



Our Future Huron-Kinloss Sustainable Strategic Plan Working Group Meeting 2 Summary

Meeting 2
May 13, 2013

Agenda

- Overview presentation
- Vision for the future
- Goals and directions
- Wrap-up and next steps

Discussion:

1. Values – What do you value about Huron-Kinloss?

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| Pillar: Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural beauty• Heritage assets• Diversity of lifestyles<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ex: farmers, cottagers, generations of families etc.• Hometown feeling<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Safe○ Welcoming○ Neighbourly• Volunteers | Pillar: Economic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good infrastructure• Community groups and events• Lakes/forests/natural resources• Low cost of living• Sports and recreation• Potential for future opportunities |
| Pillar: Social <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community networks and connections• Recreational facilities• “Small town feel”• Schools and daycare located in each community• Trails<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Biking, walking, snowmobiling etc.• Range of housing options• Medical Centre | Pillar: Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fresh water/lakeshore• High quality farmland• Environmentally friendly• Space |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity in the community (rural, urban, lakeshore) • Seniors living • Volunteer/service groups give a lot back to community | |
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2. Vision Ingredients – What are words you would like to use to describe Huron-Kinloss ten years from now?

| Pillar: Culture | Pillar: Economic |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep hometown feeling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tight-knit ○ Friendly ○ Safe ○ Welcoming • Preservation of cultural heritage • Diverse • Family- oriented • Active • Clean • Rural • Whole • Strength | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Population ○ Industry • Prosperous • Youth retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employment opportunities ○ Educational programs • More services • Natural gas • Leadership • Innovation • Cultural diversity • Environmental stewardship • Fiscally sound • Agricultural hub • Thriving/growing • Progressive • Successful • Culinary tourism • Continue infrastructure improvements • Destination/getaway • Traditional values • Organized – land use planning • United government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strong Federal and Provincial support • High-end food processing |



| Pillar: Social | Pillar: Environment |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vibrant• Friendly/welcoming/inviting• Safe• Prosperous• Unique• Interesting• Quaint• Livable• Family/kid-friendly• Senior friendly• Innovative• Active• Happening• Happy• Connected• Progressive• Improved affordable transportation• Accessible• Unique education facilities• Balanced growth• Heritage | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Population○ Industry○ Development• Efficient use of land<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Using land wisely○ Beneficial land uses• Good stewardship for farmland and use of other land• Low impact industries• Smart energy use/consumption• Long term protection/preservation of wetlands/trees/shoreline• Local produce availability<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Consume local food/higher standards for food• Balance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Farmland vs. urban development |





3. Postcards from the Future

Group 1

"Dear John,

It's 2023! What are you still doing living in that chicken coup in the city? Come visit us in friendly, home-town, Huron-Kinloss. Last night while I was walking by the historical Point Clark Lighthouse, it occurred to me that you would enjoy our natural beauty. I dropped in to your mom's and dad's, who were preparing for the fall fair coming up. How lucky are we to live in a safe, diverse community! Come back to our rural home. We'd love to have you!"

~ Barb

Group 2

"Greetings from Huron-Kinloss!

Thriving downtowns – lots of exciting shops and restaurants, great food, wonderful and welcoming people. Hit the beach, golf course, water parks and took part in a soccer game. A great farm tour and bought lots of fresh, good vegetables and meat. Took a horse and buggy ride and checked out a house in a new, affordable subdivision. This would be a great place to live, with lots of services available and job opportunities at the new manufacturing plant. The lot next door is for sale... don't wait too long!"

Group 3

"Travelling across Ontario, I came across this quaint, welcoming place called Huron-Kinloss, so we stopped. We visited both Lucknow and Ripley, with vibrant downtowns and unique, prosperous businesses and friendly people. I took the tram from Lucknow to Pt. Clark, where I toured the lighthouse, watched a Yoga class on the beach and a perfect sunset to top it off! The tram was a historical experience in itself, with story boards, unique artifacts and was even accessible for my wheelchair. I am considering moving to one of the seniors housing complexes. There are wonderful trails and parks for when you visit. Perhaps Sally could even find employment at the sustainable living educational facility. The kids will love the splash pads in both communities. I am so happy to find this inviting place where everyone seems connected to one group or another."

See you soon!



Group 4


“Dear Future Huron-Kinloss Residents,

Come join us for a tour of the community. First come see the thriving urban and agricultural industries. Try some of our locally grown produce and see our farmhouses and greenhouses etc. first hand. “

4. Goals – What would improve Huron-Kinloss? What would need to be done to achieve your vision?

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| <p>Pillar: Culture</p> | <p>Pillar: Economic</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bringing together the residents of Lucknow, Ripley and the Lakeshore area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Start with our youth, bring them together for school, sports and activities ● Fostering entrepreneurship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create incentives ● Bringing outside money into the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Target marketing ● Preservation of our cultural/heritage assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raise funds and awareness ● Preservation of lakeshore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitoring lake levels, pollutants, erosion etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural gas/bio gas ○ Land designation ○ New development ○ Funding/financing, innovation ○ Branding, incentives, policy ○ Decrease red tape ○ Knowledgeable ● Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New development ○ Services ○ Employment opportunities ● Cooperation with Mennonite Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fill storefronts ○ Communication ● Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grants ○ Branding ● Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local/Specialized training ○ Entrepreneurial programs/mentors/benefits/incentives ○ Chamber (H-K and area wide) |
| <p>Pillar: Social</p> | <p>Pillar: Environment</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordination of volunteer/service efforts ● Continued improvement of recreational | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promotion of environmental initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More conversation |



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| <p>facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ E.g.: trails, parks○ Connecting bike lanes and trails● Parking to utilize Boiler Beach<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Promote heritage aspect● Bike trail<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pt. Clark to Kincardine● Educational facilities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grant opportunities● Citizens working group to move plan forward<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Members from volunteer/service groups● Need different areas to work together<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rural/urban communities● Ensure projects benefit the community or affects other pillars● Work with and encourage lot development● Coordinated effort to increase volunteerism● Create an awareness program or volunteer pool to aid service clubs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Incentive○ Investigate waste management further● Encourage new ideas<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pilot projects○ Start small, grow bigger projects/ideas● Better planning for land use, energy use, waste production/disposal● Further development and support for botanical garden● Support for horse-drawn carriage communities (Mennonites)● Build relationships with other communities/agencies● Year round access to our community<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hwy. 21 – keep open○ Live snow fence● Promote our “famous” qualities● More discussions between groups, sectors, and demographics of community● Greater flexibility with respect to planning regulations● Continuing to work with local environmental initiatives<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ E.g.: Pine River Watershed initiative○ Lake Huron Coastal Centre● Balance between thriving agriculture and urban industries while respecting and preserving our nature● Promote our diversity and enhance our strong points to entice people● Promote/encourage new industries and jobs for young people<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Recreational based businesses and activities● Keep local produce flourishing● Extend growing periods● Continuation of ownership of land (e.g. public beaches) |
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