

00:30:50 Elly Green: Could the agenda for the call be shared in the chat? I had trouble connecting first thing and would love to know what is planned for the session. Thx

00:31:29 Julie Schweizer: Good idea, thank you

00:34:16 Susan Atkinson: Can you explain how development of the area can be considered, when the area is protected by the Niagara Escarpment Commission?

00:36:31 Robin Chubb: There will be 4 questions like this that we will ask for people's responses on

00:36:56 Brian McCulloch: Development can happen but within guidelines and a rigorous approval process

00:37:06 Elly Green: Thanks! Could the questions be shared in the chat so we can consider them?

00:38:38 Robin Chubb: The red Escarpment Protection Areas include features that have been significantly modified by land-use activities such as agriculture or residential development - development is not prohibited in those areas, but must meet the NEC guidelines

00:39:28 Robin Chubb: Question 2 will be: How does the Beaver Valley Corridor relate to other regional destinations? Think about: Lake Huron Bruce Peninsula Manitoulin Island Georgian Bay Muskoka Niagara

00:40:20 Robin Chubb: Question 3 will be: What are the opportunities for the Beaver Valley Corridor that if pursued would represent a positive outcome for the municipality and the community? Think about: Tourism, Natural and cultural heritage, Trails/connectivity, Economic development, Responsibility and management of destinations/ attractions, Sustainable development

00:41:27 Robin Chubb: Question 4 will be: What words or phrases should be captured in a vision statement for the Beaver Valley Corridor? Think about: Natural Features, Recreation and Points of Interest, Character, Management, Economic Development

00:42:27 tracey: Im confused.....dont you want people to snowshoe and enjoy the property?

00:42:48 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: no. we are building our home. it is not public anymore

00:43:11 Jane Pyper: Not a fan of being "policed"

00:43:14 Jonathan Iesalnieks: Just wondering about the correct move in order to share a comment, should I have submitted before?

00:43:36 tracey: oh that is different

00:45:39 Peter Ferguson: Do we just ignore the north half of the valley?

00:45:41 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: people who stop and stay need places to do that... justins oven is a great example of somewhere to stop, but there is no "stay"

00:45:50 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Jonathan it wasn't required to submit a comment before this meeting. This meeting is the place to share your thoughts and comments, and afterwards there continues to be opportunity to share your comments through the Municipality.

00:46:01 tracey: no more golf courses

00:47:06 Jonathan Iesalnieks: Thanks Wai Ying Di Giorgio - I guess just speak up after a comment is completed?

00:47:22 Brian McCulloch: Tracey how about just keeping the Talisman golf course?

00:47:49 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: the golf course belongs to the town now

00:47:55 Beate Schwirtlich: Here's Grey County's Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabek, Six Nations of the Grand River, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples on whose traditional territories we gather and whose ancestors signed Treaties with our ancestors. We recognize also, the Metis and Inuit whose ancestors shared this land and these waters. May we all, as Treaty People, live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.

00:48:07 Jane Pyper: Nobody really used the Talisman golf course, even when it was rehabilitated. I would think we could have better uses of that and protect it as it is a flood zone.

00:48:14 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Jonathan, Donna is going down the list of participants and giving everyone a chance to speak. She will call on you shortly

00:48:28 Jonathan Iesalnieks: Thank you

00:48:44 Stephen Griggs: I have some comments too

00:49:20 Ingrid Remkins: I am not sure if my name was called.

00:49:38 tracey: rural net is here now?

00:50:20 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: again with bicycles, encourage them to come here as tourism is adding to the policing list.

00:51:07 Michael Booth: Starlink is coming this fall offering unlimited service. You can sign up online.

00:51:49 Beate Schwirtlich: My question is, what's Plan B. Is tourism development the major plan for the valley? What other options are on the table?

00:52:01 Lillian Mortensen: good to know. thanks!

00:54:19 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: active recreation outdoors is great .. but we need the infrastructure to handle it

00:56:34 Jason Petznick: Think I got skipped there

00:58:54 Jane Pyper: I think the Beaver Valley has been "discovered"!

00:59:44 Jane Pyper: You missed Jason!

00:59:51 Christine Fry: Agreed! We will have growing pains, but the opportunities are exciting.

01:00:25 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: I see Jason's hand up; I'll let Donna know

01:00:47 Suzanne Boswell: The real question is "how much growth do we desire?" The more growth and opportunity realizes greater issues.

01:01:23 Christine Fry: Agreed, so focus and intent is important.

