

00:31:39 Emmett Ferguson: 'Casual roadside parking' is creating substantial accident risk near trailheads and river areas

00:39:04 Jeanette Walter: is this the time to mention the social justice issue of so many potential homes being taken off the market to accommodate short term rentals.

00:39:17 Nancy Matthews: Look at the grey Highlands logo - it features the Beaver River and Old Baldy

00:41:32 Jeanette Walter: Bob is 100% correct, the increase in visitors was nothing new, this was happening quickly anyway.

00:41:53 Emmett Ferguson: Why do we so often speak merely of 'preserving' rather than regenerating the Biosphere: is there a way to recuperate the watershed around what was-Talisman?

00:42:26 Jeanette Walter: Quite right Emmett!

00:42:33 Nancy Matthews: we have also parking issues on the side roads near Lake Eugenia

00:43:05 Christine McCardell: Agreed, Emmett.

00:45:31 Emmett Ferguson: Looking at the 'Natural Features' map, I think we should be looking at 'where more spaces can be moved [back] into the green'. You can't and shouldn't remove these things from the commons for enjoyment, to be sure, so that entails infrastructure but it also entails social infrastructure so that more people can be on the land without destroying it.

00:45:58 Nancy Matthews: agreed

00:46:25 Jeanette Walter: There is over development to the east in Collingwood, lots of those built up recreational facilities are available there. We need to offer an alternative...there are so many people who come here looking to escape tourist trappings.

00:47:00 Nancy Matthews: Bike lanes an excellent idea

00:47:29 Joan Merriam: We too would love to see regeneration, I.e., ecological development for recreational purposes

00:48:19 Emmett Ferguson: @Joan; or agricultural or both!

00:48:36 Tasha Stephenson: Re: Collingwood offers that: Agreed. Did you note one theme from pre-survey was "Not Collingwood" ?!

00:48:50 Nancy Matthews: plant trees for climate change benefit

00:48:56 Jeanette Walter: Yes, for good reason Tasha:-)

00:50:23 Nancy Matthews: the heritage committee trying very hard to preserve buildings like the old Eugenia Hotel but we need owner buy in

00:52:52 Mary Ferguson: One very significant change has been in the decrease in attainable housing prices in this area. This spike in housing prices is happening everywhere and it is happening here as well. And this has also translated into absolutely no rental in the valley. So where do people with modest incomes live now.

00:54:00 Jeanette Walter: We don't need to be building tourist recreational facilities to attract tourists, they are coming because of what is here, not for what can be developed.

00:54:31 Nikki May: Agreed - plant more trees and save the ones that are there. Very effective greenhouse gas absorption strategy. Plus maintains and enhances the beauty!

00:54:36 TOM VINCENT: Lack of a stop sign on 7A

00:55:36 Nancy Matthews: agritourism is also environmentally friendly.

00:57:39 Nancy Matthews: the view point above the valley needs trees trimmed out to make the view accessible

00:57:59 Nikki May: Turn Talisman resort into an eco-lodge with minimal changes to the structures. Make it a destination using the natural character of the valley as a draw. Do ecological restoration on the slopes and invite the guests to get involved, in a similar manner to people who go on archeo tourist desitinations.

00:58:40 Jeanette Walter: I would question why we seem to think development is inevitable...if anything, Covid has shown us that that is exactly what people are wanting to get away from. Add in impending ecosystem collapse and so many species struggling, development is not the solution here.

00:59:53 Norine baron: Agree with Mary F No housing for rental. Increased population of permanent residents and increase in airbnb take space out of circulation

01:00:07 Sandy McMaster: I have to agree, why do we think development is inevitable. We need to direct them if we want it not be directed by developers

01:00:51 Christine McCardell: Jeanette, couldn't agree more. I look just to the south of us and live in fear of Flesherton / Eugenia area being seen as the next inevitable GTA bedroom community.

01:01:08 Nancy Matthews: from the PPS 2020: Cultural heritage landscape: means a defined

geographical area that may have been modified by human activity and is identified as having cultural heritage value or interest by a community, including an Indigenous community. The area may include features such as buildings, structures, spaces, views, archaeological sites or natural elements that are valued together for their interrelationship, meaning or association. Cultural heritage landscapes may be properties that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, or have been included on federal and/or international registers, and/or protected through official plan, zoning by-law.

