



SUSTAINABLE SACKVILLE

Council Briefing

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Drafting the *Sustainable Sackville* Plan

The bulk of the work over the summer has been (and will continue to be) analysing the information collected since last December to create the *Sustainable Sackville* Plan document.

We have assembled the discussion group summaries and circulated them to various individuals (including stakeholders of a particular topic, experts in the field, or other interested parties). With this feedback and best practices research, we are now working to determine priority areas (based on feedback received) and will be creating short, medium and long-term actions associated with each priority area.

Last week, we also met to discuss Capital priorities with Town management so that we ensure two things: 1) that future Capital projects meet sustainability principles, and 2) that such capital projects are included in the sustainability plan so that we can use it to leverage funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund.

Impacts thus far...

While we are only starting on this journey of becoming a more sustainable community, participation in this project has already resulted in some small, yet symbolic changes to the way our community is working – below are two examples.

The first example is related to the issue of Food, which was a topic repeatedly brought up throughout the *Sustainable Sackville* process – eg., being able to access healthy local food, knowing how to cook or preserve it, and creating economic opportunity around food (through tourism and resource industry). As a direct result of the *Sustainable Sackville* process, municipal staff have made concerted efforts to incorporate healthy local food choices at both the Community BBQ (Thursday, July 29) and the Community picnic (NB Day).

A second example is related to our Learning System. I was informed that an initial partnership has been struck between Salem School and the Tantramar Seniors College to develop opportunities for seniors to help build literacy skills with children. This partnership came about as a result of the Learning System discussion.