

Topic 3: Making Richmond a More Livable/Sustainable Community

In 20 Years, I want our plan to achieve:

Enhanced communication and access to information
Good sidewalks, lighting, pathways
Pathways along the riverfront
Revitalize downtown core, creates a more walkable downtown
Great shop and services so that the community is self-sustaining
Small businesses and artisans accommodate and promote local artisans
Conference centre to attract people to Richmond – create a market for village businesses
Railway stop to improve transportation
Linkages and connectivity from Rideau trails through the Community identify
Create uses that reflect identity
Mixed uses to cater to life-stages + lifestyles ---- but that reflects community character
walkable community
An integrated community that allows interaction among people of different ages and lifestyles
A community that can accommodate all life stages
Affordable housing to meet the needs of different incomes
Bus and train connections between Ottawa and Richmond to facilitate access to the village
Using local produce to local market to provide ie
No pesticides
Connectivity throughout the village for walkers and cyclists
Nice, warm community, close to beautiful River that shall be enhanced
Family community where kids are safe to play
Friendly village
Protect the history and heritage of Richmond
Atmosphere of the village to be more “charming”
No City water want to keep improvement affordable
Ground water protected and wells are continued
Jock River developed with cross country ski opportunities, use the length of the River
Improvement for seniors that is reflection of our lifestyle
Retain Richmond style of housing in new community
Look at Merrickville for example
Community driven community to increase village say
Community plans their own community
More public transit
Village expands the needs to be on municipal water and sewers
Village will grow but lets do it right
Retain access to the undeveloped spaces fields and forests and maintain this character
Need to consider the area beyond the boundaries – links, resources, water
Ensure that the infrastructure is in place to support growth
The increase in infrastructure does not costs us more
Maintain schools in Richmond and preserve our institutions
Community organizations need to look at future

Growth should not be too fast. Pace of growth should be maintained
Need closer communication plan
Infrastructure provided ahead of time
Attract core services to village e.g. medical services
Public transit is improved
Be involved in the process and get the services you want
Industrial uses
Facilities appropriate for teenagers
Facilities appropriate for seniors – increased housing – nursing/restaurant, homes assistant, staged
Land use/traffic use/retail how will growth affect these areas is his concern. He like village feel
Concerned Main Street overwhelmed by traffic
Need bike paths etc.
Decent shopping centre
Wants sidewalks to link areas ie – Queenston getting arena. Kids that use Huntley for getting from “a” to “b” -- unsafe
No large scale/big box stores to keep
Village personality encourage small stores or chains okay but not giant size
Population threshold question posed
Like to stay 10,000
Keep density down ie nature of growth so feel of village stays – not suburban
Parking areas near parks
Like to se a mix of land uses – not just residential. People like to work close to home
Would like more information/communication as to what is available for seniors locally and broadly
Need youth facilities
Lots of preschool parks
Ends after young kids but need stuff for teen age groups, i.e. theatre, basketball parks etc.
Larger lots kept
Space between houses
likehyde park concept
Mix of housing is good
Small appt. good like senior’s appt. on appt building (near grocery store) that is 3-4 stories
Stay small village
Sustainability
Support for growth
Proper new shopping
Keeping greenspace within the village
Keep grid for the new part of the village
Since 1818 – it has been a village
Walking everywhere – by the plaza to remove it
Mc Bean and Perth – historical – Merrickville – keep it small and keep it walkable and grid.
How to get to parks by bike and walk

Greatest Opportunity:

River – opportunity for recreational trails – creates connectivity through community
Growth could generate market for new businesses
Golf course, river, heritage to attract people
A heritage that can be celebrated and shared
Future growth areas and can contribute to the mix housing
Denser housing downtown could support core area businesses
Activities to celebrate the village, increase village pride and advertise local businesses
Attract visitors to support local businesses
Lots of recreational activities --- strong team spirit can use those teams facilities to attract tournaments which lures visitors
Opportunity to increase participation in activities local purchase through community marketing
Community plan process is an opportunity to shape policies and regulations to achieve community vision for sustainability
Use City of Ottawa resources (city maps etc) to make sure that people “know where Richmond is”.
Ordinary folks and we don’t want to be Stittsville or Manotick
Force main will put water at risk
White water races
A lot of potential along the river
Legion renewal will be an opportunity
Gas prices will increase and seniors won’t own cars route 96 through here expanded and use of vans
Can use communal wells
Village is coming to and of the boundaries and need to expand (not everyone wants this)
Water here is great and their lots of it.
Richmond school can be maintained if there is more growth
Growth will help to sustain these institutions
Legion will be opportunity
Legion and presence to groups, web sites
Growth will happen
Railway station and be able to go to Montreal and Toronto (Fallowfield is great)
Town in Ireland where green space and community gardens is very important
Access to green spaces
Access to bush and farms
Farmers market on Sundays
Opportunity for crafts
Old grid system good
Increased growth will provide new school programs
Lands set aside for school and soccer but also upgrade existing schools and facilities
Existing business will be helped by new traffic/development
Encourage new development to Joy side road and go around the village to Garvin and Eagleson
Player could be redesigned
More people would provide new restaurants better business
Close location within village