01:02:49 Emmett Ferguson: Recreation certainly, but narrowly focusing on skiing or any one 'way to have fun' is a massive risk, especially if the Biosphere is not #1 priority IMO

01:04:39 Nikki May: How long does skiing have up here with climate change? Making snow just adds to GHG. As a cross-country ski person I see that the snow quantity and persistence is dropping over time.

01:05:06 Nancy Matthews: redeveloping Talisman property as an accommodation and mixed recreational facility and environmental preserve has potential to be operated under the oversight of a community college with students doing coop terms in their field of interest

01:05:18 Jeanette Walter: With climate change, it is expected that 80% of Ontario's ski hills will close as they will be unable to run.

01:06:38 Kim Harris: Let's have a solution for people who want to visit. A passive eco-friendly lodge for hikers, bikers and nordic skiers wouldn't negatively impact the area. This has been done before in other ecologically sensitive places on the planet.

01:06:55 Nancy Matthews: agreed!!

01:08:39 Emmett Ferguson: Or not even boaters... just rafting down in inner tubes too

01:09:09 Janine McGowan: highly disruptive to wildlife

01:09:46 Jeanette Walter: the inner tubes just discarded at the end of the tubing trip, beer cans in the river...huge problem!

01:09:59 Nancy Matthews: we have a lot of fishermen at Lake Eugenia, on the water and from the 8th line bridge. the garbage is phenomenal

01:10:04 Jeanette Walter: Agreed Janine!!

01:10:50 Nancy Matthews: water quantity from Lake Eugenia is controlled by OPG.

01:11:09 Nancy Matthews: wildlife is affected by water temperature/climate change.

01:11:13 Kim Harris: What is OPG?

01:11:24 Emmett Ferguson: Curve at 30 & 13 is our old swimming hole and in the last 5-7 years it's frequently packed with people... I count ~4 cars on that curve just about each time I go to Markdale...

01:11:34 Nancy Matthews: Ontario Hydro - they operate the dam for water generation

01:12:00 Emmett Ferguson: Lake Eugenia is only a big lake because of the dam... for Hydro

01:12:06 Jeanette Walter: Yes Emmett, this is tourist increase is not just with Covid.

01:13:55 Emmett Ferguson: Strangely I think one of the most symbolic changes for me is the scars on the rocks on the trail now that all people seem to be using serious metal spikes to deliberately scar the rocks as they go...

01:15:51 Jeanette Walter: Collingwood has tons of recreational activities.

01:17:26 Nancy Matthews: if 3-400 new homes go into Markdale, any rec facilities there will become very busy. Tom is right about more recreation for kids in the valley

01:18:42 Jeanette Walter: How do you keep rural areas rural?

01:19:13 Kim Harris: Stronger legislation

01:19:21 Nancy Matthews: Lake Eugenia is monitored by Grey Sauble Conservation

01:19:45 Jon Game: Good point.

01:23:33 Mary Ferguson: Too many hang gliders died - I remember emergency crews trying to retrieve people - so they stopped that activity.

01:23:39 Emmett Ferguson: No land is uninhabited, but we all share a responsibility to make sure others can inhabit in future!

01:24:18 Jeanette Walter: Agreed Emmett!

01:24:26 Jon Game: Is there a long term conservation plan to ensure tree cover and the water shed is protected?

01:27:58 Emmett Ferguson: The 'corridor' as such has definitely become the focus of a lot of the emergent 'tour-ism'; Grey 13 as a cycling focus has cropped up precisely because the road 'follows the river' in a very picturesque way...

01:28:42 Janine McGowan: the urban sprawl from Orangeville and Shelburne has unquestionably driven

a large amount of wildlife (birds of prey, puma, bear) up to Grey and Bruce. Where will they go if habitat destruction continues to suffer from tremendous anthropocentric pressures?

01:28:56 Sue Smart: any way to reroute the truck traffic specifically outside of the corridor, providing alternative access to meaford etc?

01:29:49 Jeanette Walter: Very good question Janine!

