

00:16:01 Wendy Macdonald: Wil all comments sent in the text box be saved recorded and used for MGH's decision making?

00:16:37 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Yes, everything will be recorded, and available after all the sessions.

00:19:44 Stephanie Warner: what about Wodehouse?

00:21:12 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Thanks for pointing that out Stephanie, Wodehouse now noted.

00:21:21 Wendy Macdonald: What future community engagement activities are planned prior to any decision making?

00:22:19 Wendy Macdonald: Of the 11,000 hectares what percentage is privately owned?

00:23:47 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Wendy, these questions will be taken back to the Municipality, thank you for posing them.

00:28:54 Wendy Macdonald: Do you have a list of endangered and at risk species (flora fauna and geological)?

00:29:15 Wendy Macdonald: Are bike lanes being considered or allowed along Grey Road 13?

00:33:15 Wendy Macdonald: Attainable community housing would seem to be at odds with extensive environmentally lands in this small area.

00:33:42 Jeffery Hanning: Multi generational not living there presently (to mess with your stats!)

00:36:01 Oriana Vaccarino: The trails are amazing, over the years we've gotten more infrastructure such as stores/restaurants. Certainly this has come with more people hearing about the region and coming here. With COVID a lot of biking, hiking, snowshoeing and skiing going on.

00:36:01 Michele Chaban: Recreation is way up with Covid.....and of course it is because the area is so beautiful . We welcome visitors but it will wear and tear on the land on he species. It is so important to protect the fragile environment and educate visitors about the unique biosphere

00:37:02 Wendy Macdonald: There is a strong artistic community in this area. Has a list of this studios and artists been addressed?

00:37:42 Lori Shilvock: lack of sense of community.

00:38:14 Gary Gingras: Prior to Covid, the trends have not changed in Grey Highlands for many years. In my opinion, there will be a difference after Covid, but it will not be a significant change from 5 years ago.

00:40:02 Annie Bowes: it doesn't help that young bloggers from Toronto are writing about Old Baldy and the Beaver River. I've seen so many people who live with their driveways on the Bruce Trail have been trapped in (driveways blocked) by people parking and having no regard for other peoples space/property etc.

00:41:56 SHEILA VINCENT: Ya what she said

00:43:40 Stephanie Warner: 100% we don't want to be Collingwood

00:44:36 Peter Chaban: Quiet and beauty are the key qualities here in the Valley. If they disappear, then so does the magic of the Beaver Valley.

00:45:40 Wendy Macdonald: Young families are struggling to purchase in the Kimberley area but those who have managed through multi tasking job opportunity have started young families as shown in the increase in family membership in the local community associations.

00:47:43 Christine Ostermeier: And to reiterate Annie's comments, all three of my children have had to move away because of the lack of rentals and expense of buying real estate.

00:48:59 Wendy Macdonald: People who can afford to buy here are generally from the GTA. As these people buy, the rural landscape and land use will change affecting the local farming community. How do we address this dichotomy?

00:49:05 Peter Chaban: promote the Valley as a tourist destination that is eco-sensitive.

00:50:29 Janet Straker: We have purchased land by the ski club and are set to build our permanent residence in the next year. We purchased in the BV area because of the environment and would want to make sure tourism is kept to a minimum. We do not want BV to turn into Blue Mountain.

00:50:31 Gary Gingras: owners usually have a very different outlook than visitors

00:51:06 Wendy Macdonald: Answer may lie in an eco lodge on the Talisman lands where tourist needs can be better met with education and respect for the environment.

00:51:47 Annie Bowes: Even the locals that want to purchase property - in order to make sure it doesn't become an Airbnb, (so that it doesn't become a valley of houses sitting empty) have to beat out the others in bidding wars. And then they need to rent it for a higher price as they've spent more money purchasing the land. And then it becomes way out of budget for locals, and people wanting to live and work in the area.

00:52:02 Peter Chaban: Think of Big Sur Park in California. Beautiful, open to all, but First protected

from excessive exploitation. The Park is more important than \$\$.

00:54:34 Cindy House: I've also heard another resident in the Amik subdivision speak of promotion of a "Dark Sky Preserve", which could provide a certain amount of environmental protection yet would be in keeping with "eco-tourism".

01:00:37 Annie Bowes: I agree Gary, I think a lot of people have bought places up in Grey Highlands in the past year, working from home and not having any of the things available to them that kept them in the city- but might not actually be up to living in a rural area once things go back to normal.

01:02:28 Heather McGee: I disagree - I think this is the new norm. Everything has been getting busier over the last several years. Now that it has been discovered it will continue to be this busy.

01:03:06 Gary Gingras: Totally agree John,

01:03:13 Wendy Macdonald: Grey Road 13 has always been a link for truck traffic down through several of the small communities to Grey Road 40 and Highway 26. Has consideration been given to an alternate truck route to bypass the small communities?

