

## Suggestions from Strategic Plan sessions written on Sticky notes

### **Municipal Services. Are there any particular projects you would like to see initiated within the following services?**

#### **Fire Protection:**

"Canary in coal mine. Get it fixed. Don't hire consult. Use your local people."

"Hold landlords accountable for unsafe living conditions."

"Public database rating building fire safety!" Seconded!

#### **Water Supply:**

"Water purification in strategic locations + public community water sources (rural!)"

"More retention ponds to (?) + mitigate water surge + flooding."

"Water infrastructure for indigenous communities! (This is their land! all of Tantramar!)"

#### **Policing:**

"Anti-Racism training for officers + Bias training"

"Need places in downtown Sackville to park that is not 2HRS as affecting businesses"

"Strongly agree with more 1h parking limits."

"Enforcement of speed limits! and noise bylaws!"

"walking and cycling law officers regular beats"

"enforce existing traffic speeding laws and noise bylaws"

"We don't need parking meters in Sackville. Dis-incentive for shoppers!! For tourism. Deal with long term parking case by case"

#### **Recreation:**

"Plant native plants & shrubs trees!!!"

"Support pollinators w/ biodiversity & permaculture design"

"Clearly marked bike lanes where feasible"

"municipal sports league to promote community + (?)"

"Clear invasive plants"

"educate people about invasive plants"

"Paint the tennis courts! (Embarassment!)"

"Sustain quality sports fields"

"Off-leash dog park" Yes second yes third"

"Indoor walking area"

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**Snow Clearing**

"Prioritize sidewalks" "yes a lot of people don't have cars and need to walk." "Agree!"  
"Stop tearing up my lawn!"  
"Why do sidewalk plows start at 3am on non-busy streets?"  
"not so much salt --- more sand"

**Garbage & Recycling**

"--generally a good job on this"

**Community & Cultural Facilities**

"I love the Sackville Farmers Market. They need indoor winter location"  
Community Centre like other communities have/ are constructing"  
"Indoor cultural coordination and recreational center for youth + visitors (sports facilities, etc)  
"Community Centre for Food Bank Hall Rental Resource Centre Farmer's Market Walking Path"  
"Lake -- Paddle only" "(Exception for residents on lake)"  
"reurbish Vogue Theatre"  
"We need to keep our theatre (movie) Town should participate in funding"  
"Vogue should be refurbished"  
"refurbish Vogue theatre"  
"collaborate on Vogue Theatre"

**Disability Services**

"Expanded sidewalks for mobility of disabled persons"  
"walker wheelchair mobility scooter"  
"Scent free zones for people allergic to different airborne allergens!"  
"Support/collab with local mental health + neurodivergent support orgs/NGOs (Open Sky, Daybreak, etc)"  
"Mental health services (Autism, ADHD, OCD, etc)"  
"education campaigns for rural + urban areas!"  
"Education for communities of immunocompromised people! disability education!"  
"Clearly label foods & products at events for allergies & describe environmental allergens that are or may be at events"

## **Libraries**

- "Tool library" (2)
- "Advertise library services in-person & online"
- "Lending library for children's equipment"
- "Support renovation of Mt. A. libraries"

## **Health Svcs.**

- "More doctors & specialists" (2)
- "Need to move to health clinic models vs. single family doctor"
- "Yes, more doctors and specialists 24/7 access to Sackville hospital"
- "24 hour emergency room access at local hospital" (7)
- "Closure of High Marsh Road bridge. No access for fire or ambulance services if required for an emergency situation"
- "Continue to increase OR use"
- "Support building of retirement residence with meals and support as needed"

## **Tourism & Economic Dev.**

- "Support small businesses increase places for visitors to stay"
- "Take steps toward making Tantramar a registered bird friendly town. BirdSafe.ca"
- "Municipal transport system for free flow of labour + employment potential!!"
- "small business support"
- "Rent Control!" (2)
- "Tantramar as tourism gateway. On 2/5 prov. tourism routes"
- "Introduce design guidelines in new buildings. Work with planning office"
- "Tourist signs need to be larger --- font size legible for passing cars Removed outdated use of Live Bait"
- "Use active living/tourism to benefit of all. Promote nature/history"

## **Transportation**

### **What other forms of transportation not listed, would you like to have?**

- "passenger trains for municipal stops (investment)"
- "If you build bike lanes, people will use them"
- "FIX ROADS, Fill Pot Holes, Standardize Street Layouts"
- "Extend sidewalks to the end of Queen Street going towards Dorchester"

"sidewalks should follow prescribed standards, too many driveway dips & bad slopes -- make them for pedestrians!"

