

North End Neighbourhood

What is **GOLDEN** in your Neighbourhood?

North end neighbourhood identity! Sense of place!
Good locations, everything is pretty close
Bridgewater's Renaissance <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public engagement- Town leadership- Sustainability as a priority
Centennial Trail (Connectivity to other trails & the LCLC)
People live here full time (Not dependent on tourists)
We have it all! <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Schools, daycares, churches, grocery stores, downtown, commercial, institutions, locally owned businesses, LCLC and other recreation spaces, etc.
Plaza <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Access for seniors- Sufficient parking- Affordable stores
Park-like lands around the United Church and below Bridgewater Plaza
Post Office!
Lots of opportunity for citizen input in local planning
Wile Carding Mill
"About living not buying"
Good walking – Easy to get around
Clear view of the river with recent cut out of riverside brush
Long river frontage
King Street – Old downtown
Industry is placed beside 103
Beautiful homes
Wile Carding Mill and surrounding area
Diverse Services – Municipal, Provincial, Federal
Mature Trees
Dominion Street Greenery
Heritage
Heritage & older homes
North End is "climate ready" ☺
Historic district does not include King Street
Trails
The trail system

Heritage buildings
Diversity of homes in the neighbourhood
Walkable neighbourhood (except for the hill! ☺)
The amount of fresh water in areas of town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - River - Wile Carding Mill - Woodland Gardens
We have the assets for great quality of life
Brook
Carding Mill & Pond
Cemetery's beauty and cenotaph
Old-fashionedness of our immediate street
Trail
Safe
Church – good and welcoming neighbours (Greenwood Street)
Hilly and curving
Our little bridge on Baker Street

Facilitator Notes
Several people came to the event because they're involved in the Farmers' Market
Walkable but they hate the hills (on the horizontal)
Schools and daycare in the neighbourhood
We have it all! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incoming LCLC, amenities (shopping), trail, older housing, King Street, Riverfront
North side can meet people's needs

What is RUSTY in your Neighbourhood?

Need housing that reflects the identity of the neighbourhood
Plaza parking lot is terrible! (confusing)
Lack of public transit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of accessibility for seniors and those with mobility challenges
Lack of public transit
Empty buildings conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ie. Canadian Tire Store - Empty stores on King Street - Dufferin Street
Need affordable <u>and</u> quality lower income housing

Rear view of Sobey's mall across the river.
Services too <u>spread out</u>
Smokey air is unhealthy (especially the fire pits in town)
Unsightly premises (on Victoria Road)
Connectivity of bike routes (they don't go anywhere)
Lots of surface parking in commercial areas
By-law to have civic numbering the same <u>and visible</u>
Limits of home based business use
Empty lot near Tim Horton's
Holes on King Street – it's not inviting
Lack of youth friendly areas (skate park)
Condition of rental units
Reduce parking areas and increase the space for people (pedestrians)
Noise. Are by-laws adequate? Not really...we don't need more noise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Music baring <u>all</u> Sunday from 137 Victoria Road - Stock cars rumbling at 147 Victoria Road – very loud - Refrigerator truck behind No Frills
Litter from fast food outlets
Noise by-law
Poor conditions of sidewalks
Unused commercial lands and buildings (eg. Canadian Tire and top of Dominion Street)
Need crosswalks and stop signs at the intersections of Dominion & Pleasant and Dominion & Queen

What is BLUE SKY in your Neighbourhood?

Develop park space between Park View and St. Phillips Street
Second stage housing
Create business "incubator" (building) for young/new entrepreneurs
Public transit system
Spaces that attract multiple generations
Another new bridge
LCLC – home of the farmers market to help build community
More green <u>space</u> on the river
Get rid of parkades and develop waterfront
Boats on the river
Maintain old post office as a heritage building

Incentives to encourage businesses and organization on King Street
Flexible zoning to allow/encourage increased density and/or multi-use housing and buildings
LCLC
New zoning system
Cemetery pond turned into a winter skating pond
<u>Ban</u> all backyard fire pits! – Good air!
Crosswalks at <u>every</u> intersection
Sobeys wall opened up to the River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Roof overlooking patio
More affordable, safe, healthy rental units
More street lights
Bike path from downtown to Park View School
Zoning in industrial – more defined to group heavy industry and light industry
More traffic calming measures – Street are for people! Not cars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One-way street - 4-way stops - Crosswalks - Walking school buses
Brew pub patio over the river
Local food distribution system
Access from 103 so people can come and enjoy the river and the north end
Possibility of a walkable downtown street – King Street between the bridges
Succession planning to always have beautiful big trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - And edible/useful trees - fruit, nut, maple
Directory on website for grants available (school gardens, entrepreneurs)
Fix up brook from mill – stonework
Improved traffic flow on Victoria
Supportive housing
Don't just allow, but <u>encourage</u> clothes lines and “front yard” food gardens for all homes (including gardens)
Old library and post office preserved as heritage buildings
Roundabout on North and Aberdeen
Community forgivable NSCC loans – to keep youth in the community
Keep the assets that give our neighbourhood a high quality of life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Close to work - Safe - Accessible - Affordable
Zoning that allows for installation of sustainable technologies (eg. Rainwater catchment, solar panels,