01:03:27 Michele Chaban: Agree with John

01:03:33 Christine Ostermeier: I agree with Heather. The explosion of development along the shore of Georgian Bay will keep the traffic coming.

01:03:37 Gary Gingras: we pick up many alcohol containers along 8th concession and 35th sideroad daily

01:04:17 Jeffery Hanning: Trends - greater intensification of activity and use - which is a good thing.

01:04:48 Peter Chaban: Agree with John. A \$1000 littering fine would stop that problem and make some money for the municipality.

01:05:14 Gary Gingras: it would need to be enforced and that does not happen in GH

01:06:58 Traci Elliott: Apple Pie Trail ties nicely in with a similar initiative in Stratford ON, they do a chocolate and a bacon one I think. A great idea :) promotes local businesses... tourism and educates local producers. :)

01:07:55 Traci Elliott: community. Great idea - tourism is the community inviting others to their area so I agree if you don't involve the community - you run the risk of isolating the community :)

01:10:41 Wendy Macdonald: An active community centre, hall, library and association connection in conjunction with a strong information and culture centre would go a long way to enhance community building.

01:13:54 Traci Elliott: I love that the valley is so alive and vibrant and willing to talk about new ideas and what would it look like to balance community with tourism. I lived in the valley back in Talisman days so I am interested in the vibrancy of this valley. I enjoyed my time there and always enjoy biking through now that I am not a resident. The energy on this call is so great. Open minds and responsible hearts. :)

01:17:23 Wendy Macdonald: Educational opportunities offered by local businesses (beekeeping, native plants, foraging, herbalists) should be supported through municipal involvement to encourage their growth.

01:17:58 Christine Ostermeier: I think it's important to keep in mind the role that the valley has in the municipality as a whole. It often feels that the valley is a separate entity. Tourism that isolates the valley amplifies that perception. Agri-tourism could incorporate the interests of the entire municipality.

01:19:18 Heather McGee: There's such rich indigenous history in the valley and nothing to educate people about this history. This is a huge missing piece in our community.

01:25:10 Wendy Macdonald: Engaging the indigenous community in workshops and educational sessions was beginning prior to COVID at our community hall and hopefully these will continue as COVID restrictions are eased. These connections continue to grow within the community members.

01:28:44 Mat: It's been great to have new regulation around rentals to prevent party houses. Neither owners nor locals want their home trashed. I believe this will go a long way toward correcting the errors of past rental challenges.

01:28:45 Michele Chaban: So agree about the Indigenous hx

01:29:50 James and Margaret Parkin: I perceive a relationship with the Collingwood area. There are some shopping opportunities there and services that we occasionally use along with other ski clubs and golf. I am glad we are not Collingwood but also appreciate it being nearby.

01:30:40 Wendy Macdonald: Grey Roots and South Grey Museum are keen to educate the public on the indigenous influence on the Beaver Valley corridor and hopefully that can be developed more fully through a cultural and information centre.

01:31:22 Stephanie Warner: Will we be getting to Talisman and its very specific profile? If not

when will that session be held?

01:32:37 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: These sessions are high level, broad overview for the entire corridor; not specific to Talisman

01:33:48 Gary Gingras: These sessions were promoted as being related to Talisman

01:34:27 Stephanie Warner: Unsure why I thought this would be about Talisman as I believe that is phase 1. How do we discuss that? When will that consultation take place?

01:34:41 Heather McGee: ^ Yes they were.. I guess the municipality sent out the wrong impressions

01:35:36 Heather McGee: "Grey Highlands seeks community input on future of Beaver Valley and Talisman Resort"

01:35:39 John Scott: yes

01:36:05 SHEILA VINCENT: Yup exactly

01:36:17 Traci Elliott: I think in terms of "day trips" with its dining, hiking and wine, produce (apples etc), the Beaver Valley aligns with the type of visitor that might frequent Manitoulin, Muskoka and Niagara. In that spirit, you can attract a type of visitor depending on how you advertise and also at the grassroots ..how you greet them and educate them about the place they are visiting. Even people who are "not the type you want" can be educated to treat an area with respect (required supervision and fading of this supervision over time..but its possible) :)

01:36:20 Chris Reid: Indeed. Very interesting discussion but not direct to private-public property of greatest interest here in Talisman.

01:36:25 Gary Gingras: Bait & Switch

01:36:26 John Scott: I have a view too on that. Love to explore eco tourism, sustainable tourism more

01:36:28 Stephanie Warner: While this is helpful in a very global sense it is no way helpful for planning for Talisman because of its very unique character and specific to the greater Beaver Valley.