01:01:47 Brian McCulloch: Besides garbage, we are seeing dog poop and even worse, dog poop bags left at the side of the road or side of the trails. I work with the Friends of the Kimberley Forest and we had a volunteer collect about 100 bags at the end of March.

01:02:21 Jane Pyper: Great work Brian on the Kimberley Forest

01:02:28 Suzanne Boswell: Amount and type of growth determine the type of visitor to the area. Ie: school vs hotel for example?

01:03:05 Ingrid Remkins: Yes, thank you so much, Brian and all volunteers!

01:03:19 Suzanne Fleming: Yes garbage is huge..I have seen so many tissues, PPE etc on the trails. It was a disaster down at Hoggs Falls with garbage all over the parking lot.

01:03:42 Suzanne Boswell: A lot of the facilities for garbage receptacle and washrooms have been removed

01:04:13 Christine Fry: Due to covid?

01:05:45 Stephen Griggs: Yes

01:06:25 Christine Fry: Meaning some of the problems this year may be just due to the pandemic.

01:07:02 Suzanne Boswell: More people, less service outlets

01:07:03 Stephen Griggs: I have some comments

01:07:14 Suzanne Fleming: Along with the increase in people visiting in the area

01:10:27 steve: agreed about airbnb issues. No where to stay. Balancing selfishly wanting to keep it the way it is and the coming growth - needing to manage this. We could be the new Prince Edward County with all that we can offer - if we want to

01:10:30 Jane Pyper: Agree with stewardship concept

01:11:45 Suzanne Boswell: Is that what the community wants? To be the next Prince Edward County? Perhaps the amount of growth we desire should be discussed?

01:12:27 Jane Pyper: The future of Talisman needs to be discussed as part of Beaver Valley visioning - it is in the heart of the valley

01:12:30 steve: thats my point. I like it the way it is but if its going to grow it needs management

01:13:12 Beate Schwirtlich: Suzanne, agree, that's an important question.

01:13:23 Jane Pyper: I also agree that is an important question

01:13:58 Neil Gold: Sorry, I need to drop off this call by 11am.

I'm based in Collingwood (11 years, family of 5 from TO originally). Kimberly and area are a frequent destination by bike.

I manage Canadian Sales for Cycling Sports Group with brands like Cannondale, GT, Schwinn & Charge.

Cyclist must follow the same rules as drivers:

[http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/bicycle-](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/bicycle-safety.shtml#:~:text=You%20can%20ride%20on%20most,bike%20to%20the%20other%20side)

[safety.shtml#:~:text=You%20can%20ride%20on%20most,bike%20to%20the%20other%20side](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/bicycle-safety.shtml#:~:text=You%20can%20ride%20on%20most,bike%20to%20the%20other%20side)

What we need:

- highlighted cycling routes, dedicated trails for hikers and bikers (using TrailForks app) and waypoints/destinations
- embrace electric bikes (ebikes) on trails, roads & commuting
- permanent bike maintenance post with tools, pump and water (across from the Kimberly General Store or

alternative safe location)

Groups to help:

<https://collingwoodoffroadcycling.com/>

<https://scmbc.ca/>

<http://www.collingwoodcyclingclub.ca/>

01:14:03 Neil Gold: Thank you for hosting!!

01:14:32 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Thank you for attending

01:15:19 Suzanne Fleming: I have to drop off...thank you for hosting

01:15:56 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Thanks Suzanne - if you have other comments please feel free to send them through the Municipality

01:16:10 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: I do not think that the Talisman buildings are where we should look for future development. it is history, not the future.

01:16:39 Jane Pyper: Agree with Stephen Griggs and the public ownership of Talisman - it should stay public

01:17:06 Michael Booth: For those that mentioned cyclists on the roads in the area...a few years back the Province had signs on Grey Rd 13 saying bike lanes were going to be installed throughout the Valley. Nothing happened and the signs vanished . . .go figure and too bad. BTW a safe bike lane is at least 4 ft wide not 2 ft wide!

01:17:48 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: Grahame... type your comments here

01:17:58 Mary-Kate Craig: I would be great if the approach and metrics of the emerging plan were rooted in a changing economic approach. Can we bring in circular economy thinking? Can doughnut economics be used as a measurement model? Can we incorporate gift economy thinking? I am excited for what could be possible. This region could be a model for a transformed, resilient region.

01:17:58 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Grahame, you can share your comments in this chat box

01:18:23 Theresa McDiarmid: Four quick points that haven't been mentioned yet:

01:20:22 Mary-Kate Craig: This region holds important carbon stores and biodiversity that have economic value if we are thinking in terms of natural capital accounting.

