Natural beauty, the tidal river system, the mud, waterfronts and trails
- History and diversity of cultures
- Future potential

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

- Lack of public transportation, difficulty of getting around
- Lack of access to services, food deserts, car-dependency
- Pedestrian safety in the communities (lack of sidewalks and safe trail system)
- Lack of reliable internet access and poor cell service
- Lack of amenities and community gathering spaces
- Lack of programming for youth and seniors
- High taxes
- Buildings in state of disrepair
- Poor public engagement
- Racism
- Affordable housing

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

- Potential for community growth,
- Small business growth
- Recreational opportunities
- New people, new ideas, new initiatives
- Becoming a healthy and active community
- Youth moving to the region, growing up and making the community theirs
- New recreation, sports and community centres
- Possibility of more youth and senior services
- Possibility for green and sustainable initiatives

Survey open: December 7, 2020
and January 24, 2021

Total number of respondents: 138
Demographics

Community: number of survey respondents by community

Three Miles Plains: 8 people

Windsor: 29 people

Garlands Crossing: 8 people

Falmouth: 24

Hantsport: 13

Brooklyn: 7

Ardoise: 3

Avondale: 9

Bramber: 1

Burlington: 3

Cheverie: 3

Curry's Corner: 4

Ellershouse: 1

Greenhill: 1

Lakeland: 1

Mantua: 2

Martock: 1

Mount Denson: 1

Newport: 3

Summerville: 3

Scotch Village: 2

Poplar Grove: 1

St. Croix: 1

Vaughan: 1

Wentworth: 2

Gender:

Female: 90

Male: 40

Non-Binary: 1

Other: 4

Age:

20-30: 8

30-40: 23

40-50: 26

50-60: 32

60-70: 22

70-80: 14

80-90: 4

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

- Better outreach and engagement
- Job creation and wage equality
- Better transportation services
- Investing in sidewalks and trails
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- More housing opportunities for young families and seniors
- Transparent governance
- Balancing urban and rural investments
- Working together as a regional municipality instead of working to advance one community agenda over another

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

- Active transportation corridor, connecting multiple communities safely, such as rails to trails
- Transportation services such as ridesharing, shuttle service, public transportation
- Outdoor/indoor rinks and community sports facilities and infrastructure
- Storytelling projects and initiatives to highlight rich history of the region, including Black Nova Scotian, Acadian, and Glooscap communities and cultures
- Initiatives to address racism such as recognizing and celebrating Black History Month
- Investment in beautification of public open spaces and parks
- Empowering communities to undertake smaller-scale projects by themselves
- Better community programming and involving the community's youth

As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

- When answering this question, a vast majority of respondents said that they either have never been consulted, or engagements have been insufficient, or that they feel their input did not result in any meaningful change
- Others indicated councilor's pop-ups in the community, visits by staff and politicians, Mayor's newsletter, townhall meetings, and Facebook posts as ways they have been previously engaged

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

- Open, direct, transparent and honest communication
- Events and activities (some already existent in various communities)
- Regular newsletters and social media posts
- More surveys and requests for input
- A coordinated quarterly communication campaign with information on important updates, communicated through social media, print media, radio and townhalls in the various communities
- Amplifying and considering voices from marginalized communities and vulnerable populations
- Door to door, business to business, pop-ups
- Using the momentum of the new municipality, and continuing to engage positively and take input seriously

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

- Church service, sporting events, bingo games, museums and libraries, Lion's Club gatherings, schools and school-related activities, senior events, Farmers' Markets
- Hantsport Homecoming Music Festival
- Christmas parade
- The Windsor exhibition
- Avon River Days
- Pumpkin Regatta
- Monday Jam nights at Avondale Hall
- Friday night BBQs at the museum
- Full Circle Festival
- North Along the Shore Jamboree
- Monthly arts and culture events throughout the summer at the museum
- Garlic Festival

As part of Phase 1 of this engagement, we have met with several community leaders from around the municipality as well as the municipal staff. During our conversations, the following priorities for the new municipality and Council have been identified.

- 1. Improved public transit to connect residents to communities and regional services**
- 2. Strengthened advocacy for physical and mental health services that encompasses the needs of an aging rural population and other marginalized community members**
- 3. Targeted education and awareness programs to draw attention to the region's rich social and cultural history, particularly to address issues of systemic racism**
- 4. Greater diversity representation and inclusion in all areas of administration, governance, and decision-making processes**
- 5. Improvements to community infrastructure such as trails and roads, including a safer and more expansive trail system, and extended waterfront connections**
- 6. Affordable housing for all generations living in the region, including seniors looking to downsize, expanding young families, and young professionals**
- 7. Creating belonging through community-led projects such as youth centres and rec centres that support the needs and desires of a dynamic, changing population**
- 8. Ongoing and consistent engagement and relationship building between politicians, staff, and the general public**

Do you feel these priorities accurately represent the aspirations of this diverse and growing region?

Over 90% of the respondents agreed with the priorities listed above. Some expressed their agreement with the goals, but were doubtful of possibility for the new council to address these challenges

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region?

- Celebrating cultures
- Climate change
- More mental health services
- Addressing LGBTQ+ challenges
- Building a new rink
- Equitable taxation
- Internet and connectivity in rural areas
- Affordable housing and energy sources
- Public transit solutions such as commuter train
- Creating more small business opportunities
- Improving quality of natural beauty and resources such as adding a fish passage on the Avon River
- Rural economic development projects
- More fun activities for all ages and communities such as more places for swimming outdoor and indoor, outdoor rinks, more informal gathering spaces within each community, dog-friendly areas and dog parks
- More opportunities to learn from various cultures in the region
- By-laws to improve communities' well-being such as road calming and noise by-laws

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

- Many of the respondents thanked us for the survey and expressed their desire to see the outcomes of the report, as well as actionable items from the report
- Many of the respondents expressed their commitment to bettering the region and their hope that their input will make a positive difference
- Some expressed that while they are encouraged by the effort, they found the online engagement difficult and would prefer more in-person consultations
- Some expressed doubt over whether this survey would make any difference in their lives and whether anyone would take any of the recommended actions

SUMMARY OF ONLINE ENGAGEMENTS

SESSION ONE: GREATER RURAL WORKSHOP

Session one was attended by seven residents, not including moderator Kourosh Rad and Community Relations Coordinator, Chrystal Remme, and centered around the topics of senior services, transportation, mental health services and accessibility, communication strategies, current and future event planning, racial disparities in the community, affordable housing, and community-led projects.

The session began with a question by Bill regarding whether Council is fully behind these initiatives being proposed, particularly with regard to seniors; Chrystal assured him that yes, Council is on board and being kept apprised of how to better engage all residents, in as inclusive a way as possible, given the limitations imposed by COVID-19, such as the survey that was recently sent to 18,000 residents.

The conversation then pivoted to the topic of transportation: Bill said that Hantsport residents, located in the “end part of the municipality,” travel back and forth to Windsor, and not King’s County, and that the only bus goes west from the border of Hantsport, affecting those residents and those in smaller communities as well who need access to other areas.

One of the participants agreed. “So many things are so out of the way,” for Hantsport residents, she said, and the road signage is worn and faded. Additionally, there is no signage indicating the way to recreation sites, which would be helpful for visitors and residents.

Date: December 10, 2020 - 6pm
Main topic of discussion: rural challenges in a new municipality

- More comprehensive bus routes and updated road signage needed
- Retain youth in the workforce with viable employment opportunities
- Recognize the value of rural communities and their youth
- Mail communication is ideal in lieu of in person, and municipal funding for community access points in rural communities for public access to internet connection is needed
- Native, Acadian, and Black Nova Scotian heritage markers are needed
- Regulation of landlord/tenant relations and foreclosure/eviction protection needed
- Given the rising price of homes (accessibility/affordability), address restrictive bylaws for non-traditional housing such as tiny houses and for those who want to farm
- Paid museum staff, use museum for townhall meetings, and “find creative ways to share or solicit information” with community members such as interactive museum exhibits

Shifting to the topic of challenges, Caroline discussed the problem of retaining younger residents in the community with viable employment opportunities, suggesting the creation of community groups with access to municipal funding. As one of the curators of the Avondale Museum, she used the museum as an example of how to keep “consistent, funded” staff regionally employed.

On the subject of challenges, Bill also pointed out how COVID-19 has “put a damper” on progress, and, as a result, “it’s hard to take a break from the news.”

Yet regarding how the municipality can better cater to resident needs, Bill mentioned that direct communication can “bring everyone together to try to accomplish something,” and Caroline emphasized that “recognizing the value of rural areas” is a main component in moving forward, specifically “getting resources and people and focus off the beaten track into rural areas,” as “histories to be tapped into,” specifically the multicultural histories in small rural areas, fueled by community-led projects that would benefit the community.

The youth, added Bill, need to be “brought in for their insights.” “They’re looking at things differently . . . it’s something that we need.”

Bill believes the best way to communicate with residents is by mail, because the internet isn’t available to all residents. Caroline agreed, saying that that in lieu of in-person contact, mail is the most effective, but she missed the mail notice, and was only able to join because she saw the Facebook post. Caroline also stressed the importance of municipal funding for community access points in rural communities for public access to internet connection as a back-up. Bill suggested pamphlets for residents as well, but Chrystal said that wasn’t recommended because of COVID-19 and the sanitary protocols.

With regards to events residents were hoping to see continue or develop after COVID-19, Bill mentioned church, and Caroline, Avondale Museum events. One of the residents suggested that these events be shared through an email list instead of Facebook.

Regarding cultural education and meetups, Bill said it’s not a challenge, but it depends on “where you live.” Caroline, who moved to Hants County from HRM, conversely, said it’s definitely an issue. Wonderful resources, she said, include the Avondale Museum, which has historical displays and ways of sharing native and black history, yet she wishes there were other local institutions that they could collaborate with rather than just having to create their own resources.

There are signs around Hants County about Acadian history and the New England Planters, she said, but they’re “not coordinated,” and the only sign about black history is a sign commemorating Mathieu da Costa, a multilingual translator and explorer of African-Portuguese ancestry and part of the Atlantic Creole generation, and the first free black man to arrive on the territory of today’s Canada as a member of the exploring party of Pierre Dugua, the Sieur de Monts, and Samuel de Champlain that traveled from France to the New World in the early 17th century. “The information hasn’t been out there for residents and visitors,” said Caroline.

Bill suggested setting up an advisory committee of First Nations and Black Nova Scotians, not just Council members, to address these gaps in cultural representation and historical markers.

Regarding affordable housing, Bill said there's not enough municipal control regulating the landlords/tenants relations: "it's a big issue," he said, as are food banks, which build up to a point where no one knows "where to do from here . . . There's no answer for that." Banks are regularly foreclosing properties, and the evicted tenants are "stuck in the middle."

In larger communities, said Caroline, the question is one of accessibility and affordability of housing, yet there is also a lack of housing in farming areas, where the housing prices are rising, and people want to farm, or build tiny homes, but there are restrictive by-laws for non-traditional housing that she encourages Council to address.

On the topic of community-led projects, one resident mentioned the "Happy Communities Project," and Bill, seasonal projects such as tree lighting, and sports, or future town beautification projects to attract people, sponsored by the community.

Caroline said, following the lead of the other municipalities, that consistent, paid staff is needed for the museum, for support and expansion, as they are working on a volunteer basis now. With further support, the museum or library could be used, it was proposed, as a space for townhall meetings. For example, she said, the municipality commissioned a study on flood mitigation and climate change, and the museum created an exhibit to share with community members, placing a clipboard and pencil next to the display to solicit opinions and feedback. "Finding creative ways to share or solicit information would be great," she said.

SESSION TWO: URBAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

This session began on the topic of transportation, with Bill stating the difficulty of getting a medical exam because of the limited transit system, which “used to be pretty good before,” with the King’s Transit municipal arrangement that serviced Windsor, Brooklyn, and Hantsport, but now, without a car, it’s a question of getting help from neighbors and taxis, which are expensive.

Regarding mental as well as physical health, Bill said it’s a 45-minute drive to the city (Halifax), and a 15-minute drive to Windsor, thus isolating the marginalized communities, including seniors. “If you have a doctor, you’re very fortunate,” he said, “And you just hope he doesn’t retire or move, or you’re back on the list. Otherwise, the emergency room is your only choice.”

Bill also mentioned the Hantsport Memorial Community Center as a place that “everyone is welcome to join” but that “culture-wise” there aren’t that many more offerings he can think of. Dawn suggested the offering of more events focused on sharing our different cultures, with food.

“Maybe something could be built on that,” said Bill. “You can get everyone together, [but] if it’s not open and truthful . . . you might as well stay home.”

No one in this session was from Windsor, so the topic of affordable housing and community-led projects was limited to West Hants. Bill mentioned the Historical Society, the recreation center, and museums, as other community resources which he said continue to receive funding.

Regarding the engagement process, Bill said internet access is an issue, because West Hants is “further down in the municipality,” and not in the right spot: he painted a provocative image when he said he sees the youth walking through town with their cell phones held in the air, trying to get a secure connection. “Hurry up, Elon Musk,” said Dawn.

Date: December 11, 2020 - 6pm
Main topic of discussion: urban challenges in a new municipality

- Limited transit options make access to mental and physical health services difficult
- Cultural deficits in West Hants
- Poor internet (dial-up rather than high-speed) and cell phone service
- Loneliness for people working from home or not working: people living in “silos” of isolation
- Better promotion and sharing of regional treasures needed (beaches, water access points, trails) and continued celebration of diversity
- Council not included in online community engagement sessions so as to better appreciate “community concerns, ideas, aspirations, and sharing,” without the sessions turning into a political forum
- Fire Department commended for their excellent work

"More people are working from home than ever before," said Bill, but even for government workers and other workers who work from home, it's hard not to miss the companionship.

"People are living in silos," agreed Dawn, on the topic of isolation: "No one knows each other."

"The municipality is doing what it can for employment," Bill said, who spoke eloquently in other recorded sessions about how fair wages must structure the local economy and housing crises. "It'll be interesting to see how things go with the new Council," he said.

When asked her perspective as a resident rather than a staff member, Chrystal said she would appreciate improved internet as well, and to be able to talk on her cell phone inside her house and not have to go outside. Seeing the community come together more is something she hopes for, as a Hantsport transplant from Brooklyn, as the area has "lots of treasures people don't know about. We have so many wonderful things going on, including in this region, so promoting that and being able to share—beaches, water access points, trails and things we don't even know about—could be pretty incredible," she said, emphasizing the importance of celebrating our diversity. "I'm not sure what the solutions are, but I think this is a good start."

Dawn agreed, stressing the importance of "exploring the region together."

After the meeting closed, Bill mentioned that in the spirit of bringing everyone together, "There's one thing I don't see," and that is councilors present at these engagement sessions: "It would have been nice."

Chrystal then explained that she specifically asked them not to join: "It was my choice," she said, because with councilors there, "it becomes a political forum . . . they tend to want to fix problems immediately," with any of the issues coming up, and she wanted these engagements to be focused on "community concerns, ideas, aspirations, and sharing," instead. "We're trying not to have this forum turn into that," she said, with regard to staff participation too (the reason why she is mostly quiet, she stated): "It's not about what we want, but what the community wants."

Bill ended the session with commending the Fire Department: "They're doing a hell of a good job," he praised.

SESSION THREE: RURAL & TOWN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Climate change emerged as a significant topic in the third, well-attended session, with six attendees, not including Chrystal and Kourosh. Barbara, a vocal and articulate participant, said "Climate change is a major factor in need of infrastructure [change]: if things are not addressed, things will get worse." She mentioned the clear cutting of the moose habitat in the Digby area that had recently been in the news, and that there are "sections all over the province," on Crown and private land, where clear-cutting is taking place. Some land owners of wood lots, she said, have owned their properties for 60-80 years, but the properties are often left to children who either don't care about preserving the family home, or who need the money, and that, coupled with the fact that there are no provincial rules about clear-cutting, makes such environmental hazards common, as the forests, she explained, can be properly managed to sequester the carbon.

Paul chimed in to say that forest management is all-important, as their mismanagement is the reason for the flash flooding happening throughout the region: when the forests are cut, there is nothing to retain the water. Council should, he said, work toward policies and guidelines that would help alleviate these crises in deforestation and the resultant effect on the water supply.

Carol shared that there is also cutting go on around the Falmouth Watershed, with forestry and land issues going on at this very moment. "When you lump them [these problems] under 'environment,' oh, that's a luxury," she said, pointing out that people privilege jobs instead.

"But no environment, no economy," she avowed.

Paul agreed with this connection, adding that the amount of farmland being abandoned is vast, and that there are economic opportunities being missed as a result. He called for council to arrange a structure that would work toward utilizing all that abandoned farmland.

"It's a case of priorities," said Carol, when asked about improving public transportation, mentioning that the railway could be reconstituted to connect to Halifax; it's no longer in public ownership, but it could be brought back into public ownership, she said.

Date: December 17, 2020 - 6pm
Main topic of discussion: urban and rural challenges and opportunities

- Climate change is dire: Clear-Cutting and Carbon Sequestering
- "No environment, no economy" (link between jobs and environment)
- Council's support sought with utilizing land, and abandoned farmland
- Low income, health insurance deficits, and transportation issues severely impacting health care (mental and physical) for seniors and general population
- Existent racism and poor minority representation in the local job force
- West Hants Historical Society providing excellent exhibits on race history
- "Overhousing" for senior population and lack of affordable housing for youth and growing families a serious problem
- Province and/or municipality should help regulate rent control
- Community praise for "hands-on" efforts of Council to reach out to individuals and local business owners and be present at Town Hall meetings
- West Hants seniors enjoy more programming activities than in Hantsport
- Disbanded RDA's, Board of Trade, and Arts Council a disappointment
- Vetted "Senior Assistance Group" with annual membership fee proposed
- Support for residential retrofitting needed, as 40% of homes are "energy poor"
- Celebrate "varied, unifying, and holistic" local resources such as gypsum quarries, East Hants caves, lakes, and "rivers the salmon would return to if given the chance."

Again the topic of physical and mental health services for the aging community was brought up, and Bill mentioned that a lack of insurance coverage also plays a significant factor, quoting the average wage in Nova Scotia to be \$21-22/hour, and \$16/hour in Halifax. "Low income cuts off access to health care," Bill said. Health care "involves more than one level of government," said Paul; Carol added that it is a provincial issue. "Seniors often have needs for which services aren't available," said Barbara, calling for a directory or assessment to determine senior needs, particularly after the additional difficulties imposed by COVID-19 are over. The focus should be, said Barbara, on preventing some of these problems; if not, it will only lead to other issues.

"Youth have the greater voice," said Bill, who expressed his concern with older generations "not passing anything on to youth . . . to think about what's coming down the road." On that note, Dawn drew a correlation between mental health issues and internet culture.

The topic then pivoted to that of racism. Carol shared an anecdote about going to the Atlantic Superstore in West Hants recently, and seeing faces she didn't recognize; she left a comment in the comment box asking why there were no native or black people working in the store, and didn't receive an answer. When she asked a clerk, the clerk told her the workers were brought up from Sackville. While saying "Sobeys is a little better," she said the grocery stores "not having members from all communities . . . is not right." Bill agreed. "The municipality should work harder with local business to attract people from different cultures," he said.

Paul said the West Hants Historical Society has an exhibit on the Black Construction Battalion during the war that drew a "favorable response" and suggested that "initiatives like that will help in the direction we're headed." Dawn agreed, mentioning the Avon River Heritage Society as another organization that can help build cultural and historical awareness to the region.

Barbara emphasized that the First Nations Mi'kmaq people practice a type of forestry which leaves enough trees behind so that the land can flourish for the next seven generations: "We should follow their lead," said Barbara, and also what was recommended in the Ivany Report. "I think members of the First Nations show us how this can be done in our forests," she said, encouraging them to take a leadership role.

On the subject of race, Carol said that Windsor has a "long and repeated history" of keeping young people from black communities in school longer, and that there is a "deep level of respect" among older people for Windsor's black communities: "They may not mingle much, but I think that between the various black families, and between the white and black families, there is a level of respect." She cited the Paris family as one particular example of this respect across interracial lines, and African-Canadian poet George Elliot Clarke as another example of a community figure greatly respected by all: Clarke is from Hants County ("though he often doesn't have much good to say about it," she added).

Moving next to the topic of affordable housing, Carol said that she worked with Mayor Allen to get a "co-housing project off the ground," in an effort to have a land parcel on College Road given from the province to the municipality. It would have been a "nice wedding present" for the two municipalities "joining together peacefully," she said, but it hasn't happened yet.

Furthermore, Carol said she believes a significant amount of people are "overhoused" in large, old houses, and a significant number of younger people can't find reasonably-priced houses to rent or buy. 5 or 6 years ago, she said, the municipality did a big public consultation on housing, and she related a moving anecdote about a young black resident who attended one of the open meetings at Three Mile Plains who spoke poignantly about how he and his pregnant wife couldn't find decent rental accommodations for themselves and their growing family.

There is land available, and the federal government has money, said Carol, but the provincial government is "not getting it out there: You have go through the most amazing hoops. There is no real interest in getting affordable housing built." Paul said, in response, that there are four houses in direct eyeshot from his own home that are barely habited: two are vacant, and the other two are only inhabited occasionally.

On the subject, Bill said there is a disconnect between the municipality and the province in this regard. There is no rent control, he said, or "when there is it is in favor of the landlord . . . There should be more restrictions by province." Barbara joined this topic with her opinion that there should be more low-income housing in the towns where the jobs are: "A lot of these families don't have long-term income they can count on, on a long-term basis." Ensuring that all residents have "a safe place to stay" should come first, she said. "It's all connected," concluded Bill. "If the wage isn't there, no one can afford a mortgage, or rent."

Transitioning then to the topic of communication, Carol said she was "very impressed" with the municipality's Facebook page, and with Mayor Zeiban getting out into the community and having his picture taken with local business owners: this is "really good hands-on stuff," she said. Although the Hants Journal has folded, said Barbara, she finds the handouts that Council sent by mail helpful, and just asked that they be sent out earlier.

Paul praised the times Council members came out to meetings to speak and listen, recently on the topic of the West Hants landfill: "They previously spoke to us directly in person," he said.

On the subject of community-led projects, Barbara said that Dawn has helped organize meals and activities at the Hants Shore Community Center which, said Barbara, has “added a lot.” In addition to the HSCC, Barbara said “there is a surprising amount [of programming] for seniors,” including the Hants County Senior Safety Program, the Gliders Club at the Community Center, and community classes through the Health Board at the Hospital.

Bill said that unfortunately there isn't really similar programming in Hantsport, at the Hantsport Community Center or elsewhere: “It's more youth-driven,” he said, but named churches as a unifying force in bringing people, and seniors, “closer together.” Bill said he plans on going to the Windsor Recreation Centre to find community.

In the early 1990s, said Carol, with The Regional Development Associations—part of the RDA with Hants East—there was an “amazing sense of Hants Count coming together with some very good municipal leadership on a staff level.” Community economic development was mandated by the RDA's, she added, which was “well-practiced and went forward” under the former Board of Trade, which was “sadly disbanded,” having been one of the oldest Boards in North America.

“It was very lively,” she said, also mentioning that these organizations tend to “go in cycles.” Regarding innovating economic and cultural development, Carol also mentioned the concept of an “Eco-museum,” borrowed from France, which brings areas together over projects to identify the strengths and unique features of a given area. Around the time of the Board of Trade, Carol said there was also a working Arts Council (also defunct), which brought forth such activities as the Pumpkin Regatta. Both the Board of Trade and Arts Council were formed to “get the community itself running, with help and staff support,” coordinating what was needed, she said. However, the province of Nova Scotia “killed the RDA's 5-6 years ago,” she concluded.

Bill mentioned the Hantsport Community Center, the Historical Society, and area churches as vital participants in the effort to maintain and revitalize cultural and community offerings in the region. “The secret is to keep at it,” he said. “Somewhere down the line, there's a spark.”

Preserving regional cultures, histories, and the ecology of the rivers, said Carol, requires “three levels of government.” And basic necessities such as reliable transportation continues to play a large factor in the residents' engagement with these offerings. Those present discussed the “Dial-a-Ride” service (on-call community-led transportation), but said they heard it was expensive, and wondered if there could be potential funding for community-led transportation.

Regarding accessibility, Chrystal said she received two phone calls just this week from two senior residents who were also looking for resources. One, a 90-year-old female resident living in Union Corner, was hoping to find someone who could help her with basic household services such as changing a lightbulb, bringing in wood for the stove, or salting the driveway and deck.

Chrystal and Barbara then discussed the possibility of a “senior assistance group,” wherein seniors would pay a monthly or yearly membership fee in return for such needed services. This would, Barbara believes, prevent some of the mental health issues stemming from isolation and frustration over age-based limitations. Another aspect of the senior assistance group, she said, could also be a “vetting process” so that seniors would feel comfortable knowing that the people entering their home were trustworthy. Chrystal said she knows of at least five other residents in the area who could benefit from this group, which could be structured like a food bank or housing cooperative, only it would be toward the interests of senior safety instead.

The final topic of this session was on retrofitting old homes. Barbara wondered if Nova Scotia power would be addressing this issue, as “40% of the population is energy poor.” Carol said her home, built in 1975, is considered “old” by today’s standards, and mentioned a former program, the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (a joint municipal, federal, and provincial) program that could have helped with the process of retrofitting residences.

The session then ended, but a break-out conversation was held after the conclusion, again about eco-museums and the importance of shining a light on regional diversity and strengths. Carol mentioned that the eco-museum concept was begun by Georges Henri Rivière (in 1971), and that the “Gobelin tapestries” (a French decorative art form, made at the Manufacture des Gobelins in France and named after a family of cloth makers and dyers who are credited with founding the dyestuffs business in 15th century Paris) are an example of a locally-made product that bears the imprint of its region: they produced carpets of exceptional beauty and quality, which secured its place as the official supplier of tapestries and woven upholstery to the 17th century court of King Louis XIV. These tapestries were given as gifts to foreign leaders, said Carol, and bore the mark of their region, much in the same way as the walnut trees, walnut oil, geese, and caves bear the mark of Dourdan, France, the region from where they come.

Similarly, said Carol, there is so much to celebrate in the Windsor and West Hants region: gypsum quarries, caves in East Hants, lakes, and “rivers the salmon would return to if given the chance.” West Hants is “surprisingly varied,” she said, and its offerings “quite unifying” and holistic.

