

Tell Us What You Think!

When I think about the future development of the Village of Richmond, I wish/see/believe:

Answer #1

Most importantly we want to maintain the small village character. We are not interested in trying to be like Stittsville.

We agree there needs to be some growth to maintain a vibrant community, however this growth should be controlled and not exceed the capacity of the existing infrastructure.

Perhaps infrastructure upgrades/new roads need to be in place first, not build a bunch of homes and have no way to get out of the development.

This large of an area (Mattamy development) can not put all the traffic out onto Perth or through an existing subdivision area.

Integrate some pathway through the proposal to allow enjoyment of the river and provide some public access points to the river to allow us users to make use of the river further to the west.

Answer #2

Keep it simple; don't want a Barrhaven – SMALL TOWN LIVING!!

Slow residential development down – everyone moved here for the small town feeling (if not stop it)

As for commercial

Improve what we have

No box stores

Keep small town charm on main streets

If adding residential

Think retirement villages!!

Small, roomie, quiet

Extend Perth Street to hardware store – four lanes with sidewalk.

Answer #3

Schools – over crowded now

Arena – too small – extra ice sheer

Library – too small

Fire Station – able to handle extra growth

Ambulance – will need permanent facility

Policing – not enough service now

Roads

Currently very poor condition

Can't handle current volume now

Sanitary sewers? Who pays

Water? Who pays

Hydro – will require increased capacities – who pays

Re-connect Via Line into City – site of original station on Ottawa Street

Building outside all developed area – solves nothing

People come to Richmond because of what it is now – Not Stittsville or Barrhaven

Answer #4

We think that development is good for Richmond; however, we feel that it should be in keeping with the character and lifestyle of the community

Large lot sizes

Single homes

Not repetitive house styles (no “cookie cutter” houses)

Recreation in this area is very outdoors centric (snow-mobiling, boating, fishing, walking, etc.)

Recreation easily accessible (curling, hockey rink, soccer field, fair).

Improvements we would like to see:

More youth centric sites/facilities (rinks, outdoor pool, youth centre)

Beautiful picnic/fishing/park/gazebo recreation area for river

Revitalization of McBean

Pedestrian access across river

Hock rink expansion

Issues of concern:

Schools and projected number of enrolment (now, 5 years, 10 years, etc.)

Don't forget Stittsville affects numbers of GMS & South Carleton

Additional stress on sewage system with additional development (we already added Munster, how much more could it take)

Bringing City water in (how does it affect well owners)

Not enough youth interests within town (must be driven frequently to Stittsville, Kanata, etc.)

Highly concerned that Richmond will grow too rapidly and have problems like Stittsville, Barrhaven, etc. DO NOT WANT THAT!

Answer #5

I want a play structure that's not for toddlers. More Risky

8-12 kind of play structure

Example: Scottish play structure

Answer #6

I wish for the village to continue to be separated from Ottawa by an agricultural belt.

I want it still to be a place that Ottawa residents go for a Sunday drive to.

I want there to be reasons for them to hang around a while – tea room, gift shops, picnic area.

I want our history to be protected and celebrated.

I want our public and high schools to remain viable.

If there has to be development I would like it to be low density and “front porch” dwellings to encourage strolling and meeting neighbours.

I want uniform more quaint “village like” signs for businesses.

Richmond should continue to be a place where people want to raise their own families after they have grown up here.

Answer #7

I am concerned about the floodplain area within Mattamy-optioned land. If they were to modify this area, it would have an enormous impact on the rest of the floodplain – widen it and/or deepen it.

I am also concerned about sewage/water services. If the new development will require City water to come to Richmond, let the developer assume the cost. Changes to water, sewage, transportation and associated costs must be identified now and be part of what the developer assumes as the cost of doing business. These are very basic issues which need to be addressed at the outset and not as a latter day cost to be assumed by existing villagers.

Answer #8

Using rail to transport people to town.

Answer #9

Richmond is a jewel in the rough. I would love to see more being done to McBean Street to generate “foot traffic”, small shops, restaurants, galleries, etc.

The mall is a complete eyesore that serves a necessary purpose. Completely revamp.

Too many “garages” and car lots. Ugly.

Retain small town feel!!

Big lots – lots of trees and parks!!

Greenspace – Greenspace – Greenspace!!

Answer #10

I worry about the water table – eventually we will require City water – who will pay for this?

Zoning for low income housing (by park and drive?)

Zoning for large industry for when water comes in (ie Tim Horton, Loeb - where will we put them - Eagleson/Perth? Off Home Hardware)

Answer #11

Richmond needs regular bus service to/from Stittsville and Kanata. Presently express buses are available early AM and PM. Nothing is available from 8 AM onwards. The extension of Route 96 from Stittsville would be a natural. At first a bus about 8 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM.

The following groups of people are not serviced:

Senior citizens requiring medical appointments

Shoppers wanting to get to regular shopping centers

Students wanting part-time jobs outside of Richmond

Students attending university or college/trade schools

Young people wanting to attend sports and entertainment outside Richmond

People wanting to visit friends outside Richmond

People wanting to work in Stittsville or Kanata. Same house shift work.