Have things you can walk to
Has easy access to large areas ie Kanata Nepean Stittsville; can keep village as big as it needs are close by in outer Ottawa
Good community feel as run into neighbours often in neighbourhood and groups
Very liveable
Keep the village walkable to shopping

Greatest Challenge:

Not easy to access information about community events
empty buildings/ vacant lots
Not enough shops and surveys
Population decreasing – can't support existing retail/services community facilities
Richmond has a strong character but is not very visibly obvious
People shop outside of the community a lot
Since the City of Ottawa took over – increased fees for using the facilities
Afraid of losing services and businesses because not enough people are using them
Services are not well known or advertised
People are busy – don't have as much time for community activities
Ottawa's by-laws are stricter and prohibit certain things like the corn stand, etc.
Main Street improvements look like Bells Corner
Less demographics in 2008 than in 1997
Developer driven and makes it Stressville and feeling if no control
Hard for seniors to get into medical appointments and young people to get jobs
Not enough part time jobs for young people
Biggest concern that taxes will go up because Mattamy – big concern
Sewer and water is a major issue and why village hasn't grown
To expand boundaries outside on agriculture lands will be very difficult
What about the properties and the future water supply outside the village must be maintained
Existing infrastructure
Richmond school enrolment is projected 2015 at ½ of today if there is no growth
City projections can be wrong
Kind of isolated here and people don't drive
Huge growth of teenagers
Response time for fire department not great
Bus is only good for commuters
Religion used to do this so we need to look for different things
Don't want use and them
Transportation system needs balance between new and old
Only one bridge over the River (like Manotick)
Traffic is getting very heavy along Franktown Road
Pedestrian/bicycle traffic
Very dangerous on main areas
Worried about services at mall – maintenance needs improvement
Worries about services being made available with growth – safety for kids – daycare centre
Traffic on Main Street – needs bypass perhaps to help this area

Parking needed as too dangerous to walk around from area (ie neighbourhoods with young children)

Services available to go with growth

Keeping village kids in local school

Not affordable housing for young people who are leaving home but not necessarily needing much more as this age group often wants City life.

Keep village feel

Keep Richmond sustainable right now not sustainable managed growth manage flood plain

Other Comments

Village atmosphere

Enhance communication about services and recreation – here about it later

I want to be able to walk and run – at least 1 sidewalk per street

Protect the river and use shoreline to ski and skate and walk

Connections

Rideau Trail – have to go

Revitalization of downtown core – McBean and Perth Street get some life there – tea house and coffee shop

I have to go to City of Ottawa for everything

Small, not a Walmart

Medical centre

Drug store etc

Business and small bus

Artisans – like Merrickville – highlighting people in our community

B & B

Conference centre

We don't want a bedroom community

Most people are used to the Box stores

Golf course, River, Agriculture, City club, Heritage

Look at groups who already core here – we need additional people

Bus stop

Tourism game sport – fun stuff could be own identity

Walk to celebrate heritage

Rideau Trail

Access

Define what makes Richmond affect and busy people there

Want more variety in housing type – variety of housing type + age groups

Don't want large yard

Want to know our neighbours

E.g. bungalow adult lifestyle

Mix and integrate housing types – if you want to buy a home you need to buy something really big

Think of all age groups

Affordable housing – Richmond has to do its share

Less expansion townhome

Value of housing and status of Richmond
People go back and forth
Business connections
Visibility – make village center more visible
Commitment from the village to the businesses
Hockey is great for village as well – recreational things
Community facilities – too expensive to rent them (community centre)
After hours use of schools
Multi-use buildings
Open doors – support each other and support groups
Residents have responsibility to support the village (play groups, businesses)
Lawns no pesticides
Using local produce
Can walk everywhere
Be able to advertise village things
Be on the map
Need to attract businesses we need as core services
Be around village – use the village – core services – be able to get to them – isolated here –
public transit needs to be improved – in and out of Richmond
Seniors don't drive
Growth will happen – get some of the things you want – light industrial and services
Take advantage of the RR – station
Down the road – lots of teenagers - make sure we have facilities for them
We want a place to live – some provisions for increased nursing homes – assisted buy
Police and fire
Volunteer fire now – we deserve our own fire department
2 people patrol our area – response time is a concern
Hope to retire here
Need services in village
Transportation
More affordable housing – for seniors and young – need to be some – not to change character of
village
Reading absent in towns in Ireland
Greenspace
Community gardens – in new areas we should provide community gardens if have higher density
housing
Key village feel
Access to river, to bush
Keep people housed and interact as a community maybe a Sunday's farmers market in the
fairgrounds
Paths and community gathering
Richmond is a farming community – all old Richmond is a grid – we want a grid – higher
density new main road – closer to core
Richmond is ignored - schools need to be looked at in terms of primary – can offer more
programs

Bring trades into core

Need to enhance the existing grid and the core

Want this plan to update what we have not

New community should integrate

We don't talk if the City exist here – everything is sports, Art displays, performing arts needs to be initiated by the City

Get businesses to invest in village

Transportation and road system - need a balance between businesses and homes – balancing act

Look at ways to manage the traffic by improving encouraging an alternate route

Need businesses to be self-supportive has to be a reason to stay – not enough local support – businesses there aren't one we want – a lot work in the City and shop there

Love to see a really new restaurant/café to walk to and park your bike