etc.)
- Even in heritage areas
Venues for growing seniors demographic to share wisdom and participate in the community
Attracting business to unused commercial lands and buildings
Public transportation system

What are the **RED ALERTS** in your Neighbourhood?

Michelin moving out!?
Traffic Congestion
Declining buildings along King Street
- Vacancies: less and less desirable for shoppers and small business owners
Balance adapting for seniors with attracting young people
Business (I.e. Post Office and Library)
Money is leaving our town (Big box stores)
Deterioration of the downtown core
So much smoke that we have to move out of our neighbourhood or town
Loss of heritage identity
Unpredictability of climate change impacts – apply precautionary principle
Trees are getting old
Encourage infill development rather than outside town limits
Must work (and plan) together with the Municipality of Lunenburg (eg. To prevent further big box explosion in Cookville)
Need to attract and retain business so we don't end up like Kentville/New Minas
Business lost to other areas of Bridgewater
Aging homes will require renovations and retrofits
- Need community-wide eco-renovation grants
Lack of new industry
Need diversity of industry and employment
Use of property @ 147 Victoria
- One day it may become a stock car pit (it's on its way now)
If unsightly properties persist, it will spread and decrease property value
- Currently 155, 147, 143 and 127
Stop commercial development in residential areas (eg. "Pocket" development)
Need enforceable noise by-law

South End Neighbourhood

What is **GOLDEN** in your Neighbourhood?

Housing Architecture
Parks
Anglican Church Hall – used frequently for community events
Lots of green space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spacious home space
Baptist Church has very attractive land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could it be turned into a community asset?
Bridgewater Swimming Pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need to keep it
Safety
Desbrisay Museum and parkland
Shipyards Landing
Access to the riverfront
Potential of undeveloped land off Jubilee and Exhibition
Shopping within walking distance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - King Street retail area - Plaza
Mix of densities
Wildwood Café
Pride in our homes property – sense of community
Variety of housing types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strong mix - <u>We have it all</u>
A well balanced neighbourhood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing, commercial, parklands
Solar collectors on the Police Station
Thai Café in Dawson Building
South Shore Exhibition – Golden potential
The Pond
Shipyards Landing
Kinsmen Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseball, soccer, running
Convenience Store – 147 King
New park on Pine Street (needs benches)
Large number of green spaces accessible to neighbourhood
Pond in park/water features
Woodland Gardens, Kinsmen Field and Shipyards Landing - Very important to my family

Duck Pond
New future park
Museum
New development
Open spaces and recreation
Shopping area
River frontage

What is RUSTY in your Neighbourhood?

Accessible benches along sidewalks, paths or trails at regular intervals
Aging infrastructure
Lack of parking near Kinsmen Field
Underutilization of Exhibition Grounds
Lack of connectivity with the trail system
Need a wider range of housing options - Run down apartments and some houses converted to apartments
Well lit trails – well maintained trails even through the winter
Signage – Street signs not always visible, especially when leaves are out
Sidewalks need to be better maintained – clearance of gravel and cracks repaired
Lack of a Noise By-Law
Traffic on King Street
No services within walking distance of far south
Convenience store, laundry, personal services – various needs could be served by mixed-use buildings
Downtown King Street needs Revitalization
Too restrictive housing opportunities on <u>King</u>
Lack of a skateboard park and how the previous skateboard area was dismantled
Underutilized riverfront at Dufferin end of King Street in our area
Poor state of repair of some apartment buildings
South Shore Exhibition is quiet most of the year
Asphalt curbs
Big Exhibition Grounds could be much better utilized
Rusty boats at the wharf - Are our wharfs being used effectively or are we just housing temporary junk?
Exhibition Grounds
Need mixed use buildings to promote local small business. Not just on King Street, but within the