SESSION FOUR: AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN WORKSHOP

Date: January 9th from 1-2:30

Main topic of discussion: role of marginalized communities in the future of the municipality

- Question of surveys efficacy given the time constraints: phone calls and text messages suggested in the ongoing and future “rolling engagement”
- Major transportation issues in Three Mile Plains, including complete lack of shoulder or sidewalks, and continual heavy construction traffic Panuke Road, Grade and Pleasant Streets, making pedestrian foot traffic impossible: a prior consultation before construction started would have been appreciated
- Road infrastructure system “inequitable” across region (particular near the water, plumbing, and sewer plants); noise pollution also a problem
- Rails to Trails movement unanimously supported by all present, with a presentation on alternative modes of transportation by Jeremy Cromwell, but the railway owner wants to keep the rails as is in case needed for gypsum transport in the future; other option includes building trails adjacent to rails (\$1.4-1.8 million dollar project, or \$50k/kilometer), but with economic benefit
- Many TMP schoolchildren learning to ride bikes for the first time; additional trails need into town from elementary school, or connected to the high school
- Black History Month needs commemoration and celebration, with a public proclamation and consultation: a Black Lives Matter march was held, but “marches only go so far.” Awareness and structural changes are needed
- Educational assistance and job training programs needed in addition to equal opportunity employment, to help residents gain knowledge and skills, so as to overcome employment barriers: “A conversation needs to happen”
- Equal, balanced representation in job sector and medical sector needed, or else black residents won’t come to town or seek out the services they need because they do not feel represented and fear being misunderstood
- Greater celebration of George Elliot Clark (black Windsor-born poet) needed (along with the Howard Trail and the Windsor Birthplace of Hockey), and African Nova Scotians who were or are pioneers in hockey, the military, and the arts need to be recognized, commemorated, and celebrated
- Too much bureaucratic “red tape” involved in accessing mental health services, particularly for vulnerable populations such as youth, seniors, and LGBTQ+ residents; stigmatization, lack of education, and transportation issues compromise residents’ ability to access mental health services
- Safe spaces for youth such as the skate part also impacted by a lack of transportation services (youth have difficulty getting home once there)
- Juanita Harvey praised the young, educated, Three Mile Plains leaders present during this engagement session: “I’m totally impressed”

Community Park (co-owned by municipality and the African Nova Scotian community) could use funding for updates and repairs, such as greater accessibility (perimeter trails, This session was attended by seven community members, not including a Council member (Debbie), Chrystal Remme with Community Relations, and Consultant Kourosh Rad.

Lisa was the first to speak, asking what strategy was used to target different populations in the consultation survey, as "174 people is a really low sample," out of the 18,000 surveys sent by mail in November (including options to mail it in, or complete it online, on the website).

Chrystal responded by saying that the survey results are "higher than what we'd get with any survey of any type, which is really sad." Either people aren't getting the information, or they are and don't want to participate, she said, as a survey was mailed to every resident. When COVID-19 restrictions dictated that the in-person meetings be moved online, Council was very quick to move forward with the online consultations given these restrictions, she said, resulting in a "comedy of errors." "We did the best we could with the time we had," she explained; Kourosh added: "Our only question was 'how can we get the survey out to as many people as possible.'"

Lisa rejoined that with only a week to fill out the survey, residents were challenged, and a "more direct conversation" in the future would be appreciated, such as phoning households rather than relying on mailing and social media again. She emphasized the importance of "creating space and opportunity for people to have a conversation," even if they are six feet apart during COVID-19, versus a survey, with regard to the engagement, and giving people more time to complete the survey. She also suggested text messaging as a means of contacting people to obtain feedback. "Most people have cell phones at this point," she said, and links could also be sent that way.

Chrystal added that the consultation had to go online because the deadline for the provincial funding for the engagement was at the end of January, and while the consultation framework was framed by these guidelines, the feedback loop will not be closed: on the contrary, Council is considering this a "rolling consultation," with future engagements to occur after the report is presented to Council on January 17th, and this final stage of the engagement is completed.

Shawn said he saw the "social media blitz," but that there was a lack effort made to recruit and seek individuals personally in this consultation process. "The federal and provincial government seeks people out," he said, with direct requests such as "Can you come here on this date to be part of this session"—a more formal invitation than just the open invitation of the engagement, free for anyone to respond to. For example, he said, his dad "didn't even know he was doing this [the online engagement session]," and when Shawn told him, he responded "What are you talking about." His dad grew up and has roots in Three Mile Plains, said Shawn; he might have gotten the survey, but he might not think he's from the community anymore, even though he grew up in the area. "I live here," said Shawn, "And he's just as important a voice to have as mine . . . I'm a younger generation, but his voice has just as much insight into the community."

Kourosh responded by saying that his consultation firm is a small team with limited resources, and again stressed that these online engagements are the start to this conversation, not the end, and that the community members' honest responses will be taken to Council as a launchpad for moving forward. Chrystal added that her direct phone number was included in the surveys, for those residents who preferred to call in their responses and have a conversation instead: she said she received a few phone calls about the survey in her new Community Relations role.

Debbie also spoke about the survey results, saying that it's traditionally always been "hard to get people to participate." When Council went through its recent transition, "as Councilors, we would go to pop-up areas to have people fill them out . . . three out of five, I would say, didn't want to take the time to fill them out," a pattern repeated when they did the Exhibition. "You can't make people do it," she said, and Council has also used a mailed newsletter as a means of communication, with the same results. "These things aren't cheap, and no one would see them," and only a small percentage of people complete the surveys. But Council "still has to do it, and residents deserve it, but people do not get engaged until there's something negative or that will affect them . . . But just to look for information, then it's very hard. Unless you stand there with them and pretty much do it for them, they don't take the time . . . Chrystal has done a wonderful job putting this on our website, and we all share it on Facebook . . . we try to get it out there." The additional restrictions imposed by COVID-19 are important to recognize, she said, but "in the meantime, surveys are tough, they're hard," even when direct phone calls are made, with the request for 15 minutes of a resident's time. If someone calls during supptime, for example, they ask to call back rather than interrupt supper. "It's a tough avenue to reach out to people."

Sarah asked if there had been an effort to connect with high school students at all, as they are a "captive audience," being at school, and Chrystal said they have been in touch with Principal (first name?) Dickey who has directly communicated with students on the Council's behalf. Kourosh then shifted the topic to transportation, asking what challenges the residents feel they are facing in their communities with regard to walking, cycling, or visiting each other's homes.

Lisa said that she has two children (3 and 5 years old) and that there is "no shoulder, let alone a sidewalk" for them to walk on in the evening, and very little lighting, in addition, providing the example of how difficult it would be for a mother to walk with her two young children, holding their hands, while also trying to hold a flashlight. Three Mile Plains is "quite limited in terms of safely walking to the bus stop," she said, posing serious challenges including the fear of falling into a ditch with her children when a truck is coming by. "It's a huge safety concern," she said, to say nothing of the significant challenges this infrastructure problems pose to residents' health and wellness, given their inability to safely walk in their own neighborhood. This also has a "huge impact" in social relations as well, as neighbors can't safely walk to each other's homes.

Being a nurse, she said, she "frames everything from a health perspective": thus, these road concerns also pose problems with regard to physical activity, community connections, and growth: "We're missing a lot of that," she said, and attributes it to a "massive amount of road construction," as an aspect of environmental racism previously brought up in last February's engagement session. The roads have yet to improve, she said, and the pit is used so frequently.

Panuke road isn't the only road in the black community having that issue, she added. Pleasant and Grade streets are "absolutely atrocious": "These are roads that never got repaired," and only after she sent letters to the opposition leader, did someone show up at her door, "but we've already got tears in the road again." "It's easy to keep us quiet for a bit but not improve the road," she said, and particularly given the inability to walk safely, "it's a big problem."

Shawn added to this topic by describing the daily construction traffic (multiple crews) on the back roads of Three Mile Plains that pass by his house, rattling it and taking down the East link line. The Department of Transportation comes up near the veterinary clinic and does a loop to avoid traffic, he said: a "very political tactic."

He reached out to Lloyd because the roads are the provincial responsibility and there wasn't any consultation on what can be done to make the community "safe for people who want to walk to school." "My son's a walker," he said, who walks from home to school at 6 years old, because according to the Department of Education "he's not a bus student": which is "not safe." These safety requests, said Shawn, never come from the municipality, who knew these developments were coming for 3-5 years, to expand these road developments. "It's not going to stop, it's an ongoing issue, but yet a lot of vocal people have consulted people and it's not being addressed provincially or municipally, and everyone's saying it's a request from the municipality to the province, and I don't understand how access community members can have that voice." He said he's happy to see Council and Municipal members and staff (Chrystal and Debbie) on the Zoom conference call, but felt that consultations could have been done before this construction opened up "at this capacity" for the highway.

Kourosh added that transportation issues have a socio-economic dimension, as well; not everyone has a car, making transportation also a matter of "fairness and equity."

Shawn said that in certain areas of Three Mile Plains (particularly the water, plumbing, and sewage areas), the road infrastructure systems have "not been equal to other areas in the municipality," and that this lack of upgrading is "inequitable," as these roads do not have parity with those in other municipal communities, thus impeding residents' access to vital services.

Transit in more populated areas than Three Mile Plains (the valley, HRM) is "probably not a great model for here," said Lisa, "because it won't be utilized." For example, she said part of King's Transit was connected to the area previously but it was "not well-utilized," and that "Other [transportation] options make a bit more sense."

Shawn said the "rails to trails" initiative, if enacted (the repurposing of the defunct railway system through the region into multi-purpose trails) would be "absolutely incredible," as the railroad is "falling apart" (the ties and railbed are decomposing, with spikes everywhere).

The trails would be well-used, and coincides for me with making biking more accessible, he said. Jeremy Cromwell then introduced himself, as the first African-Canadian Snowmobile President in Nova Scotia, and to his knowledge, all of Canada. Jeremy is also the Safety Coordinator for the Snowmobile Association of Nova Scotia, and, as a member of the Hants Snowdusters, he helps maintain and operate 264 kilometers of trails from Ellershouse to Tantallon, but also the over 800 kilometers of clubhouse trails on Elridge Road that hook into the valley's system.

Jeremy said he had a meeting a couple years ago with the owner of the rail line, who leased 66 km of trails from Hantsport to Halifax, coming up to Windsor Junction; he told Jeremy that if the Gypsum Company ever reopens and needs gypsum hauled, Schmitt would spend a couple hundred thousands dollars to fix the railroad. His idea, said Jeremy, is for trails adjacent to the rails, specifying the areas they would traverse, with talk of it continuing to Garland's Crossing and Three Mile Plains, giving space for bikes, walkers, ATV's, and snowmobiles. The permit cost for each registered vehicle would be \$40, said Jeremy, and while the cost of constructing the trails is estimable (between \$1.4 and \$1.8 million, or, roughly \$50k per kilometer), there are snowmobile and other grants available that could be applied for to offset the costs. "But given the economic benefit of those ATV's, etc., to come into town, these businesses would benefit from multi-use vehicle driving into town, but also for walking and biking," he said, speaking of the trail in Burwick (with a speed limit of 20 km/hr) that has been turned into a multi-use trail.

Please note: a few details from the above comments about the trail system, and the fourth online engagement session more generally, are available for hearing and viewing in full online on the website's recorded Zoom conferences, so as to keep the written report as succinct as possible.

Jackie, the physical education teacher in Three Mile Plains and other area schools, who started last year (filling in for another teacher on maternity leave), said she works with students in grade 3 and 4 who were "never able to ride a bike before," and now they can, without training wheels.

Jackie said she hopes for a bike system to go into town, or connect to the high school (or for the high school to come that way), so as to encourage community access and use of the community playground. "This area has a lot of history" about which she is not entirely knowledgeable, said Jackie: "I'm here to learn and to understand."

She received a grant to build a trail around the "big soccer field" at the Three Mile Plains school, as right now "there's no large area for the students to use, for the bike program we had running."

Shawn added that there is a 900-meter radius around the school, creating a further walk to school for busing students. "When you have an old Highway One and that's the only way to access the school, you want to encourage walking, health, and activity," but in safe ways (there is currently no sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, or access. "That's a provincial issue," he said. "At the end of the day there can be collaborations with the province and municipality to represent the needs of the community members to keep people safe in general. He then expressed his happiness over Mr. Cromwell being elected Snowmobile president, and for promoting alternative methods of transportation. "You being at that table," he said, "That's another voice I didn't know existed."

"Our future is important," said Shawn. "You can bike from Allenport to the core of Kentville, then bike all the way down, so why not expand on that: why not put community parking in Newport Station, and that way we can bring more people out from the community?"

The topic then shifted to diversity, representation, and inclusion: how would you like to be engaged, asked Kourosh, and what changes would you like to see afoot (such as more effective engagement and more diverse hiring practices)?

"I think that's a multi-tiered question," said Lisa, referring to Black History Month, about which she's seen nothing yet (as of the date of this engagement session on January 9th), nor did she last year. "I've seen nothing in terms of representation," she said, then provided two concrete suggestions to improve the visibility of the black community: to offer a consultation, driven by the municipality, and secondly, to consider that some people have privileges such as education or upgrading courses that others haven't had. In light of this, while she said it's an "important step" for the municipality to invite black and First Nations community members to apply to jobs, as valuable members of the community, further work is also needed to assist with education and job training. "It's not enough to open jobs and recruit; we also haven't had the opportunity to get the education, so as to [be qualified to] apply for the job."

Sarah agreed with the "education piece": her role, she said, is helping people have access to education programs, and supporting people to receive a formal education (knowledge and skills) so as to apply for jobs.

Shawn also commented on this topic, as an employer. "From an employer perspective, we want to retain employees," he said, and "actually see our community people represented." For example, he said, when he goes into town to pay his water bill, it's "not one of my family members or someone I know who is qualified to be an administrative assistant" working there. It would be a contradiction, he summarized, in concert with Lisa and Sarah's comments, to put forth rhetoric about a "diverse workforce" without investing in "education and employability," which he said would be an investment that would ultimately have a greater community benefit.

These issues are further exacerbated by the distance sometimes kept by black community members from the town itself. In previous years, "You would never be allowed to be in town," he said, and now that racism is at least being addressed, "We don't want to be in town." "People don't understand their perspectives, and where they're at," he said, using the examples of paying a water bill or going to the bank, and having an uncomfortable experience. "It's probably because they don't feel represented," he said. "There's still a barrier in 2020, and there's a reason why that is happening . . . there's people that can't read. And that empathy, and that sympathy, and that understanding, that extra step that needs to happen" is still elusive, he said, perhaps because of these basic misapprehensions. Giving black residents an "equal opportunity to apply" for jobs is "where the conversation stops," he said.

The question of barriers to employment and community participation needs to be addressed, he said: "A conversation needs to happen." Within the municipality itself, "look at the numbers [of people of color being represented]," he said: "That should reflect what the numbers are in 2020," based on not just equal opportunity, but preceding that, educational programs and community support.

One direct way to begin recognizing and celebrating the community's diversity, said Lisa, would be establishing a proclamation for Black History Month, which Truro and Halifax already have. There would also be a flag raising, inviting elders and others in the community to be a part of that proclamation, recognizing that "the black community is part of this community, and we want to work together. If that's not occurring, people aren't seeing the desire from the municipality to work with our community." Lisa also added that there was in fact a "huge turnout" for a Black Lives Matter march in town, but that [marches] "only goes so far," as a march is a "moment in time: if it stops there, then it isn't worth anything: we need to see action from the municipality."

Shawn agreed: "All year, culture should be reflected for all people who live here, and who are going to live here," he said, citing the example of Windsor-born black poet George Elliot Clark, a "great poet from here." But when you compare the lack of celebration or commemoration of Clark, to the Howard Trail and the birthplace of hockey, that's the "perfect example" of such disparities. "They're both equally, predominately important, highly-respected people in the world, but one always takes more precedence when it comes to branding and accountability." Shawn said he understands the need to promote certain aspects of the region's history and legacy that are shared or nationally recognizable, but in the end, he said, "We do have to represent our communities [more fully and accurately], not just certain things we feel are important."

Lisa agreed, drawing out a point she'd made previously, about how members of the regional black community have achieved acclaim for their contributions to hockey, the military, and the arts, but their legacies are rarely if ever represented. "Where are they recognized?" she asked. It's a matter of "awareness and education," she said; the West Hants Historical Society has done "amazing work" around Black History month, and the municipality could learn from them, as they have gathered a significant amount of history from current and past black communities.

Shifting to the topic of other underrepresented communities, specifically LGBTQ+, those struggling with mental health issues, and access to mental health services, Shawn offered a “neutral perspective,” speaking on behalf of the youth he knows. Mental health agencies and services are limited and hard to access directly because of “red tape,” he said. Openness and accessibility of programs continue to be an issue. “Do our youth actually have the opportunity to engage with mental health supports?” he asked. “[Only] if they can get to an actual clinician,” he answered. “However, central intake and other areas are barriers for our community members, and the actual onus and non-education around what is a mental health issue and how it could be supported are barriers as well.”

“And if they are able to access those services,” added Lisa, “the lack of [diverse] representation from the providers in the community” is also an issue, in the context of the larger community. Usually, she said, many of the clinicians come from outside Windsor and the municipality, and thus lack context about specific issues within the community to support youth, or the individuals that they’re treating. Relatedly, on the topic of safe spaces for youth, Lisa said that “even if there were safe spaces, access is an issue, if the youth are not within walking distance of the spaces, to be used for extra-curricular activities and protective measures that assist with mental health and wellness, “because there’s no transportation”: an interrelated problem that needs to be solved. “Some of those protected spaces that could be there can’t be accessed because there’s no way to get back home after that.”

Jackie then re-joined the conversation to say she’s spoken to several former students who were hanging out at the skate park, who told her transportation to and from the skate part is a major issue: “They all talked about it,” she said. Concerned, she said her priority then became how many students she could fit into her car with their scooters, grateful that they had scooters and not bikes, for then it would have been impossible. The question of how to get from a “safe, awesome spot” such as the skate park to home remains an unresolved question, she said.

Transportation access to health services in a rural community is a “big issue” from a women’s health perspective as well, Lisa said: local clinics that offer pap tests and wellness checks are few and far between. “Large black communities have these available for women’s health, and mental health,” she said, and the municipality should “appeal for these services to be offered.”

On the related topic of community-led projects the residents would like to see funded, Kourosh summarized their discussion thus far as relating to trails, safe spaces, and transportation services. Two residents who had just been listening thus far, Juanita and Harley Peters, were invoked, saying of them that they do “all kinds of things for the community that could be supported, and that could use funding.” Juanita spoke compellingly about their work with the community park, as a place for health and fitness, particularly if trails were to be established along the perimeter. Covid, said Juanita, put a damper on their progress: “There’s a lot of things that need to be done that would put something in the community that everyone can use: adults, seniors, and youth. There’s funding out there for it.”

Juanita also took the time to praise and commend the other residents in the engagement session for their efforts. “This panel of young, smart, educated students from the African Nova Scotian communities . . . I am totally impressed with you guys. They’re doing a very good job. These residents demonstrate leadership, highlighting places where the youth are, sharing the education they’ve received, and their willingness to partake in making this a better community in coordination with themselves and the municipality,” she said.

If an Advisory Council were to be formed, these four residents (Lisa, Shawn, Sarah, and Jackie) should be on it, was the consensus, and connect with Juanita and Harley about the park to gather all the information moving forward. Lisa also mentioned that the Volunteer Fire Department has also helped with cleaning up the park; the next step, she said, should be better accessibility, an improved parking lot, and safety and enclosure measures such as fencing and security cameras, and "getting the water fixed up so that it's usable." Someone could also be brought in from the Recreation Department to the community, to activate winter sports activities such as winter snowshoe hikes, said Lisa, particularly given the fact that winter equipment (snowshoes, skis) are freely available for borrowing. "Up until two years ago I had no idea there was kayaking on Pontic Lake . . . these activities are really valuable." And, she said with a laugh, "having trails to actually use the equipment on would be helpful." Jeremy, she added, previously spoke about the cost of snowmobiles or multi-purpose trails, and that's another area that could receive funding in conjunction with the West Hants Snowdusters.

"That's a great point," Sarah contributed. "If the park is established as a safe space for youth, it could be used to bring services into the community, not vice versa [drawing them out]: instead of going to Windsor to access recreation programming," she said, "it could be facilitated out of the park, which would take away transportation barriers." Shawn asked, "Has the municipality even offered to take over ownership of the park, or of Pontic [road] at all?" Lisa responded by saying the park is jointly owned, by the African Nova Scotian community and the municipality, but that it's never been "opened in that sense." She and others (Juanita and Abe) had been "looking into it," she said, when COVID-19 hit and plans were put on hold, Jackie spoke of the importance, at this juncture, of connecting the school's resources to the park. The school, she said, has an abundance of skates and helmets available that are only used once in Three Mile Plains: "The kids go one time," she said. "I fit the kids with skates and helmets who don't have them . . . if I have a request I send out [winter] skates for the season, and lend out the snowshoes we have." Her question is: How can I as a teacher and administrator help support Three Mile Plains or another school—both the students, families, and community members?"

Shawn wondered if the [skating] rink was built near the school, would the school use it? They concluded that there is already an outdoor rink next to Three Mile Plains, but it's "never used anymore." Shawn said its disuse was a financial issue: "We just had the potential surplus of items from the older rink with the municipal rink being built, but some of those items could be repurposed, he said, with an eye toward refurbishing that facility for it to be used temporarily for the winter. "Look at the oval, the Berwing facility," he said: "If we have the materials already, that wouldn't be a lot of financing. The municipality didn't own the old Windsor rink, so we have no surplus there. That was owned by the Exhibition grounds, and most of that has been utilized somewhere also. I do know that rink could be utilized and beneficial there, he said, "but I'm not the one whose land that's on now." Jackie also alluded to this roadblock, saying she found out about the past history with the park and rink being on private, not school, property belonging to someone who doesn't want schoolkids and community members to access it.

"I don't know if that property has changed hands," she said, "but you have to be respectful of that." However, she said, "years have passed, and maybe it's time to start that conversation again, and see where it goes: I would 100% be interested in that, no matter where I'm working."

Jeremy added that he would be willing to help create, built, fundraise, and apply for grants to raise funds to fix the park up, and help to brainstorm ideas.

On that note, what Kourosh called the “communication piece” of the engagement was again brought up, and Shawn brought up a brilliant, novel idea: “A lot of the community members play TV bingo,” he said, and “there’s an opportunity for ads in that. I bet you they would be seeing those ads because they play TV bingo weekly. I don’t know if that’s a good idea or not, but when it’s bingo time, it’s bingo time, and they’re all on that screen” (everyone laughed).

“Shawn hits on something that’s really important,” said Lisa: “going to where community is already gathering . . . that’s a really good way to get people, by going to events where they are” [such as at the Legion]. “I don’t know if bingo will be the same as it was pre-COVID-19 as it will be after,” she said, “but going to places where the community is already gathering together is a good time to include an announcement of what’s happening in the municipality: people aren’t really checking social media, or if they are, they aren’t really seeing things—I don’t have social media, and even if you follow the pages, I’m not seeing the pages [due to how Facebook algorithmically operates], so it’s not a good medium to communicate with the community at all.”

Events such as TV bingo and church events are much more likely to be successful venues for reaching people, she said, in summary, as those are the places where people already gather.

Debbie from Council then said the municipality is hosting a Winter Carnival activity from January 22 until February 5. “I know as Councilor for the area, I’m looking at doing events,” she said, and if anyone has any suggestions for events in that time frame, she encouraged them to reach out. “I’m more than willing to meet with you and come up with something that could get the community involved,” she said, as she is currently working with the Newport Station and Sweets Corner. She is interested in jumpstarting programming with regard to anything we’ve discussed today, she said, so please “reach out to me, and I’d be more than willing to start something. I appreciate everyone taking part today, and I’m happy to see everyone involved.”

Regarding the trails, there have been conversations on the subject at the municipality’s table on those trails, she said, “but there’s more to it than just saying ‘We can do it or build’; obviously, there’s [she mentioned the name of the railway owner]: he controls it, so we’re at his mercy, and sometimes that’s not always an easy thing. And I know Hants County was looking at bringing them out too, and our Recreation Department has been on that. As you know, some things aren’t as easy as they sound, to do. We’re at their mercy as well.” She again thanked everyone for coming, and said to reach out with any questions to her, Chrystal, or Rashid.

Bill, a community member who was listening for the duration of the last engagement session, also thanked everyone for being present and participating. “This one has been a little more active than the others,” he said, and there’s “a lot to do” going forward.

Most of the engagement session’s participants then left, and at the closing of this respectful and lively engagement session, Shawn made one last general comment about Council having been present at the meeting. “It’s great, and Chrystal, I’m happy you’re still on as well,” he said. “But it’s different in some of these sessions having Council members here as well, and I do want to highlight that. I’m not saying it’s a negative, I’m just saying that some people will be more vocal when the Council representative is not there, because they feel that there could be a bias.”

ESTABLISHED CONNECTIONS AND NETWORKS

While the final chapter of this report contains many recommendations, the more overarching message of this engagement is the importance in making the first point of contact with many communities across the region, and establishing and maintaining open lines of communication. Through the engagement work, some of which was done remotely out of necessity, many residents across the municipality now know that there is a dedicated staff member that they can reach out to about engagement, communications, project ideas, and suggested improvements/ideas/concepts.

They now know that the municipality is taking steps to improve engagement, recognizing that things have to be done differently in the future, and, lastly, better understands the importance of creating relationships with residents in order to improve the quality of life and services for all residents.

The discussions that were had, whether online, in person, or on the phone, were impactful, as well as far overdue. We have made connections with leaders in our communities that the municipality now knows they can reach out to gather insight, honest opinions and suggestions on how to improve.

The municipality can now use these established networks and connections to continue building relationships across the region, to make connections beyond those that were achieved through this engagement project. This engagement has established a foundation in which the municipality can actively identify problems, develop more effective solutions, and create a dynamic means to involve community members in activities that collectively impact the municipality and will change the way residents live in and experience the region. This is a start to building trust, helping to shape services, connecting people to resources, and identifying community advocates and leaders, that gives the municipality a vital and lasting link to community wisdom. This wisdom and experience is the cornerstone of what has made the region so unique and valuable in the past, and with these powerful voices at the forefront, it is what will continue to spur needed change as the region moves forward, as a united municipality, together.

FUNDING AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FEDERAL

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience stream

The new COVID-19 Resilience Stream will allow communities to fast-track shovel-ready active transportation projects (and other eligible projects, like school and hospital retrofits), as long as they cost under \$10 million can feasibly be completed by the end of 2021

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative

A project that will provide up to \$31 million in existing federal funding to the organizations selected. CHCI will support projects that create safe and vibrant public spaces, improve mobility options, or provide digital solutions to communities through data and connected technologies. This fund will be managed through a Canadian organization yet to be selected. Please see under page XYZ for details of potential partnering organizations.

Community Spaces Fund

The Community Spaces Fund provides funding to official language minority communities for projects to build new community and cultural spaces and renovate and upgrade infrastructure and multi-purpose spaces in more community centres not attached to educational institutions. These meeting places, conducive to exchanges, will contribute to the individual and social development of the community.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporations (CMHC)

CMHC offers variety of programs for both developing affordable housing strategies, and help finance such projects.