01:31:47 Kirsten Mogg: Natural scenic respite

01:31:53 Barbara Pearn: Preservation

01:32:08 Janine McGowan: zero human access

01:32:11 Erica Ferguson: I am furious with Grey Highlands council for aligning themselves with Brian Ellis and his corporation regarding Talisman and a potential sale that would line the pockets of corporate interests at our expense. I was on the "Talisman Task Force" of volunteers that came up with a plan to do something creative and respectful at the Talisman site, and the previous council sold Talisman prior to us even finishing our work in 2014/15. Now Council has re-partnered with the same group that has prevented Talisman from coming closer to its highest and best use (that the regional communities could determine), and is considering selling Talisman - again - to private interests, despite the wishes clearly being stated here. As a rural planner, what has happened in terms of Talisman is close to unforgivable, and Council now has the possibility to do right by the people who elected them. If they do not seize this opportunity than all this effort - and all the effort from 2014/15 has been for naught.

01:32:44 Tasha Stephenson: irreplaceable natural treasure

01:33:20 Jon Game: Will Talisman be discussed?

01:33:35 Emmett Ferguson: River, Rock, and Valley

01:34:04 Tasha Stephenson: wild creatures

01:34:05 Kirsten Mogg: Four season low impact recreation for all abilities

01:34:11 Jon Game: Trees

01:34:20 Emmett Ferguson: More Trees

01:34:24 Barbara Pearn: Amazing views

01:34:24 Norine baron: Re-creation- body and mind.

01:34:36 Erica Ferguson: as a planner I'm baffled by how this Talisman situation has played out. As a physician I'm continually amazed that the relevance of natural spaces to the health and mental health of our citizens takes a backseat to the desires of corporate and development interests.

01:34:39 Christine McCardell: A valued and valuable space for all species who share it. (Sorry, I can't seem to get rid of my overlap on the whiteboard).

01:36:08 Erica Ferguson: we need natural/protected/well managed places far more than we need more tax income from new subdivisions.

01:36:27 David Brodie: Healthy environment for all

01:36:36 Jeanette Walter: Yes, yes, yes Erica!

01:37:29 Joan Merriam: Hopefully Talisman will be discussed

01:37:32 Peter Mitchell: Valley as "campus for learning

01:37:33 Emmett Ferguson: Regenerative foodways

01:38:05 David Clarke: Need to manage how the internet (google) represents the valley and the resources available.

01:39:04 Kirsten Mogg: Stewards of the valley

01:39:15 Barbara Pearn: The Beaver Valley is an amazing place for artists to paint outdoors or photograph. This is something I have not heard yet.

01:39:22 Barbara Elliott Black: Community gardens for regenerative farming and other activities to connect with nature

01:39:45 Katherine Carson: Absolutely Erica and when is it going to be discussed?

01:39:47 Tasha Stephenson: Bingo, Tom Vincent re: educating newcomers and newbies to the outdoors

01:40:05 Janine McGowan: Erica is speaking to a larger issue at hand, and a change is required with how developers come in and can destroy an ecozone that took centuries to establish, and for a bulldozer to destroy in 2 months.

01:40:42 Peter Mitchell: valley as "campus for learning" about Mother Nature - field camp, field college

01:41:43 David Clarke: great example maybe duntroon highlands golf/ café/ trails/ retreat

01:42:36 Nikki May: Start with the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve label and denaturalize as much as possible in conjunction with farming/rural landscape. Then make it a eco-tourist destination where the natural world and rural country-side are the draw. Use this for education, forest bathing and other mental

and physical health opportunities so that eco-tourists can start to put together the pieces and understand the values of nature -both beauty and biodiversity and ecosystem services.

01:43:08 Nikki May: Sorry - I meant to type - Renaturalisation

01:43:42 Barbara Elliott Black: Nikki - wonderful suggestions!!

01:43:47 Cassandra Dillman: This is a different geography and a national park, but amazing to navigate as a tourist whether on foot, car, bike, or kayak <https://fundytrailparkway.com/>

01:44:30 Emmett Ferguson: Hear hear, Bob!

01:44:56 Norine baron: Agreed Tasha -Development must be both sustainable and economically sound.