01:36:36 Cindy House: There is certainly a connection to Georgian Bay, Lake Huron and the Bruce Peninsula in a number of ways. As seasonal residents in the Amik subdivision, we do rely on the commercial & recreational offerings in Collingwood, Thornbury, Meaford, Owen Sound, etc.

01:38:05 Christine Ostermeier: I think it still relates to the Talisman property as we are all saying in our own way that we don't want to see the land turned into a housing development. I got the impression from council meetings that it is being considered.

01:38:16 James and Margaret Parkin: Appalachian Mountain Club lodges in New Hampshire is a type of eco lodge you might look to for examples

01:38:32 Corey Wells: Yes, great example James

01:38:37 Jeffery Hanning: Useful to study other natural areas which have become a victim of their own success. In my own experience, The island of Skye should be considered as an example. Hiking is a very common connection to the Beaver Valley.

01:39:25 John Scott: 1440 Multiversity, south of San Francisco I know about. High priority in sustainability. wellness, in Scotts Valley, was unused property, invested in eco friendly, planet friendly, living well centre ... love to chat further about this.

01:40:48 Stephanie Warner: Will someone from the Municipality or your firm be following up with answers to questions that aren't addressed? For example timing of the other consultations and "visioning" Talisman

01:40:49 John Scott: custodian of nature

01:40:55 John Scott: sustainable

01:41:38 John Scott: say again where?

01:43:49 Gary Gingras: sustasustainable growth

01:43:58 Jarrett Woodhouse: outdoor, sustainable, economy growing recreation

01:44:25 John Scott: community

01:44:33 Gary Gingras: beneficial to residents

01:44:49 Mat: Local food, mom and pop shoppes, no chains

01:47:44 Andrew Thorpe: environmental education

01:48:17 Mat: Can we surround the lagoons with natural vegetation / trees so they are not as loud and as unsightly?

01:51:22 Jeffery Hanning: Better internet infrastructure to improve work force issues. Attract better and higher paying jobs for all. More full time residents who would embrace ownership of the environmental amenities in the Valley.

01:51:25 Mat: Yes, 9 hole local golf

01:52:19 Jarrett Woodhouse: For the record, I would like to see a golf facility brought back to life at Talisman.

01:52:38 Traci Elliott: xc mtn biking at talisman coupled with outdoor educational / hiking .. art and local history / culture..kind of a cool angle :)

01:52:51 Lori Shilvock: Great learn to golf course family, community, kids lessons.

01:53:31 Heather McGee: Definitely lacking mountain biking trails in the valley.

01:54:47 Mat: Yoga with views

01:55:08 Eimear Duggan: Absolutely. Wellness has been the "hot topic" at luxury travel shows worldwide over the last number of years. Well said John.

01:55:30 Jarrett Woodhouse: I'm sure a business or the municipality could operate the Talisman facility and run a Golf/Mnt Biking/hiking/snowshoeing/etc that would be profitable and environmentally sustainable

01:55:43 Traci Elliott: you can advertise that you are inviting people to you place...with that invitation comes responsibility - that can be made very clear. I think people would respond to the spirit of an invitation with a responsibility with that visit. :)

01:56:16 Mat: Lovely thought, Traci

01:56:37 Martha Rogers: Right on John

01:56:58 Peter Chaban: anyone thought of having Talisman convert into a school? Possibly training in agriculture, art school, wellness etc. possibly an extension of a university or college.

01:57:08 Gary Gingras: Any government entity should not operate a commercial venture. Grey Highlands has less than 5000 residences, we cannot afford to pay for a municipal venture of the scale of Talisman

01:58:09 Martha Rogers: The Kimberley Safety Group has used a "healthy communities" framework. Great values and objectives to strive for.

01:58:44 Heather McGee: Kimbercote Elephant thoughts is a great nature school similar to what John was referring to

01:59:29 Jarrett Woodhouse: Gary, if the commercial venture is self sufficient it would not need to be funded by its residents.

01:59:55 Chris Reid: Well said Stephanie.

02:00:29 Gary Gingras: correct Jarrett...make sure council and staff knows this.

02:01:28 Jarrett Woodhouse: Agreed, self sufficiency of the venture would definitely be a priority

02:02:24 Traci Elliott: I hadn't thought of that angle (affordable housing) or housing of any sort. I'd prefer to see the Talisman site used to support community needs or wants as well as to support environmentally responsible tourism/visitors. // Interesting hut to hut system - perhaps more of a sure thing in summer - winters seem to be hit and miss re: snow. but leave no trace hiking and hut use might be doable...could it be a joint venture between municipality and landowners? (is this a wild idea? obviously details exist with parameters that I don't have) :)

02:05:04 Janice Mackinnon: agreed but there is already a massive amount of conservation land

02:05:05 Traci Elliott: there is the concept of critical mass everywhere - in terms of "visitor" population. As an aside, I lived in Banff for many years and now they are experiencing a critical mass - Calgary is bigger (and growing) and everyone uses cars...their infrastructure was based in cars. They are now having to pivot and look at transportation options. I wonder if we make the tourism model based on cars and driving, will we be able to pivot when the critical mass occurs? :) I don't have an answer to this but I believe its worth thinking about :)

02:06:09 Heather McGee: Does anyone know who owns Old Smoky ? It was part of Talisman at one point

02:07:21 Stephanie Warner: Ecotourism cannot exist without the Eco. If any privately owned resort is to be attracted and succeed we must protect and preserve the remaining green spaces in order for anyone to want to open that kind of business.

