

## **Penhorn Community Visioning Kick Off – May 22, 2008**

### **Part One: Participant Feedback**

#### **Would you like to leave a comment about tonight's meeting?**

- “We need more meetings with our community. We need more media coverage towards advertising community meetings.”
- “Great start; thanks!”
- “The location was difficult to find?”
- “The music was loud” (X 2)
- “The attendance did not reflect the diversity of the community.”
- “Should have had a portable microphone”.
- “The meeting was very helpful and informative.
- “Other meetings should be in other areas this was difficult to get to by transit.”
- “Very informative – good discussion on keeping the school open and future shopping at the Penhorn site.”
- “It was great to have input and keep it up. The residents know what's important in the area. People have a very broad scope of good ideas for the future development of this central area – i.e. Penhorn Mall.”
- “Very informative.”
- “Good size crowd and good participation; thanks for a good well-organized process. A good start, thanks.”
- “Great start!”

#### **Do you have a question that we were unable to answer this evening? Please write it down and leave your contact information. We will do our very best to get an answer to you.**

- “ What is the population of the area and demographics – number of seniors, youth children, etc, living in the area. This should be discussed at first CLG meeting”.
- “What is the Penhorn area and why was there no map available”?
- What area are we talking about?
- “Was there a hidden agenda by having the meeting at the Alderney school?
- “Please ensure committee reflects all neighbourhoods, income levels, gender, age groups, interest groups, etc, as much as possible”.
- What's the vision process, what will it entail?
- Will we have to wait January / February 2009 to see bike racks installed near stores, medical/other services, restaurants?

**Part Two: The next section lists the responses to the following questions by residents that attended the kick off meeting.**

**1. What do you value most about the Penhorn Area?**

- Alderney School is vital to this community. Central location, affordable housing, safe, good services, mixture of ages, can walk to most areas.
- Parks and lakes for recreation, neighbors, transit, groceries and shopping.
- Central location and proximity to everything.
- Close to everything, good neighbors, small school (while it lasts)
- Sears
- Neighbors stay in area, School, Penhorn Mall
- Proximity to lakes, Shubie Park and the waterfront, shopping areas and highways.
- Lakes, Shubie Park, green space and transit.
- Walking, Lakes Community involvement
- Affordable, diverse, convenient, transit, schools, lakes, close to hospital
- Central location, green areas
- Diversity, hospitals, shopping
- Accessible transit, close to hospital
- Quite, casual, convenient, Penhorn Mall.
- Central to downtown Dartmouth, key transportation corridor, excellent lakes, trails and wildlife habitat networks
- Great residential business mix, medical and other services readily available, good mix of older and younger, cultural diversity is growing, developing parks/recreation
- Safe neighbourhoods, and accessible services
- Community School, people, services
- Affordable housing, diversity, and safe
- School, lake, close top services, small community feeling
- Family oriented, good businesses, good schools, affordable housing
- Family oriented, quite, close to everything, school close, good bus services.
- Penhorn area is beautiful
- Sense of community, garage sales, green belt, Penhorn Lake
- Penhorn Mall, rural feel, green areas, parks,
- Location
- Love the area, the people, location, the condo we live in, walking to mall
- The privacy
- Convenient to everything, walking distance to Penhorn Mall and all the stores and services that used to be there, great gathering place

**2. Can you share a personal story when you felt involved and excited about the Penhorn Area?**

- Working with the Penhorn Area Association and Alderney home and school PTA to get the “Pedway” crossing highway 111. The annual clean up at the Penhorn Lake showing we care about our community and environment.
- Canvassing for Cancer, feeling a part of the community, work friends, Penhorn Mall, neighbourhood watch.
- Purchased our first home, meeting neighbours and making new friends.
- Somerset parking
- Purchase of our first house
- Banook Lake, natal day concerts, Halloween is fun and safe in the area.
- Used to see Deer roaming down Joffre Street
- Portland Street was two lanes not a highway
- Neighbourhood Watch, swimming in Maynard’s Lake with life guards present
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- Maynard’s Lake with life guards, fair at Woolco parking lot
- Brownlow Park for the young and sports for others
- Walking paths are safer
- Bought our first house – affordable at the time and accessible to services.
- School functions and community clean ups
- Lake Clean up
- Lake clean up
- “White Juan” bought the community together – met neighbours
- Walking to Penhorn Mall on a regular basis and meeting very friendly people
- Halloween, pennies for books, various musical entertainments