Canada Summer Jobs

Canada Summer Jobs is an initiative of the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, which aims to provide flexible and holistic services to help all young Canadians develop the skills and gain paid work experience to successfully transition into the labour market.

Social Development Partnerships Program - Supporting Black Canadian Communities

This CFP will provide funding for equipment purchases for work or community spaces, including purchase of computers or tablets, desks, work furniture, software, telephone systems, boardroom tables, sound systems, smart boards, kitchen appliances, and more.

Smart Cities Canada / Evergreen Community Solutions Network

Resources, tools and workshops designed to help communities build capacity using data and connected technologies

The Community Solutions Network is a community-centric platform, serving every type of Canadian community: big, mid-sized, Indigenous, black, small and northern. As the project lead, Evergreen is working with Open North and partners to provide valuable information, learning opportunities and advisory services in key areas of data and technology for municipal and community leaders.

Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program (National)

The Projects component of the Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program provides funding for community development, anti-racism initiatives, and engagement projects that promote diversity and inclusion by encouraging interaction among community groups.

Department of Canadian Heritage

Canadian Heritage has a variety of funding programs which help promote culture, the arts, heritage, official languages, citizenship and participation, multiculturalism, youth, sport, and Aboriginal initiatives.

New Horizons for Seniors

Through Social Development Canada, this program provides funding for community-based projects across the country that encourage seniors to continue to play an important role in their community. Calls for applications are issued once or twice a year.

Status of Women Canada

Status of Women Canada (SWC) is a federal government organization that promotes the full participation of women in the economic, social and democratic life of Canada. They provide funding for women's programs, with an emphasis on economic security and prosperity, leadership, as well as community programs that encourage women to participate in their communities.

PROVINCIAL

Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage

Nova Scotia's culture and heritage contributes to vibrant communities and enriches the quality of life in every part of the province. The Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage invites Nova Scotians to experience and participate in their rich cultural expression.

One of the many available resources available through the Department is funding availabilities to assist the municipality prepare a 5-year plan as well as set up a Diversity and Inclusion Committee within the Municipality to help address identified issues such as representation of communities within staff and recognition of initiatives such as the Black History Month.

Other potential funding sources include funding streams relating to public rural transportation and active transportation plans.

Develop Nova Scotia

Develop Nova Scotia is a provincial crown corporation, helping Nova Scotia become one of the world's most irresistible places to live, invest, participate, and visit through developing strategic lands and economic infrastructure across the province. Through their place-making work, Develop Nova Scotia is working on community-led projects across the province, including the delivery of rural internet.

Nova Scotia Low Carbon Communities and Connect2 program

Support is available for transportation, buildings, electricity and other projects that have the potential to reduce emissions. Funding can be used for community planning, feasibility studies, learning by doing, public engagement sessions, program promotion and demonstration projects. There are a number of categories that the municipality may qualify for funding. They include:

- Clean Electricity & Energy Transformation
- Active Transportation Infrastructure & Design
- Clean Fleets and Shared Mobility
- Capacity Building and Community Engagement

ORGANIZATIONS

Cities and Environment Unit

The Cities and Environment Unit enables and empowers communities to shape their own future. They have worked across the spectrum of planning and design. Our services and interests include developing tools and models, urban and rural planning, comprehensive community plans, feasibility studies, architectural design (both housing and institutional), streetscape redevelopment and meaningful public engagement.

The Cities and Environment Unit has on-site capacity to assist the municipality with a variety of tasks including public engagement, design and approval of projects.

McConnell Foundation

The McConnell Foundation is a private Canadian foundation that develops and applies innovative approaches to social, cultural, economic and environmental challenges. They do so through granting and investing, capacity building, convening, and co-creation with grantees, partners and the public.

McConnell Foundation is currently not accepting any new funding requests but is working on a new framework for future funding opportunities.

Canadian Urban Institute

CUI is a national platform that houses the best in Canadian city building – where policymakers, urban professionals, civic and business leaders, community activists and academics can learn, share and collaborate with one another from coast to coast to coast. Through research, engagement and storytelling, their mission is to ensure Canada builds vibrant, equitable, livable and resilient cities.

CUI does not provide direct funding. However, it is connected to variety of organizations and can provide operational expertise in bringing projects to fruition.

FINAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

1 ■ START SMALL, START TODAY

The scale of challenges ahead for the municipality, some of which have been identified in this report, are significant. It is often the case that recommendations provided by reports such as this one become too overwhelming and hard to achieve as the time goes by. As a result, many such studies, regardless of the effort that goes into preparing them on all sides, are shelved before their insights can be implemented. It is therefore important to start small and take preliminary but immediate actions in order to preserve and enhance community relationships built through such projects. Undertaking small, immediate actions will also give internal staff, Council and residents a sense of what is possible and the energy needed to tackle multi-year goals and projects together. Below is a list of small, concrete actions the Municipality can take, starting now.

A. RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, FEBRUARY-MARCH 2021

This may be achieved by:

- Allocating more resources from existing municipal budgets;
- Holding an online celebration in February by inviting local representatives of the black community to discuss their history and culture;
- Inviting members of Black Nova Scotian community and/or a black artist/poet to at least one of the upcoming council meetings to talk about their experiences living and working in the municipality;
- Inviting the community leaders identified in this report to provide recommendations for short-and long-term initiatives they see as appropriate to commemorate the Black History Month in 2021 and in the future;
- Establish a municipal "proclamation" similar to that used in Halifax

B. ENGAGE THE YOUTH

Allocate budget resources to inform and engage the youth in the municipality's ongoing projects and initiatives through a Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok campaign. This could also include hiring a summer student through Federal Canada Summer Jobs program. Also, a more tangible way to involve them in shaping their communities would be to connect with the schools, rec centres, and youth organizations. For example, the municipality could host idea sessions for tactical urbanism projects students can actually participate in creating and building, giving youth the opportunity to make decisions.

C. TACTICAL URBANISM

Embracing tactical urbanism, in the spirit of quick and immediate actions as pilots for larger investments, is a way to energize community and learn through trial and error. This spirit can also lead to smart investments on feasible and tested projects into the future. For example, some of the transportation challenges the community faces today are of an urgent nature, and many such problems requires significant planning and funding to overcome. However, small-scale, effective interventions known as tactical urbanism can help the municipality work with local communities to achieve quick results with a limited budget. An example of such collaborations includes 100in1Day, which inspires residents to activate 100 thought-provoking ideas into interventions to transform their city all on one day, to support policy change, innovation and transformation in their cities by scaling temporary actions into longstanding projects.

These kinds of direct-action projects enable residents to improve their communities with short-term but effective interventions, and many such projects, if successful, can later be formalized through larger investments. Examples of tactical engagement projects on the subject of transportation infrastructure and other subjects may include:

- Temporary traffic calming measures such as narrowing main roads using painted concrete blocks. This can also act as a measure to create safe, makeshift sidewalks along the shoulders of main roads in rural and urban communities. The concrete blocks may be installed by the municipality and painted by local organizations and community members.
- Open Street Sunday: opening a major road, or a portion of a major road that connects several communities to pedestrian and cyclists, to encourage active transportation. This would mean not allowing cars onto those roads for a few hours on that Sunday. This low effort, high impact initiative has been tested in many jurisdictions around the world with great deal of success as it encourages people to walk and cycle around their communities, socialize, and get to services. As a pilot, this initiative can be completed every Sunday for a period of one month. The Planning and Design Centre has prepared a Switch Open Street Tool Kit and the experience to help develop this pilot.
- Activating existing public spaces by adding chairs and tables in an initiative known as Chair Bombing. It is as simple as placing chairs and tables in existing public spaces, or unexpected places, to encourage people to use the public space more, or for the traffic to slow down and yield to pedestrians.
- Reallocation of parking to small pocket parks for a day in an initiative known as Park(ing) Day to slow down traffic and create unofficial and intimate public spaces
- Adding colourful LED lights at the start of the main roads in the rural communities to alert drivers at night, and create a sense of belonging for the residents
- Creating crosswalks using 3D paint techniques
- Coordinate a carpool or cooperative rideshare initiative to service West Hants High School students and seniors, using resources that already exist. For example, many rotary and Lions Clubs have buses that are not frequently used, or school buses could be used in-between or after school use
- Beginning construction on sidewalks in such areas as Three Mile Plains for schoolchildren and their parents who wait for public transportation on the street or on their front lawns with large service trucks passing through the area
- Paint Mainstreet or Paint the Park
- Colour and Lights Festival
- Central kitchen in a community centre for groups to use and gather around food



Temporary traffic calming in Chicago



Open Street Sundays Halifax



Pocket Park by VEGA design in Copenhagen

- Short-term beautification or community service projects, such as wreath-making, tree-decorating, “Knit bombing” (knitting, crocheting, or sewing blankets for seniors in assisted living facilities or animals at a local shelter), and arranging for youth to visit homebound elderly or assisted living facilities are a few examples
- Fundraising campaigns to raise money for informational and memorial signage, road-markers, monuments, and plaques (e.g. commemorating the 1,000 Acadians who were deported from Fort Edward by the British; Willie O’Ree, the first black hockey player integrated into an all-white league; or George Elliot Clark, a black poet, playwright and literary critic born in Windsor in 1960)
- Establishing a phone line, staffed by volunteers or paid staff who could help those community members struggling with mental health issues or who need help with basic home repairs (with home visits)
- Forming online or in-person network alliances between identified community subgroups such as youth, seniors, LGBTQ+, craftspeople, retirees, health care workers, young professionals, women in business, trauma survivors, or veterans
- Supporting existing cultural institutions such as local libraries and museums with the curation of exhibits by youth, marginalized communities and seniors (e.g. on local history, national political movements and trends, and/or climate change)

A few examples of tactical urbanism in other areas of community development such as youth and senior services may include:

- Forming of Youth and Senior Advisory Committees, to discuss the need for larger projects such as a Youth Centre and Senior Centre, conversation around protected safe spaces, accessible services, and other pressing matters that Council may not have the time to get involved in. Recommendations from such committees can make their way to Council for discussion and consideration.
- Shared activities uniting a variety of groups could include a litter Cleanup Day, Ecology Awareness Day, or letter-writing day to area representatives responsible for making policy guidelines on how bodies of water, and private and public woodlands are protected against clear-cutting (which creates flash flooding)

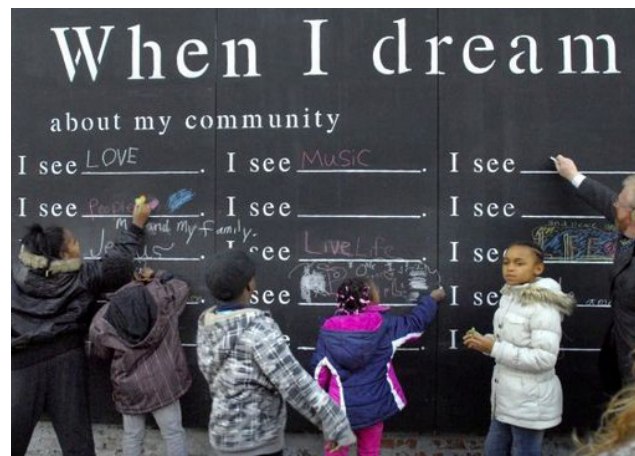
Many of the above suggested initiatives can be produced by encouraging the local communities, youth, and the community leaders, to implement them directly. The municipality can play an active role in achieving such projects by soliciting ideas for tactical urbanism and direct action, providing a small budget, and promoting a specific day (such as Regional Cleanup Day, or 100in1Day) to promote these initiatives.



Black-owned businesses and vendors pop-up market, Halifax



CoolGlobes travelling climate change art installation, Vancouver



Residents share ideas for the future of their community Bloomington, Illinois

2. ■ CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN

As it currently stands, there are multitudes of efforts underway in different communities across the municipality. Many of such efforts appear to be disconnected and scattered across the newly formed Municipality. A Comprehensive Community Plan developed through a community-based process would bring many of such pieces together to provide a more holistic view and direction for the region.

It is recommended Council direct staff to continue the engagement efforts and work with communities across the municipality to prepare a create a comprehensive community plan that provides the guiding principles for the entire municipality. Regional organizations such as Cities and Environment Unit (based in Halifax) are able to assist the municipality with preparing such a plan.

3. ■ MAKING PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MORE VISIBLE

A vast majority of survey respondents indicated that they feel that they have never been engaged by the previous municipality and town, and most expressed their desired to be heard and involved in the future planning of the municipality. It is therefore important to making planning and engagement more visible. This can be achieved through mobile engagement and planning pop-ups during ongoing community events and activities as well as a storefront operation.

4. ■ PREPARE AN INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN

One of the largest challenges identified by the community members engaged in this project, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic background, was lack of access to reliable public transportation and safe active transportation infrastructure. This lack of access to public transportation results in several larger, interrelated issues such as compromised road safety for children and adults, isolation, and challenges accessing physical and mental health services, as well as obtaining basic necessities.

Given the severity of this challenge, it is recommended that Council consider directing staff to prepare a comprehensive public and active transportation plan. A successful example of such a report and its phased implementation is Halifax's Integrated Mobility Plan, which encompasses practical solutions for a municipality with an urban, suburban and rural character.

Locally, it is recommended that Council consider becoming a part of initiatives such as Leading with Transit, which is working towards province wide transit system that could greatly benefit the communities in Regional Municipality of Windsor West Hants.

Provincially, the Nova Scotia Communities, Culture and Heritage organization is providing funding for Kings Transit, Halifax Transit, Transit Cape Breton, Straight Area Transit, Antigonish Community Transit, among others. It is also providing research funding for various municipalities to establish their own transit infrastructure. The municipality may benefit from such funding opportunities as well.

Federally, Infrastructure Canada has several funding mechanisms to help build and strengthen public and active transportation in urban and rural communities. Some of such funding opportunities are included in the next chapter of this report.

5 ■ CREATE AND ADOPT A NEW ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Through this consultation process, we used a framework for engagement that included identification of community leaders, one-on-one interviews with community leaders, politicians, and internal staff, in-person engagement sessions (unfortunately canceled due to COVID-19 lockdowns), online engagement, phone, mail-in and online surveys, and mail-in notices. During these months, we often heard from the residents that they are only now being consulted for the first time, or that they often feel their feedback is not being taken into account when making decisions. The newly formed Windsor West Hants Regional Municipality has the opportunity to reverse those trends and use the momentum created through the consolidation to create and adopt a new engagement framework.

It is recommended that Council designate internal staff members to further analysis the information from this engagement project and solicit internal municipal and external community leaders to implement this proposed engagement framework for the municipality beyond the scope of this initial phase. This extensive engagement framework may then be adopted by Council and be used for all future projects.

Examples of such frameworks that successfully blend rural and urban regions include "Civic Engagement at the City of Victoria" document, "City of Guelph Community Engagement Framework," and "Rural Municipalities of Alberta Public Engagement Guide."

Given the scale of challenges ahead, and the importance of keeping the community engaged and informed through it all, Council may consider initiating an open-source platform for engagement. Madrid City Council designed and launched the Decide Madrid platform in 2015. The online platform is part of a new generation of open-source civic technologies which can be used to engage the public in decision-making. Decide Madrid aims to ensure transparency of government proceedings in the city of Madrid and to widen public participation in Council decision-making and spending processes. Initiating such platform may be a feasible goal given availabilities of various tested and affordable technology solutions.

6 ■ FORM AN INTERNAL DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Given the diversity of the region, and the extensive feedback we received regarding the lack of consultation with diverse communities, and diverse representation in areas of governance, it is important for the municipality to form an internal Diversity & Inclusion Committee to assist staff and Council in identifying areas of improvement, as well as help promote and fund projects throughout the municipality in recognition of the rich cultural history of the region. Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage has funding opportunities available that may assist the municipality in setting up this committee.

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■ FORM AN EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL

The consultation for this project identified the challenges of representation and inclusion many marginalized communities in the region face. One of the ways to help bridge the gap between the municipality, Council and the communities is an external residence advisory committee to Council. This committee must include representatives from the Acadian, Black Nova Scotian, and Glooscap First Nation communities, as well as youth, seniors, LGBTQ+, and newcomers. The selection process for this committee may include reaching out to the community leaders identified through this project and requesting names to be put forward by them. The selection process could be additionally formalized to include a vetting process through the Municipality's internal Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

It is recommended that Council appoint internal staff and/or an external consultant to assist with preparing a mandate, governance model, targeted responsibilities, and a budget for this committee. A practical guide for forming this committee is "How to Create a functional, effective advisory committee" by Health Nexus, a Canadian bilingual health organization.

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■ INVEST IN BUILDING NEW MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRES OR ENHANCING EXISTING ONES

The desire for better and more community centres was a consistent need that was expressed throughout in-person interviews, survey responses and online engagements. The essence of such centres are that they provide places to bring people together for recreation, celebration, performance, exploration. These don't always need to be in a central location, but in places where people feel welcome and can easily access. Such spaces can be used for a variety of purposes including targeting at-risk or underserved youth by providing a safe space after school. This was identified as a need in our initial public consultation with the students from West Hants High School, who said the skate park (not always safe for youth), and the Hants Aquatic Centre (not open year-round) are their only options for shared extra-curricular spaces outside of school and the home.

This was also pointed out by a Glooscap parent of LGBTQ+ youth who said her home is the only safe space for her children and their friends to express themselves freely. Such centres would also meet an emergent need in the consultation, which is to provide a space for seniors to share dynamic conversations, host workshops, and engage in craft-based activities. These centres could also be hubs for community activism on the subject of the environment (protecting and preserving forests and water supplies), as this was a topic that the youth and seniors we consulted both felt strongly about, particularly protecting the fresh- and saltwater ecology of Lake Pesaquid, and the Falmouth Watershed area.

It is recommended that Council direct staff to map all existing community centres and activities taking place within them. From there, build a strategy and a phased approach to building new centre and enhancing existing ones, through repairs and programming, with the goal of all communities throughout the municipality having access to such centres.

9. ■ START A SAFE STREETS AND TRAILS INITIATIVE

A challenge facing many rural communities, including those in West Hants, is street safety along the main and side streets, as well as the trail network. Many of the residents we spoke with expressed their desire for safer streets where their children and their parents can walk to school or the bus stop without fearing for their safety, where their elderly can safely walk to a corner store to meet their basic needs, and where the youth can walk or cycle to another community using a connected and safe trail system.

It is recommended that Council consider directing staff to prepare a priority list of renovated or new streets and trails that would vastly improve the quality of life for residents throughout the municipality. This list can be compiled with the help of residents and community leaders in each community using available technology for community mapping. Halifax recently completed such survey by making a map available to community members to report areas where road safety could be improved. From there, Halifax Regional Municipality prepared a list of Traffic Calming Assessment Lists with a phased plan to address the challenges over time.

There are federal and provincial funding and organizations that can assist in preparing this list, and to help with implementation. Some of these improvements can be done through tactical improvements (such as minor repairs and community-led interventions); other innovations will require a multi-year phased implementation plan and budget.

10. ■ ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM

A main finding of this report is the need to address systemic racism and environmental racism that has negatively impacted the Black Nova Scotians in the community for decades. It is recommended that Council form a taskforce to strategically address this issue and put together a comprehensive plan for addressing racism, both through internal review of policies, plans and procedures, as well as external education for the general public through initiatives such as commemoration of the Black History Month.

11. ■ ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change poses a serious risk to the quality and way of life of all people living in the communities across West Hants. It is important for Council to put together a plan to both address climate change adaptation as well as outline steps the municipality is able to take to reduce its carbon footprint. Bridgewater's Energize Bridgewater plan that aims at addressing energy poverty and climate change is a good example of such plan that is possible and necessary in a rural context. Another example of that is Halifax's Halifacts 2050 plan that aims at significantly reducing municipality's carbon footprint by 2050.

There are federal and provincial funding available to both prepare such plans, and help implement them, as well as federal and provincial funding to support community-wide and individual implementation of green and green energy initiatives such as composting, mandatory recycling programs, solar panels, low-emission vehicles, and construction of greenhouses.

12. ADDRESS AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Access to affordable housing is a growing concern in the urban, and to a lesser extent rural, parts of the municipality. While some of the forces driving this challenge are outside of municipality's control, there are several tools within Council's power to elevate some of the housing market pressure. These may include providing municipally owned lands for affordable housing, encouraging innovative land use planning by-laws allowing for larger inventories of developable land within complete neighbourhoods, permitting secondary and backyard suites for individual homeowners, addressing energy poverty concerns through retrofit programs (see recommendation number 9), and streamlining the development approval process to reduce housing development costs.

It is recommended that Council direct staff to undertake a comprehensive analysis of these tools that the municipality can introduce to encourage the development and enhancement of access to affordable housing. There may be funding opportunities for such studies through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), such as the National Housing Strategy Research and Planning Fund.

13. LOCAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

COVID-19 has caused many businesses, particularly small retailers, unimaginable challenges. However, such businesses are the heart and soul of a community's economy. More than ever, 2020 has made residents aware of the importance of supporting local businesses, and most importantly retail businesses in a community's main streets. Expanding on that, given the agricultural nature of the municipality's rural areas, supporting local can mean a stronger regional economy that creates good local jobs and makes the region more resilient.

It is recommended that Council direct staff to undertake a retail mapping study to better understand existing retail stores and also to identify gaps between needed retail services in every community across the municipality. This study can lead to infrastructural investments, such as safe sidewalks and crossings and new trail connections, that would strengthen existing retailers. It may also lead to land use policies that would encourage more retail businesses in areas where such services are needed but are currently lacking.

Pursuant to that, it is recommended that Council direct staff to undertake a mapping exercise of existing agricultural uses in the region. Doing so can allow for comprehensive work that would support a farm to table movement, not just around the municipality but in all of Nova Scotia. Such study was completed by Guelph-Wellington's Canada Smart Cities Challenge Proposal in 2019. Located in an agriculturally rich part of Ontario, the municipality studied the feasibility of increasing access to affordable, nutritious food by 50%, where "waste" becomes a resource, 50 new circular businesses and collaborations are created, and circular economic revenues are increased by 50%. The Region of Guelph's successful submission to Smart Cities Challenges was rewarded with a \$10 million funding from the Federal Government to further implement their plan. For complete details on this study and its implementation please visit foodfuture.ca

14. ■ IMPLEMENTATION

This report provides a comprehensive list of priorities and community-led projects gathered through the engagement sessions. The list is expansive and includes monumental structural undertakings, including addressing climate change, systemic, and environmental, racism, implementing safe active transportation infrastructure, improving employment services, and activating governmental assistance with affordable housing.

It is up to Council to review, analysis, prioritize, and allocate staff and resources into implementation of these projects. This report has also provided an overview of existing national and regional funding opportunities that may be available to the municipality to help bring these short- and long-term projects to fruition. There are also regional and national organizations that can help municipal staff in making some of these projects a reality once Council and the municipality are ready to move ahead with them. Some of these organizations have also been identified in this report.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Throughout this engagement, the municipality has shown a great willingness to engage with the community in hearing their perspectives, and organizing together to undertake the monumental tasks ahead. There have been many positive indications that the consolidation promises a new start for a stronger community, together: this is tremendously encouraging. While the community is currently eager and excited for the possibilities of a new municipality, there are also concerns, as expressed in the engagement sessions and surveys, of the community maintaining tradition, whereby many who have historically been left unrepresented will continue to remain unseen and unheard, real change remaining a mirage. Working with the municipality and residents has been an uplifting experience for our firm that we believe could be a model for community activism and change, and throughout this project, we have only seen continued willingness and openness in both the diverse residents as well as the elected officials and municipal staff to drive innovation forward, and not default back to the status quo. Thank you. We encourage you to realize as many hopes, dreams, and aspirations for increased connectivity and dynamic participation as are expressed in this report as possible. In the words of Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Complete Survey Responses

#1

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Brooklyn

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

45

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

I have everything I need in a very short distance from where I live and am close proximity to "downtown" for items that I don't have access to. Also, it's super quaint with loads of potential.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

reliable internet/cell coverage

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The potential that our region has with landscape, business and tourism opportunities, people - we're an undiscovered gem

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Create opportunities for collaboration and engagement that introduce people to others who are like minded. Encourage conversations and partnerships - put people in touch with one another. Increase means of communication so there are broader reaches.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

A Community Enhancement Committee/Team. Our region is filled with amazing communities that are linked as being part of our region but unique - we need to begin showcasing them.

It would be great if the Municipality helped us start the project as they have knowledge on how to but then it would be better if they were community run with the Municipality being there as a support if needed and to help us promote what we are doing.

It would help our community thrive as it would create a connection, build relationships and provide an environment where neighbours help neighbours.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

newsletters, online, meetings, a few community meetings

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

newsletters or notes via Canada Post, increased and consistent online presence, it would be awesome to know that we can reach out to them too and know who we should be talking to if an issue arises.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Events at the Firehall (bingo, suppers, walking group). Unfortunately that's all I can think of which is why it is so important to get the groups going that I spoke of above.

Q12

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yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

More collaboration with our not-for-profit groups that support our communities so we can increase awareness.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#2

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

56

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The peace and quiet.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

There is not a lot of community spirit here. The taxes are extremely high.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The hope that there will be something for my grandchildren to look forward to, for example the ability to buy an affordable home, get a good job, etc.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Have something for the youth to do, a rec center for them to explore their interest like music, computers etc.,

Q8

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A youth center and a seniors center, of course the youth and seniors would be involved, they are the people that know what they need. It would give the seniors and the youth a better understanding of each other and would make the community more attractive for people to move here and hopefully business to come.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Notices in the mail and community sessions that were not available for the shift workers.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Maybe more online surveys so shift workers can have an input into the process.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I have no idea about any weekly or monthly events. There is a music event once a year but I have never attended.

Q12

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They do generally represent the needs of the community.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I firmly believe in inclusion as long as the people they are hired are qualified to do the job. I don't believe in inclusion for the sake of inclusion.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Good Luck

#3

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Q1

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Upper Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

34

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Rural setting not far away from anything

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Slow internet and limited shopping/quality goods in the area

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Move to new energy systems and low carbon approaches to sustainability

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

More programs geared at the 25-45 age group

Q8

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New local energy projects to see the community be a leader or local food system to be more accessible to all

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Limited to no engagement out side of the town/municipal core area

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Updated online presence and an easy to navigate and current website

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Unsure of anything in the local area

Q12

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All important aspects are included but priority may need to address large issue such as affordable housing and heating cost appear to be larger than what is understood

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Internet and connectivity in rural areas, affordable housing and energy sources.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#4

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Q1

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hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

male

Q3

How old are you?

59

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

quiet, and rural yet has good amenitites

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Extremely slow internet

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

growth and more services coming down the road

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

get high speed internet to all regions

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I wouldn't start a new one. Rather support some of the existing

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

not sure, just moved here 4 months ago

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

emailed newsletters

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

hantsport music festival and canada day parade

Q12

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somewhat. I think you put any communities name on top of this exact same list. Nothing on this list that is exclusive to West Hants

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Add High Speed Internet.