01:45:25 Janine McGowan: Airbnb and rentals are killing sustainable housing in the area

01:45:36 Nancy Matthews: the majority of Chapmans workers commute an hour or more to Markdale

01:45:52 Jeanette Walter: So much yes to your comment Janine!

01:46:42 Jon Game: Protection

01:47:01 Janine McGowan: the economy and the environment shouldn't be separated

01:47:22 Katherine Carson: Protect what is there now

01:47:23 Emmett Ferguson: I don't believe it's useful or helpful to 'choose just one priority'; priorities must always be balanced.

01:47:35 Nancy Matthews: sustainable development should also be appropriate to the scenery and the locale

01:47:41 Jeanette Walter: We are nothing without healthy ecosystems, so without putting the environment first we cannot have any positive economic development.

01:47:52 Allan Avis: Inclusivity - not elitism

01:47:58 Kirsten Mogg: You can

01:48:00 Nikki May: I would choose sustainable development but it is too cliched now. It needs to be VERY sensitive to the needs of sustaining natural systems etc

01:48:06 Barbara Elliott Black: How about regenerative development vs sustainable development

01:48:16 Tasha Stephenson: For education, we could collaborate with other groups, like BT but also Ontario Nature (I think it was), for example, piloted a "Learn to Camp" for new immigrants. Cool.

01:48:26 Emmett Ferguson: I'd be with Barbara on that one probably ; )

01:48:33 Kirsten Mogg: Long term thinking

01:49:03 Emmett Ferguson: What was meant by 'quality of life' in this context as distinct from the others?

01:49:50 Norine baron: Quality of life is too wide and it is subject to debate !

01:50:15 Sue Smart: Our number one hope for the Beaver Valley is maintaining a sense of local character that is true to the roots of the area. We are a young family and think that the valley's ability to self sustain itself - local agriculture, local farm to table, locally run and owned establishments, and the lack of big chains is paramount. We hope that our family can continue to live in an area that fosters a strong sense of community and pride in retaining local roots and heritage.

01:50:47 Barbara Pearn: Preserve what is there for the future generations.

01:50:47 Sue Smart: Agree 'quality of life' means something different to different people

01:52:20 Emmett Ferguson: Sustainable Development: doing things as if we are responsible to all past, present and future generations

01:52:22 Kirsten Mogg: Sustainable development considers the "commons" inclusive of natural, built, human and history

01:52:32 Allan Avis: Actions that can continue through time - do no harm and correct past errors

01:52:45 Tasha Stephenson: Sustainable Development = Not foreclosing future options; ie. nothing that can't be naturally reversed

01:53:06 Barbara Pearn: Do not cause species to go extinct

01:53:17 Nancy Matthews: passive recreation is inexpensive

01:55:42 Jeanette Walter: not trying to make every place a replica of another, if you want facilities offered in a bigger centre, move to that area. Don't try to develop every place to offer all facilities, that just destroys small places.

01:56:36 Gill Longden: Agree Tom

01:56:46 Erica Ferguson: I agree Jeanette

01:57:48 Jon Game: It is an issue that you should be addressing

01:57:55 Janine McGowan: What about the demand for water any new developments at Talisman would cause?