communities so one can step out for a quart of milk, etc.
Security will be a concern for those in the area, particularly the elderly
Police on bicycles?
No sidewalks
Parks are not maintained
No convenience store
Walkers cannot go anywhere but a park
Few areas for youth
Poor sidewalks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not enough upkeep
Not enough convenience stores
Some sort of <u>public transit</u>
More creation activities in neighbourhoods
Water activities at River Parks
Use big exhibition more
No sidewalks in some areas
More commercial corner stores in some areas
A park with flowers, trees, walkways and wildlife for the area
Exhibition area needs to look more attractive and fit the look of the area
Woodland Gardens needs TLC
Aging infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water pipes bursting - Patched pavement
Snow removal prompt and considerate of seniors who can't shovel huge banks from their driveways
No pocket parks, except for parks at the museum/pool
There are no destinations
There are no small local sites for young families
There is no lifestyle centre
The fairgrounds are used infrequently
Sidewalks need to be continuous, level, with cut curbs for scooters and wheelchairs
Erosion control on Pine Street brook
Lack of youth activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Tot Tot" near pond is the only youth activity
<u>Pond needs work</u>
Lack of viable sidewalks
Ugly exhibition parking

Dooley's – a space that could be so much more
More playground space needed
Above ground power lines
Bridgewater Baptist Church

What is BLUE SKY in your Neighbourhood?

Supportive housing
Riverside walking path
Woodlawn Gardens and duck pond enhanced as a destination
Larger area for the Farmers' Market – make it more of an event
Sidewalks wide enough for scooters and walkers
Looks like there is a lot of potential for small green space – benches, swings – to get people outside
Use the exhibition for more local festivities
Community garden in the South End Neighbourhood
Develop Woodland Gardens or allow community groups to do so
Make King Street a one-way street and expand the sidewalk area
Second stage housing
Utilize wharves efficiency by Mariners Landing
Exhibition grounds – it could be used a lot more
Mixed use housing (affordable) on undeveloped land with green space
Another bridge is needed, and perhaps a pedestrian bridge in the middle
Bridgewater needs a marina to foster boat traffic
Boardwalk from Riverside Park to boat
Get rid of one parkade
Make public aware of green space and that they can help
More green space
Potential of undeveloped land off of Jubilee and Exhibition
Off leash dog park
A bridge or walkway over the river
Make new housing and parking universally accessible - I.e. level ground, no thresholds, wider doors, living on one level
More playground space
Sidewalks – widen Pine Street it is currently dangerously narrow
Well lit, maintained trails, even in the winter

Revitalize Woodland Gardens
Affordable and accessible public transit
More cultural opportunities – theatre, arts, music venues
Boardwalk on the riverfront
A range of appropriate, affordable and accessible housing for seniors and families (for sale or rent)
A community garden – Near the exhibition?
Develop the riverfront area below King Street, between Maple and Park (Boardwalk?)
Community Centre building that would give the south end residence somewhere to socialize
Rezone some areas to mixed or commercial space to serve high density residency
What about community gardens?
Want things to do in parks
Clean, accessible public washrooms
Develop the parking lots across from the exhibition – a large space unused most of the year!
Expand outdoor cafes and decks
PRTs – Personal Rapid transit - to get up and down both steep river banks
Sidewalks
More affordable, safe and quality rental units
Riverfront marina that encourages visitors with services close by
King Street needs re-development
Improved exhibition grounds use?

What are the **RED ALERTS** in your Neighbourhood?

When key buildings are lost (E.g. Baptist Church) will whatever replaces it be an asset to the community?
Aging Infrastructure
Not too much commercialism
No eyesores - Recognize faults and fix them promptly
Get rid of the parkades
Losing the Baptist Church area
Loss of independent, small, interesting shops – All big box!
Erosion protection for the river
Old bridge needs to be a pedway/bicycle way
New bridge not in the downtown core
Big exhibition is a waste – How to use it more?

I don't want to lose too much green space
I don't want to see too many architectural restrictions, etc.
Better use of exhibition space
Maintain the integrity of historic properties without digging into the pockets of those who live in them
Further deterioration of current rental properties could lead to "slums"
Where are kids supposed to play/hang out?
What can you do to attract and keep young families?
Keep the Bridgewater outdoor pool!
Keep the south end mainly residential and keep the future commercial areas to a minimum
Touch up the mural on the mall
Use more lights behind the mall
River filled with boats
Preserving Hebb Brook
No industrial development
Infrastructure Deficit
<u>No</u> large industry on vacant land
Need to think about increasing cultural assets
Heritage and zoning review
No High-rises
Exhibition space is an eyesore, why not do something else with it?
Ban on backyard fire pits – clear air needed

East Side Neighbourhood

What is **GOLDEN** in your Neighbourhood?

