

Topic 1: Village/Heritage Character

In 20 Years, I want our plan to achieve:

Old village and don't seem to be describing/promoting history

Preserve heritage buildings

Promote heritage building eg sign yr. Building etc. so history is part of everyday life

Like example of Merrickville promote with walking tour

Build an military history along the river – historical theatre and include school

Plan to maintain heritage character and business standards

Add light rail access

Character – single family homes primarily

(minium) lot sizes type & density

Street grid

Maintain road, small village character (quiet, quaint)

Upgrade plaza

Maintain road character

Add farming community

Grid

Greenery, greenbelt around Richmond

Public attend steering community meetings

Minutes on the web.

Village serves rural area

Maintain rural feel

Space, large lots, lower density

We are not the City”

Strong sense of community

Return heritage

Different than suburbia

Walk, cycle, lifestyle

190 years ago: boomtown don't like

Rideau Trail

Natural corridor along Jock River

Villages are isolated

Restore business along McBean

Remain small but enhanced

Improve aesthetics

Nice heritage buildings but not highlighted

Village remain – not a suburban

Development will happen need to supply services

Keep rural – village character

Designate – heritage district

Consistent with history Perth Street – mature trees

Monuments at either end not consistent with history

Rural flavour – kids involved in community events – hands on

Worried about becoming Kanata Stittsville.
McBean St. Porth Street
Business district – Merrickville or manotick
Need to establish vision for business e.g. tourism
Revitalizing Perth Street McBean Street needs revitalizing as well
Bring out flavour of town
Streetscape – heritage
Constrained growth – slow
Development not to overshadow
Houses for all generations
Outside rural farmers looking to village for retirement
Assisted living & unassisted
Varied/variety housing
Main meeting place – Central America meeting place/town square
Right now have the park at McBean/Perth Memorial Park
Agree – meeting place needed
Heritage building – helping them shine
Infill on McBean – respect heritage design – fit with heritage
Heritage landscape view – agriculture meets forest – eroding – need to keep
Heritage Agricultural heritage
Fairground – City and Community work with Agricultural Society to enhance/focal point
Old town hall encourage/highlight
Natural greenspace – celebrate – make it shine – river corridor – access disconnected
paths/crossings
Pedestrian bridge over King Street
High school students
Plant trees along mainstreets – bring back heritage
Character of village – close to River – wonderful place to raise the family
I want to raise the kids
Village, family, community
Safe on streets for kids
Younger ones can go out and play
Friendliness every shop hi
Protect heritage buildings and history
Atmosphere
More cheery – aesthetically – things that could be improved – how momentous cont’ want to
Sustainable now – don’t need city water, don’t need development to us to have City water
Improvements make it like Bells Corner
Along Jock River development – white water race
High school uses the river alout.
Like to see walking paths & trails and use long the river – lot of potential related to the river
Expansion – don’t lose our autonomy
Increase of community aspects of Richmond e.g. Legion, style of housing
Sustainability – community driver – less democracy in 2007 there in 1999
Planning is developer driven and marks things stressful – self direction

Stay in what the degree of new development is
More public transportation
Major changes in the price of oil, don't want a car at all. Could hook up with routes 96
Not enough part-time jobs here
Not sure – if village expands – could have private success
Concern that there village is going to grow
Sustainability – sewer and water
Liveability – access to underdeveloped spaces helps to design character
Concern about what management happens outside of boundaries
Make sure that facilities are there to support
Don't want to pay for this
Stittsville doesn't have a public high school
Richmond public school 50% enrolment will be in 2015
While I want the village to stay a village, I want my kids to be able to go to school here
Sustainability – preserve our we need some grants to do that
Community orgs need to look to the future
Parc of growth – want it to be no
Put infrastructure in advance
Sense of Community
How large the population – how growth will effect other considerations
Traffic mainstreet
Pedestrian access and bike access
Afraid – no bikepaths
Almost like we need a by-pass to cut the traffic off the Mainstreet
Redid Mainstreet to slow traffic and not slowed at all.
Growth should have versus associated without
Safety
Sidewalks need to extend
Size of school
Not having to go to Stittsville to do everything
Vision – against large scale – priority small business
We have the heart of small village but within access of all facilities best of both worlds cheque
Good sense of community – we into people that you
Density is none of a concern – growth inevitable and density
Always missing
No notice of anything going on seniors wise
Elder abuse
Non communication
Pool
Youth facilities in general
Still from pre-school but nothing for teenagers much
Have to rent arena
Sufficient infrastructure to go with growth, how many kids are leaving the village to go to school elsewhere – why can't we have stuff here (French immersion)
Housing

