

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP?

A Neighbourhood Plan is most useful when it *clearly promotes the vision* of the residents of the community which it serves. Staff does not create a Neighbourhood Plan in isolation, but with the involvement of members of the community who choose to serve on the **COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP**.



THE COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP:

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| -Is made up of members of the neighbourhood which the Plan represents |
| -Represents a broad range of community members, from residents to business owners, from public agencies to private developers |
| -Develops the VISION for the future of the Neighbourhood, which is articulated in the mapping and policy documents produced for the Neighbourhood Plan |
| -Is the voice of the greater community, speaks for the community when addressing Staff and Town Council on neighbourhood issues |
| -Takes stock of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the Neighbourhood |
| -Assists Staff in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, by bringing to their attention the key issues facing the Neighbourhood |

If you think you would be interested in assisting in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan by being a member of the Community Focus Group, please indicate this in the appropriate location on your comment sheet. Please keep in mind:

- The Group meets approximately 4-6 times over the course of the Plan process, about once a month**
- Meetings are usually held at Town Hall, and may be held during normal business hours at times**
- Be prepared to come with an open mind, and listen to diverse points of view**
- You will be representing the **community at large**, and will be a voice before Council for all residents and business owners of the community**
- All decisions are made by a majority vote, however there is every attempt made to obtain full consensus on issues**