



Our Future Huron-Kinloss Sustainable Strategic Plan Working Group Meeting 1 Summary

Meeting 1
April 3, 2013

Agenda

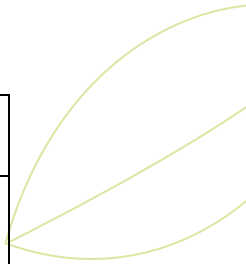
- " Introductions
- " Project Overview
- " Developing the Plan
- " Role of Working Groups
- " Q & A
- " Exercise: Current Conditions and Gaps
- " Exercise: SWOT Analysis
- " Report-back and Wrap Up



Working Groups Meeting 1 – SWOT Results

Cultural Vibrancy

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established events • Community groups • Local artists • Heritage structure (PC Lighthouse) • Knowledgeable persons/historians • Strong sense of community/stability • Small (raise family/smaller schools) • Natural beauty/ Lake Huron • Diversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging historians • Compete with larger neighbours • Divide of communities (3) • Already lost resources/structures • Lack of knowledge of our strengths/what's available/who's available
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Hub (gallery/museum); display, preserve, socialize, teach and learn, storytelling -> multi-generational • Involve youth • Artisan guild • Draw tourists; utilize resources before they're lost (cemeteries, buildings) -> e.g. heritage trail • Lewis Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide of local communities (3) • Possible loss of history/heritage • Lack of funding • Loss of resources (heritage buildings, cemeteries).





Economic Prosperity

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucknow - location on a highway • Ripley at County Road crossroad • Value of farmland • Strong tax base/good population from Rural Community • Bruce-Huron Produce Auction • Lake Huron • Communication/technological infrastructure • Number of young people in community • Nuclear energy • Good cost of living • Fairs • Reunions • Cheese factory • Golf course • Campgrounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic does not have to go through Ripley • Signage/lack of • Lack of retailers • Lack of retail spaces • Distance from a four lane highway • Lack of industry • Postal code/community identity NOG 2RO • Can't supply industrial land • No transportation
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeside development • Mennonite community • Bruce Botanical Food Gardens • Cost of business/land/real estate is good here • Natural gas • Define an identity • Keep elderly population and younger population • Family Health Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of people/traffic/customers • Large farming operations don't contribute to the village • Mennonite community not participating in school/sport programs • Attrition – lack of succession planning • Kids have to leave for education • The shadow of Bruce Power

Environmental Health

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Huron Shoreline –dune restoration, water quality, beach • Community Networking – environmentally wildlife • Huron Fringe Field Naturalists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline (water quality and water levels) • Ongoing discussion re: DGR • Lack of forest cover • Absence of wetlands in Pine River Watershed (near shore)



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife – Huron Fringe, Woodlots, Pine River, water quality monitoring (10yrs of data), Septic Re-inspection program, PRWIN, legacy of environmental stewardship • Continuing to develop existing trails • Good, arable farmland • Glacial Landforms (gravel ridges, relic beaches/shorelines → drainag, ground water supply • Good soil • Wetlands/marsh areas • Bruce Power (jobs, people) • Different energy opportunities • Carolinian forest: oak, beech forest • Diversity of environmental knowledge (community-driven) • Bruce Botanical Food Gardens • Still lots of life in landfills: recycling e-waters and household hazardous waste days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy: lack of municipal ownership • Waste: opportunities for recycling
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>Threats</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline: water quality monitoring (continuing) and additional testing parameters • Climate Change: drainage innovation, drainage best management practices to reduce erosion, nutrient loading, changing species (new birds/trumpet swans) • Forest cover -> plant more trees -> planting windrows -> promotion of best management practices • Ongoing discussion: DGR • Environmental stewardship: education (outdoor education) continuation, tree planting, and more communication • Potential for economic development • Diversity of environmental knowledge • Involve local schools, groups (e.g., 4H) • Waste: improve recycling/waste reduction behaviours and education • Explore methane/bio digesters (e.g., algae to ethanol) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline: water levels and flows, dredging, drought, floods • Climate change • Forest cover: increasing field size, removal of hedge rows, and emerald ash border • Waste: continued development, increased waste, wildlife habitat, species at risk • Monoculture farming • Invasive Species: terrestrial, phragmites, aquatic • Groundwater levels: an unknown regarding climate change • Ongoing discussion: DGR



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy opportunities: solar thermal • Wildlife habitat best management practices, incentives • Natural heritage viewing opportunities (birding, promote, tourism) • Develop energy efficiency plans (municipality) • Expand environmental awareness to all aspects of environment 	
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Social Wellbeing

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers/various committees – make connections • Variety of areas to offer – why people move here (diversity) • People band together to address community needs (daycare, parks) • Fall fairs in Lucknow and Ripley • “more neighbourly” than other areas (no fences) • Safe – no keys to houses, neighbours would watch • Recreational facilities are good – ice rink (Point Clark), community gathering place • Now religion is strong 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard to market diversity and please with services • Employment issues cause people to leave the community • People go to school and don’t come back • More programming for seniors • Lack of recreational activities that are not organized • Diminishing volunteer base • No dog park • Fitness classes. programming lacking – fitness centre also a gathering place • Not a major road for travel through Ripley – need signage of 86 and 21 • Need a car to live in HK to work (Lucknow has some more amenities) • Gas station • Lost Jr. Farmers, lost volunteerism for that age group, learned how to give to community
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor new volunteers – give them time to get their feet wet • Ask them in a different way –more efficient need to accomplish • Community gathering place at the Legion • Need a gas station (with pay at the pump) • Raise the profile of what is unique- (pottery, buttertarts, etc.) 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events may suffer due to lack of volunteerism and aging population • Local hospital services in danger • Wind turbines – health concerns • Family farm disappearing – large operations (out-migration of residents affects school systems) • French emersion in Kincardine taking kids



- Dog park would bring economic benefit
- Smaller industry “rural affairs” ready to listen locally
- Coordination/facilitation of Staff of HK

- All day kindergarten – government funding a threat to daycare
- AGCO regulations – ability to generate funds
- Women’s Institutions are becoming less prominent as membership ages

