

**Community Visioning
Spryfield Community Kick Off
May 22, 2008**

Below are notes recorded from round-table discussion at the kick off event.

Participants were asked three questions:

- 1) What do you value about Spryfield?
 - 2) What makes you excited about Spryfield?
 - 3) What are three wishes you have for Spryfield?
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1) What do you value most about Spryfield?

- Sense of small town; people know people
- Quiet -sense of calm; Front door on the city; Backdoor in the country
- Community support; Helping others
- Natural areas; Long lake; Dingle; Frog pond; accessible; many lakes, ponds, ocean; all year round
- Country is close by
- Property pride
- Diverse neighbours & neighbourhoods; Multi generational; people move back from away
- Home
- New growing community
- Community built on tradition; history; rural feel
- Colorful community
- Lots of volunteers
- No traffic
- Hiking trails; open space
- Community stands up for its self
- Feels like a small town; village in the midst of a big city
- Family roots are here
- Feels safe
- Green space, lakes, river, Arm
- Year round outdoor activities
- People care about their communities
- Schools are good; well respected
- Cooperation amongst Churches and community outreach
- Volunteers are the heart of this community

2) What makes you excited about Spryfield?

- Theakson Ave. (street) get-together
- Santa Claus parade
- Hockey; social networking
- Neighbours are welcoming to newcomers
- Close to rink, all schools, library, pool, shopping center, bus
- Pocket park at St Michael's Ave. ; community beautification
- Welcome to Spryfield sign on old Sambro Rd
- Urban Farm; involve youth to seniors; wagon rides; school picnic; old games

3) What are three wishes for Spryfield?

- Reach out to youth
- Youth return to Spryfield
- Kids appreciate care and attention
- Dense Business District
- Slow traffic
- Two lanes not four lanes
- Given identity; urban center; give residents what they need
- Public place outside (bands)
- Bring community in
- Road hockey
- Get rid of graffiti to improve the appearance of the community and give a greater sense of community pride
- Make this a walkable community, safe for pedestrians
- That everybody sees the community for what it really is
- Access to trails by Long Lake on Old Sambro Rd and picnic area
- Develop the tourist potential of the area
- Restore trail along Macintosh Run
- Sit down coffee shop
- Farmer's Market
- More bike lanes/trails
- Revitalization of town center mall; Main Street concept; centralization of services
- Development of Long Lake Provincial Park; walking trails access from Spryfield side
- Bus route to connect Jollimore to Spryfield via Williams Lake Rd
- Bus route for Sambro Loop; better public transportation