

Penhorn/Woodlawn Community Liaison Group

Vision & Action Plan



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Who Are We?

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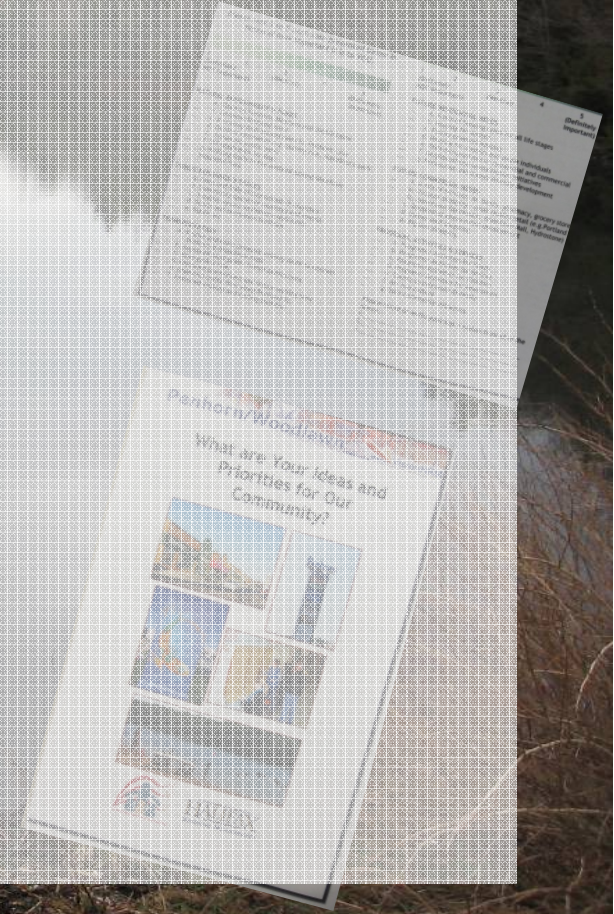


Public Consultation

- **Public Forums (2)**
- **Met with community organizations**
- **Focused Workshops (4)**
 - **Lego exercise, Visual Preference Surveys**
- **Facebook Page & HRM Website**
- **Survey of identified themes (over 300)**
 - **Distributed to households and businesses**
- **Draft presented to the public**

Survey Themes

- Natural Environment & Parks
- Transportation
- Commercial Development
- Residential Development
- Public Spaces & Activities
- Programs & Services



Natural Environment & Parks

- **Vision: Stewardship of parks, lakes, wetlands and forested areas to conserve, expand and enhance**
 - Audit of existing parks
 - Clean lakes (water quality and litter)
 - Trails around lakes
 - Protect public access to lakefronts
 - Promotion of natural assets

Transportation

- **Vision: Sustainable, efficient, accessible and safe transportation options**
 - Non-motorized link between Penhorn and Woodlawn neighbourhoods
 - Pedestrian & bicycle connectivity
 - Local transit connections
 - Improved cross-walks
 - Reduced congestion of Portland St. corridor

Commercial Development

- **Vision: Vibrant commercial centre built to human scale & caters to the daily needs of local residents**
 - Enable mixed-use/live/work, “urban village” redevelopment of Penhorn Mall
 - Investment in Portland Street beautification
 - Middle Portland Street Business Association

Residential Development

- **Vision: Safe, stable, affordable and beautiful neighbourhoods; quality of life and housing options for all life stages.**
 - Established neighbourhoods = low to medium density
 - Penhorn Mall = medium to high density mixed-use, transit and pedestrian friendly redevelopment

Group 1



Group 2



Community Spaces & Activities

- **Vision: Community buildings, public art and public spaces exhibit pride, a sense of place, history and belonging**
 - A multi-use “community hub”
 - Skateboard park
 - Outdoor community ice rink
 - Programs for youth
 - Community events & festivals

Who Will Make This Happen?

- Public & Private partnerships
- HRM Projects and Plan reviews
- Local interest groups
- Vision Implementation Committee
- Topic Teams
- Other levels of Government

Penhorn Lake Clean-up

- Community Volunteers
- HRM Fire Services
- 18 shopping carts retrieved
- 23 bags of garbage collected

What We Learned

- The 1.5 km boundary was limiting
- The inclusion of two distinct communities was an issue
- Penhorn Mall more of a factor than expected
- Uniqueness of area played a major role

Next Steps

- Further detail the Action Plan
- Recruit volunteers for Vision Implementation