LaHave Heights
Eisenhauer Place
Share the road signs/shared roadways
Walking loops
Residential areas
Multi-housing opportunities
Shannex, Drumlin Hills and Ridgewood (could be more affordable)
Field House
LaHave Heights is a secure place to live and it's close to the Hospital
Hospital
HB Studios Sports Fieldhouse adjacent to sports fields
Very diverse housing
Mutli-housing opportunities (apts, seniors, duplexes, condos, etc.)
North Street is a very busy street to start a business
The Daisy
Theatre
Community layout – hospital, recreation, retail, modes of transportation, mix of housing, etc.
Senior's Community (Drumlin Hills)
Glen Allan Subdivision
Field House
Baseball/Soccer Fields
Trails
AT Route (Glen Allan)
Playgrounds and trails neat Mayfair Heights Subdivision
Generations Active Park
Aberdeen Green Community Garden
LaHave River new park
Reserved Parkland
Mix of ages (place for all ages to live)
The Centennial Trail and walk along the river
Potential for growth
Centennial trail
Community garden

Treed town (most of the subdivisions have kept their trees)
Fountain and gazebo
Town's sustainability plan
Ambulance service
Handy to shopping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superstore - Liquor store - Drug store - Wal-Mart
Good mixed use areas

Facilitator Notes
Parkland and development opportunity
Field House and sports fields
Noted a lot of different styles of housing types and styles
Appreciated access to parks along the LaHave

What is RUSTY in your Neighbourhood?

Move NS Power site on LaHave Street to the industrial park – “make park land”
Traffic light timing at North Street and Aberdeen
Old bridge is in hard shape
Back of mall needs dressing up
Old Met Mall
#54 park land? Can it be developed?
Riverside needs improving
Health of the river needs to be protected
Limit outflow into the river
Lack of store fronts near roads – put stores closer to the street
99 Aberdeen Road – unsightly mess (used to be a furniture store and a car lot before that)
North Street needs upgrading
Vacant land on LaHave Street – closed business
Unused/vacant serviced land
Aberdeen Road – Street surface, width and traffic flow
The condition of some of the older apartments on North Street
Argyle Inn is run down
We need a visible tourist bureau

Lack of performance centre/cultural space
Too many parking lots, too much asphalt
Lack of community gathering places
Lack of playgrounds for small children (or outdoor play space)
Minimal community gathering areas
Lack of youth gathering places (skate park, climbing wall, etc.)
Lack of flowering greenway
Lack of sidewalks on North Street and Aberdeen – both sides?
Too many parking lots
Missing sidewalks and cross walks on Glen Allan Drive
Parkades on King Street
Parkades
No sidewalks on both sides of LaHave Street
Glen Allan park pathway/trail system created
Crosswalk from Gow's to Zellers
North Street/LaHave Street intersection traffic
Lack of public transportation
Traffic problems
Lack of well-used, well planned pathways by the river
Difficult to walk across bridges
Old bridge sidewalks are too narrow for 2-way bike/baby stroller traffic
North & Aberdeen needs width, bike lanes and walking trails
Trail surface is muddy in the spring
Lack of local and independent shops (ie. cafes)
Apartment across from old Frenchy's/Sister Sarah's/Dodge building
Old Bridgewater Dodge building (Aberdeen Road)
Lack of <u>affordable, safe and healthy</u> rental units
Lack of small, independent businesses
Sidewalks on the old bridge need to be improved (can't go two ways with bikes/strollers/etc.)
No crosswalk leading from the Bridgewater Mall to the Eastside Plaza
Need more crosswalks along Glen Allan Drive - @McNeil Drive, Streach Drive, Etna Street and leading to Glen Allan Park.
More trail connections – Hollingsworth Court/Hollingsworth Drive and Brady Street/Glen Allan

Facilitator Notes
Improved sidewalks/crosswalks in newer parts of town (particularly for children in the area)
Parking lots on LaHave

What is BLUE SKY in your Neighbourhood?