Add Business Development

Remove, or lower priority of 1, 3, and 8

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Need to determine what is going to happen with Windsor Causeway. Do what is best and most economical for us living people, not a few fish

#5

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Q1

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Currys Corner

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

80

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

neighbours. country all around. reasonably priced homes. sheer beauty of Kings Meadow and hills around.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

no public transport. poor road surface (Dill Rd/Ext)

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

ecologically sound and sustainable region with adequate services for families and singles to thrive together

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

honest non-partisan transparent governance; good well-paid intelligent staff;

Q8

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Cohousing project on College Road lands.

People wanting affordable neighbourly housing.

Increase population and community.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Public hearings, planning consultations.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Same, Plus events focussed around new Rec complex, and downtown.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

weekly seniors events at Comm Ctr

Q12

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Yes, but nothing is said about sustainable living and development, and need to cut carbon sources to reduce climate change which is now at emergency level and could overwhelm other plans.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Engagement in fully-developed plan to cut carbon production from all sources and develop renewable energy at greatest possible speed.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

not at this time.

#6

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

30

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The hometown feel and growth potential.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Adequate paying jobs.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Growth

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Secure higher paying jobs

Q8

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Indoor swimming facility.

Subsidized fitness facility

Q9

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Social media

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Social media. Community events. Pure transparency.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Unsure

Q12

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Yes. It's a start.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Would remove number 3.
Mental health and stable paying jobs.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Nope.

#7

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Q1

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Wentworth

Q2

What is your gender?

M

Q3

How old are you?

50

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

It's home.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

job opportunities

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Invest in trails, community parks and increased affordable opportunities for young families.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Create a public trail on the abandoned railway. This would increase tourism and bring money to local businesses.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

It hasn't.

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Sporting events hosted by local clubs and organizations; pumpkin regatta.

Q12

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Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#8

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

58

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Friendly neighbours, quiet streets, clean rural area

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Drive to bank

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Continued peaceful retirement

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Maintain peaceful, friendly atmosphere.

Q8

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Outdoor skating

Q9

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N/A

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Keep doing what you're doing.

Q11

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Annual music festival, community bbq

Q12

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Lovely priorities; however, are any of them fiscally possible? One must keep in touch with reality.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Those that are unaffordable.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thank you for accepting input from your citizens.

#9

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Q1

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Avondale

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

42

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The people, the natural aesthetic, the history, the culture.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Climate change, roads are in bad shape.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The other people in the community who are dedicated to preserving and promoting all we have to offer.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Fix the roads, fix the berm, fix the boat launch.

Q8

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Promote more use of the Avon River area for recreation. Develop way finding signage for all Municipal recreation sites so visitors and residents are aware of sites and what they have to offer. With way finding signage the sites would be easier to find and therefore will bring more people to these locations.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

yes

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I appreciate the surveys and community meetings held at the hall. Local input is important.

Q11

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During the summer the museum hosted community BBQs and Open Studio days outdoors where people could socially distance. The winery hosted weekly pop-up markets in collaboration with the museum, the Full Circle Festival and North Along the Shore Jamboree. Each Saturday a musician who would have normally performed at the festivals played outdoors at the winery.

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yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

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Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#10

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Q1

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Ellershouse

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

50

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Access to nature

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Declining nature access

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

More access to nature

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Continue to improve access to nature

Q8

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Ellershous is a starting/finishing point for atv/recreational trails.

Like to see project that helps acknowledge/teach proper trail use and provide rider user assistance. Maps, signage, trail repair and maintenance.

Q9

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Newsletter

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Newsletter

Q11

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Music festival, full circle and north along the shore in avondale

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Area recreation, nature and tourism media promotions

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Allow fish passage

#11

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Q1

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Avondale

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

37

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

We still have areas that have spectacular rural character in West Hants.

We have great urban areas too! (Windsor, Hantsport) these places have so much potential and can be vibrant hubs within our region.

Avon River and our macro tidal environment and rich history and culture that have formed around this "spine" that runs through our region.

The people! We have exceptional, authentic and interesting folks from all background living here and that should be celebrated.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Our region faces some of the main problems outlined in the OneNS Report (Ivany Report) around attitudes and change.

Lack of a vision and identity (I hope this comes to fruition now that we have the consolidation finished) that can promote our area.

Aspects of racism.

Homogenous approaches from governments and not working with communities to empower their success.

Transportation - there needs to be some innovation explored in rural transport. This is an essential service and contributes to our GHG emissions.

Housing CHOICES - we are an affordable region relative to others but we need further choice and a strategy to achieve better outcomes.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Working as a community on GHG emissions reductions and doing our part to help with the climate crisis, like:

- Political will and buy-in to move the needle on this issue
- Innovative transportation solutions
- A Property Assessed Clean Energy program
- Leadership from the municipality

Having a better relationship with our First Nation and other marginalized communities, taking some steps to support better education. The "Save our Lake" issue is a prime example of outdated colonial thinking and a lack of a long-term view or systems approach.

Focusing our development in our Towns or other defined areas so that we can maintain agricultural land and authentic rural areas that people love (tourism).

The pandemic and this consolidation is a great opportunity to shift our thinking and start doing things differently.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Work with us to achieve better outcomes and where things can and should go.

Keep up the improved communications! (I think your doing a great job but can always look to improve)

Q8

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In Avondale - our waterfront area, wharf, boat launch, museum, event space (boat house), and lighthouse can and should have more involvement and focus. We have seen a positive shift in this recently and are hopeful there can be trust and dialogue moving forward to improve these sites, do some proactive flood mitigation and keep improving this area for visitors and locals.

The newly renovated lighthouse could be a summer tourist kiosk, ice cream spot, summer student employment area, kayak rental, etc.

The other facilities we are working with the municipality now on upgrades and design.

Q9

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Town Hall style meetings at local halls, email or survey stuff.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

it's gone pretty well. Building some email lists, Avondale specific or sending mailers out but I wouldn't say this has been completely lacking - people are putting efforts into improving communications and this is clear (this survey is a great step too)

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

There are many events in Avondale both at our museum and boat house space, on the field by the lighthouse, at the winery and through music events.

The Municipality is a sponsor or partner in many of these.

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This is a great start. I think acknowledging Climate Change is also very important.

Focusing on both the "Town" and "Country" aspects and how to acknowledge the importance and interrelation could help.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Climate Change

Tourism, Culture and Economic Development

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thank you for doing this.

#12

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Q1

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Summerville

Q2

What is your gender?

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Q3

How old are you?

59

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Beautiful scenery....rivers

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

internet availability and cost. Available medical services ...and lack of family physicians

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

believe in our people....young families living and loving our region.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

by not raising taxes, by encouraging business growth, by being accountable

Q8

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protect our water systemsprotect the Avon River from abuse...from the windsor area. Create tourist opportunities along the shores, encourage schools to study the wonderful geology of our county,

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

through grants.....continue with grants....

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

mail outs....not everyone has access to the internet

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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yes

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#13

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Q1

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Bramber

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

58

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Water, peace and quiet

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Abandoned building in disrepair. Junk and disgraceful properties, old junky mobiles. Put the investment into your home and get taxed for this and then junk mobiles and campers moving in next to you, devaluing your property.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

You need to address junk properties and those people need to have standards applauded to them before I can be inspired to keep investing in my area or west Hants as a whole. This can't keep being ignored or keep being grandfathered in.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Windsor is not the whole key to our community. I don't want to go there. We live in rural areas for this reason, we don't want the congestion. Windsor has minimal shopping and is over priced most times. Why are we going to shop there when we can shop in sackville or new Minas for much cheaper. Why do we have to leave our community to get reasonable pricing or a selection of items. We don't want to go to sackville or an hour away to new Minas or Truro to get that we need. You want growth in population but think an arena is the key. No. Have a look at the age population in our area, they are not skating.

Q8

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Common sense isn't here. Immediately, high speed internet must be here by multiply providers at the same prices as the city. You want businesses or want home business, we need this now and not for Windsor again. Everything is Windsor. We don't all live there nor want to.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

People stop participating when you show over and over that you don't listen.

You have young people making these choices for our area and they have no idea what they are doing, dreamers. We need basics first. Example. Post a seniors cooking class on your site, register for the class etc. MOST DONT USE A COMPUTER, don't have internet. See, no common sense used.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

When has councillors engaged their residents other than going to a meeting? Get out and see the residents and talk to them at their homes for what they want. Go to general stores in the communities to see what people want. Not the superstore to get votes. Again Windsor.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Get out

Q12

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Dreamer and talking again. There are basics needed way before these things. Come on, these are all things again for Windsor. Doesn't help rural people one bit. Take our taxes and give to Windsor again

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Very very tired of these waste of time. Anyone that has researched on how to do these should know, you're posing questions wrong and wayyyyyyyy too many.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

You don't listen. RURAL, what do we get, NOTHING ever

#14

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Q1

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The Municipality of Windsor/West Hants

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

62

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Awesome history!

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of good shopping.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

A healthy, clean, happy place for my grandchildren to grow up.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Better shopping so we don't need to leave town for almost everything.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Some sort of respite for hard working, loving family members who care for special needs loved ones. This is VERY badly needed in our area.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Don't know. Sorry

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

More help with special needs will get my vote every time!!!

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Always used to greatly enjoy the Sam Slick Festival. The Hants County Exhibition used to be fun when it was week long. The Stanley Fly In on Labour Day weekend.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

More help (financial & respite) for families with special needs members.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

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Q1

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Ardoise

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

36

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

It is clean and fairy tight knit.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Not enough recreation programs for people outside of the Windsor area.
Public transportation is needed.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

It is great to see new businesses developing.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

It would be great to focus on areas that are not just Windsor.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I would love to see something like a park or splash pad installed in the Brooklyn area.

I think the fire departments and local businesses could be involved with fundraising.

This would be a great opportunity for more outdoor and time and physical activity for those in West Hants who aren't right in Windsor.

Right now we have to travel to Windsor, Hantsport or Sackville for activities.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I don't know, honestly.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Social media is a huge marketing and communication tool and needs to be used more widely and in a more genuine manner.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

The Ardoise Hall often has events, however they are not promoted much so I am unsure of how often they are held.

Q12

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Yes. This sounds great.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I wouldn't remove any of the priorities, but I would like to reiterate that a lot of the downtown core of Windsor is NOT accessible for those with mobility issues. This is an issue for businesses and patrons alike.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#16

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

39

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

My neighbours. Landscape.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Decaying town. Little community engagement and support.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The opportunity to move out of Windsor, to a larger piece of land.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

They could start with taking a look around the decaying community and start to repair what is broken instead of taking on new projects.

Overflowing garbage cans (no two cans look the same), an over grown park, a tree that has snapped in a storm a year ago and is still sitting there, stop people from building unsightly fences in town - is anyone even checking for permits???, a rusted fence along the causeway with overgrown weeds, Welcome to Windsor signs that were half covered in white paint over a year ago and left that way and lastly, at the bottom of King Street a new curb was created and a tree and random flowers were planted. It has not been weeded since the town put it in. I had to remove a weed vine this summer from the crosswalk sign myself. And who's idea was it to plant a maple tree next to a stop sign? These are just a few things...

Q8

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I moved to Windsor 5 years ago and was optimistic that positive change was going to happen. But that's not the case. Others feel the same way. And amalgamating the two communities without a public vote did not strike coincidence in the community - especially when taxes were raised as a result. If I were to implement a project, it would be an anti littering campaign. The litter is out of control in our community. Especially close to large businesses. Statistics show that people are less likely to litter in a already clean space. People take more pride in their community when it is clean. Also, it would be nice for visitors to recognize our clean community. Volunteers and WHRM would be involved in the project. Signs need to be created and waste needs to be picked up.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Facebook.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Social Media and In person. I see more from the Windsor Township than WHRM.

Q11

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Christmas parade and Avon River Days (which has gone downhill each year). It would be great to have a big parade with real floats.

Q12

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I think you need to ask more residents what their needs / thoughts are. Who are the "community leaders"? that is very vague. In order for the area to prosper, we need to be able to attract people to the area. I think #3, #5 and #8 might be the most important at this time.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I'd like to add WHRM take more responsibility and initiative in cleaning up the community and not leave this to volunteers.

It also seems like the list of above priorities are items based on global current trends and politics and may not actually be relevant to our own community's needs. Perhaps WHRM feels it is the safe thing to say in today's climate. I would like to see a broader audience surveyed.

Id like to see #6 and #1 removed.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#17

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

M

Q3

How old are you?

73

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

close to hosp. Dr., stores, Hfx. & Falmouth is a good place to live.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Nearest town has very limited shopping & travel to specialist Dr. especially in winter.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Health, happiness & to continue to live in our own home.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

More help for seniors, snow removal, cost of living is getting too high.

Q8

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more police & fire protection, better walking trails away from the road.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Have done very well under present staff

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Newsletters, radio and email if possible.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Entertainment and such.

Q12

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Yes it covers lots of great topics and projects.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

This may be more for Pro. Gov. but we need more Doctors & Health care providers. We just lost our own Dr.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Anything that can help Seniors as it is a struggle to make ends meet these days.

#18

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Q1

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Avondale

Q2

What is your gender?

F

Q3

How old are you?

64

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Beauty. Natural and social history that is relatively unknown but has been essential to developing responsible government, economy of province, ecologically significant, etc. Opportunity for knowing this history to have a significant impact on positive solutions to provincial problems.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Funding of community initiatives and infrastructure in rural area that could provide jobs to young people. E.g other municipalities fund museums. If Avondale museum had stable municipal funding, it could offer stable employment to community youth. Access to potable water is a problem in Avondale.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

This process inspires me! I was inspired by reading the interim report, which took the concerns of marginalized groups into consideration. I'm inspired by the fact that when one source of income dried up in the past (ship-building, mining, etc.), community came together to create new opportunities.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Continue to learn from the voices of marginalized groups. Did you know that the West Hants tourism booklet created by the municipality did not have a section on African Nova Scotia history until two years ago?

Q8

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Funding to hire community youth to work in the museum on weekends year round. This would address the needs of seniors, youth, etc. Avon River Heritage Society, which has an excellent track record, would plan and oversee. It would create a welcoming space for seniors and other community members to get together to informally discuss and address community issues, reduce isolation, encourage cohesion, etc.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Online surveys and community-based meetings have worked well.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Online service and community-based meetings, but please find a way to better advertise these. There is a consultation tonight which I just heard about.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

There are weekly and monthly events at the Avon River museum that could be tapped into. The museum has a history of surveying community members on municipal issues.

Q12

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Yes, especially three and four. They need is so great and the lack of focus on these areas is very embarrassing and detrimental to the municipality.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Given the important presence of Mi'kmaq in this area historically and the lack of information on this, a strong focus on treaty education, which affects us all. Encourage tourism "off the beaten track". Better address the issues around blocking fish passage at the causeway.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thank you! Your work is very encouraging!

#19

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Q1

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Mantua

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

62

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Outdoor trails, small and friendly, small local owned businesses (though not enough). Festivals, events (though not enough).

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of varied shopping facilities (not Big Box stores, just variety different stores, ie. pet food, clothing, etc) so don't need to travel great distances to the city. Frequent power outages during bad weather. Rural areas - lack of parks, playgrounds etc for strolling.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Community living, being able to get involved in arts, cultural projects. New and interesting businesses and organizations.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

More focused detailed information provided in announcements, not just a small write-up in a newsletter. Include more info on the outlining communities. Rural can be isolating (even without Covid restrictions). Provide more and varied events etc in rural areas.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Music festivals. Cultural festivals. Within separate communities AND bringing them together. Involve the musicians and artists that are already doing all the small get-togethers BUT also involve non-artists/non-musicians to get involved otherwise it's 'preaching to the choir' and events can become insular and exclusive instead of inclusive. Expanding on cultural events brings in visitors/tourists, in rural areas it would connect people who are normally separated by rural distances. Annual highlight of different communities through community festivals or "Community Days" in the summer, Winter Days in the cold season, etc.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not really effectively at all in the rural areas.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Showcase a different community each month and be seen to care. Learn about and reach out to each community regularly.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Open mic nights. Garlic Festival. Otherwise, not much happens outside of Windsor proper. Would be great to have more for various age groups ... not just kids or seniors.

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Yes! Especially #1, #2, #5, #7 . . . well, all of the above honestly.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

More cultural, recreational centres outside of Windsor downtown. More in rural areas.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Keep reaching out with communications and surveys like this. It's good to know that the 'townies' recognize us rural folks.

#20

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Avondale

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

44

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Rural lifestyle, preservation of water, agriculture and ecological resources.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

more resources needed for youth. Active transportation and recreational lands needed.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The municipality should invest in green initiatives. Possible support could be given in form of incentives for solar panel installation.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

More outreach and investment/involvement in the community.

Q8

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Active transportation corridor from waterfront park to Windsor along dyke system and railway line. Multiple stakeholders would be required.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

openly

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

openly, direct, honest and transparent.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

music festivals, community celebrations, jams, card games, etc, etc.

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100%

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Addition of green initiative. Moving towards a net zero municipality.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thanks for reaching out

#21

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Not applicable

Q3

How old are you?

Not applicable

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Safety

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Limited shopping and well paying jobs

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

New business growth
Community support

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Keep taxes from increasing

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Recruit businesses, fund rec programs for low income families

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

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Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Surveys are important.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Very few in Falmouth. I go to other areas. Avondale, Windsor.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

3 and 8 are low priority for me.

Our trial systems are good. Already.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Mental health in this community is terrible! We need supports in the schools to support overwhelmed schools.

Many families with complex needs are lacking case management. Their children are in crisis and the schools are the only agencies offering help. They need help.

#22

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Q1

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Avondale

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

65

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Avondale is blessed with a beautiful environment and strong community spirit.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Transportation will be an issue if I get too old or too poor to drive. :)

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Let's have free tidal flow and fish passage at the causeway, which would be better for the Shore and open new possibilities for the Windsor street waterfront.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Not sure. I appreciate the support for Newport Landing Waterfront Park.

Q8

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Let's hire local youth to have year round programming at the museum, at least on weekends.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Some forums at the hall I guess.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

It's good for council and staff to come and visit. Make a quarterly fun not too forum at the hall.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Music festival, garlic festival, museum cafe.

Q12

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Great list: all with a view to strengthening the "public sphere" which is our only chance to meet the social and environmental challenges overtaking us.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

9. Advocate for transparency and accountability by the province and the feds re the causeway. The failure to heed the voices of the scientists, the fishers, the natives, the shore dwellers downstream, etc illustrates everything that is wrong with the entrenched old ways of doing things in our region.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Keep up the good work!

#23

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

55

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The people.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Internet connectivity (poor signal), tax rate too high to stay much longer.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The possibility of equitable taxation. Opportunities for economic development.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Respect the spirit of the consolidation. Windsor must not be forgotten.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Guided walking tours for locals and tourists. Bring people to the downtown core to support local business. Perhaps the Windsor Township could take the lead with help from municipal staff.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Mayor's Newsletter (quarterly), Town Hall meetings to explain budget, tax rate, active transportation opportunities, etc. Having citizen representation on committees.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Regular newsletters, Town Hall meetings, include councillors in community announcements and events. Departmental blogs available on website. A link to council members Facebook pages from website.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Farmers market, public skates, Avon River Days, pumpkin Regatta, Kids Triathlon, music on the waterfront, Parade of Lights, Christmas Tree Lighting, Hants County Exhibition, Long Pond Classic, etc, etc. Would love to see more music festivals.

Q12

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I would like to see a Youth Council and regular visits to area schools during Municipal Awareness Week. We need to hear from our youth.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Equitable taxation.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Please don't forget why we came together. It was not to swallow Windsor up. The former town's tax rate should have been reduced slightly this year - not been increased. Very, very disappointed that this happened especially since staff gave other options that should have been considered - especially during a pandemic.

#24

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Q1

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Avondale

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

35

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

The ecological significance of the area (namely, the River), cultural history, neighbourly community, and arts events that take place throughout the summer.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

There is a shortage of access to water for agriculture and drinking, especially during dry seasons. There could be better access to local food. There is some uncertainty of access to our property if tidal waters continue to rise and flood the roads.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

There are more and more people realizing the beauty of the area, and entrepreneurs, especially those supporting arts, culture, and tourism are moving to the area. I am inspired by the community-oriented nature of many of the neighbours who look out for each other and make a point of creating events and volunteering their time to support initiatives and one another.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Continuing to consult about how to best utilize local resources while simultaneously supporting costs associated with maintaining infrastructure and supporting community initiatives and events.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I would expand on the festivals already taking place during the summer by offering a summer-long music series at the lighthouse by the wharf. The museum, Full Circle, North Along the Shore, and other organizations with similar mandates could be involved. I would also love to see a music park at Newport Landing with structures that visitors can engage with to create art. Attracting more visitors to the area would provide opportunity to educate about the unique ecology and history of the area, and provide opportunities to connect, create and support local artists. I would also love to see the river accessed with perhaps the kayak rentals by the wharf. The municipality (summer student, perhaps?) could provide a staff member to support rentals. This project would further attract people to the area, support the local economy and encourage future growth.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I find that messaging about meetings or surveys is not always clearly communicated. This survey and today's consultation, for example, I only heard about after the meeting took place. It would be great if there was a way for the municipality to communicate directly with residents that doesn't involve social media. I have appreciated the municipalities efforts to gather in person with multiple stakeholders in the past to discuss issues effecting the community.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

More of the same, plus perhaps collecting emails of residents for more direct communication?

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Monday Jam nights at Avondale Hall, Friday night BBQs at the museum, Full Circle Festival (solstice weekend in June), North Along the Shore Jamboree (Sept, annually), monthly arts and culture events throughout the summer at the museum.

Q12

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Mostly

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Food accessibility and sustainability - Better access to sustainably grown, local, nutritious food.

Climate change and environmental initiatives - educating public about the impacts of climate change, better waste management and reduction strategy, better incentives for green energy initiatives.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#25

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

56

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

No big box stores...fun community events

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No affordable, nice, apartments.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Not much...I may have to move away due to lack of apartments.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

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Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

A new day care...in a senior's residence.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

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Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

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Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Music in the park

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

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Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

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#26

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Q1

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Burlington

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

64

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Our unique history is shockingly undiscovered. So, lots of potential. I love that new people are moving in and telling me how great the place is; still many Planter descendant families here; area has a lot of potential due to the fact that we could make so much more of the historic cultural mash-up that our area is: Aboriginal/Acadian/African NS/Planter/present day.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of volunteerism. How can those who do participate in volunteerism get creatively reimbursed ?

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The new green economy that will be coming (fingers crossed)

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Get the councilors out into the communities a bit more.

Q8

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1st) Develop, my community's part in a large tourism offering that would encompass the entire new West Hants Regional Municipality through telling the role that the Avon River has played in the history of Canada and the history of NS.

And, 2nd) we need more housing solutions for seniors, singles and young families

Who would you involve in these projects? For 1) above: Parks Canada (Ft Edward), Tourism NS, Transportation NS, Environment NS, and the WHR municipality;

For 2) above, I am not sure. Perhaps Provincial Housing Authority / Municipality and CMHC?

How would these projects help your community thrive?

For 1) Sense of pride, foster a tourism economy that would connect with and enhance the following offerings that we already have: Grand Pre UNESCO and Joggins Fossil Cliffs UNESCO, Bay of Fundy Fossil Museum and Fort Edward National Historic Site of Canada

For 2) Sense of pride

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Meetings (in Windsor), ads in paper, posters, online surveys most recently

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

The online meetings will be OK for me, but probably not for older folks. But we all need better internet. Things have really slowed down with COVID. Almost back to dial-up speed.

Q11

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-if I include nearby communities: weekly seniors socials during the cold months, nightly Jam sessions (music) in community halls, music festivals, garlic festival, artists showings

Q12

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Yes, pretty much. As long as #5 "extended waterfront connections" refers to more than just Windsor. Waterfront access is an issue all along our Avon River-Minas Basin shoreline.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Need newly retired people to be hired as transportation services to Hfx appointments. Better cell phone and internet coverage. Street lights where 2 and 3 highways intersect.

Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I would remove none, keep all.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

1) I did not know about this until someone passed the link to me just now. 2) It was very painful trying to do this online. I had to copy all the questions into Notepad first because in order to give my best answers I need time to think. I did my work using Notepad, then copied and pasted into the survey. Rural internet will "time you out". This happened to me just yesterday when I did 2 surveys: Tourism NS survey and a Scotia Bank survey. So - better internet and cell phone coverage is important ! Although they may be coming fast enough, not sure.

#27

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Q1

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Three mike plains

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

38

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The people and seeing how our community /region comes together when needed

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

First racism

Second would have to be the inability for my children to be able to enjoy the outdoors in their community because of the risk of getting hit by all the trucks they don't consider the children and won't slow down

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

My children

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I am not asking municipality to take these trucks away as every one has a job to do but maybe something can be done to slow them down our children have a right to play and enjoy the outdoors

Q8

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Something for our youth i would involve the community anyone welcome kinda thing it helps bring everyone together let's the youth all get along

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They held virtual meets for all to watch online before covid there were meetings in our community hall where anyone could attend

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I am happy with engagement now

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

There are no events in our community there use to be a big jamboree every summer but seems everything that comes never stays

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

None

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#28

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

24

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Quiet, small, and pleasant community

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Taxes are high

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

My employment opportunities

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Lower taxes

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Create more hiking trails

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

N/A

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Something like "community member of the week" would be interesting

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

A week dedicated to historical figures from our community

Q12

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No

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

We do not need improved transportation

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#29

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Belmont Road/Newport

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

23

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Feeling of safety, closeness to nature, kind neighbours.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Belmont Road is poorly maintained and unsafe to drive on at times. Road markings are often not visible.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

What West Hants will soon become. We recently moved here and are excited to use the recreational facility. We have noticed over the years how WHM has come along. Lots of friends moving to this area.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

More opportunities to stay and spend money locally

Q8

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Neighbours of Belmont Road could trim the grass along the road. Many people already mow the shoulders when mowing their own property, and it makes the shoulder much safer to pull over when necessary. The community mailboxes need lighting- solar? A community led garden near the Avon River Heritage Society would be amazing.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

N/A

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Social Media, Door to Door, Mail

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

N/A

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

N/A

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Please consider driving down Belmont Road in full length. When trying to stay at the 80km/h speed limit, at times it is unsafe to stay in your own lane as markings are sparse and the road is very unsafe. It needs to be fixed. We have many neighbours who walk here and I am scared for them as sometimes vehicles have to swerve around holes in the road. Although a major investment, it would greatly increase the value of the area.