Would be great to live and work in village
Stittsville is often a comparison – don't want to see Mainstreet bumper to bumper
Rather see larger lots – that's what attracts property here – there is a space between houses
I'd like to see a mix of things – I like the Hydro Park concept – a little community within larger
community – projects – 2 storey that! Like seniors, apartment – 3 or 4 storeys – I like that
Young people can't stay in Richmond re: price
Not affordable – young people don't want to be here sense of community
Clubs
Service organizations
Go to a lot of progress – run into the
Richmond liveable now
Size – layout, connectivity
Richmond liveable – can walk here – I like the grid – don't like acres – Want to keep it small
what is now.
Want to keep productive farmland. Farmers feed Cities and villages
- Read – sustainable – what we have and what we like
- Responsibility
- Retooled and rethought and not prettied up
- Employment, attractive shopping
- Supporting growth - how we grow and what we do to minimize existing impact
Making it more sustainable – keep health - understand physical elements e.g. sidewalks, street
trees, streetlights. How is the community composed – who lives here
Liveable sustainable - don't want Stittsville - just part of Kanata don't want it too big
Rural
Farmland
Liveable now – Stittsville is 23, 000
This school may close because there's no growth
- Need for greenspace and bike paths
- Keep historic character
- Can only build so many garden homes
Keep trees
Talking about very young and very old
Talking about business people – I don't think they are sustainable now
Need to make changes in players
Managed growth – how many units
How do you want to see it utilized – how do you want it to grow
Young people have to leave Village now we need more variety
Business community – would like to see more
Need more hours at library
Growth doesn't impact on environment
Keeping a greenspace percentage
I can walk everywhere – use to be able to walk to the hardware store – now I need to drive
Village character already changed a bit. I'd like to see more retail along McBean.
Don't want big box stores
Want to be able to support local economy

Greatest Opportunity:

Build a bakery with tearoom
Picnic area
bikepath and walkway
Rebuild the train station
Farm equipment museum
History – military, agricultural, rail, river
Highlight history - murals
Build on Richmond Bakery
Build on Richmond Nursery
Enhance setbacks – front, back, side
Crawford farm sold to Alberta Land Holdings
Lion's Park – more sports
Develop along Jock River and pathway system
Richmond Fair
Memorial Park
Richmond Bakery
Jock River cancer race
Events make a community
Hick Town – keep it, truck, old timers at the post office
Highlight Heritage enhance/improve commercial business but don't drive them out
More aesthetics improvements on Perth and McBean. McBean should be the main street
Stick to a heritage theme
Street names reflect heritage in new development
Heritage – build on theme in village
Bring back heritage
Celebrate things that are here
What do we want to celebrate?
Fair – county fair
School – walking field trip
Keep it traditional can we improve the fairgrounds
Sense of community – friendly
Perth Ontario – flower beds
Mattamy brings good houses/architecture
Jock River – Pedestrian bridge crossing
Historical society – has information on Richmond heritage buildings
McBean Street
Plaque at the buildings – own village system rather than designation
First east west connection – River
Signage along River – historical use/sites interpretative signs on history
Sense of place already exist
Pathway – funding available
Grant from provincial government
Business and residents in Manotick have “best garden” contest
Community pride award

Community can help – flowers aesthetic improvements
Pride in ownership
Village greening project available to village
Historic church looking for opportunities to improve presence
Goulbourne Museum/historical society
Don't have to start from beginning

Greatest Challenge:

Integrating new and old
What is sustainable in Richmond?
Turn dying villages into tourist destinations
No “cookie-cutter” new developments
Maximum height on high density
Stores – maintain consistent looks
Mixed within development (corner stores)
Maintain community standards (dilapidated buildings)
Business improvement zone
Do not want another Stittsville
Street patterns
Leave trees
Don't over build and create traffic congestion.
Not to become another Stittsville
Not to be overwhelmed by growth
Traffic congestion, crowded, busy
Village voice lost in members of new people
Not expand existing village
Gradation of lot sizes
Large lots further away from core
Decrease traffic density
Border outside the village
Afraid of City of Ottawa and developers already having deals carved in stone
Floodplain, map the aquifers
Maintaining space during growth
Acceptance of growth
Stagger growth
Scale and type of development
Continuity of home types
Similar density
Traffic is heavy now along Perth & McBean and fast
What to do with existing empty buildings
No focus for business development
Need a community focal point
Ugly lamp posts wrong scale (highway not village) Perth Street – Ikea
Perth Street – merging to one lane
Improve lighting to encourage walking

Pedestrian bridge crossing – worried about vandalism
Place of development
How many houses per acre
Do not want it to be made contrived
New development
Cannot walk anywhere
Everyone drives
Safety/speed on Park Street a concern
Limited sidewalks and paths
Overall plan that can be integrated into new development
Keeping heritage buildings to allow owners to still control design of their home
Community – need strong base/participation to execute “best garden”
Natural heritage – River corridor – pathways not connected limited crossings
Not everyone in the Village is affluent to do “best garden”
Affordability of maintaining heritage
Help from community
Knowing about grants/programs
Extend (maintain grid system)