



MEETING NOTES

subject: **Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan – COMMUNITY MEETING PART 1**
date: December 21, 2007
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location: Gospel Chapel
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ITEM DISCUSSION

1.0 Introduction

As part of a community-wide visioning exercise to promote ideas for Grand Forks' Sustainable Community Plan, members in attendance were asked to respond to the following question:

"What is your idea for making Grand Forks a great, sustainable community?"

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1. Improve self sufficiency
 2. Creating sustainable energy systems
 3. Foster a sense of community. How behaviour impacts your community
 4. Community Safety
 5. Maintain and foster environment quality
 6. Participatory budgeting
 7. Better communication amongst all (local government and community)
 8. Use Grand Forks' charm to attract young families
 9. Education centre to attract outside students
 10. Affordable and fair tax base
 11. Zero waste
 12. Better and greener public and private transportation system/transit
 13. Create conditions for creative people to congregate
 14. Attracting industry with low ecological footprints
 15. Better access to medical services
 16. Attract tourists

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17. Improved social services
18. Self sustaining energy production (e.g. solar energy on Rattlesnake Mountain)
19. Form co-op between ranchers and farmers
20. Truly sustainable housing
21. Community Forest
22. Local food supply
23. Community solidarity
24. Freedom and intimacy – more walking
25. Building on success of other communities
26. Affordable housing
27. Doctors, nurses and mid-wives for maternity patients
28. Grand Forks as a tourism destination, not a pass through community
29. Fair and equitable Development Cost Charges (DCC's)
30. Competitive retail
31. Regional tourism identity
32. Community Centre
33. Better environmental control of industry and community
34. Performing Arts Centre
35. Improved Police – Community relations
36. More youth programs and activities
37. Youth – senior partnerships (intergenerational cooperation)
38. User friendly hours for the pool/recreation facility
39. Program for driving and substance abuse
40. Attract film and tv industry (e.g. post production – sound, editing, etc)

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- 41. Affordable seniors meeting place
- 42. Celebrate ethnic diversity and tradition
- 43. Sustainability as tourism
- 44. Reuse and recycling
- 45. Increased respect for natural environment/green space
- 46. Increase charm by reducing illegal activity (e.g. crack houses)
- 47. More trees and open space and active green space
- 48. Community control of natural resources
- 49. Community Gardens
- 50. Produce co-op, food exchange
- 51. Community Bike paths/Community rentals
- 52. Community banking – Local Exchange Trading System (LETS)
- 53. Become a “laboratory” to explore new sustainable housing initiatives
- 54. Local food in local outlets
- 55. Infill housing
- 56. Align educational programs with sustainability

The preceding is the writer’s interpretation of the proceedings and any discrepancies and/or omissions should be reported to the writer.

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