"sidewalks on Queens Rd"

"Use the existing railways more"

"Rural bridges New crossing for Wheaton Bridge  
Access to High Marsh Road for the farmers  
Costing farmers millions of dollars to find a work around this summer"

"Maritime Bus & Via Rail do not run frequently enough, are insufficient for employment, and do not offer services to Tantramar outside of Sackville" (3 agree)

"Sidewalks are important but the farmers need to be able to get their goods to market  
No farmers no food for Tantramar residents"

"Bicycle Lanes  
Bicycle trails MAINTAINED AND POLICED  
No motorized vehicles on bicycle trails. Follow up with regulations.  
Development plans for future trails"

## **What is one big thing Council could do to improve the community of Tantramar?**

"Disappointed in this format. It is just a survey which could have been done by mail or online. Need actual conversations with municipal managers and council --- the people who will actually look after the municipality. A 5-year plan needs to be based on what has been done before, as well as input from citizens. Need knowledge of the history of area in order to create a realistic plan for the future."

"Be advocates for reducing GHG emissions and encouraging nature-based solutions/projects"

Internships for people to get into relevant jobs that will help the municipality!"

"Municipal-wide standardized climate adaptation projects!"

"Have individual councillors held accountable for their actions."

"---don't rely on NGOs to fill social gaps which town should engage in."

"Restore deliberative democratic council Transparency"

"help disadvantaged people"

"--take risks & think big"

"Commit Tantramar to 0% emissions in 5 years"

"Hire an environmental guru to go to all committee meetings"

"Use local experts. Partners & interest parties"

## **Let's hear your GREAT IDEAS!**

### **How can the municipality better engage with residents?**

"There should be a clear way for citizens to present ideas and to get action taken"

"A feedback box that is always open and available"

"An advertised email/phone/address to ask about town plans and have questions & answers published"

"Have an easy to access page on the town website with all budgeting and transactions available to the public"

"Newspaper create a"

"when presented with ideas, council / staff should have to courtesy to respond and explain why they can't / won't act or support ideas they disagree with" (Below this one) "YES!! Engage with residents. Be true public servants (Below that one) "Totally. Town Hall meetings are very important for allowing everyone to have a voice"

"Restore what was promised. Question Period"

"5 min. presentations @ council meetings are not enough"

"Have Q/A period where community members can ask questions"

"accessible community meeting! televised, transparent reports! listening to residence!"

Open house where can talk to town staff & reps"

"Acknowledge complex problems like racism poverty etc!"

"More electronic and mail-in surveys that happen every few months and yearly!"

"More active and public facilities need to be created and advertised. More options needed"

"Ensure ongoing + relations with MTA facilities"

"have real "town halls" outside of council mtgs"

"-- Indoor walking area -- large space to gather"

### **What is important in Tantramar to your quality of life?**

"Having nature-solutions, like the storm water retention ponds"

"All the migratory shorebirds bring so much Joy!"

"The WONDERFUL farmers market"

"I love walks through the waterfowl park"

"Having nature right outside my window"

"Respect for natural surroundings & dynamic of town & gown"

"Access to locations from infrastructure, access to community and natural beauty, climate adaptation in infrastructure"

"Green space

Nature/Space

Culture

Opp. to increase Knowledge Experiences

Farmer's Market"

"--TOC trails

---Waterfowl park

---shore birds

---Mt. A. public events

---Farmer's Market"

"The Walker Rd. trails and the presence of local businesses"

"Small town close access to everything. Mt. A. huge plus"

## **What aspects of Tantramar (if any) negatively impact your quality of life?**

"Healthcare no family doctors"

"Lack of space for new business's"

"Lack of public transportation connecting municipalities"

"--Via Rail a joke"

"excessive noise from motor vehicles"

"Fear of flooding & climate change impacts"

"No where for visitors to stay. lack of support & locations for small businesses"

"--excessive traffic speeding

---lack of bike lanes

---flooding

---lack of doctors"

"noise & speed of motor vehicles"

"lack of medical and hospital services. cost of housing & rental relatively high."

"Really hard to get urgent healthcare without family doc or transportation"

"--no public transit

---no health clinics"

"Wheaton Bridge access for the farmers to the High Marsh Road