02:07:27 SHEILA VINCENT: Old Smokey is privately owned

02:08:01 SHEILA VINCENT: There will be no development done on Old Smokey

02:09:45 Eimear Duggan: On the eco-lodges idea - I thought I would share this for fun - by the School of Sustainability in Italy - maybe check out the video after the call <https://www.3dwasp.com/en/3d-printed-house-tecla/>

02:11:15 Christine Ostermeier: Is there an option where we don't encourage or expand tourism?

02:11:36 Gary Gingras: there should be.

02:12:14 Jarrett Woodhouse: Expanded tourism will naturally occur as surrounding communities and surrounding communities tourism levels grow

02:12:19 Janice Mackinnon: this caller, best comment ever

02:13:17 Jarrett Woodhouse: As "young" residents of the area we would love to see more recreational opportunities come forward.

02:14:06 John Scott:Talisman idea - converting lifts to take mountain bikes to the top for paid mountain bike access.

02:14:28 Gary Gingras: 3Million for new lifts

02:14:34 Oriana Vaccarino: Love this idea!!!!

02:14:42 Oriana Vaccarino: Truly a wonderful idea!

02:15:04 Stephanie Warner: Sorry but I haven't seen an answer to when Talisman will be discussed and how we will receive follow up on questions that were not answered at this session

02:15:25 SHEILA VINCENT: Minimum 3mil for lifts. All towers and lifts would need to be replaced

02:15:45 Oriana Vaccarino: Great to think of ecotourism in that way for people and kids who normally wouldn't have access to nature in this way for them to connect to it. Also love the idea for hiking and skiing without lifts for Talisman.

02:16:31 Wai Ying Di Giorgio: Follow up questions, and responses, will be posted to the Municipality's website

02:16:32 John Scott:IF people are brought in for day trips or overnight, like kids nature education and adults etc .. pitch CANAR or Greyhound to have a route to Talisman. To minimize cars.

02:17:01 Stephanie Warner: Those were the most leading answers. What exactly is meant by "sustainable development"? What about conservation and protection?

02:18:10 Heather McGee: Forbes magazine published an article that biking has increased 100-500% across various states. The same is happening here. There is a huge demand for more trail systems for mountain biking. Biking is one of the fastest growing sports in Canada. This is a perfect opportunity to create more mtn bike trail systems in the beaver valley. Talisman resort also has the potential to build mtn bike trails with minimal environmental impact that can add onto the Kimberly forest trail systems. This could be part of a great eco tourism/recreational facility that talisman could become... Ontario is screaming for more bike trails!

02:19:11 James and Margaret Parkin: important to have a healthy business environment in Flesherton - abuts this study area but is key access point / gateway to the valley

02:19:11 Gary Gingras: Agree Heather, But do you think the residents of GH should foot the bill for these trails?

02:19:58 Heather McGee: No! It could be a membership or some sort of payment for trail use.

02:21:06 Jeffery Hanning: Question 4 planning and economic development. The words planning and development likely bad buzz words for many people. Sustainable a good buzz word. Tourism a bad buzz word. Recreation a good buzz word.

02:21:14 Heather McGee: Simcoe county has an association that members pay into to use trails in county forests. This covers liability and maintenance of trails. Check out SCMBA

02:21:15 Gary Gingras: When will the Municipality ask us specifically about Talisman?

02:22:44 Gary Gingras: Jane,It is the only developable property in the corridor

02:23:18 SHEILA VINCENT: But when it comes to what the municipality actually owns is Talisman not the largest owned area?

02:23:44 Wendy Macdonald: I was able to save this chat but will other workshop chats be available?

02:23:57 SHEILA VINCENT: And the largest area available to change, not change or develop?

02:25:38 John Scott:to me sustainable development means: social and environmental sustainability. Prioritize the minimal disruption to nature while sensible development.

02:26:02 Heather McGee: Low impact environmental recreation (mountain biking, hiking, Nordic skiing, etc.)

02:27:04 Wendy Macdonald: very good facilitation thank you

02:27:06 Michele Chaban: Yes to low impact recreation, sustain nature , the beauty of the valley

02:27:12 John Scott:Thanks all !! Be well.