

Penhorn/Woodlawn Community Open House and Forum: November 24 & 29, 2008
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<p>Sense of community</p>	<p>All age groups Central location – lakes, shopping, transport, walking Diverse community (age and economic) (4X) Divided by a lot of road way Diversity of housing & shopping Friendly neighbours (5X) Lots of families People Public buildings – school, churches Public space Retirees Safe area for kids and to raise children (2X) Safety and quiet (4X) Youth</p>
<p>Environment & open space</p>	<p>Access to lakes Areas to walk dog Brownlow park Good walking areas (routes aren't high traffic areas) Green space Lakes – Banook, Penhorn, Oathill, Maynard (5X) Lakes and trails – Trans Canada, Oathill (4X) Natural wonders – lakes Parks (2X) Peace Penhorn lake (2X) Playgrounds Quiet except for traffic (2X) Recreation – parks, lakes Safe</p>

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	Sportsfield by Penhorn mall Undeveloped areas Waterways/ Physical Environment, Public access
Commercial services	Doctors Easy access to services Garden centre -medical centres/dental/banks/library Multitude of retail – grocery, restaurants, car dealers, garden centre Penhorn mall site Restaurants Retail - used to be better Shopping- access to services (5 min drive) (6 X) Woodlawn mall
Institutions/public buildings	Churches Churches, schools – can be [better] utilized Doctors. Etc. Lakes Library Medical clinic NSCC Proximity to hospital Public bldgs. Public spaces – schools (6X) YM-WCA
Transportation	Access to downtown Dartmouth Access to most services within 2-3 minute drive Central HRM location - shopping, highways, work (3X) Public transit (2X) Transportation links (5X) - Easy access to highway & HFX, good traffic flow with Circ. Hwy Link Bus @ Portland Walking- safe in the evening Walkways
Housing	Diversity of housing Housing Mix of housing (2X) Mix of residential/ commercial/ retail Stable housing

Other comments

Keep existing amenities, Need to keep easy access to services, Banks are leaving, Should do better job informing the people what's happening

- clients will leave and it will take a long time to get them back

- businesses have a base

Even churches, groups affected by banks leaving