Year round farmers' market
Public transportation easily accessible for seniors and those with disabilities
Continuing education centre
Arts centre with facility and program space
24 hour medical centre – Full service
Full service regional hospital
Public transportation to access LCLC, tennis courts, rink, etc. on the other side of town
Birth centre (where women can have their babies)
Community daycare space
Non-profit building (ie. Lunenburg/Queens Volunteer Partnership home base)
Community Health co-operative (including a variety of health care practitioners)
Satellite Fire Department/Hall
Public transit for all
Senior's Centre
Restaurant/Bar in Apple Berry Farm Market Building
All-age/All-service community centre
School centred health care (ie. pediatrician, doctor, etc located in the school)
University – high tech
More green spaces - There is one being cleared on north King around Park View
Parkland around the movie theatre
Behind Frenchy's - #54 vacant land could be a park
Between Aberdeen and Season's Drive – Parkland?
Green roof on the Mall and East Side - Superstore too
All businesses and public spaces are breast feeding friendly
All businesses and public spaces are accessible for all ages
All neighbourhoods are sustainably developed
Outdoor education facility/programs in schools

All people feel safe in all areas
More cultural diversity
More green spaces that are safe and well lit
Skateboard park
RE-treed along LaHave Street - New ones in front of East Side! Thanks
All immigrants feeling welcome
Youth council for the town
Sustainable Neighbourhoods
A variety of summer camps (residential and day camps)
Vocational education
A place for local artisans – art co-op
Cultural Centre
Storefront mental health/addiction services
Automatic door openers for call centre/commercial buildings
Community mapping projects (ongoing and updated) - Ie. Youth parents resource map - Ie. Youth safe spaces - Ie. Resources for seniors
All buildings are fully accessible
Parking lots behind buildings
Underground electrical services
Municipal Amalgamation!
Widen North Street now
Accessible (Storefront) community services
North Street upgrade now!
Roundabout now
Accessible swimming area in the river for all ages
Generations Active Park developed
More green space than pavement
Basketball court
Footbridge by Shipyard's Landing
Pedway from Shipyard's to Mariner Parks
Footbridge across the LaHave at Shipyard's Landing
We need another bridge
People can work and live in the same neighbourhood

Tennis courts added to the playground in Mayfair Heights
All ages can cycle everywhere safely
All people can walk everywhere safely
Improve trail surface <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apple Berry – Glen Allan section
New trail connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hollingsworth – Mayfair - Hollingsworth – Apple Berry
Covered pedways over the bridge
Youth members on all town committees
Mall entrance area/sitting area that fronts on the river
Develop South Shore Mall area
Connect South Shore Mall area to Aberdeen/Oakhill
More commercial
Bridgewater Mall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to the outside - Walkways - South side glazing or something - If we're making the LaHave River attractive – This is a good <u>starting point</u>
Marina
Second stage housing for abused women/families
Mixed housing areas, which include single family residences, as well as affordable rental housing, supportive housing and second stage housing.
Affordable housing for everyone
Easy access to the river all along the neighbourhood
Parkland on the LaHave River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tom O'Neil's property – Connect #677 with #775
Have a marina
3G or 4G cellular network
Free Wi-Fi throughout the town – Will make the town and put it on the map!!!
Incorporate soft landscaping in parking lots
A marina that would attract boaters
Canadian Tire buildings to become waterfront restaurant and marina

What are the **RED ALERTS** in your Neighbourhood?

No more commercial buildings on the river edge
Lack of youth entrepreneurs
No local businesses

More big box stores
Poor planning at Glen Allan (“new section”) - Poles and driveways/curbs
Lack of neighbourhood shops
No more parks
Plant an actual Christmas tree at the town sign behind Superstore
Lack of parental and postpartum care and support for families
Lack of affordable childcare services
Number of building inspectors – we need more - It’s bad if there aren’t enough
Lack of public green space
Empty vacant land left messy and garbage
Outflow in the river from streets
River flooding with climate change
Snow piles across from Mainline Market left to melt into the river
Get out of cars. Force people to walk along the River - Need a purpose to go there.
Lack of sidewalks in residential areas
Avoid making cars a priority over walking/cycling
Lack of positive youth engagement
Lack of youth council/civic engagement
If we don’t know our neighbours!
More immigrant families need to be accepted
Not as much community input into planning
Lack of diversity in the community (Ie. cultural, age, ethnicity, etc.)
Lack of culture
No young people
Only old rich people
Building on Aberdeen (Old Bridgewater car dealership, Old Frenchy’s)
Old Frenchy’s buildings on Aberdeen looks like a mess, tidy that up
Area behind the mall
Metmart property – please clean up and do something
Threat that there is amalgamation
North Street traffic flow must be fixed now
Inability to divert large trucks (18 wheel) from North Street
No strip clubs

No more citizen engagement
Health is seen as only the responsibility of the health authority
No sustainable planning
LCLC in wrong location!
Argyle Inn
Apartments on North Street which require upgrading
Lack of affordable multi-use housing
Lack of affordable housing for young families
Put backyard fire pit bans in place – clean up air
Bridgewater should be known for something other than shopping
Schools closing