**3. What 3 wishes do you have for the Penhorn Area?**

- School to stay open. Set of traffic lights by the Napa / Funeral home entrance to Prince Albert and Parclo. More single family dwellings for the future.
- Revitalized as shopping area and schools. Bike paths, sidewalks, use of lake as focal point, if the school goes it should be turned into a community centre.
- Bike lanes on major road, community based schools, shopping / recreation centre at Penhorn or Russell Lake.
- New sidewalks, shopping, bike paths, exercise amenities, community school
- Bike lanes, slower traffic, new library, and sidewalks, keep school
- Recreation area: rink, pool, and entertainment complex. Maintain green belt.
- More lighting on streets and paths, keep lakes accessible, no more building around lake, no more high rises, more biking paths, community centre, pedestrian safe roads, art studio space.
- More families, sidewalks, and natural gas.
- Less cars, more pathways, trails around lakes, neighbourhood parks, protect lakes
- Keep our schools, protect our green spaces, no high rise development, trails development, preserve Lake Banook and increase green space and access. Pedestrian friendly community. Need a central meeting space (shopping, cafes,

fruit stands, playgrounds, trails – perhaps on Penhorn Mall location or Banook Lake.

- Community remains walkable, community oriented continues to thrive, community school that is accessible for art, recreation, community events, amenities for all ages. Celebrate history, reduce need for vehicles. Bike paths with destinations like a new innovative shopping / living experience. Create a community gathering space with art, and recreation experiences.
- Safe walking trails, community recreation centre, health centre, accessible transit, library, liquor store, pedestrian friendly.
- Recreation centre for youth, better location for transit terminal, lighting, pedestrian, area for meeting, family orientated, No strip malls, place for locally owned “mom and pop” store with two anchor stores
- Bike trails, gyms, skate parks, walking trails, safe and lit spaces, youth programs to deal with idle / troubled kids, Community centre (green building), young parents, health centre, seniors walking groups, community clean ups.
- Youth activities that are free such as Skate Park, opportunities for 0 to 5 year olds, better location for transit terminal, central meeting space, healthy schools (green buildings), youth having something to do.
- Central gathering area, walking trails, something for kids/youths, clean up Maynard Lake, more health centres, community/recreation centres, pool, basketball, skate park, library, Community meeting place, vegetable stand, keep Penhorn Mall open.
- Primary services, grocery store, Sears, medical and dental centre, good walking routes/area
- Community Centre including sportsplex, library, high school, churches, more shops, restaurants that are within walking distances.
- Bike lanes, trails and racks.
- Continued easy access to service within the neighbourhood, central gathering place, library, recreation centre, businesses, increase cross neighbourhood community events to further build community
- Keep school open, facility for meetings, community gathering, enhanced sense of community
- Revamp Penhorn Mall, School, walking trails, crime prevention programs, health centre, community centre, and more sidewalks
- School stays open, affordable housing,
- Affordable housing, small community school, library at Penhorn site, medical centre, community centre, basketball courts
- School stays open, traffic lights at Braemar Drive, more crosswalks, affordable housing, and more doctors’ services.
- Maintain walkable shopping area, recognize the history
- Schools, health centre, library, movie theatre, food court, mail boxes, homes for seniors, walkable community (driving is going to be too expensive and bad for the environment). Sports facilities for youth, restoration of Shubie Canal, stores accessible by walking.
- More parks for walking, no more housing at Penhorn site.
- Penhorn Mall stays, mailboxes, lawn mowed along green village lane

- More parks and walking spaces, Library at the Penhorn site, keep the green belts, no high rises on the Penhorn Site.
- A vibrant community with shopping and a library. Protect the greenbelt, keep it clean, stock the lake with trout. No high-rises.
- Penhorn Mall to stay open, CIBC (bank) in mall, no high rises, preserve greenbelt and park at Brownlow, post office at the Penhorn Mall, more policing at the stop signs in Manor Park – drivers do not stop.