



# SUSTAINABLE SACKVILLE

## Council Briefing

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### ***Tantramar 2040 – Workshop #1***

The first workshop, *Tantramar 2040: Issues and Opportunities*, was held on Tuesday, September 14th from 5:30 - 9:30 pm at the Cape Jourimain Nature Centre. Building on local sustainability initiatives, the workshop explored current issues and opportunities for the Tantramar Region focusing on economic, environmental and social/cultural priorities. Registration was free.

Approximately 40 people from around the region participated in the workshop. Following a brief introduction of the concepts of sustainability and the balanced approach (considering economic, environmental and socio-cultural issues together), the participants brainstormed sustainability issues of concern in the region.

Following a shared meal, participants “voted” for their top concerns. From there, the top 6 voted topics were selected for small group discussion. Participants were welcomed to join any discussion they wanted, and were free to move at will between groups. A note taker was assigned for each discussion topic to have a record of the suggestions made.

The workshop resulted in a number of priorities being identified. The workshop results, combined with information from local sustainability plans (in Port Elgin, Sackville and Memramcook), were assessed and eight topics were identified as being priority themes for the region’s collaborative effort. These themes are:

1. Food
2. Education
3. Local business development
4. Transportation
5. Solid Waste
6. Water
7. Energy
8. Social Supports

The second workshop is being planned for November 16, 2010 (location to be determined). We welcome anyone who is interested to take part in the initiative. The focus of workshop #2 will be looking at current realities, and creating descriptions of success on the 8 topics.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop is being planned for late January 2011 in which action planning on each topic will take place.

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