#30

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Q1

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Avondale/Upper Burlington

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

71

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Historic and the natural surroundings are so very beautfull

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

local services

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

the ability to improve our surroundings

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

encourage the youth to believe in their community(s)

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

The Avondale Museum could use some year round exposure. Most persons whom view the exhibits do so in the weekends. Weekend openings staffed with students would increase the exposure to the public.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

There has been improvements to the grounds and out buildings

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Done not the past improvements slide

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Photo walks, monthly walking tours for photographers to come visit

Q12

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yes, and you need a method to bring new people to come & share in this experience

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Advertise monthly high lighting where the events are for each weekend

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Improve the walking trails from a path in the forest to a safe passage sidewalk with nature interactive signs placed to reflect the environment

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Q1

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Ardoise

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

40+

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Rural location, green spaces and proximity to Halifax

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Internet access, wide socio-economic variances among residents and communities, lack of recreation spaces in my immediate vicinity

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Retirement

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Multi unit housing, community development and parity with respect to recreation and internet access

Q8

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Dog park on Rocks Road, St. Croix- Many people are already accessing this space but there is no parking or containment for the dogs. This would foster community connection which is challenging in rural areas.

Recreation site near the East Hants border (Ardoise)—Comparitively, this district of West Hants has less recreation/tourism opportunities than other WH districts. Communities (and the people within them) along the West Hants borders to feel neglected for opportunities.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Town hall meetings in rural communities.

Email and social media

Brochures (mail outs)

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Social media, In person town hall meetings, attending, existing community events, radio broadcast (many residents with poor internet still access info by radio or Eastlink broadcast. (Not mail outs, too expensive and ineffective)

Q11

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Bingo, breakfasts, auctions, jam sessions and Ardoise community festival (July)

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Tread carefully with public transit. Bus service may not be the ideal offering. It has been offered in the past but was underutilized and rather expensive.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Good luck

#32

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Q1

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Scotch Village

Q2

What is your gender?

Animate

Q3

How old are you?

45

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The mud

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

The mud. Loss of small town centres and services. Food deserts. Being forced to really on cars.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Building community. People coming back to the land. Developing thriving land based ventures

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Flexibility. Being willing to support new ideas. Not being an obstacle

Q8

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Rehabilitation of the rails to trails network from Truro to Windsor. The path needs grading and drainage as well as repairs on the bridges. A leg from Mantua to Windsor is missing. Connecting the trail head to a path network in Brooklyn would also be wonderful. Non-car infrastructure is huge to meet carbon goals and promote better health for rural communities. If we could have the equivalent of Rum Runners through Hants County it would be game changing.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I suspect yes?

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

No idea. This question needs to be specified. I don't know what options there are and I'm sure the municipality is limited in their outreach capacity. I do like the 'dot voting' charette process but whether that's meaningful is another question

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Full circle.

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Rural economic development projects. Out reach to connect young people from the cities with older farmers for mutually beneficial arrangements

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

I'm ok thanks

#33

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Windsor (municipality of the district west hants)

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

37

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

it is a nice, fairly quiet, small town, in a rural setting. People are generally friendly, environment is a little less polluted than Halifax for example, less traffic. It is small enough to travel/commute by bicycle or foot for many people.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Generally I am fairly happy with our town, but there are a few difficulties:

There is a lack of safe infrastructure for pedestrians/active transport making it difficult and dangerous to make relatively small trips.

Cars/trucks regularly exceed the speed limits and do not seem to know/follow the traffic laws regarding pedestrians/bicycles.

There is a lack of jobs that make it difficult to afford the cost of the limited number of available rentals (which the price of is constantly rising).

There is an element of crime that is seemingly unchecked.....there is a problem with hard/prescription drugs in our town/region. And there is a LOT of petty theft as a result, among other crimes.

The streets/paths/trails are insufficiently lit to feel safe during night time use.

The amount of fast food garbage thrown from cars is almost unbelievable... a few strategically placed cameras would help to dish out some much needed littering enforcement/education.

Alcohol is very excessively promoted, as I imagine it is a large tourism revenue generator, but it should not be endorsed by the "establishment, ie mayors, councilors" in a "fun" or "exciting" way, or suggest you have to frequent these types of businesses/products to be a supportive/proud local citizen.

Nobody seems to be enforcing the no smoking bi-laws, it is very rampant and all over the town.....i mean, is there even a bi-law officer right now?

Accessibility, food security, lead in the water, all the big ones....

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Active transport, accessibility, and environmental initiatives and advances.

Universal guaranteed income, shifting away from fossil fuels and the meat industry, free education.....all the big ones

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Continue being open minded and accessible, and progressive moving forward.

Q8

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Active transport infrastructure improvements that increase safety for all.

Car free streets.

Speed limit decrease in town limits.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future.How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

By participating in community events and being available, also by reaching out to say hi, and meet and greet their constituents.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

By participating in community events, being available and approachable.

By participating in active transport and other things they are promoting, that would encourage people positively by example.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

local farm market

local businesses

presence at local concerts and events

Q12

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yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

add environmental sustainability, and keep what you have!! dont remove any of that!!

Town(and our whole region) safety: Maybe CCTV cameras that are live monitored.... and in contact with RCMP. Would catch a lot of vandalism, thefts, crimes, and even just discourage antisocial behaviors by their very presence.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thanks for asking our opinions and suggestions, this is another great form of community engagement.

#34

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

64

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Peaceful and safe

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of medical doctors and lack of shopping

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Possible senior community services

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Provide more support for our aging population

Q8

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Community events such as adult education and social events to bring people together

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

No

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

More communication with the population

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

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Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

No changes to the above list

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#35

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

46

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Slow paced and family oriented

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Not being accepted by the locals

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Possibilities of a better future for further generations.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Keep us involved. Make us feel like residents rather than voiceless pedestrians.

Q8

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My town needs options. We also need community based, free programs that make a difference not just passes time here and there.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

It hasn't.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Make us feel involved in the process not just making us feel in the way. Treat us like fellow humans and take the politics out of it.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I don't know because as an outsider I've never been welcomed.

Q12

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No! That is nothing more than words to read and action is never completed. Politicians are all talk and zero action, unless they help the rich and continue to watch the less fortunate suffer.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Educate the adults. They are the ones with no tolerance for something different than their ideal "normal".

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Don't just play politics, make a difference.

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

60

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Walkable to most services including bars and restaurants. Just no where to dance.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Having a stronger rural presence with new council that doesn't work to enhance its downtown.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

That new blood will come and take an interest in the whole region.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

By working as a team instead of the old divided separation of township and shore etc. Support the former town of Windsor as it is the centre for a couple hundred years for a reason. All the banks and post office and evening entertainment are here.

Q8

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Very nice 55+ Apartments mixed with DINK on our downtown waterfront and maybe a executive long term hotel chain. No low income affordable builds on the waterfront development area.

Definitely something to make a exceptional statement on our beautiful sunset strip. For affordable housing the former Coop location on OBrien would be a excellent location , walking distance to grocery stores, drug stores and hospitals. I believe families should be located close to the schools and arenas and definitely not in the bar/restaurant areas.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

More feelings of value and importance than hatred from the old mentality of a fighting council between former towns and rural regions.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

To work on improving our regions for strong community not a divided region.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I'm a townie so I just love our music scene, great restaurants and walking paths. Could use better access to our mall from downtown.

Q12

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More or less but I would shuffle the order. Work for the majority not the minority.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Commuter train actually doing a work schedule to Halifax. Last pilot was with a mid day train, meant to fail. We could be a great area to have service to work, hospital's appointments etc.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Windsor just got rid of gas stations down town, don't allow them to come back. We have 5 within a mile downtown already.

#37

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

71

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Small, quiet but ready to take on a cause that affects our community. People here will welcome small businesses.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No bank, no public transportation

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Younger people keep coming into the area. We need this to build on and to revitalize.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Be aggressive in attracting new businesses and new types of business such as alternative energy and tourism

Q8

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I think of Berwick with their solar energy projects and wonder if our Community Center would qualify.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I have not really been involved. We have run a small business out of West Hants since the mid 1970's and have not had much time for anything else

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I would like to see more action on mental health and addiction services. These need to be brought to the forefront with meaningful programs

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

There have been church and community Center meals and for a few years we had the music festival. We always took part.

Q12

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I do

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

There are no readily accessible help for those with addictions and Hants County has a significant drug problem which needs to be addressed. Covid19 has nothing on this problem.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#38

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

61

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

it is quiet

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

not many, just sometimes snowplowing takes too long

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

that we have a quiet and healthy community

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

green bin pick up every week in the summer

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

not sure - something for seniors?

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

no

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

not sure

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

teddy bear jamboree

Q12

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yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

no

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

no

#39

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Q1

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Brooklyn (Newport)

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

How old are you?

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Rural, clean, hiking trails, park, proximity to Windsor amenities

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of reliable internet access

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Get better internet to our area

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Garlic Festival, Avon Farmer's Market in Windsor

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Add: Access to reliable fast internet

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#40

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

51

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Hantsport has a real sense of community. It is safe, warm community.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

None; other than not a lot of services in the community.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Good people :)

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Encourage industry and commercial growth.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Hantsport is full of outdoor/active people. A more active department of recreations with more activities would be great.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not much but understandable in light of current times.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Public meetings.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Hantsport Music Festival is a big event that was missed last year. There could be a lot more activities taking place (in normal times) at the HMCC property. Not pointing fingers but wondering about the effectiveness of the current Board of Directors.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Nothing I can think of at present.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#41

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

38

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

my neighbors, the landscape, the proximity to everything we need, and the ability to easily run/bike/walk on the shoulders of the road.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

none that i can complain about.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

a sense of togetherness

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

focus on breathing new vibrancy into small towns/communities: Build relationships. help small businesses. host community events. etc.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

small business support project: build relationships and support with municipal staff, increase internet access/speed, make connections, etc. basically help start new small business and help those existing small businesses to increase revenue. Small businesses contribute to the vibrancy of our communities, provide jobs, offer services, and bring people to our area. Municipal staff, CBDC, chamber of commerce, etc would be involved.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

letters with water bills is the most effective. Facebook but you can't always rely on the algorithms of facebook to pop up on your feed.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

letters with waterbills for upcoming information. facebook for immediate information

Q11

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teddy bear jamboree (although you are only engaging young families), music jams, etc. recreation programs.

Q12

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yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

As a white woman, I would love an opportunity to learn from other diverse populations. I see the opportunity for sharing and learning and believe that the municipality can help bring diversity together to learn.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

thank you for focusing on diversity. I want to live in a diverse and vibrant community. I feel like we are on our way!

#42

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Currys Corner

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

52

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Diversity and opportunity

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of public transit, lack of safe pedestrian options.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Engaging youth

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Focus on tangible goals for the future vs bemoaning a lost concept of the "good old days "

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Active transportation, walkable community. I would involve the public, various municipal departments and any interested not for profit advocates. The region needs to start positioning itself as a healthy vibrant community.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Public meetings, online.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Resident led focus groups.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Unknown

Q12

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Yes.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

None

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

The future belongs to the younger generation. The region must find a way to meaningfully engage them. They do not have any interest in past grudges and such things that have clouded every issue in recent memory.

#43

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

71

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

the community spirit, caring residents

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

lack of transportation

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

imagining having a reliable bus service so I can continue to live in Hantsport

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

obtain funding to provide public transportation so residents with no vehicle can take advantage of various activities outside the community.

Q8

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construction of new swimming pool; construction of new skating rink. Led by HMCC with funding provided through federal/provincial/municipal initiatives

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I am interested in the seminars/talks provided by the municipality and/or health authority if they are held within this community

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

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Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Annual music festival at Foundry Street field in Hantsport.

Annual July 1st festivities

Q12

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yes, yes, yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

n/a

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

the community of Hantsport needs an additional apartment complex for seniors wishing to downsize and stay in their community

#44

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

41

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

I love the waterfront, our walking trails, our many recreation options.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of transportation options for people without vehicles! No bus service for travel inside and outside of our region and taxi service is very limited (limited hours and small fleet). Walking in some areas feels unsafe, i.e. walking through the round-a-bout on Wentworth in order to get to the industrial park.

There is a huge lack of rental housing/apartments.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

I look forward to doing new things so as it relates to community - I would love to see more people, more shops, the waterfront developed

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

The website could be improved/simplified. It would be nice if there was a way of seeing a summary of what is new or what has changed in our region on either a weekly or monthly basis.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

The most obvious ways are the events i.e. The Pumpkin Regatta, Parades, Avon River Days. I know there are Council meetings we can attend or watch.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Radio updates, surveys on the website

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Avon River Days are held annually in the summer, The pumpkin regatta was an annual fall event,

Q12

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Absolutely!

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

N/A

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Our region is beautiful and has so much potential. I am so eager to see what our future may bring and I look forward to be a part of it all. Thank you!

#45

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

59

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

All the recreation amenities, facilities, trails
Walkability and hiostory

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

My partner has not been able to find work. Taxes are high.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

I like seeing the development in our area as we need more people loving here to share the tax load and support our initiatives and local businesses.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Continue to enhance the Windsor Waterfront and work on cleaning up derelict properties and negligent land lords. Windsor is known to have a rat problem and this needs to be addressed. There is also a drug problem that stems from poverty and a lack of mental health support.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Affordable housing projects that are not led by slum land lords.
Involve folks who need and want housing that is affordable and fit to live in.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I have attended focus group sessions in the past.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

In person surveys, focus groups. Limit your dependence on "online info gathering" as the results will already be skewed to include only those with computers and some IT savvy. Also make a concerted effort to connect with those who are marginalized and youth. If our community is to thrive, young people need to feel there is something here for them to stay or return to after university.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Farmers Market
Music jams at every hall

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yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

none

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

no

#46

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Q1

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Mantua

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

48

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

I like that i live in a small community and that there are many things that go on in my neighboring communities that bring people from far and wide, garlic fest, the Lydia and Sally cafe , the warf ,a beautiful winery to name a few.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

We are rural so sometimes it feels like we are on the outskirts and perhaps forgotten when it comes to funding and high speed internet

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

by brining more awareness to our area

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

a communities in bloom type of thing . Or a farm to table education session we have lots of farmers:-). Vegetable and Dairy everyone should be involved in these

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

We were able to get a lovely new rink for our area

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

focus on activities for everyone not just one spacific group

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

turkey suppers at BFD, Fish suppers at SVFD, Garlic fest, full circle music fest

Q12

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yes

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#47

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

46

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Small community, close to city amenities

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Community division on community issues

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Kids wanting to grow up in this area

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Improved communication with the community

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Waterfront Development, business community, recreation, public works.

Improved access to recreation, tourism and local business opportunities

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I was directly involved in community engagement groups

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Public engagement into specific project groups

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Q12

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Only few

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Remove #1, 3 & 4

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#48

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Q1

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Vaughsn

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

47

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Relatively small and rural

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Not sure

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Retiring in a quiet but modern region

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Not sure

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Not sure

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not sure

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Not sure

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Don't do social events

Q12

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If you cater to people enough and give enough away people will come

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Don't know

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#49

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

60

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

There is a variety of things to do from hiking/skiing/cottage country for kayaking. Also, the small town feel, being able to always get parked/no traffic jams/ knowing people when you go into the community.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

I have a car but I imagine if you didn't, transportation would be a difficult. Lack of good doctors. Would like a little bit of better shopping but not a Walmart, a mid-size store like Giant Tiger and some more smaller run stores. We are really missing bike trails...there are none and for those of us that would like to bike, being on our narrow roads with no shoulder is not an option. I know so many people that travel outside of our region to bike and those bike trails, like the ones in Kentville or South Shore bring so many people into those communities that I think it is a win/win. Another big one is housing, yes affordable but also housing that people who are in their middle years want...for example I have many friends in the 60-70 age bracket and although they want to downsize and go into an apartment/condo there is nothing in the mid-quality range for them.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Hope that this community will grow but not growth at any cost...be mindful of keeping the nice feel that this community currently has and look to the advantage of our now bigger region being able to have more "power" to bring jobs to this community.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I would like to have more confidence in our council that they are acting the best interest of the whole community not just the small area they might represent. Would hope that this region can be more assertive in the province so getting involved at the provincial level with regards to issue that affect municipal matters...be more outward then inner looking.

Q8

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Bike trails...I think they would bring people to our community and encourage our residents to take part in a healthy activity. Not just one trail but a network. Done right, there may be some way to look at them as transportation and not just recreational. Not always does this mean throwing money at it but instead keep it in mind when doing projects...for example when the sewer treatment plant was built there was a real opportunity to open up a bike lane from the end of Nesbitt street past the sewer treatment plant on to the access road. This would have opened up an walking/biking path that would have linked downtown Windsor to the industrial area/shopping area. Cost would have been low cause construction was already being done. Again, knowing that the construction around the 101 is provincial, was there an opportunity to put in a bike trail along side of it to link all the exits together resulting in better access to our community...think outside the box, if we are already spending money on a project, how much more would it cost to add value in another direction.

As far as who should be involved, people in the community and stake holders with guidance from experts.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Community to EVERYONE is pretty much impossible but social media, in todays world, is where everyone get their news. one other form for those that don't like flyers (expensive) or notes on their sewer/water bills.

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Pumpkin festival/Christmas parade/registration night for summer programs

Q12

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These are all great. It seems to me that although we have a population of African Canadians I see very few in the workforce. I think that needs to be addressed in government services/council /school system.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I would add policing...not more police but more community police...they should be more involved in the community...I can't remember the last time I saw them taking part in the community outside of a traffic stop or two. Use to see them on their bikes and walking down the sidewalks just to check in with people and be friendly.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

TO sum up: Bike/walking trails.

Affordable and available housing. If the province owns land in our community, make them release it for development of housing.

Take part in provincial matters that affect municipalities.

A Council that works together

Dream a little.....

#50

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

70

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Most things are accessible.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No interaction with other seniors. No way to make new friends. I'm a widow.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

My family.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I want access to making new local friends.

I also want political accessibility to voice my concerns both municipal, provincial and federal.

Regular politics is dead! No one listens. No one fixes the problems.

No contacts. It's a joke.

Q8

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Save the babies. I'm on a mission to save all babies in Canada from being murdered. How can you help?

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

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Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Accountable government. Accountable politicians.

Round table discussions. A place to get a response to modern problems.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Not sure. I haven't found any that are suitable to my needs.

Q12

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Yes, as long as they are more than just words or words on a brochure.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Fathers and men are very often left out of all decision making when a family separates or divorces.

We could use more men's support.

There is always Support for women, youth, seniors but never men. Why?????

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No.

#51

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Q1

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Ardoise

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

75

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Has high speed internet,not far from the city.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

The speed limit is too high where its a residential area .

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The lack of maintaining the condition of the highway especially the trees on the side of the road.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Keep the property taxes at a rate that we can afford so we can remain in our homes.

Q8

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Not allowing old vehicles to remain on a property if not road worthy.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Cant recall.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Come to the community and see how the trees are hanging on the wires!

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

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Q12

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There certainly abig need for better housing in some communities.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

none

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#52

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Q1

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Brooklyn

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

66

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Beauty, healthy lifestyle, close to amenities and Halifax, access to trails and Smiley's Park

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Terrible internet, litter on my driveway and along highway,

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

I think the area, given its beauty and location, has huge advantages and potential in the province and the country.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Get high speed internet to the areas outside Windsor/Falmouth. I supported amalgamation but I don't see this critical issue on your Phase 1 priorities. If this area is to grow and create jobs, we need high speed internet throughout the municipality.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Clearly, I would like a clear plan with roll out for high speed internet delivery to every house hold in West Hants. I'm not sure how I could help but I would like to see a plan implemented with deadlines and communicated through the municipality. This should be a priority and must be stated as such in our priorities. I attended the all candidates meetings leading up to the last election. Many spoke of this as a priority but I don't see it listed in your Phase 1 list. As someone who supported amalgamation, I am concerned that it may no longer be a priority as it's not an issue in the towns. I urge you to include this in your priorities.

Also....litter. The highways are awful. I see litter on my driveway most days. Can we not do something about this? I have lived across the country. Worst I've ever seen.

And finally, I am concerned about climate change. I can't change the world but as a citizen, I am concerned about my own back yard. Is there a way to engage citizens in areas where we can make a difference. Water safety and management, building green, modernizing development practices, education about how to consume responsibly etc. There has to be money and help to do this. We need to start this conversation in West Hants to develop next steps and build on work already done.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Through the mail.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Email and mail. Or what about an app. Love the garbage.recycle app.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I'm not sure that I agree. People go for bingo and jams to do that. You might be able to set up a table and talk to people about an event to discuss things. But I wouldn't piggy back on those things. Getting the message out is your biggest challenge. I would suggest emails with great subject lines to see if you can reach more people.

Q12

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Some do. Some seem vague to me. I'd be interested in how we measure success.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Internet

Next phase of initiatives to improve our physical environment and fight climate change.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No. Thanks for the opportunity.

#53

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Q1

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Centre Burlington

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

46

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

The people

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Slow Internet

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Sustainable living

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Get us better internet

Q8

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Game night. I would like to involve teens and young adults. Games brings people closer as well as strengthens relationships. They reduce stress and creates happiness.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They have attended community meetings and shared events on social media.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Attend more events and local committee meetings.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Senior drop ins, various community groups, craft sales...

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Can't think of anything

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thanks for engaging us!

#54

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Q1

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Brooklyn

Q2

What is your gender?

male

Q3

How old are you?

85

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

friendly people. best weather ns.clean envirement.most services we need.wonderful fire department. great participation on remembrance day service.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

I do not have any serious issues

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

at my age the future may not be long. I do believe we have a tremendous opportunity to and need to grow our own produce. the pandemic has opened the possibility of being cut off from the rest of the country if trucking stopped.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

it is difficult to express a need so soon into the new municipality. time will have to pass for this consideration

Q8

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I propose a new industry be developed to grow our own produce, rather than have items come from 2000 miles. often there are recalls because of some issue. it is feasible.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

there have been bad feelings for whatever reason. with one organization this should be eliminated

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

make sure we are well informed on all issues concerning our area. provide an opportunity for us to consider the effect the issue would have on our area.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

a Christmas gathering celebration would be nice with food and music. develop a welcoming committee for new comers

Q12

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there is a need for younger people to volunteer for the various organizations. some are closing because they cannot get new people help. they will die out and never return.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

public transportation has not been successful in the past. ve

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

the survey is an excellent idea, i wish you luck with it.

#55

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

30-40

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Passionate volunteers, a sense of safety, overall friendliness

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Limited options for shopping and dining, few opportunities to meet new people or try new things

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

There is so much untapped potential, this place could be bustling with activity.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Make sound financial decisions, lower taxes and utilities to make living here more affordable and attractive.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I'd create something that would help seniors. There are so many seniors living in near-poverty and crave social interactions. They can still contribute to society. Many know how to bake, knit, garden — they could help pass those skills along while getting to connect with young professionals on a weekly basis.

By involving everyone in society, the community can only be stronger.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Occasional newsletters, ads in the newspaper, posts to social media (but these are often seen too late)

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

More public meetings and consultations; the ability to access information from a wide variety of sources — not just social media.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Windsor has several annual festivals: the pumpkin regatta, the pumpkin weigh-off, Long Pond Hockey Heritage Classic, Avon River Days...

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I'd add ensuring lower taxes and utility costs — as that's something that would make the area more appealing not only for existing residents but for potential homeowners.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Public engagement is key — thanks for doing this.

#56

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

32

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Ease of access throughout town, close to the city but a minute away from country, affordable housing

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Not many options for affordable shopping (could use a walmart or giant tiger), communication around construction is terrible, some unnecessary bottlenecked traffic areas, lots of dining out/bar options but not much other entertainment for adults at night.

Q6**Respondent skipped this question**

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Communicate better, and not just on Facebook. I dont have Facebook and I have missed important information because of it. It's not hard to put a notice in the mail, nor is it overly expensive. You could survey the community and then allow residents to register their preferred method of communication.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

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Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future.How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I have never felt engaged by the previous municipality

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Create relevant community events that cater to all styles of life and not just families.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I am not aware of any events in the community that are not family-focused, but may be that's just due to poor communication

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Dog friendly zones. Designate a trail or a LARGE off leash area for people to socialize their dogs. Shubie park in HRM is a gold standard for off leash parks (although I would advise trying to choose a space away from a heavily populated area due to noise complaints)

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Many municipalities focus on families with kids. I encourage you to think outside the nuclear family and explore ways to connect with childless homes, single people homes (as in people living alone), try to find ways to reach out to introverts and extroverts alike, make events approachable and inviting for newcomers

#57

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

50

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Rolling hills

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Limited access to the basin

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

To have a board walk to walk along and access to salt water

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

We are hoping the downtown is more invested in

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Adult education programs. More events offered through the community centre and library.. like studying languages or yoga. Also an indoor swimming pool for evening use.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

20 years ago there were a lot more programs available through town of windsor for the whole area.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Offer more educational programs

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Language classes or community yoga. Better advertisement of events.

Q12

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Better transportation is key. There use to be buses and trains that people could take up the valley

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Transport and education as well as fitness. Ice and indoor pool

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Things seem to be disintegrating.

#58

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Q1

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Scotch Village

Q2

What is your gender?

n/a

Q3

How old are you?

38

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

I love the spaciousness, the tidal river system and its ecology and wildlife, and the helpfulness of my neighbours

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

There aren't a lot of services available, particularly for my young kids. The community feels spread out, and it's difficult to get to HRM without a car (a bus or shuttle to the city would be nice). There's a lot of casual racism, and I don't appreciate large companies showing up and causing environmental damage

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Sustainable farming practices, learning from my older neighbours, the community connections that I have and the way people in Scotch Village look after each other

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I'd like to be able to build small off-grid cabins, or other more environmentally sustainable structures on my land, without having to constantly justify my decisions to the planning department. It doesn't make sense to me that composting toilets and solar panels aren't part of the building code in an easily recognizable way.

I'd like more community consultation around large multinational corporations and their projects (like Alton Gas, for instance). And stronger environmental protection for the tidal river system.

The municipality needs to directly address and condemn racist incidents (like the noose hanging in Windsor) and emphasize the long and valuable contributions of the Black and Mi'kmaq peoples to the Hants county area

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I'd like to implement a river stewardship project, involving the people running the tidal weir as well as communities up and down the many tidal rivers in the area, and perhaps the museum in Avondale as well. I'd like the project to bring together scientific and artistic practices to pay attention to the shifting and powerful qualities of tidal rivers. And I believe that drawing attention to the magnificence of the Bay of Fundy ecosystem would only enhance tourism and local pride in the area, and perhaps find a sustainable way forward for the community as a whole

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I haven't experienced much engagement from the municipality

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Although much community consultation seems to happen online these days (and that makes sense, considering the pandemic), I also believe door to door and face to face meetings strengthen community feeling. I'd also like to see a kind of inter-communal connection happening, maybe organizing regular visits between various villages in Hants County or something like that

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I've always enjoyed the Full Circle music festival at the Avondale Museum, and the apple blossom festival and garlic festival

Q12

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yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I'd like to add greater attention to environmentally sustainable initiatives, and environmental conservation. As well as preserving and attending to ecologically sustainable farming practices

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#59

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Q1

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Garlands Crossing

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

59

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

It's where I live. It's safe and quiet for the most part.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Traffic, it moves way too fast....

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

We need to get our communities together.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Slow the traffic down.

