
Comments:

Growth Centre

- Many residents are concerned about the change of MH from a district growth centre to a local growth centre will have a negative impact on growth in the broad sense.
- It is also a concern, due to the change, that relocation of services such as library, fitness centre, etc., would be relocated to Porters Lake (to be upgraded to district centre).
- SH has an active main street and would benefit from a Socio-economic Financial Development Plan that focuses on how to develop SH for the Community & Tourism.
- HRM should provide support to an initiative to create a multi-purpose building structure to host 3 local schools, the public library and some HRM leased community service entities.

Culture & Heritage

- What incentives are there for small businesses to expand? We want to show visitors our coastline, take them fishing, watch our divers, get scallops, etc., eat at our local pub and restaurant, stay overnight.
- Offer tourists packages – give them reason to stay for a while and not drive through. Open to ideas & discussions!
- HRM should support the development of a Local News Media for rural communities like Sheet Harbour and Musquodoboit Harbour.

Other

- There needs to be a public washroom and public garbage cans to prevent garbage. Every center should have a public washroom and garbage can.
- Light Pollution - I would like to see redesign of streetlights so there is less light pollution.
- Idling – I would like to see enforcement of trucks and cars idling.
- The Eastern Shore needs more attention to seniors' issues, long and short care housing, in-home care and more support for caregivers. The population is getting older and this will have to be dealt with by all levels of government.

- Coastline strategies are needed and should override development issues.
- Prevention of Emergency Measures, such as truck and gas leaks, hurricane wind, flood, snowstorms/weather bomb, fire disaster prevention.
- Upgrades and establishment of trails on the Eastern Shore and upgrade of the Musquodoboit Trail Association.
- More recreation facilities needed beyond what we have now. Skateboard park, swimming pools/ponds for kids, dance & music facilities (arts & culture) need in Musquodoboit Harbour.
- We would like to see that the rain forest island on the Eastern Shore be fully protected.
- Musquodoboit Harbour Community Association would like to see a secondary process of the visioning happen (please send me a name of who to talk to about this (Dee Dwyer, Chair).
- Who enforces prevention of noise pollution? (motorcycles are very noisy).
- There should be revised or wind turbine policy established so turbines are removed /set back from private residences.
- Health, sports and anti-obesity initiatives should be addressed at all levels of government. I attended a Sports Day at Oyster Pond Academy where children, adolescents, can learn specific sport's skills early on.
- Need more HRM sponsored activities for Sheet Harbour teens and youth.
- I think there should have been more open houses with town halls. I argue that town halls are a public meeting where there are many dialogues where issues are shared. In future, can Musquodoboit Harbour be included in the communication of meetings.
- More library hours for Musquodoboit Harbour so we can have more sharing of information and educational issues but the limited hours do not allow for programs, guest speakers, movies which would be interesting to have.
- Musquodoboit Harbour and the Eastern Shore need a tourism strategy which can go nicely with Economic and Eco-tourism strategy and/or policy.
- The Eastern Shore still needs high speed to get proper computer services. HRM can work with the Province to get these services.
- What happened to rumours that they Hwy #7 would be realigned and flattened in the village of Musquodoboit? Please follow up with me. (Dee Dwyer).
- I'm concerned about the lack of not only mentions but even the lack of information on rural areas. I read how you explain how somebody else is going to improve our port, but nothing on what you plan to do to assist. My list could go on but suffice to say we are part of HRM and as I sit in my office to write my tax cheque of \$12,000, I ask myself WHY.
- Beaches Act? Bringing all HRM beaches under this Act.

Transportation and Climate Change

- Community Transit:
 - 2-3 times per week
 - Dial-a-service for local errands/appointments.
- The draft seems very light on the potential impact of climate change on area roads. Along with coast, section of roads are vulnerable to erosion, and may need to be rerouted. Floods from ore severe towns are likely to cause change to interior roads and bridges.
- Transit – There needs to be a local transit service developed for the Sheet Harbour area; perhaps using the “MusGoRider” service as a developmental template.

Regional Road Works

1. Poorly kept up roads
2. Absolutely no bus – not even once a month.
3. Nothing happening at our port.
4. Nothing happening to promote tourism.
5. No help for local businesses.
6. Nothing for pre-teens and teens, seniors, moms & tots, etc., as far as a proper community centre.
7. Not enough affordable housing help for low income families.
8. No help in creating jobs to keep young people in the area except to try opening fish farms to destroy our coastline.
9. Sheet Harbour isn't even on the map!!!! (points 1 thru 9 provided by M. Fill of Spry Harbour, NS).

Servicing and Utilities

- We need industry here so people can work in the area.
- Our roads are terrible, I am ashamed for tourists to come here.
- We just seem to be forgotten in this part of HRM.
- We also need transportation for seniors.

Plan Performance

- There should be a “rural” chapter in the Regional Plan; to consolidate all rural policies and development guidelines. Rural HRM comprises 90% of the total area of HRM.