01:58:00 Jon Game: We need to discuss this  
01:58:30 Emmett Ferguson: Agreed, Bob  
01:58:44 David Clarke: and when are they opening Eugenia Falls  
01:58:55 Janine McGowan: I collect garbage at least twice a month along Lower Valley road...it's depressing  
01:59:00 Jon Game: It seems like we are avoiding the discussion around Talisman?  
01:59:03 Jon Game: Why is that?  
01:59:51 Jeanette Walter: Yes we do need to discuss Talisman...this is a critical piece where the municipality can become visionary and a leader in rural communities.  
02:00:35 Erica Ferguson: Talisman is not included as a "Point of Interest"....?  
02:00:45 Tasha Stephenson: Excellent observation, Nancy!  
02:00:45 Emmett Ferguson: Yeah - the talisman example is important because it is the biggest municipal opportunity to do something good because the municipality 'became' the owner  
02:01:23 Barbara Elliott Black: agree Janine  
02:01:55 David Clarke: On your map missing Webwood Falls Nature Reserve  
02:02:05 Jeanette Walter: We are happy to capitalize on our natural environment but not to leap up and protect it....I am referring to Talisman.  
02:02:51 Nancy Matthews: Air BNB is a big issue at Lake Eugenia as well  
02:02:55 Barbara Pearn: The municipality should provide more information to the public about Talisman.  
02:02:58 Sue Smart: the future of the talisman, despite being partially private property, sets the tone (and future trajectory) for the entire region and the community should have seats at the table in discussion of its fate  
02:03:13 Janine McGowan: houses sit empty at Eugenia for more than half the time  
02:03:58 Gill Longden: I agree with your comment Sue Smart  
02:04:44 David Clarke: Not sure if anyone remembers but Bill Minis did a similar (smaller) consultation with local residents when he first bought the property from Jake.  
02:04:56 Jeanette Walter: All over the area Janine. It's a travesty and certainly doesn't indicate a housing shortage!!  
02:05:37 Barbara Elliott Black: I will echo Tom Vincent's comment with respect to Talisman - my thought is that there would be more discussion about the future of this property  
02:06:32 Joan Merriam: Shame Talisman future plan was totally avoided  
02:06:49 Jeanette Walter: So when will the community have a chance to input on the Talisman property?  
02:07:05 Janine McGowan: Have the other sessions asked this much about Talisman?  
02:07:21 Nancy Matthews: a poorly designed housing development on the former talisman would be an ecological disaster and destroy the whole unique scenic quality of the valley  
02:08:05 Nancy Matthews: the indigenous peoples in Owen Sound objected to granting land grants in Kimberley  
02:08:06 Jon Game: Great point re: Indigenous people  
02:08:33 Jon Game: I think everyone needs to be engaged.  
02:08:52 Gill Longden: And Talisman is designated as recreational and not for development!  
02:09:58 Jeanette Walter: October is the date on the Joint Venture Agreement coming to an end. Planning Partnership report will be done by early summer. That is not much time to talk about Talisman.....  
02:10:19 Kirsten Mogg: I hope this exercise in creating "cover" for the elected officials  
02:10:21 David Clarke: How many people have signed up across all your groups  
02:10:28 Emmett Ferguson: We want to keep Talisman and restore it as part of the commons. Please don't sell it to the highest bidder.  
02:11:18 Erica Ferguson: Agreed. Keep Talisman. Don't sell it to the highest bidder.  
02:11:28 Kirsten Mogg: I meant 'not an exercise'  
02:11:42 Jon Game: I think we need a session like this specifically focused on Talisman  
02:11:52 Jeanette Walter: So much pressure on trails, many of which on private land, why would selling it off even be on the table??  
02:12:09 Gill Longden: How about Talisman becomes a park with the hotel being an information centre.  
02:12:28 Jeanette Walter: Yes Gill!  
02:12:44 Mary Ferguson: The Talisman properties provide an excellent opportunity to do something amazing and specialized that addresses a lot of the concerns that we have - climate change, nature, wildlife corridors and some other uses. We can do something wonderful together.  
02:13:06 Nancy Matthews: with Dave Clarke

02:13:14 Katherine Carson: I agree Jon Game, I was under the impression that they were thinking of developing with housing not just tourism

02:13:19 Emmett Ferguson: Vision for Corridor and Talisman decision are and should be inextricably linked ...

02:13:25 Jeanette Walter: 100% Mary!

02:13:26 Nancy Matthews: also curious about the total number of participants

02:14:17 Tasha Stephenson: Talisman seems to be a keystone to the Valley; that can be SO useful, but can be used either way...

02:14:35 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Nancy, about 50 on this session, 60 previous and about the same for the first one this morning

02:14:49 Janine McGowan: not to be shady, but a golf course at Talisman isn't needed. Golf courses are ecological deserts

02:15:16 Jeanette Walter: 100% Janine!

02:15:30 Nikki May: Agree with Janine

02:15:32 Erica Ferguson: Agreed. There are plenty of golf courses elsewhere

02:15:45 David Clarke: Awesome turn out - thank you everyone !!

02:16:01 Jeanette Walter: Our environment should not be at the mercy of our entertainment whims!

02:16:19 Kirsten Mogg: Transparency is critical in this process

02:16:20 Katherine Carson: Agree .....the pesticides and herbicides destroy the water