Q8

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Fix the railroad crossing at Garlands Crossing.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They haven't.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Ask questions and LISTEN to the answers.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

There are already great festivals in WestHants. The county is nowhere near as involved as they should. Rules and more rules.

Q12

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NO!

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

We need to sell our strengths....

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#60

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

60

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

A great little town with amenities and culture and community.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Those n the know 'know' but don't quite know how to get the word out more broadly in the community. Not as inclusive as one might think.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Hope. Possibility.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

If the community centre could be utilized more broadly for the community, that would be great. Maybe even build a permanent building for the food bank on the property - on the lower area off Porter's avenue.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Would love to create a midweek meal program. Hot soups and stews for those needing a nutritious meal - coupled with fellowship.

Being among others is great for mental health. Maybe play games or just talk or ?

Create more drop in times at HMCC for different age groups. The library has been doing a great job - but the air quality is too poor for myself and others to safely attend. Take a page from their roster and expand.

Lots of volunteers would be glad to help.

Lots of potential -

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

There have been some group sessions, but the ideas never took root or got off the ground. There needs to be action, not just talk.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Would be great to have a drop in in various locations throughout the municipality through a rotation where there is a casual coffee setting for honest chats.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

HMCC or the library are great spots for people to gather

Q12

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Perfect!

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

These are great. Can't wait to see them in action.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Love the new region. Lots to be proud of. Lots to celebrate. Lots of talent to tap into and many hidden peoples needing help.

#61

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Q1

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Ch, everie

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

72

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Rural, quiet, friendly, safe

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

four empty houses in this area, nobody works here and those who do work go away for employment, large tracts of farmland underutilized or going back to bushes, climate change challenges, clearcutting, lack of cooperative forest management services. Youth moving away/aging population

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Groups like CAPE

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Establish forestry, farming and climate commissions

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Contact forester Amero and Sandy Hyde to see what models of development are available for private land owners to cooperatively and sustainably manage their forests

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I have attended WH meetings and WH councilors have presented at public meetings I have attended

public meetings I have attended.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Start doing positive things. TKE THE INITIATIVE.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

CHURCH SERVICES- ONLY

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#62

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

50

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Country living

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

High taxes

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

I like the new businesses and it seems there is lots of construction going on. Bio vectra, James Rouge, new paint company, feta company and the Garlands Crossing development. Things r lookin up.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I'd love to see the train tracks developed for trail use. How fun would it be to bike to St Croix or Wolfville.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Would like to see more walking trails through the woods not next to highway.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not sure here.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Like seeing what's going on via Facebook.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I would like to see the return of Sam Slick. I would also like to see a permanent farmers market like Wolfville. Like to see Falmouth Fruit and Vegetable expand.

Q12

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Public transit is not a priority for me. Incredibly expensive and underused. Someone should develop the area besides Sobeys. It's walking distance to everything. Support the Crossing and open up those roads. A restaurant would be nice. Like a Swiss Chalet.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Is there really systemic racism here. I don't think so. The matter is being so over reported by the media that it is causing a greater divide. But this is not just a West Hants issue.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

You guys are doing a great job. Keep it up. I think with Covid more and more people are moving to the area from city. I see some great opportunity for the area. Someone should open a store like Gateway in Dartmouth with the focus on local food.

#63

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Q1

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Brooklyn

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

46

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Local rink, schools, small business, neighbours.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Cost of living compared to average wage.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Small businesses are flourishing.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Job creation. Wage equality.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

More places for young adults to spend their time. IE Roller blading/skating, an outdoor rink, monthly dances. Revenue from the dances could go towards purchasing roller skates. Possibly a govt grant for the outdoor rink.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Fundraising for both the Brooklyn and Windsor rink was engaging. The Long Pond Hockey and Pumpkin Regatta are huge. We need another summer event.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Again, revive a summer event.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

We have enough bingo but an annual music festival sounds promising, which could go along with a summer event.

Q12

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3, 5, 7 are important issues. 6 is hard to control as there are so many factors, it is really a provincial issue. 4 and 8 are steadily improving. 1 was already attempted and failed, leave it alone. 2, while very very important is a provincial issue.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

See previous answers.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

In order to grow we must make WH appealing to the outside. Through community events. We have great schools, rinks, library, pools, restaurants, etc. We need council to approve new housing and development.

#64

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

79

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Hospitality, safe to live in, closeness to city, hospitals etc.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No transportstion, bus service, or taxi service health services,

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Hopefully to have more employment in Hantsport to attract younger people. More connection to the Municipality

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Hantsport sits on the border , everything centers around .Windsor, some things will be difficult to change.

Cut the water tax

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration.If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects?How would these projects help your community thrive?

Involve some of the for younger generation, .For seniors all there is is church, no exercise programs , improve communication,

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future.How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Practically none,

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Newss letter, internet , newspaper, more involvement with councillor for this community,,More should be done making the councillor for each region more involved,, They are paid make tgem earn it.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Use to be, ,Historical Society meetings, HMCC we pay them \$84K per year fir one general annual meeting, but no idea what hardly goes on.....

July 1st, celebrations and road race.....yearly yard sales,,...saturday Farm Market outsjde...hantsport yard sale all of the town participates...Pickle Ball in Church..Food Bank,

Q12

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Yes, however how are these things going to be introduced..

Should be greater concentration to communities in all of the area.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Would not remove any.

It would be nice to promote a developer to perhaps built seniors smaller homes eg, one bedroom duplex etc.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

There has to be some way to have all of the districts in the Municipality to work for the common good, Raceism is not the only problem, there is also the " we are better than you are " thinking that has been there for years.

#65

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

23

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

People know each other.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Racism against indigenous people, disregard for indigenous welfare, ideals, and opinions.
Casual homophobia.
An aging population.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The concern that many young people have for the welfare of marginalized groups and the planet.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Actively work towards reconciliation with indigenous communities by taking action on the 94 calls to action of The Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Be intolerant of fascism, seeking counteraction where appropriate.

Q8

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Build dykes instead of a causeway. Save the fish and stop ignoring the local environmental crises.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They did not.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Amplify the voices of indigenous people and other marginalized communities.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

The Windsor exhibition.

Q12

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Mostly

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

The priority list is fine.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No.

#66

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Q1

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Currys Corner

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

53

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Opportunity to shape our future

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of pedestrian infrastructure and accessibility.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Youth becoming engaged

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Listen to all stakeholders. Make inclusion a priority in everything the municipality undertakes.

Q8

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Seek ways to improve connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. I would involve Ecology Action Centre, Public Work, NSTIR and provincial/federal representatives. Making communities more about accommodating people than automobiles. Health benefits and opportunities to attract new residents would be realized.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Social Media, webpage

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Set up a customer service module to capture resident interaction with the municipality. These statistics are a good indicator of performance.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

The Municipality needs to make an effort to be present at as many community events as possible. This would be a step to putting a human face on the council.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I would make accessibility a priority. Accessibility of access to services , facilities and recreation. Currently housing is primarily a provincial mandate. While the municipality should keep the conversation going, efforts must be measured against ability to address the issue.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#67

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

37

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Windsor has nearly everything one needs without having to live in a large city center. Yet, we are close enough to travel to Halifax or the Valley for something we may not have. Lots of growth potential.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Very few quality apartment/condo living opportunities. Seems hard for "come from aways" to be welcomed and supported by long-time locals.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Currently the real estate market bring folks from Ontario and out West and other parts of this province into our town. The more residents here with needs to eat and shop and play the better the opportunity for small business.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

To be determined.

Q8

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I'm not educated on this type of project but I would like to think perhaps a project on affordable living or perhaps urban development for town centre, etc.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not well. Social media needs to be the focus - stick with live videos even after COVID.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Social media

Q11

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Live theatre with Quick As A Wink. Music at Mermaid. Live music at the downtown restaurants. Dances at the community hall. Farmer's Markets.

Q12

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Yes. Well done

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Arts. There must be a focus on live performance arts of all kinds

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Not at this time

#68

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

39

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

The nature and the people. I like the rural feeling of it.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Not sure what the forestry industry does. I don't like Pestizides and chemical fertilizers

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Low carbon footprints, local farmers producing the food we eat, eco tourism.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Look after citizens and build community. The local municipality has the biggest impact on the health and wealth of its people.

Q8

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Fund businesses that offer repair of appliances, cars and other equipment. Have community events such as Christmas markets, outdoor cinema, nature guided tours, etc

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not sure

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Emails and social media.

Surveys like this one and in-person workshops

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Movie (re-play old classics) outdoor concerts, food festivals, vents themed around Diversity and inclusion - LGBTQ, BLM etc

Q12

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Yes.

LGBTQ themes and environmental protection

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

None

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Keep up the good work. The people rely on your decision making and ability to execute.

#69

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

32

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Location

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

High Tax rates
Increased water rates and stinky water

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

More recreational opportunities

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Informed communication
Community engagement
More recreational opportunities

Q8

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Indoor swimming pool and splash pad

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Social media updates

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Same

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Teddy Bear Jamboree
Music Jam @ Hall Friday evenings

Q12

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Yes...for the most part but please start with the professionalism of your staff and educate them!!

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

- Inclusion

5 & 7 Very important

3. Important bony at the bottom of the list

6. Affordable housing is definitely an issue but should not be a main concentration when it's a provincial issue and programs already dealing with this

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#70

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

61

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

I was born here and my heart lives here.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

I used to feel safe in town but not after dark anymore.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

It will be nice when we can have large gatherings again and parades. Maybe some new businesses will come here.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Encourage business and try to bring in more new business.

Q8

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Have a mural design contest and get the winner to put up a mural in town. I love the murals and the coca cola sign. Make the town have more to look at. Pretty it up some.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Don't know.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

More surveys like this.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Weekend markets.

Q12

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These are good priorities and I especially like the expansion of a local trail system sounds great.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

We like the musical entertainment in the summer at the waterfront and it would be nice to have even more.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

:)

#71

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Q1

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Brooklyn

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

50

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

That it is developing. I like that little businesses are setting up.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Water. Would love treated water.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Ensuring our region provides opportunities for our youth to want to stay here. In order to do that, we need to provide them opportunities when they're younger and through to their teens....and then to adulthood.

Its about our youth!

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Youth opportunities.

Think outside the box...heck, remove all lines of the box and jump out of it!

Treated water.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration.If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects?How would these projects help your community thrive?

Treated water.

Business development.

Involve the Municipality and of course, tax payers and entrepreneurs.

Would draw ppl here, create jobs, encourage ppl to shop local, grow local economy and encourage ppl to stay here.

There's so much to offer here. But employment is key.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future.How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Both West Hants and Windsor held many engagement sessions but don't always feel public input was seriously considered.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I dont really know. I like stats and facts, so these type of surveys is a great step.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Community Breakfasts, dinner theatres

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Yes BUT, it also covers most facets. Saying they are a priori and actually doing something about it are two different things

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Again, that list covered key areas. Break it out into smaller steps/goals as a starting point. Action them...one step at a time

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

N/A

#72

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Q1

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Upper Burlington

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

36

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The peacefulness, the nature, rivers, wildlife, fields and forests, trails, having the ocean nearby!

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Being far from healthcare, far from a lot of jobs, and high taxes.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Unsure of the meaning of this question-community-based-not to sure-interested in exploring the trails in the area, and the ocean beaches and hoping for more fitness classes in the communities in the halls.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Not build unnecessary gigantic hockey rinks that increase our taxes, not have higher taxes for what we receive in community support.

Q8

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I noticed a few community halls have been sponsoring fitness classes, and find that the price is right and nice to not have to drive far to attend the classes. Creates community spirit and promotes a healthier lifestyle.

Would like to see more sports for children- this is more for the school -but an after school basketball team? For the municipality-typical children's team sports like hockey, softball that are not insane with their practices and games and tournaments for young children. One game/practice a week in the community-more for fun rather than having to travel so far. Hopefully it would get the kids active and involved more easily as not all parents have the funds or the time/means to put in a part time job's worth of effort driving around various parts of the Maritime's.

More outdoor exploring fun-like at Irishman's Road.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Mostly, all that I have been involved in is the fitness aspect, going on sponsored hikes around halloween/easter, attending fitness classes in community halls. It can be simple and not overly extravagant/expensive to have fun.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Not to raise taxes to build more unnecessarily big hockey rinks or unnecessary overly big projects. I would like to build another building on my property without the fear of my taxes going thru the roof even further. Perhaps, not have so much taxes on additional buildings on our own properties, so that we could better our own lifestyle on our own property with livestock/farming/etc.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Music festivals seem nice, fun/theme days at a beach or hiking trail. We have the pumpkin regatta already, that's enjoyable. The farmer's markets are nice and the local museums and vineyards do a nice job of having little festivals. The municipality rec department does a nice hike at Irishman's road and castle frederick. I don't think the community needs to be entertained non stop, it will cost extra money (more taxes blah!-expecially after a hard year) and there is a good chance if there is too much going on-it will get missed and have low attendance.

Q12

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Somewhat. Although there definitely is racism in the community, I believe it is getting thrown too far to the other side, and false information is being fabricated and instructed into the school system-enough to make small children upset that they are a target of being a bad person just by them being white. I wish we could educate the past, embrace all of positives of our heritages and work together-without shaming what people were responsible for decades and hundreds of years ago. Children and adults nowadays of any race should not have to pay for what was done hundreds of years ago.

I think adding supports for seniors is a great idea.

I feel like a lot of this list could be done without raising taxes, but I am concerned it will go overboard with spending other people's money (and money they don't have) and over the top with any projects.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Help the school system push for more healthy lifestyles and education on that front. More education for healthy eating for families-less cereal/pop/junk food-more real food education.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

I find this area to be a have not area (Windsor and surrounding communities) and while they are great and have a lot to offer-the taxes are quite high for not such a thriving area. I know it is hard to create jobs around here, when industries don't allow it. I find the projects (the rink and similar) are way to fancy for a have not community. Municipal workers should be sickened to ask struggling community members to foot that bill. It seems like Windsor was jealous of nearby communities getting a rink, and what the heck-not their money to build one in competition. I also feel like our taxes went up, living outside of Windsor, once the amalgamation came about to fund Windsor. Which sucks.

Not just the municipality, but the province and Canada as a whole, should work together to try to get more local (jobs, food, goods, services) and less reliant on elsewhere, US, China and other countries, then we can be more self reliant and become more have instead of have not, and also a lot more healthy.

#73

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Q1

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Forest Hill

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

48

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Nature and quiet.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Litter, drinking and driving- cans tossed out beside the road. Ignorance. Racism.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Sustainable/Renewable energy. Indigenous leadership. Immigration. Circular economies. Ecosystems and more.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Q8

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Community gardens and home "victory" gardens. Gardening for the elderly. Involving anyone who wants to try. Benefits are many- from physical and mental health to social capital and capacity.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Through my employment/role in area.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Freely and openly.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Community centre dance.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Having fun.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Keep up the great work!
jrumble@isans.ca

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Q1

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Three Mile Plains

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

Over 60

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Diversity, irreverent attitudes, working class people

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No sidewalks so it's not safe to walk especially with all the truck traffic, trucks going all the time, blasting at Stark Road shaking the house sometimes, feel like we are overlooked in the rush to serve the more affluent areas

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

My children

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Look at recreational opportunities in TMP

Q8

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Create a playground on Panuke Road

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They haven't

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Hear us

Q11

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School related events such as the fall fair, events at the hall including craft fairs, events at the Baptist Church including musical events, events at the Anglican Church such as suppers

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Not sure

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#75

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Q1

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Garlands Crossing

Q2

What is your gender?

F

Q3

How old are you?

57

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Quiet and natural setting

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Riding my bicycle safely between communities. There are no paved and maintained shoulders along Hwy 1 and Hwy 14

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Improvements to outdoor recreation sites such as Irishman's Rd

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Prioritize safe active transportation routes by building and maintaining proper shoulders to the main connecting roads between Windsor and other communities such as Brooklyn. Dedicated bike lanes and widening and repairing/maintaining the shoulder along Hwy 1 to Hantsoort could be a start

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

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Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Safe active transportation routes would show a commitment to mitigating effects of global warming

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q12

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No

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Bike lanes, please.

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

54

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The people

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Hard place to volunteer , things very political

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Nothing really

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

TrueType regionalize instead of things being separate , take fire for example all different department instead of one like most regional fire services.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Revive the Windsor waterfront and bring back Sam Slick

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not good

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Be more involved

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Anything really

Q12

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Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Get thing working as they should

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#77

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Q1

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Avondale

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

56

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Our little nook is very committed to helping each other and there is a real sense of community.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of access to trails and paths.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Keeping things simple and local.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

As Windsor is seeing a fair degree of growth I believe it is critical the municipal government stays focused on how to promote care, involvement and responsibility within our citizens. A good way to do that is to get people out and about in our area. The new housing project being built behind the Windsor Hospital-Are there pathways planned so people can walk to the grocery store, as opposed to having to walk on sidewalks next to the busiest road in town. Are there pathways to promote parents walking or bike riding with their children away from busy streets. Why aren't there pathways across the grounds to the new sports complex instead of having to walk on the side of the street with no sidewalk?

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I would implement a mandatory community space for new developments-IE walking paths. The local building developers who might not be aware of the non-tangible aspects that draw people and families to new developments. Projects that promote people going outside and relying less on their cars is obvious-a healthier community.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I cannot say how it was done in the past as I have only been a permanent resident for the past 3 years and have generally focused on getting myself organised.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Some friends have identified the online zoom meetings, which I have not had the chance to engage in as I work every evening. However I think these are a good idea as people can put forth their ideas from the comfort of home-a big bonus for me-if I weren't working.

Side note-the new sports complex. Will it have a sign? Why not put out a small competition for students (elementary to University) to create a mural of the area and have several selections painted on the walls of the sports complex?

Q11

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Music jam sessions/community maple syrup making/Friday night community bbq/garlic festival/ginger festival/full circle music festival/artisans in action/wharf day/jamboree

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Yes but not necessarily in that order. AND I would also like to add-Environmental Issues-cleaning of ditches/less reliance on vehicles etc

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Environmental care through local sourcing.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

In addition to pathways connecting areas of town, I have 1 question. Is there a rock climbing wall in town? A short 7 or 8 ft high wall is all that is needed and could be inside or outside. My friends in Thunder Bay built one in their basement for their kids. I lived in Daejeon, South Korea and my sister would go to the short one in the park near City Hall about 5 days a week. They are amazing for health and strength and do not have to be tall-moving sideways on a wall is just as challenging.

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Avondale

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

37

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

I love the friendly people, I love living on a 2km loop with low traffic volume and speed limits that facilitates walking and a healthy active lifestyle while seeing neighbors out doing the same, fostering community. I love our wharf, and access to water it provides and the view! I love having the museum and winery, and events they bring. I love that it's still close to amenities in Windsor, and employment opportunities in HRM and the valley. I love the access to two rinks within 15 minutes. I love that Windsor is slowly changing the guard, and the old boys are on the way out and progressive leadership hopefully on the rise. I love that I'm close to several easy paddle rivers and lakes, and hiking trails. I love the festivals, like the Full Circle Music Festival, North Along the Shore Jamboree and the Honey Harvest Festival.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Access to well paying jobs in my field of expertise. I have to travel to HRM daily during non-pandemic times. But, I appreciate that I can commute, and that lower sackville has an express bus station with free parking making that commute tolerable.

I also find it difficult to understand the conservative views of several residents (there is a Trump flag in my neighborhood), and the opposition to letting fish passage happen in the Avon river. I understand the desire to paddle on the lake, but we have a lot of lakes to paddle on. We could be bringing back our working waterfront, and instead, we want to keep a fake lake! And Martock, I like Martock, and like to ski, but they could dig some wells, or build a new pipeline for water. We should let fish passage happen and build a bridge. Then we can promote our tides and have them accessible from Windsor, instead of hiding them behind a causeway and a two-lane highway.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Potential. Although I've been visiting the Windsor area since the early 1990's, prior to moving here in 2011 and I've been saying that for the whole time... I feel like the region is on the cusp of living up to its potential as a destination, and a place to live and have all the amenities of a city in a small town, and have all the access to nature right here in our back yard. We have an ecological wonder in the minas basin and its tides, RAMSAR and important bird area at our doorstep. We have wonderful trails and waterways. Nature inspires me here. So do the small businesses cropping up, like Spoke n' Note, and the Schoolhouse brewery. More of those types of developments are needed.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Continue to fund active lifestyles, like trails development and promotion. Continue to evaluate and improve its services.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I would take the current trail system in Avondale and connect it to the municipal park, wharf and museum. It already connects the community hall and winery to nature, let's connect all our assets to the trails. Thinking bigger, let's then promote the dykes as trails. People should be able to walk, hike and bike on the dykes, and we could connect Avondale to Windsor via the old railbed! I would involve the West Hants Trails Association, the Avondale Community Club, the Avon River Heritage Society, the municipality, and any private land owners in these projects. These projects would make the community thrive by promoting active healthy lifestyles with access to nature that also improves mental health. It would also be a tourism draw and bring in economic benefits.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Community meetings and consultation sessions (e.g., Active living plan).

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Community meetings and consultation sessions, online questionnaires and mail-outs to each household (not everyone is tech savvy).

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

The Avonriver Heritage Society events, such as the Great Little Art Show. Others, such as the Full Circle Music Festival, North Along the Shore Jamboree, Wharf days, Honey Harvest Festival, weekly jam session at the hall.

Q12

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yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I'd add fish passage on the Avon River to the list and subsequent development of the waterfront in Windsor to showcase our tides, among the highest in the world! Come on windsor! Time to be proud of our mud! It's an internationally renowned ecological area, and we don't even promote that aspect, we'd rather hide it with a causeway and two lane highway. Take back the waterfront, imagine sail boats and recreational boats lining the water front, used at high tide and tons of photos taken of them at low tide! Bring back the natural waterfront. The lake doesn't cut it....

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

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Q1

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Chateau Village

Q2

What is your gender?

male

Q3

How old are you?

65

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Its clean and beautiful and large properties spaced far apart create unique personalities demonstrated through landscaping efforts.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

My rural high speed internet is slow and unstable and is my only option through satellite that also gives me my home phone. I'm not sure if I will reach assistance in an emergency and I live alone.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

I have a flood of ideas for a tourism/vacation business on my property. My sister who lives in NYC thinks its a good idea and she is well connected. She also teaches entrepreneurship at a local collage.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

We have a garbage situation where we have to bring our trash to an area that is not maintained by the municipality and we have illegal dumping creating a mess that a few volunteers have to clean up. We need monitoring and enforcement.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I would like to clean up a park in our community called Chateau Forest Park and build an outdoor rink adjacent to one of our building called the Sugar Shack complete with a wood stove that could serve as a warming area and skate fitting. currently this park is unused and overburdened with scrub brush and sick trees of low value. This would be an ideal project for Firesmartcanada.ca

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

A little hostility

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Keep us informed on matters that will effect us now and in the future and be reasonably available when needed.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I'm not finding anything that interested me however I am aware that the local firehall puts on events frequently. I would love to hold events on my property for local residents of our village and have put on a free music live band event in the past. Sadly it was not well attended due to lack of experience on my part.

Q12

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Yes and my outdoor rink idea fits in this plan.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I'm not qualified to surpass anyone's idea of importance.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

It would be great if the municipality had an annual fund for small projects that target individual communities. A few bucks for cleaning up the park in Chateau Village and building an outdoor rink with volunteers is money well spent.

#80

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

55

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Walkability

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

High property taxes

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Enjoying trails, kayaking, creative people.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Less emphasis on Windsor Township and more inclusion of West Hants as a whole.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I would love to see support for Windsor Makers Studio as they encourage artists and makers.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Online meetings. They are much too long, however.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Shorter meetings, even if more often.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Church & hall suppers, festivals, school events.

Q12

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Yes, especially 3,4,5,6 - very important these aren't ignored as we move forward.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#81

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Not relevant

Q3

How old are you?

47

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Hantsport is a small community with a convenient location in relation to Halifax and Wolfville. Unfortunately, the community needs significant revitalizing and could use some local businesses to invest in the community. It has a quaint Main St with all necessities and could be a charming location and an entry point to the valley. For example, the Main St needs a pub and perhaps some investment to revitalize and reframe the Main St to appeal to a younger generation. There are many young families in the community that would love to see the Main St invested in - draw people into the community.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

There is nothing to draw people to stay on Main St as it only has a few staple stores; no restaurants to keep people on Main St or novelty stores to browse.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Maximizing the new twin highway and generate interest in Hantsport - I commute to the city for work and I love to return here at the end of the day.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Invest in Hantsport with businesses like Windsor - bring in food trucks, have themed events here year long. Canada Day is a great example of the capacity for Hantsport to be full and vibrant. Winter light festival, nostalgic window xmas windows - utilize the town's rich history

Q8

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I would have a monthly event in Hantsport on Main St - close the street and bring in vendors and use the historic themes of the community to create these - ship building, baseball, trains etc etc

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

We are new to the municipality and the upgrades to sidewalks are great but the Main St needs investing in - its such a quaint community

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

stated earlier

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Canada Day, Hantsport Homecoming Music Festival, there is a need for more monthly events

Q12

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Enhance businesses in Hantsport

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

No comment

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thanks for letting me complete this survey

#82

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

56

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The mix of farms/rural areas with residential areas

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack side walks/trails, it is very dangerous to walk on the side of the roads here. Very small shoulders and speeding cars

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The desire to grow in a sustainable and environmental way

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Active transportation. People should be able to make it to Windsor without risking there lives

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration.If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects?How would these projects help your community thrive?

Street/ditch cleaning

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future.How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Facebook, website

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

a better interactive website

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Teddy bear Jamboree, Polar dip, music nights in the hall

Q12

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Yes generally

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Transparency in government

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

bike paths, I would like to bike to get my groceries

#83

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

45

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Location

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

My taxes are higher than others who have a nicer and larger property. I pay more than my fair share.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

My children

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

They can get rid of the cap system. It only serves as a means to keep younger generations out of the housing market and reduces their ability to build wealth while older generations just continue to build wealth. It's unfair.

Q8

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Sidewalks in Falmouth in the typical walking blocks.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Website

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I don't need them to do that. I can go to the website myself.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I'm not so into things like this

Q12

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No, I don't. Especially public transit. It's just not appropriate in our community. Trails and other things are good. We need to focus on being a good place to live.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

None

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No, in general I like the community and leadership.

#84

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Q1

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Martick

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

Old

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Rural, room to live on your property. Mostly quiet.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Traffic, between logging, Ski hill in the winter, cottage country year round, the Kaizer Meadow landfill in Lunenburg county and cars that think hwy 14, the back road, and the dyke road are a speedway none of these roads are easy to get off of.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

That the hwy 14 section does not get over developed so my grandchildren will see the farms where their food comes from the forests that they can travel through to see nature where it's meant to be.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Leave the status quo
Hire a Fire Coordinator

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

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Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Community hall meetings outside our community as they never used the tiny hall in our community.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Same with mail outs or email for those who have it.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Nada

Q12

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Yes but not all are the responsibility of the municipality. Don't neglect the people not on this list.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

As a kid I remember places the public could go to swim. Not many left. Target getting something back or use what you have ei. Meadow pond.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Merry Christmas

#85

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

male

Q3

How old are you?

