

Community Engagement Meeting Community Sustainability Charter

Meeting Format

The community engagement meeting for the Community Sustainability Charter will commence promptly at 0900 on Saturday, 19 January 2008 (Dwight Hall). As timing is important, we encourage those of you who are planning to participate to arrive early.

The moderator for the event is Mr. Wayne Hanson. In addition to Mr. Hanson, there will be a group of panelists, each one a specialist in his field of sustainability, four facilitators, and four recorders present.

Upon entering the Dwight Hall foyer, participants are asked to obtain a number from the welcome desk before entering the main hall. During the day, participants will break into discussion groups, each group focusing on one of the following topics – environment, economy, culture and social. The purpose of the number is to direct participants to their first discussion group area. Numbers will be handed out randomly to avoid congestion in any one area, encourage full participation in all groups and allow greater opportunity for all to speak. Name tags will be available for communication convenience.

Pre-prepared proposals will be accepted at the welcome desk for posting to the City's website and will be addressed at a later date.

Agenda for the Day

- Brief welcomes from Chief Councillor Walter Paul, Mayor Stewart Alsgard and Chair Colin Palmer.
- Panelists individual presentations.
- Question/answer period.
- Discussion groups.
Participants will break into the discussion groups, in accordance with the number they received when entering the building. Each group will be led by an experienced facilitator and the information gathered in each group will be recorded in written form. Each discussion group session will run between 45-60 minutes and participation in all four groups is encouraged. All recorded group information will be collected and the raw information will be posted on the City website, unedited.

What happens next?

The public will be asked to take the process further. Time will be set aside to further refine the data. Another workshop is planned for March to pull the information together followed by another meeting in April or May where there will be further opportunity to make changes to the draft Community Sustainability Charter. The goal is to produce a draft document by June 2008.

The Community Sustainability Charter will be a living document – an umbrella document that each local government can respond to in its own way. As well, the final charter will carry the signatures of all three local governments.