01:21:38 Theresa McDiarmid: Agricultural activity that has been in the valley before any tourism; consider the farmers' roles and the opportunities for small scale agriculture as large scale is still protected; consult with associations re activities e.g. snowmobiles, cycling; look at developing opportunities in Markdale and Flesherton to take pressure off the valley; look at similar areas and how they have managed increased tourist and recreational activity

01:22:26 Peter Ferguson: Per Beate's question: Plan B is what? Council has raised the spectre of over-tourism, which is a concern. At the same time, it is trying to sell the Talisman properties for a profit. That is likely to mean a tourism operation. Kimberley is already overburdened by tourism; sit on my porch of a Saturday afternoon and count the speeding, blatting motorcycles. The Talisman action coalition has asked Council to declare a 3-month hiatus on its efforts so that citizens may develop an alternate scheme. That would be productive.

01:22:36 Jane Pyper: Agree that agricultural needs should be considered, especially support for local food production

01:23:36 Jane Pyper: Agree with Peter on Talisman. There is an important opportunity here, not to "maximize profits".

01:23:36 Beate Schwirtlich: I also agree with Theresa, small scale agriculture could be a good fit for the valley I think.

01:23:53 Mary-Kate Craig: I love the idea of thinking in terms of watershed. Important for farmers to be leading the emerging movement of land stewardship

01:25:14 Michael Booth: Under the category of less is more . . . there are too many websites that promote the area. I believe that one large site well designed with a robust search feature should be deployed to promote the amenities of the area.

01:26:20 Jamie Drummond: In addition to my comment about bags of garbage being dumped in the bushes on the road down from the Amik subdivision throughout the summer, the majority of it was "party garbage" (drink cups, beer cans etc.), so I would assume that it was from people partying in rentals.

01:27:00 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: just want to mention that the police was having a hard time with snow boarding on the road. using side roads for recreation was a problem as well... when clubs were closed

01:28:27 Jamie Drummond: On a lighter note, during the summer I stopped the car to pull three bags

out of the bushes and put them in the back of the car. However, my wife noted that someone stopped and took pics of me doing that, probably thinking that I was dumping garbage!

01:31:00 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: LOL Jamie ... everyone has camera's these days. We have 7 trail cams on our property now, some send pics right away to our phones! So the police are called before they get to the bottom of the hill!

01:35:23 Robin Chubb: Peace & Quiet (Elizabeth & Gary)

01:39:27 Jamie Drummond: Just out of interest, where is your place Elizabeth and Garry?

01:39:48 Peter Ferguson: Talisman should be developed as the economic/social-service/housing/arts anchor of the valley.

01:40:29 Ingrid Remkins: I would love to see a portion of the valley floor designated and protected as a wildlife sanctuary.

01:40:44 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: Jamie... we bought the Talisman tube park 50 acres.

01:41:10 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: jamie, my husband was born in markdale, he is invested his whole life here!

01:42:30 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: Jane said it... "get in front of it"

01:45:36 Jane Pyper: Please walk on the grass!

01:46:12 Christine Fry: If we could maintain a more boutique feel rather than a Disney feel. Both support visitors, community and environment.

01:46:40 Jamie Drummond: Ah, so the big property on the corner.

01:47:06 Michael Booth: Agreed on the T. property. I think the question is do the valley residents want primarily day trippers or longer stays? If the former then working with the B&Ber's and Air B&Ber's, etc is the way to go. If the latter then a developer for the T property would be a priority. Right now I think the current economic environment (last 10 years) has already put a nail in that thought. The local municipality just does not acknowledge yet. . .

01:47:36 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: yes jamie, we are building our retirement home starting next year!

01:47:49 Mary-Kate Craig: In terms of diversity, equity and inclusion it would be good if there were multiple entry points for people to join the community. Can tiny houses, bunkies, yurts be part of this plan? How can this community be one that embraces young people especially those who wish to create land based lives as small scale, permaculture based farmers.

01:48:50 Jane Pyper: Great idea! I think we need affordable accommodation

01:49:11 Brian McCulloch: The Kimberley Forest group has found that visitors and users are quite responsive when we get a chance to speak with them. ie. walk your dog but not on the xcountry ski tracks, don't use the trails right after a rain when you can create mud pits, if you want to ride your ATV, please go to an area where that is the primary use

01:49:37 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: affordable accommodation or high expensive quality accommodation? it brings two different types

01:49:50 Mary-Kate Craig: I like that idea Christine that this region creates an identity of its own.