79

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Friendly people

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Narrow mindedness has been an ongoing issue

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Right now what with the Covid 19 nothing comes to mind

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

There used to be a strong Community Education presence which has somehow disappeared

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Bring back Community Education where the schools were opened in the evenings with lots of programs available to help people learn new things or adapt to confusing issues

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Actually I engaged the Community by unfortunately I retired ??

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Find a way and a leader to bring back the Community Education concept

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

The schools should again be the centers for so many events, etc. that is/are beyond regular school hours

Q12

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Good priorities

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Highway twinning is important. The current situation should not be happening nor should it be allowed to happen

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No I believe I have stated my thoughts. I can't believe that the largest Community Education program in Rural Nova Scotia no longer exists -- go figure

#86

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council.What's the name of your community?

Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

55

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

I love that it is a small town with all the amenities you need. Small enough to feel included in the community.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

I don't face any.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

A future that is more resilient, with people driving less, walking more and spending more time in community with others.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Promote active transport, promote services for seniors and vulnerable people, make it easy for essential businesses to remain here.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I would implement a safe routes to school program that would engage landowners in creating safe "paths" to school. It might mean children cutting across private land, for instance, to access trails to school that avoid busy roads and crossings. I would like to see this also in our more rural areas, like Windsor Forks School. I would also engage landowners in creating safe walking / riding paths through and around communities. So you don't need to put your bike on your car to drive to the bike trails, but that rather the trails become a means for going shopping, visiting friends, etc.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Yes

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Public meetings, this kind of online survey...information at places such as the grocery store, seniors groups, Lions Club, Historical Society... where people go anyway.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Hantsport Music Fest / HMCC events / Church events / Canada Day / Hantsport Winter Carnival / Hantsport Christmas Shopping Night

Q12

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Yes.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Active transportation routes to schools.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No.

#87

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council.What's the name of your community?

Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

42

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

It is small

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of shopping options, nothing for teenagers to do other than hockey

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

My family continuing to grow in the community

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Lower property taxes for Windsor residents

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

N/A

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They haven't

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

It needs to be one community. There is an us vs them mentality that still lingers.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q12

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#88

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council.What's the name of your community?

Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

65

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Natural beauty, friendly neighbours

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Weak cell phone coverage at times.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Enthusiasm/resilience of the people (e.g., getting the weekly Avon Community Market up and running).

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

In addition to areas already identified in the previous phase of this consultation process: Internet service in Falmouth is pretty good, but I know it can be less reliable in other parts of the municipality (so, we need a solid level of service for all). I would also like to see stronger engagement with climate change.

Q8

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I am relatively new to the area, and have no concrete projects to suggest, but I am inclined to support projects that engage with climate change issues and local food security issues.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Generally I have found municipal staff to be very helpful, though on some issues I have had difficulty getting questions answered and requested information provided in a timely manner.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

The words that come to mind: Transparency. Open and honest communication. Timely communication (including letting someone know when answering a particular query may take a few days).

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I regularly attend community markets. As I haven't been in the area that long, I have yet to get into a regular routine when it comes to attending events.

Q12

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The items listed are important. I have already identified two items that I would add: Better internet service, particularly for the more rural areas of the municipality. Stronger engagement with the likely impacts of climate change in our municipality (coastal flooding/erosion, inland flooding, drought...).

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

See above.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Not at this point. Thank you for the opportunity to submit some comments.

#89

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Garlands Crossing The Crossing

Q2

What is your gender?

male

Q3

How old are you?

82

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Senior retirement community, Valley

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Only one entrance in/out of a community of over 300 homes. Gate blocked to hospital and Windsor shopping.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Community center planed for area, no commercial traffic.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Government under one roof.

Q8

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Proposed street entrance planned for the future to access hospital and Windsor built ASAP. This would provide access for all the seniors living in my area in need of Emergency service.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not by my request but it was great to see Underwood Rd. paved as it was unsafe and too narrow.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Publish names and contact information on key people we would like to contact in different departments.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Loved the pumpkin races and the common area could use more community activities.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Only lived in this area for a few months, check back after a year.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No, not at this time. I do take the time to get involved in my community when I am able.

#90

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

26

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

great location. central between the valley and halifax.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

I moved here 2 years ago from Kentville. I grew up in Kentville and spent my entire life there. i am having some trouble feeling a "sense of belonging" to my new community but it is coming slowly.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

community events and engagement. building relationships with my neighbours. feeling pride in my community enough to have kids and possibly raise my children here.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

COVID has really impacted things. I believe community engagement events are a fun way to build social and human capital.

Q8

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I would install a large life-size chess set on the grounds at victoria park. this central piece of land in our community is going under utilized. Some form of activities should be taking place here. even some form of art mural or large chalk board installation.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Hosting events like the pumkin regatta or hants count ex bring people to our community and bring a sense of life.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Facebook has been very helpful. With my age group we rely on this for our main source of information. I would like the new municipality make themselves available and work on combining both the locals from different communities and make them aware they now belong to something even bigger.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

we have some annual events like christmas daddies and festivals. I believe we need something more frequent including weekly and monthly. something involving food like community dinners? this would also combat food scarcity.

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yes all great ideas.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#91

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Q1

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Upper Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

50

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

privacy.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

lack of employment. dishonest local politicians. Lack of environmental protections.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Not much locally

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Stop telling lies to get elected. Work with private companies. Stop saying one thing and doing the opposite and expecting residents to pay for it.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

nothing comes to mind

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They haven't

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Do as promised. Stop lying.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

No thanks

Q12

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Not really.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Stop allowing agriculture land to be developed into housing. Protect wilderness areas from development.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

I don't trust our current mayor and council. They will do as they wish and send us the bill.

#92

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Q1

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Newport Station

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

56

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

A great place to live.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No water

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Maybe water would be put in our community

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Doing a great job. Couldn't ask for anything better than how it is

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Our councillor is very helpful

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Keeping us updated on important issues

Q11

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None in our community

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Looks great none to remove

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No thank you

#93

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council.What's the name of your community?

Sweets Corner

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

73

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Safety, friendly and helpful.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

None really but we are healthy and mobile.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Vaccine!

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

We are fine but I worry about the old and less fortunate. I haven't heard of our councillor reaching out to see if he can help individuals during the lockdown or now. Very poor!

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

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Q9

Respondent skipped this question

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Q10

Respondent skipped this question

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Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q12

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Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#94

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

44

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Local grocery store; great community recreation

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No transit - Kings Transit removed the bus when the first lockdown started. Cabs are very expensive.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Events - something to look forward to....

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Transit solutions to get to employment opportunities would be helpful as there is little economic development in Hantsport

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Community led projects such as harvest festivals, local theatre productions, local tea room - we need some way to get people to come to Hantsport as we do not have a presence on the highway....we need to become an event destination for folks to visit....

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

We were not really part of things....

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Specific solutions to our community but a partner in issues that would benefit from partnerships - like transit

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Library events, Hantsport Music festival, talent show

Q12

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Yes - especially transit!

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I would add employment opportunities or improved small business support. Government could provide business support like taxation help, accounting help, exporting development for multiple small businesses as a business hub.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

I work from home in my community for a company in the city. Developing further work from home opportunities through partnering with companies in Halifax and beyond would be one way of expanding economic development. I pay for very high speed Internet. Ensuring that high speed Internet is available in small towns in our region would help with work from home opportunities that can only grow in the future.

#95

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Q1

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Lakelands, South Rawdon Rd.

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

60

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Peaceful and beautiful countryside. Not far from the valley or the city.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Neighbors burning garbage inside and outside, winter snow clearing, boundary identification, burning during wildfire season, no fall cleanup for large items & metal items

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

That some of these issues get solved or improve

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Listen and act on some or all of the issues being presented.

Q8

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Have a spring & fall community road and ditch cleanup involving anyone who wanted to take part. It would benefit the environment as well as make the community look cleaner.

Q9

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Not very well. Possibly due to boundary identification knowledge or interest because we are located too far from Windsor or Milford.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Have more interest in including my community as part of the municipality. Also, make a better effort to take action on any of the issues being presented & trying to solve them.

Q11

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Bingo, darts, special occasion suppers, teen dances.

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

None for both

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Nothing

#96

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

45

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Quiet, pretty area

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Terrible Internet, high taxes

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Moving

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Lower taxes, improve internet, fix roads

Q8

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Improve internet, council members, help local businesses and professionals. Encourage people to move to the area and help lower taxes

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

No

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Listen to what residents

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Not sure

Q12

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Yes some

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Add - more support for low income families. More support for drug addiction.

Remove - #1

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No

#97

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

63

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Safety, people, activity

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Taxes

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Getting youth living in town

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Lower taxes

Fix streets to be safer for walking, esp3cially one way section of King St

Q8

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Continue to advocate for street walking safety,

What works dept. mayor etc

The street is used for walking by a lot of when members and is deemed very unsafe for walking by many

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not much

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Take serious our concerns

Q11

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Avon River days, winter cArnival, Christmas parade, hikes snowshoe, cross country skiing, terry fox run, 5 km walks

Q12

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No, Public transportation is not economically feasible. Let's fix main public streets before expanding trails

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Street Improvement

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Fix one way sidewalk on King Street

#98

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

40

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

I love the low crime rate in our region.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Drug use is rampant in our area in particular the middle and high schools

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Potential growth

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

They are doing a good job so far. Keep communication open, you can never please everyone but at least this way there isn't anything hidden.

Q8

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I would turn the old ball diamond on Town Road into a dog park like Hantsport has. I would need community and municipal assistance to mow the lawn. The Hantsport dog park is community run and well maintained so the leg work would only be at the front end. Falmouth is a growing area for young families, give them something close they can enjoy together.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I do not feel engaged prior to this.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Quarterly mailers would be nice. Just upcoming projects, important dates and local acknowledgements.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Friday Jam session at the Community Hall

Q12

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I do, though for local enrichment I would start at number 8 to 1 not the way it is written.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Falmouth water system has concerned me since I moved here 9 years ago. With exponential growth I do not feel the infrastructure is ready. I think looking at the municipal services for cost effectiveness and putting any surplus into the utilities etc needs to be a priority. A combined area like ours should have financial tables that can balance, locally I just want to feel comfortable that we are ready for a "rainy day". As well, stepping up the police presence in the area wouldn't hurt, even having an officer walk around town, down the commercial side of the boardwalk. Do people notice or care that the bridge between Windsor/Falmouth is where the kids gather in the summer to carry on illegal activities? Many adults won't take their children to the skate park past 3 because of the groups of teens (13+). Ps I love what you've done to the boardwalk!

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Please don't lose your local perspective. I don't envy the positions you will be put in, but following the loud crowd doesn't mean you are speaking for the silent majority. Please continue to look at things from the average citizens view, many who travel an hour each way to go to work. Who trust that while they are away their community is healthy and the children are safe.

#99

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

71

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The closeness
Of the people

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Few places for seniors to live as they age. High taxes.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Safe here. Friendships. Family. Caring for each other. Hope for new businesses for our economy.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Full cooperation with each other. Find ways to bring in businesses. Activities for our youth. Improved tourism. Nice to keep youth in our own area.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Youth projects. More affordable housing and subsidized housing. Bring in people to live here even if they work elsewhere or from home.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Including the community on discussions about projects and ideas. People love to have input.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Provide services for aging population. Listen to your people.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Outside concerts. Mermaid Theatre, kids activities by recreation, senior activities at the community center. Movies in the park. Farm market is great. Things for youth other than the skate park. We have a great reception program and pool and new rink already. Will miss the water park that is gone now.

Q12

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Sure do. That covers most of my concerns already. Lived here for nearly 51 years
Brought up our children here. We still live Windsor and will likely die here. No regrets.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

All sounds great.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

There does seem to be more racism than I would have thought there would be by this time in my life. We need to work on that one and if there is more poverty than I realized we need to improve that. Those things make me sad. The causeway issue has caused me grief. Not an issue I ever imagined. Am in favour of the causeway but feel badly that it has made a division in our area. It has become ugly!

#100

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Q1

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Hantsport

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

36

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Quiet friendly full of fellow hunters

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Hard to find out if bylaws have been passed or sent thru to the next stage sometimes or whether something is or is not permitted. Ex Chickens.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

being able to landscape the yard

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Be clearer on bylaws and the points they are at. have link or direction to rules and regulations and when one isn't present help find out where it is or if it exists.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Im not sure what I would do but it would be nice to see a community that has something for kids who are around 12-17 or 18 . that age range is always awkward as they are no long a kid or play grounds seem to young but they are not yet an adult. The new sports plex is a good example if it were easy enough to get to or a small skate/bike park. thinks like those.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

no clue

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

ease of access to information

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

not sure

Q12

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yes

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#101

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Q1

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Summerville

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

74

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

rural so quieter not much here other than 2 beaches

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

we need a hall or some place to have recreations we seem shut off from everything unless we drive to town and then not sure how much we can use the pool etc

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

not much right now

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I would love to see the firehall here turned into a community hall the FD use it about 6-8 times a year what a waste I you want to rent it they charged 300+ so everyone goes to Burlington which isn't very community minded

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

i would like to see more for the young people Also card parties bingo dances we used to have all these when there was a women's aux now there is nothing

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

not at all the clinic in Kempt has some things but yoga and cooking doesn't appeal much to men I would like to see enjoyable fun things couples can go to

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

not sure how to answer this

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

none

Q12

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most of these are way too regimented when do we have fun in our community 4 6 and 7 sound ok Too much focus on health and exercise needed but not fun

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

answered above sorry

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

The fire hall is my biggest "rant" they have all they need downstairs for entertainment give the community the hall after all we all paid for it I lead the building of the new part yet noone gets to use it

#102

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

81

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Relatively small with most necessary services; hospital, doctors, stores, recreation. Friendly.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

I have no difficulties living here.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

I am inspired by the quality and dedication of our forward-looking leaders.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I am happy with the new municipality. They are open. Should I have a question or concern, I have but to ask.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

I would like to see the Old Parish Burying Ground restored. It represents our history dating back to the 18th century. Other communities have done this. It is a good project in which the community can be involved; relatively inexpensive to undertake.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I believe citizens can be engaged with the municipality as they wish to be. If we have a complaint or concern we should be prepared to present a viable alternative to the issue.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Good open communication. Unfortunately for me, I am too old to take part in many projects.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I use the walking trails and the track at the new Sports Complex on a regular basis - excellent facilities.

Q12

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Generally, yes. See comments in Number 14.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

The priorities appear to be quite inclusive.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

It is up to individuals to actively participate in the communities. Too many set back and wait for others to initiate projects and activities then are too quick to criticize both municipal staff and volunteers. Accept the will of the majority while protecting the rights of the minority.

#103

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Q1

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Newport

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

38

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Beautiful place to live. Close to schools. Lots of space.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Not a lot of employment options in my field (manufacturing).

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The interesting small businesses popping up in the downtown. The jobs/people that Biovectra is bringing to the area.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Encouraging new businesses to setup in our area. Aiding/encouraging existing businesses.

Q8

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Post-covid: Organize a yearly community event that gets people outside. BBQ. Dance. Something simple to encourage people to get out and meet their neighbors.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Our previous representative was very good at stopping and talking to community members. Our current representative is great at this as well. He (current rep.) is a quick mover too. Speed is key to getting things accomplished in today's world.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

In person representation. More online presence, especially during this pandemic.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Currently in Brooklyn/Newport... a community walking group. Hockey/sports at the local arena. Dances used to be a thing at the civic center... not a lot really.

Q12

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Some... yes. I strongly disagree with the public transportation, for my family/situation.

Where is the focus on bringing business to the area? Business brings families/professionals and their hard earned dollars which can help fund improvements to the area.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Remove: Public transit.

Add: Develop strategy to attract/build businesses

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

I love our area, but in order for it to grow we need to develop the economy too.

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

39

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

There is not much to love about my community. I love the approach Active Avon is taking providing safe places to get outside and get moving. The trails, side walks and bike lanes are a huge improvement in Windsor... I hope they continue into the other communities like Falmouth. Every small community should have a safe place to walk.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

It is dangerous to walk or bike in Falmouth. The shoulders are missing in many areas, the lanes aren't wide enough and the speed limits are never enforced. Cars travel 80-100km/hr in 30-50km zones.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Being an active and healthy community.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

By focusing on the entire region rather than just downtown Windsor. More street lights to encourage outdoor activities in Fall, Winter and Spring. Providing more opportunities to utilize our water ways with boat launches, floating docks and supervised swimming. More sidewalks and marked bike lanes.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Maintaining parks and green spaces throughout West Hants. Turn overgrown baseball fields into dog parks, mini bike tracks for children, track lanes for running and walking. Provide garbage receptacles, seating areas and protection from sun and rain. Shelters allow families to get outside and have picnics or play board games in the sun and rain.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Recreation programs for children.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Active outdoor living. We are at a crucial and pivotal point in Nova Scotia with our baby boomers needing to be outside and kept moving to prevent an even further exhausted health care system, our youth are spending more and more time inside on screens and without the facility, environment, leadership and accessibility these issues cannot be resolved.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

To my knowledge, the only annual event in Falmouth is the Teddy Bear Parade. This is focused mostly on young children and their families. We have a beautiful community centre which could host many things. We also have soccer fields and a playground at Eldridge Road. In addition there is an abandoned baseball field on Town Road which I was told there sits an account full of money, but the people in charge haven't done any maintenance. (This is hearsay)

Q12

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Absolutely. The focus on public transportation, housing and programming should not only be for Windsor. We have many rural communities with people of all ages who are isolated and stranded from participating in programs which would improve mental health and physical well being.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

We need active, friendly leaders running events and programming. We currently have a few amazing leaders, but we need more! Signage would also help, many people do not know where they can walk or swim. We should encourage people by bright colourful signage and by hosting events at many outdoor spaces. We have many talented artists and musicians who would love to be more involved and included in events! We can easily have a vibrant and colourful place to live with so many talented and generous individuals!

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

One area of great concern for me is the lack of traffic lights at the intersection of Payzant Drive and Wentworth Road. It is a terrible place to have new drivers, senior drivers, sick and injured people trying to get to the hospital and fasting people to blood clinic, school busses and pedestrians and cyclists. It is so long overdue. Please fix this.

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

44

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

I love that we are central to the province, so everything in NS is within reasonable access. I love living within town, as almost all services are walkable so I don't feel obliged to drive everywhere.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Finding information. There seem to be multiple places online to find info about events, town planning items, and yet no consistent delivery or single place to look. I find myself missing events that were only on Facebook, or forgetting to check the town calendar for meeting agendas, because everyone seems to have their own way and place to put their event. It also makes it harder to find out when certain groups are looking for help to run an event or occasion. I think that's an unfortunate oversight, and I feel that it doesn't help drive a feeling of community.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The idea that the town/muni will combine forces behind an agenda that benefits the community as a whole, rather than just small pockets of it. Also that that agenda might include real long-term planning, instead of just a few years in advance.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I'd like to see a consolidated delivery of information, with a consistent message of community enhancement. I think the goal of the new muni will be to sell the community as a whole on these ideas, as the best way to change some of the public opinion about the area.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Connect each community in a walkable/rideable way. I would involve the AT Committee as well as any stakeholders that could help pressure certain landowners to make connections that would increase the local enjoyment of the immediate area, and also make it more attractive as a recreation destination.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Sometimes social media (Facebook), sometimes posters I come across on a walk. Occasional messages with water bills.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I'd like the website to be the main repository of info so I know I can always go there to find what I'm looking for. Social media is okay but I often have to remember which town page I saw an announcement on, and then go digging to try to find that announcement. Frustrating and time wasting.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Pumpkin regatta, August festival (renamed too often for me to keep track), parade of lights, Santa fire truck on Christmas Eve, Angels webathon, used to be music on Friday nights at waterfront, Hants exhibition, carnival, Long pond classic, I can't think of anything else. There are several events for fundraising that I like to attend, including the webathon already mentioned.

Q12

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Yes.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

No changes.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

I've lived here for over 10 years and have always felt that Windsor has a lot of potential. I would love to see it begin to realize and capitalize on that potential.

#106

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Q1

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West hants

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

41

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Less crime, better views than the city

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No public transportation. Or even a regular train commute to the city for work. To get around in this area.. you need a car and a license. Something not affordable/accessible to everyone.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

A permaculture way of living.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Look into Permaculture (it's more than gardening.) And find ways to bridge the gap between the poor in the area and the wealthy. More mental health accessibility too (again... commuter train would really help.. lack of transportation when healthcare is city shouldnt be allowed.)

Be more like the transitional community like stMargaret's bay

Q8

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I have tried.. but was turned down because I live in the outskirts.. not directly in Windsor nor Hantsport. Or back when I was younger... left out of a local community group (purposely not told about meetings even though I designed the logo they still use today) due to my youthful age, and financial status (i was on welfare at the time)

I would love to help.. and have been... on my own... I feel better communication is needed by the municipality in order to get folks out. The happy community thing was a great idea.. bit lack of transportation, along side of it only having meetings in Windsor... meant myself and others could not attend.. and offer our help.

No point in asking people to help.. if they cant find a ride to town. Public transportation. Big issue.

But... for now... I'll help... I'll donate manure and trays of tomato & basil seedlings.. if you can ask restaurants for 5g buckets.. we can fill them.. then donate them to the food banks in all areas of west hants.. for people to grow their own food. The next project should be providing free food to the community residents. Back when I was on welfare... I picked the apple trees now gone due to that ice rink... and made jelly for my neighbors so we could eat without having to use the food bank. So maybe replace those trees too.. I cant make jelly anymore as you took away the food trees and put up a indoor hockey rink. Cant eat hockey.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I currently run a business in the area.. and can count the number of municipal staff who have visited on one hand.. and still have fingers left to count.

Abe's doing a fantastic job. Be more like Abe. Jim Ivey too.. both are active in the community and visit events and businesses without being asked to. They support the community.

On top of that... update your website. Add links to local businesses. (And remove the ones that no longer work) Take a short course on social media so that everyone knows how to effectively use it. (And remind your staff that if they are going to post something controversial or upsetting for the community.. and they recieve a bit of backlash.. blocking and continuing with the upsetting behaviour is not the way to go.. as I had been previously as a municipal councillor blocked me.. after I asked him to remove a photo of a relative's vehicle that he had posted in a community group and tagged the municipality in.. before the police had notified the family. Instead of removing the photo for a short time.. he blocked me.. and left it up for family to see.)

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

In person. As well as online. Be out there. Be Abe and Jim. VanEssa rocks too. (But that's a given after all shes done for this area, right?)

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Not much happens in my little neck of the woods. Just my event... but then... it does shine a huge light on all the other community events. Managed to even get the community name on a google map too

Q12

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Yes.... but I also think a moratorium on building in the rural areas needs to happen. Older homes are not selling as much as new builds.. (and some of those new builds are not selling either) making it difficult for older people to sell and downsize. Let's lead a revolution in recycling houses and buildings before anymore new ones are built. I'd also like to see housing lot size restrictions in falmouth. Green space is a must. Houses are being jammed in close in some parts. Lot sizes in falmouth should have at least an acre of land included. Food security happens when the community can grow a good chunk of it's own food. And that soil in falmouth is magical, full of minerals left behind by a glacier. You can plant potatoes in March... not something you can do in the hard clay soil elsewhere. These new builds will not help the community if the town only has older in need of repair houses.

Food security for west hants.

Permaculture will solve all your problems.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

#8 needs to be at the top for the rest to work

How about #9 food security for the area. Designing the municipality to be a sustainable system that requires little maintenance.. where the community takes care of it's own. People care is part of permaculture. As is Earth Care.

(Let's not let anymore corporations set up like Triangle here unless they can provide a detailed clean up plan for the tailings ponds when they are done.. and fine them appropriately if they dont clean their own mess)

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Y'all are doing great... we just need the people in the area to work together... and to start to think about long term future goals for our children.. and their future in this area.

#107

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Q1

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Garlands Crossing

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

44

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Close-knit community, friendly people. Lower taxes than the town

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Water rates are ridiculously high. Lack of access to stores such as Walmart or Canadian tire. Lack of access to swimming facilities year round.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The growth of our community.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

We need more diverse shopping options, more rental housing options. Getting better control of the drugs in the community - it is very sad that our high school has the reputation as one of the worst schools for drugs in the province.

Q8

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There needs to be focus made on how to reduce the drugs flowing through our community. Possibly providing better options for kids after school so that they don't wander around downtown. More presence of the community on the waterfront during the evenings/night as it is well known that this is a hot zone for drugs.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

There hasn't been a lot of engagement in our community. Outside of what information is provided from online means, there is not much engagement with members of the community. What about introducing one or more committees with volunteer members from the communities to provide input and more voices

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

More transparency. More awareness of what my community needs. Maybe volunteer committees from each community that give us more of a voice.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I am not aware of any of events specific to my community.

Q12

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These are great priorities. I would also suggest some focus on expanding shopping opportunities, including more diverse options as this will increase the amount of people visiting our community and the amount of money coming into our community.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Expanding the amount of and diversity of shopping opportunities in the municipality. Focusing on the issues with drugs in our communities - we need to get away from our reputation and being a high drug area in the province.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

We have a great municipality! I agree with the priorities identified by the counsel. I do think we need to focus on bringing more shopping opportunities to the municipality to help increase people visiting the communities and add more income.

#108

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Q1

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Three Mile Plains

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

50

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Friendly people; rural setting

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of change

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Recreation opportunities

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Rails to trails in Hants County; more trails like Irishmans

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Rails to trails

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Unsure; not sure they actually engaged me in the past

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

More surveys like this, focus groups, etc.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Avon River Days, pumpkin regatta, exhibition

Q12

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Love them all!

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

This is a good first step-collecting input from the community.

#109

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Q1

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Mount Denson

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

52

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Pace of life, natural beauty, space, good neighbours, proximity to whatever degree of urban environment we want to experience (close to towns and metro).

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Delivery challenges for certain services such as Costco grocery delivery. Less competitive pricing for some items. Limited arts & entertainment offerings such as live music and theatre. Travel for specialized health care and testing. Not a great deal of exposure to cultural diversity.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Active, engaged youth. Enthusiastic leaders willing to make changes. Passionate educators. Locally-invested, cutting-edge businesses.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Consistency with service levels, especially waste collection, road maintenance and communications.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Rail trails from Hantsport to Mount Uniacke. Every community that would benefit. Promotes active living, environmentally-friendly transportation, invites tourism, showcases the natural beauty of our region.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Town hall meetings. Surveys. News letters and social media posts.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Town hall meetings are good, especially if they can be used as informational sessions to connect people to other forms of engagement such as on-line surveys, social media sites and websites. Encouraging residents to volunteer to be part of municipal initiatives that will bring improvements to their communities. Encourage them to feel like decision-makers. Measurable goals and progress reports.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Hantsport Music Fest, July 1st, Winter Carnival, Lions breakfasts, HMCC grounds during the summer.

Q12

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They do, but without a strong economy, how do you fund? One major area of focus should be growing the economy - right now the emphasis should be on expanding tourism-related initiatives (places to stay, the ski hill, OnTree, lakes, wineries, craft breweries, distilleries, highest tides in the world, music and other festivals, Giant Pumpkin everything). We should be selling the crap out of our area to everyone, everywhere. Also, attracting industry as we have the room, the know-how, the proximity to metro.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

None, but as stated above, economy, economy, economy. Forward-thinking, cutting-edge, environmentally sustainable economy.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

We have so much to offer. Get moving with this. Don't waste our money on initiatives that will never get off the ground. People don't engage because they've seen this before ... a lot of talk, very little action, tax dollars squandered. Walk the talk. This region is worth it.

#110

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Q1

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Three Mile Plains

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

56

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

I love our community's diversity, the growing community spirit, the hiking trails, our great schools and community programs

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of amenities; having to travel 30 minutes to get a choice of stores, lack of physicians, lack of side walks outside of the Windsor, the speed the gravel trucks fly up and down Panuke Road!

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Our youth! There are a number of young people who have recently graduated or still attending Avon View who would be great future leaders of our community. We should be harnessing their enthusiasm!

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

The new municipality has done a much better job of communicating and being transparent in their processes. I think the municipality should engage the youth in our region by having the AV citizenship class maybe visit and see a council meeting in session so that they have an understanding of what the municipality does; it also might inspire our youth to become more involved.

Q8

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As much as I love the new rink, we really should have looked at a whole sports facility, something similar to Fall River. We desperately need gymnasium space, an indoor pool facility, conference/meeting space. This would allow community sports groups to host provincial tournaments that would generate revenue for our municipality. We could also host other conferences that would generate revenue. You would need to engage the boards of various community groups around the municipality to see what they need.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Honestly, not a whole lot! They certainly didn't utilize social media to its potential

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I think if the municipality continues to be transparent and uses social media to engage the wider community that would be great.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I think if members of the municipality volunteered to help at community sporting events such as provincial tournaments that are hosted here it would be very much appreciated and show engagement. Being visible at the farm market during the summer, helping community centres revitalize their facilities and engaging more people to become involved.

Q12

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Yes! Affordable housing, access to medical services locally, and infrastructure improvement are high on my list!

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I think given our regions rich diversity and culture we should do a much better PR job of making people aware of what West Hants has to offer! We are the entrance to the Annapolis Valley but oftentimes get overlooked. We need to revitalize our downtown core (this is slowly coming around) to make it attractive to visitors and people looking to move here.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Being just 30 minutes from the city we are ideally placed to capture some of the city growth, unfortunately because we don't have varieties/choices for stores, large sports arenas, meeting space, we get overlooked. If Covid has taught us anything it is that we should be supporting local and we need to be more self-sufficient...we shouldn't have to order online or drive 30+ minutes to buy sheets or underwear!

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

29

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Closer to larger communities like HRM and the valley but cheaper house prices

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of shopping, lack of side walks, lack of baby groups/socialization for young families or even young adults before we had a baby

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Hoping to be able to be more involved in the community

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Sidewalks! Would love to go for walks but very limited safe places to walk especially with a baby/stroller esp in Falmouth

Q8

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Sidewalks in Falmouth. If even just on the main road. This would encourage more physical activity and people to get out more

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Did not feel engaged

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Social events when safe to do so, promote local businesses/opportunities for young families

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Not great advertisement so I'm not really aware of many events esp in Falmouth

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Add-Sidewalks in Falmouth

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#112

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Q1

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Curry's Corner

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

64

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Everything you need is nearby. People are open to new ideas. People are very proud of their heritage and history.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Communication - it is hard to know what is happening. We need a method of sharing info with everyone. Transportation - there needs to be some form of public transit.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

There are so many opportunities and possibilities here. I see an increase in population that is bringing new ideas and energy to the area. The municipal council seems to be working well together.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Look at the method of taxation and charge for services offered. If I don't use the sewage system that should reflect in my tax bill. Some forms of recreation should remain cost free (walking track). There are some areas that require traffic lights (end of Chester Rd and King St). Some of the buildings around town are dilapidated and should be required to at least put on a coat of paint. There should be connector roads on Payzant to hwy 1 and from Cole Dr to hwy 1. These are safety issues.

Q8

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Affordable housing and food safety are concerns. I think there are a number of groups and individuals trying to work on both issues and some leadership and funding from the municipality would help to progress these projects. This will improve the lives of many citizens.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

The Happy Community project started some excellent work with community engagement. It seems that this work should be continued with municipal support.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

A community advisory board, made up of citizens from all walks of life would be able to provide the municipality with information that is important to the public at large. The Community Health Board can provide some of that input but the scope for an advisory board could be larger.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Parades, celebrations of history or achievements. Festivals such as the pumpkin regatta. Movie nights in the summer, summertime outdoor activities such as scavenger hunts, regattas and music concerts.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Agree with all

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thank you for asking.

#113

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Q1

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Poplar Grove

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

53

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

The Avon River and the wharf in Avondale.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Winter roads and clearing. Coyotes. When the mine was operating, blasting.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

I would love to see more businesses open in Windsor such as Giant Tiger, Canadian Tire, Pet Value

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Listen and act on residents concerns. Change laws so that a small group cannot make life changing changes to our municipality without a majority of voters.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Organize a drug free campaign. Medical professionals, teachers and RCMP. Our youth are becoming more and more users and this could be a life changing opportunity and make the community safer and save lives.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They really have not very much. Most residents feel unheard.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Come and speak to residents on a regular basis. Listen to their suggestions, implement changes when they can be or explain why they cannot. Regular communication with residents, not just in form or a newsletter. Counsellors need to be present at community events, especially days like Remembrance Day. It is their duty as representatives. Our previous counsellor had a lot of trouble being community oriented.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Regular card parties in the local hall, the Wharf days, garlic fest, Avondale Sky events - I note these events as although we live in Poplar Grove, we consider Avondale our community also.

Q12

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Yes, but we also need to look at the drug problems in West Hants.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Drug addiction in this region. I would remove public transit.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thank you for giving residents the opportunity to do a survey. It needs to be promoted more and in more ways. Not everyone uses social media, especially the older population. Radio is still a good way to communicate with them as well.

#114

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Q1

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Cheverie

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

69

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Very scenic and peaceful.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Poor internet prohibits business activities. Newbies are not always welcome. Stagnant thought process in residents.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Ability and opportunity to pursue hopes and dreams.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Provide more community based programs.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Have more health related programs. I.e Exercise classes, life style diet programs. Education programs introducing proper internet usage etc.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Good question but have no answer.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Listen, investigate and act accordingly.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

As far as I know there are no regular events in this community.

Q12

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Yes. However this community is not growing. It appears to be shrinking partly due to lack of opportunity for youth and young families.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

5. Infrastructure and trails.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Promote the new Multipurpose/Rec center in Windsor better to outlying areas.

#115

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Q1

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Garlands Crossing

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

40

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Walking trails in town, adults sports available to play, new sports arena with free walking track.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No crosswalks to safely cross busy hwy 1 to get to the store.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Activity, Social interaction, kindness

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

More adult exercise activities, aerobics or Zumba, finding ways to help reduce costs on utility bills during this pandemic.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

A community garden with help from the community planting, watering and sharing vegetables and fruit. I hope it would help those who struggle financially to eat healthy while sharing a passion for gardening and growing healthy food.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Through Facebook

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Facebook, Zoom meetings, email.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Winter clothing drive, winter festival, summer festival.

Q12

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Yes they sound great!

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

The list looks great!

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#116

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Q1

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St croix

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

37

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Our fire community and what they do for all of us

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Safety. We live on the old highway and the traffic speed is too fast to be comfortable and safe to get out for even a walk.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Community growth

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Be collective in making good decisions for this municipality and not what is best for or what will benefit council members more than the people! Be motivated to get this community to flourish and get people to want to move here.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Something for seniors and childcare. There is not enough quality childcare in this municipality. Seek input from community members about what their needs are and work towards meeting them. Getting people with knowledge and desire to make a difference to help. More childcare options mean more families will come and that grows our community! Another seniors home ...maybe assisted living options for seniors to help their independence but give assistance when needed

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Maybe a community letter but that's it. Reach out to community members to see where their expertise is and ask if they'd like to be involved

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Social media, through existing community groups, flyers, notices

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

No idea

Q12

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What about Acadian representation? What about getting an early French immersion program in our municipality? There's a late immersion but not an early one. This would also draw families to this area. What about keeping seniors connected

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Public transit, #8 sounds like something council should be doing anyway on their own time. What about keeping seniors connected?

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

The investment in promoting activity and family activity is awesome. People need to get active and it's a great way to explore our municipality. Just wish I knew what was currently available

#117

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

41

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

It is a great place to raise a family. I feel safe allowing my kids to play around our neighbourhood. The schools in the area are great and there are activities for my kids to participate in.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

I do not really see any difficulties living here although I can honestly say that with the joining of WH and Windsor I can honestly say that I do not agree with a lot of decisions being made and how things are being run compared to when we were just a part of West Hants.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Nothing really

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I think that staff needs to be more mindful of their spending decisions and need to treat citizens as customers and provide a higher level of service. As a resident I feel that the level of service is not what it was in the past.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

It would be very nice to have better lighting going over the bridge between Windsor and Falmouth. The causeway trail is great but it is very dark going over the bridge is you are out walking when it is not light out. The downtown area could also be kept cleaner and free of loiters so that people would feel more comfortable walking through the town.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not that I am aware of

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I think the municipality should include different groups within the community so that they can work together to make our community a better place. When people are involved they take more pride in community projects.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Pumpkin festival
Avon River Days

Q12

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Yes I agree with and support the majority of these priorities

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#118

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

30

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Small town and lots of outdoor areas to go to

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

More recreation for toddlers/kids

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Possibilities for the new arena. Indoor swimming?

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Great so far. Indoor swimming, gym with child care center.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I do not recall any previous engagement.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Surveys are great. Ask us what we need.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Avon river days, parade of lights, winter carnival

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Traffic issues on payzant when school is in.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#119

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

47

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Low crime rate, municipal services, hospital and fire department.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Tax rate.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Windsor becoming the commuter town of "the city".

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Faster decision making.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

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Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I have not been involved in the past, except for watching live council meetings.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Not sure

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Too many to list. There's always something going on.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I'm not sure that public transit is necessary. Taxis are available. When Kings Transit ran it was empty.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Windsor's tax rate needs to be lowered to better reflect the WH region. It is a deterrent to living in "town".

#120

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Q1

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Windsor/West Hants

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

26

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

The amount of effort they put in to supporting local and being active (for all ages).

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Being able to walk indoors (new track fixed that)!

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The amount of efforts, money and improvements coming to this community.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Continue to engage all ages on being active. Supporting local.

Q8

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I would make a project where children of local schools could be involved. It would be to improve the community and the involvement of others. Perhaps acts of kindness around the community to earn points, once points were accumulated they could cash them in for rewards from local businesses.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

The previous municipality was engaged in the past.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Be more involved with the children and youth.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

More family centred active activities.

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Nothing added or removed they are great!! Yay for mental health promotion.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Nope!

#121

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

37

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

Nature

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Speeding cars in falmouth, quality of water - Falmouth water needs a lot of filtration

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Cooperation between all sectors to keep taxes, services etc reasonable

Q8

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More activities for children and youth - recreation and artistic activities

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q12

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Yes

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#122

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Greenhill

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

42

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Few people live here, big private lots with forest and farmland

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Poor road maintenance and ditches are grown in. Our compost took 4 weeks to be picked up. No mail delivery. Slow internet

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

New sports complex is exciting

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

I'd like property tax to be adjusted to better reflect the community where I live. I shouldn't pay the same tax as Falmouth does for example.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

For "community" projects, I look to Windsor and Brooklyn. I think so far the activities available are amazing

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

They haven't really that I can think of

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

I like this survey

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Nothing happens out here, so unless I see something on Facebook, I don't know it's happening. Ardoise community hall is the closest meeting place and they have a board out front with updates.

Q12

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Sure

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Farmland protection and education to the importance and impact of agriculture in our region

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#123

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Q1

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Brooklyn

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

37

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

closeknit, friendly, wonderful!

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

public transportation, sidewalks

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

my family, the community

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

enhance the community feeling (Brooklyn) but also explore togetherness throughout the region.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

family events, outdoor recreation etc

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

garlic festival, open farm day, church services, fitness, group hikes

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yes

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#124

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Q1

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Centre Burlington

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

60

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

We are 15-20 minutes out of Windsor quite rural community with a active hall and corner store the dairy farm is know more but we now have a multi million dollar fish farm

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Internet is the shits for sure

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Doing something or being part of something that will make our community stand out more when driving through

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Keep the activities spread out and not just in the Windsor core

Q8

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Shuttle service to make it easier for seniors to commute and a meals on wheels program

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Fear for what we have my only concern is that it doesn't all lose attention to the Windsor core

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

If there are individuals in the community that are looking for ways to make the area thrive for seniors with some funding to assist people trying to help

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Music jams on Sunday evening have more yoga at hall

Q12

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It would help if it's not just a vote tactic but vac as long as people work together and look for some of the same things we could grow happily

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

You might as well remove transit because it's not fair to expect everyone to pay for something we can't have and it failed us in the past. But years ago there was a door to door grocery truck that had to make it easier on seniors.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Again seniors are my main objective and is where I will put my attention

#125

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Q1

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Three mile plains

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

57

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

It's open to new things . It gets involved when needed

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Speeding cars ,rats

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

By fresh new younger people at the office with new ideas

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Not sure

Q8

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Garbage in the area , anyone from the community could participate

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Haven't done anything to my knowledge

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Online ,social media

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Kings edgehill pool was one aqua fit program

Q12

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

None

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Affordable housing and transportation

#126

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

68

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Mix of ages, growth of population, people living their own ways and safe neighborhoods

Q5**Respondent skipped this question**

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

New ideas, people taking initiative and trying new things. Growth of population. People want to move here to make a home.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Recreation opportunities that are affordable to all . Affordable housing options.

Q8

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The “Makers” project has helped to bring people together , offering learning and sharing as well as a resource for income generation. It has a uniqueness that can bring people into our community to visit .

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future.How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q12

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A great place to start. “ If you must , start small , but start.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#127

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Q1

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Three Mile Plains

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

61

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Rural areas and woods and trees and wildlife

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Terrible Road Condition on Mountain Road. Daily Costs of Living; access to some services. Health Care

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

My family and friends

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Reduce Taxes, Reduce the outrageous costs of water, Repair Mountain Road properly, better internet access and service

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Don't know

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

No idea

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Consultation within each community area and throughout all Age groups and income brackets

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Legion activities, radio bingo, Library services and activities

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Yes I do

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

More activities available for Youth in my community

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Thank you for allowing my input. Please fix Mountain Road properly.

#128

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Garlands Crossing

Q2

What is your gender?

Non binary

Q3

How old are you?

36

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

There is a sense of loyalty and respect for one another - we are small but our neighbours are there for each other.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Mail service with Canada Post is slow, and unreliable at best. Our road signage doesn't match the postal system or most of the property deeds, and our side roads are a mess of potholes that never get filled.

As a business owner outside the downtown area, the postal service does not deliver to my business - not even parcels. I am required to hold a PO Box at the central office if I want to receive any notification of deliveries or mail. This requires me to close my business during the daytime hours. Yet, Canada Post will deliver to my home address not 1 minute away. I have lost time, money and customers because Canada Post seems to think it's common sense that there would be no business delivery here.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The amount of growth and young families moving to our community

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Address the roads and signage issues (Tonge Hill in particular); Work with Canada Post to allow delivery to businesses directly, rather than an obscure policy requiring a post office box in an out of the way location.

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Prenatal and postpartum support for families - many families struggle after bringing home a new child, whether it is with maintaining upkeep on their home, cooking nutritious meals or simply finding a supportive ear. I would love to see a postpartum "care" train instituted - which could expand to seniors as well.

In addition, a seasonal car seat safety clinic attended by certified CPSAC technicians and RCMP would be incredibly beneficial to the safety of our children.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I'm not sure they did?

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Recognize Garlands Crossing as a vital and important location to the municipality - we are a gateway to several other communities, we have a lot of retirees and our commercial sector is predominantly small community businesses. I would love to see public transit re-instated with service to Wolfville/Kentville/New Minas.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

On Christmas Eve the Brooklyn firefighters ride by with Santa Claus on a pre-check. Brooklyn 2 also opens their station at Halloween for families to safely get treats.

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I'm not sure diversity needs to be a priority - I would rather see the energy and effort go into bringing Kings Transit back, keeping rent costs down and community programs that offer more than just athletic opportunities. I would include as priorities remedying civic and postal address issues, and creating better communication between business owners and council.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

We do not need any more sports opportunities, except for an indoor swimming venue that is accessible year round.

We need more focus on arts and creative based community activities

#129

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Q1

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Falmouth

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

51

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Recreation Facilities / Commerce

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of cohesivity - Segregated programs / lack of coordination / islands of activity

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The youth and fresh ideas coming to our community. The ability to challenge "it has always been that way"
The rebirth of the downtown with shops and local artisans. The Shop Local movement.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Communication of events and local activities

Q8

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Big fan of the multi-sport program (already involved)

Community passport program for local businesses? e.g. a program that rewards residents for shopping local

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Yes - we are creating the Avon Sport and Social Community

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Quarterly town-hall is sufficient to listen to the needs of the community

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

The start of soccer seems to have a large group of residents at Eldridge Road

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I am aligned with some of these priorities

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

I would just like to understand the prioritization and how the order was determined

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Fully supportive of a more positive, forward looking vision for the municipality

#130

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Q1

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Windsor Plains

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

67

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

It's home where I was born and raised.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

No place to gather.

Loss of cohesiveness in the community.

Social separation.

Lack of community involvement.

Not enough recreational activity.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

The younger generation and the kids....with the exception of this Covid-19 pandemic we are all experiencing, I still have the opportunity for some interaction with them.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

We need help with the park. Our kids, seniors and others need a place to go for participation, adventure and exercise.

Our older teens need direction and opportunity to be involved in recreational programs within the municipality.

The Covid pandemic has put such a damper on various aspects of our day to day living and existence, we all need a release, perhaps in the spring and summer with some outdoor activity and exercise programs in the various parks throughout the area.

Q8

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Explore the possibility of making the park safe and inviting for all members of our and surrounding communities.

The municipality, the community as well as any other voluntary groups using the playground, walking trails or designated sports areas for sports or exercise activity.

Our community needs to have a base and this area has the potential ability to be a starting point in drawing the community back together. There are many new families in our area waiting for the opportunity to belong and support where they live. This can be a starting point which could have a significant impact on this community and community support the WWH.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Not nearly as efficient as the current municipality members.

Not everybody has or uses electronics so I still think the occasional newsletter is important to reach all municipality members to keep everybody informed.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

You're all moving in the right direction....just keep moving forward. Keep the community informed. Continue pursuing the younger adults in the various communities to bring their knowledge and expertise aboard.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Our community needs to recollect, reorganize, prioritize, restructure and take a few steps back - look at what we had or did as a community and try to rebuild these events. One of a biggest community draws is always an annual picnic. It used to be a Jamboree held in the park each year and it would be great to be able to envision that again in the future. We are really just in a process of rebuilding socially....Covid just slowed us down a bit.

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Yes

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Good for now

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Not at this point in time

#131

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Q1

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Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

42

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

Everyone is friendly and people make an effort to smile and say hello out and about. I feel safe. And isn't too far from the city.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

I work in the city and have to commute during inclement weather. Besides carpooling there is no other transit to Halifax nor further down the valley.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

That Windsor is a very affordable place to live and that I have a home that I wouldn't otherwise be able to afford in the city.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Have the post office open later as it's very inconvenient to get your mail in town if you work outside of town and can't be there in time & more flexible hours for the stores like Kent and home hardware.

Q8

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Because of the new arena there should have been a gymnasium & a gym. Many teams in the community as well as residents could have really benefitted from that.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I played badminton at the community centre, the Gordon Hughes tennis courts as well as various trails.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Unsure.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Pumpkin regatta, Sunday outdoor markets, summer camps, parades

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Yes, they do.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Unsure.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

No.

#132

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Q1

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The Crossing

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

75

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

All the thought that's gone into the planning

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of transport

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Getting to know this area better

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

As before, public transport

More than one entry/exit to this community

As a newcomer to the area I noticed that some of the buildings in downtown Windsor are very rundown - especially on Gerrish Street.

It looks very sad

Q8

Community-Led Projects: As part of this consultation process, we would like to identify community-led projects in every community to recommend to Council for consideration. If you could implement any project in your community, what would you do? Who would you involve in these projects? How would these projects help your community thrive?

Making more trails e.g. the old railway line

Involve all who enjoy walking

Help an appreciation of the surrounding area

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I'm too new to the area to be able to comment

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

As before

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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Q12

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Yes

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

#133

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

Windsor

Q2

What is your gender?

Female

Q3

How old are you?

56

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

safe, bucolic, well-situated geographically with convenient access to Valley, airport, HRM, South Shore, lovely views

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

1. Extremely poor public communication. It is inconsistent and unreliable (though FB & website is getting better) 2.No public (or available private) transit to HRM so a car is essential - esp for youth wanting to broaden their horizons. 3. Community is generally averse to change. 4. the Textile building is an eyesore and just continues to degrade. It's an hideous site to welcome people to town 5. The community needs consistent branding. Signage is a mish-mash of styles and also poor (way-finding, street signs etc.)

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

We can only go up! The residents and community are generally passionate about this place. I hope we can attract more people from away (other counties, other cities, other provinces, other countries) to inspire some new ideas

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

Be more open to change (e.g. rainbow crosswalk etc. to show support for diversity). Better and more consistent communication (like Wolfville's newsletter). Online/digital delivery of bills- taxes, water, sewage and ability to transact online (dog licenses, etc.) Dog Park in town. Please tell the snowplows that there is a trail/ramp that they block when they pile the snow downtown. The website has spelling errors (Fredrick and Dykeyne on things to do page and Windsor playland should be removed because it doesn't exist) and there is a ton of missing information in the recreation section (especially Windsor) Tennis Club, Fort Edward, West Hants Minor Baseball (in Windsor, 2 fields), Canoe/Kayak Club, Curling Club, Bowling Alley, outdoor gym on Windsor Waterfront and no easily found info about the Libraries. Haliburton House has an excellent "trail" which doesn't seem to be mentioned nor is the Disc Golf at the same site

Q8

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Dog Park in Falmouth by the playground.

Community Garden. Perhaps at the same locale

Public Art- art along causeway fence (see this example <https://www.mariannelovink.com/lansdowne-fence-streetscape> or this <https://www.popsugar.com/home/How-Dress-Up-Chain-Link-Fence-16230185>)

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future.How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

Poorly. Some Town Halls and strategic planning. Again, it came down to inferior communication strategies. More surveys or online outreach could make it more convenient for people to contribute

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

As mentioned previously, a monthly/bi-weekly newsletter. The website needs updating. Text messaging- i.e. "see face book page for XXX" or "tax bills will be mailed next week" etc.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

Pumpkin Regatta, Terry Fox Run, Parade of Lights,

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Generally, yes. I wouldn't pick that order of priority.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

#2, #3 and #7 should not solely be the responsibility of a municipality. These should be instigated and led by the Province with Municipal involvement. #1 is unattainable. An attempt at regional public transit failed - it's too costly and under-utilized. But Uber would likely help!

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

I like what I see so far. I am hoping Windsor's place in the community will be more included- the website seems to be very West Hants focused- which is understandable but the existing infrastructure in Windsor shouldn't be excluded. Maybe you're all still catching up.

#134

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Q1

About you: This survey is anonymous: however, gathering more information about you will help us with analyzing the survey data and presenting them to Council. What's the name of your community?

The Crossing, Garlands Cross

Q2

What is your gender?

Male

Q3

How old are you?

78

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community. What do you love about your community/region?

The community is well planned and ideal for it's age demographic...i.e. over 55's and retiree's.

The region is still pre-dominantly rural with the benefits that brings of a more relaxed pace yet still only 30/40 minutes from Halifax and the cultural, sport and shopping opportunities offered.

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

Lack of public transport to any large suburban areas, i.e. Kentville/New Minas, Halifax.

Family doctor shortage and lack of overall general physical and mental health facilities.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

Having an active retirement and becoming involved in community projects and activities.

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

By being aggressive in actions that mitigate the effects of climate change. Local transportation services that reduce dependency on motor vehicle use for daily activities.

Q8

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I am new to the community but one thing immediately struck me...many of the buildings in downtown Windsor are in a dilapidated state and in need of renovation.

Town officials and the building owners.

As a newcomer the condition of some of the properties on Gerish Street, Windsor do not project a prideful and vibrant community.

Q9

Future Engagement: As part of this engagement, we are developing a toolkit for municipal staff on how to engage your community in the future. How has the previous municipality engaged you and your community in the past?

I am new to the municipality (3 months) and therefore have had no direct engagement to date. I have however lived in several other communities in the Annapolis Valley and HRM.

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

Listen to my concerns, requests and suggestions. Cut the politic babble, give straight answers and don't shift blame to other levels of government simply for expedience sake.

Q11

One of the best ways to engage a community is to go where people are. In a non-COVID year, what are some of the weekly, monthly, and annual events in your community? (For example, this could include a weekly community bingo or annual music festival)

I need to find out what will be offered in a non-COVID year before offering any suggestions.

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All of these are laudable but have been tabled many times for many years by politicians and local officials of every political stripe. Big on talk, small on action. How about a firm date by which one item on the list will be achieved.

Q13

What other priorities would you add to this list for the region? Which priorities on the above list would you elect to remove?

Will have a better idea post-COVID and am able to interact with others in the community.

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

Looking forward to seeing the results of this survey, particularly how the different age group and gender demographic's responded.

#135

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Q1

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Three Mile Plains

Q2

What is your gender?

female

Q3

How old are you?

38

Q4

About your Community: We would like to learn more about your community.What do you love about your community/region?

open space and green space

Q5

What are some of the difficulties you face living here?

noise and quarry's. not safe.

Q6

When thinking about the future, what inspires you?

community partner ship

Q7

How can the new municipality better serve you and your community?

fix the community water lines and add lighting. Support the local culture. historic black community

Q8

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restore the school house, support local parks. rebuild hockey rink. purchase space for trails and parks and rails to trails to windsor

Q9

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no

Q10

How would you like the new municipality to engage you and your community in the future?

tv bingo ads and letters via mail. phone calls as well

Q11

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church and tv bingo

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no

Q13

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green space and rail to trails, halt trucking from quarry's

Q14

Final Comments: Is there anything further that you would like to add?

we need noise by-laws for blasting and trucking.