01:49:57 Jane Pyper: Maybe a bit of both

01:51:30 Beate Schwirtlich: Without affordable accommodation, tourism activities are at risk — no where for workers to live. I believe that Collingwood already has this problem? Also, is there anything sadder than a generation who wants to live in the area they were born in, but can't due to housing pressures? What an awful reality.

01:52:11 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: talisman is not where affordable accommodation will happen.

01:52:18 Mary-Kate Craig: The Talisman could be a perfect place for an intentional community. I visited a community in Ireland that built a village next to an existing village and it created a diverse and wonderful community that brought economic development, multiple entry points and was grounded in permaculture/stewardship.

01:52:58 Beate Schwirtlich: Well said Stephen!

01:53:45 Ingrid Remkins: Thank you, Stephen, for your wise words.

01:53:48 Lillian Mortensen: Has anyone else seen the article on Talisman in the spring 2021 On the Bay? the owner states they have work already on the way for a Nordic Spa? Also talks about a deal in place with Hilton Hotels to build a boutique hotel.

01:54:27 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: Lillian - talk is cheap... when it happens, you and I will have a spa day!

01:54:53 Mary-Kate Craig: There is an upcoming conference with worldwide examples of villages build with intention. https://withpresence.co/in/re_build/re-build-online-festival

01:54:57 Susan Atkinson: I agree with Stephen too.

01:55:33 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: as a neighbour to Talisman, we have told Brian we are here to support him in any way!

01:57:01 Alison Theodore, Grey County: I would just like to highlight that the Municipality is engaged in a lot of collaborative work with Grey County, RTO7, the Southern Georgian Bay Tourism Task Force etc related to tourism ambassadors, signage, cycling plans etc. The Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan is available at <https://www.grey.ca/programs-initiatives/grey-county-cycling-and-trails-master-plan>. Grey Road 13 is scheduled for cycling signage in 2021. There are also other Grey Highland cycling projects scheduled.

01:58:48 Jane Pyper: Time to reconsider the "grandfather" now that the opportunity presents itself.

01:59:24 Theresa McDiarmid: can the designation for Talisman be changed if it was grandfathered into its current designation?

02:01:22 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: such a nice thought Linda - Eco Centre!

02:02:26 Ingrid Remkins: Eco Centre! What possibilities there are waiting for us!

02:03:22 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: hang on, I have to take a pic of nature... be right back

02:04:17 Suzanne Boswell: I like the idea of an Eco Centre or an educational facility - that perhaps focuses on /Environmental Studies

02:04:34 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: you would need to get a university on board

02:05:08 Jane Pyper: Evergreen Brickworks is a good example -

02:05:19 Suzanne Boswell: With online learning and remote locations, I am sure an university would pick up a satellite location

02:06:00 Mary-Kate Craig: Outdoor school would be great!

02:06:30 Elly Green: Social enterprise specifically within sustainable development!

02:06:32 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: i used to work at the Banff Springs and bring in skiers to the local area... conferences were huge, but in the future, this will change

02:06:46 Mary-Kate Craig: Intentional community

02:08:09 LINDA READER: Reversing the designation for Talisman may be possible and a University and College are being petitioned with Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy. More to come. Partnerships are critical.

02:08:23 Jane Pyper: Great news!!

02:08:27 Elizabeth & Garry Johnston: Thank you Donna for this.

02:08:59 Suzanne Boswell: Thank you for your time everyone and thank you to Donna!

02:09:04 Mary-Kate Craig: Thanks everyone. I feel inspired to be part of this conversation.

02:09:07 Jane Pyper: Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts

02:10:23 Lillian Mortensen: thank you everyone. need to sign off.

02:10:32 Ingrid Remkins: This has been an encouraging discussion. I hope that it can really help us move forward. Thank you, Donna, for your capable hosting. Thank you, everyone, for the passion that you have expressed!

02:11:28 Elly Green: Could we learn more on how the local municipality, supporting consultants and ideally the local community members would define sustainability?

02:13:28 Theresa McDiarmid: Kimberley Centre for the Arts??

02:13:31 Elly Green: <https://theconversation.com/fogo-island-shows-how-social-enterprises-can-help-rebuild-communities-post-coronavirus-138182>

02:16:13 Theresa McDiarmid: Sustainable development: get away from bigger is better

02:17:34 gina tapper: preserving what is becoming increasingly rare is a form of development

02:20:08 Elly Green: Thanks for the session! Must go

02:20:19 Stephen Griggs: THANK YOU!

02:20:23 LINDA READER: Thank you

02:20:25 gina tapper: ty

02:20:27 Jane Pyper: Goodbye all!