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# Community Input

## *Community Input Survey Report*

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Aspotogan Heritage Trust (AHT), the Recreation Departments from the Municipality of the District of Chester (MDC) and Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), as well as Through the Years Daycare and Community Centre (TTY's), met in the spring of 2006. The purpose for this meeting was to discuss the need for gathering information about the supports and services currently offered in the region, as defined by the AHT boundaries. It was agreed that the residents in these communities should also have the opportunity to voice their opinions and offer information regarding what they would like to see take place in the region. The "Community Input" survey was created and distributed in May 2006 to all households in the communities with BOJ 1T0, BOJ 1B0, and BOJ 1C0 postal codes.

The "Community Input" survey consisting of 18 questions, was mailed to 1625 households, representing communities in both municipalities. The response rate was 18% (295 returns).

The results of the survey answered four main questions:

- What are people currently doing?
- If they are not doing anything, what is the reason for their lack of participation?
- What would people like to do that is not currently being offered?
- Where would people like to have programming offered locally?

An analysis of the survey results can be found in the *Research Findings* and *Interpretation and Comment* sections of this report. The recommendations are outlined in the *Action Items* section and will, as appropriate, be used by the partners to develop further long and short-term initiatives.

Based on the results of the survey, the partners have agreed to move forward cooperatively. An agreement was made to initiate a recreation group, to work on youth-led initiatives, and to continue to meet regularly around partnership opportunities for programs in the region.

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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In November 2004, the Board of Directors of the Aspotogan Heritage Trust approved a series of recommendations which were outlined in the AHT "Steering Committee Report." The immediate priority identified within that report was to "increase support and resources for families in the AHT region, by supporting organizations that provide services to families."

In order to achieve the goals set out in the Steering Committee Report, the AHT created a one-year contract position for a Community Developer, beginning in January 2006. Part of the role of the Community Developer was to meet with various community groups about what they currently offered to the community and determine, if needed, how the AHT might assist them in their efforts.

The MDC Recreation and Parks Department and the Recreation Department of HRM were contacted as part of this process because both recreation departments are instrumental in providing affordable recreational opportunity to the residents in the AHT region. The other organization seen as key in the development of programming was the daycare facility (TTY). Although much of their programming is centred on the needs of children in the area, they are also mandated to provide a board range of community supports under their current by-laws and funding agreements.

Following individual discussions with each of these groups, it was determined that no one group was confident that they had a clear understanding of the boarder needs of the people living in the AHT region. Some organizations were experiencing situations where programs were being offered not knowing if there was an interest, or an individual or small group of people would suggest a program and only those people would register. Many programs need a minimum amount of participation to run. In addition, many of the programs were being offered in Chester or Tantallon, with only a small number of them taking place at TTY's or in Blandford at the Community Centre.

In an effort to ensure that programming was reflective of the needs of the residents in the area and was being delivered cost-effectively, more information from community members was required. A coordinated approach to gathering this information was critical to the success of this process. Partnering organizations, once identified, agreed to meet and discuss the possibility of conducting a community survey, and to work toward meeting the needs of the residents of the AHT region.

Although the mandate and catchment area of each organization identified for this partnership process was different, serving communities within the AHT boundaries was a common thread. All the organizations involved had completed some form of assessment; however, these were specific to their individuals needs. The recreation department of HRM had not conducted a recreation needs assessment in this area for many years. MDC had distributed a random needs

assessment throughout the entire Municipality of Chester in 2003. TTY's had only conducted a needs assessment as part of a feasibility study early in their development process, and had not done any subsequent follow-up with the community since that time. The AHT had conducted a number of face-to-face interviews with community groups and had held a series of focus group meetings as part of the work for the steering committee initiative, but they had not conducted a full community survey.

A meeting was held on January 30, 2006. Those present at the meeting were:  
Trudy Payne - Director of Recreation & Parks, MDC  
Chad Haughn - Community School Coordinator, MDC  
Eric Harding - Blandford Community Coordinator, MDC  
Phillip Hammond - Recreation Programmer, HRM  
Mary Ellen Shatford - Director, TTY's (for Debbie Voegel, Community Centre Coordinator)  
Suzanne Brown - Community Developer, AHT

As a means of updating everyone in attendance, and creating an overall increase in awareness, each group discussed the programs they were currently offering and where they were being held. The discussion then moved to determining the best way to gather regional information while addressing the individual needs of each group. It was agreed that a community survey was an effective way to gather many pieces of information simultaneously. Prior to this meeting, Trudy Payne had spoken to Doug Branscomb, her counterpart in HRM, and she indicated that both municipal recreation departments were willing to allocate staff time and resources to this project.

The idea of hiring an independent consultant was explored but AHT felt that the Community Developer was hired for this purpose and offered to conduct the community survey "in house." It was agreed that the recreation departments would share a portion of the administrative costs for the distribution of the surveys. TTY's was not able to contribute financially to the costs associated with the project.

The survey was designed to gain feedback on four basic questions:

- What are people currently doing?
- If they are not doing anything, what is the reason for their lack of participation?
- What would people like to do that is not currently being offered?
- Where would people like to have programming offered locally?

Distribution of the community survey took place in May of 2006, with returns to be made by June 16, 2006.

### *Purpose of the Survey*

The purpose of the survey was to gather information and feedback from the residents of the AHT region. The survey was broken down into four categories:

1. Activities/events/programs
2. Community-based transportation
3. Leadership/skills/supports
4. New multipurpose facility

Although all the data was significant and together the results created a more complete picture of the region, each partner group had a specific purpose for participating. For the MDC recreation department, the purpose was to gather information for program development, activity needs, current program participation, and for a community-based transportation pilot project. For the HRM recreation department, the purpose was to gather information for program development, activity and program needs, and the current level of participation in programs. TTY's purpose was to be aware of the needs for programming as well as any pertinent needs in the area of childcare. The purpose for the AHT was to gather information for regional program development and for future projects such as community-based transportation and possibly a new multipurpose facility.

### *Methodology*

The survey was mailed to residents in the form of a package which included the survey, a postage paid return envelope, a ballot to be entered into a cash prize draw if returned by the specified date, an envelope for the ballot to maintain confidentiality, and an instruction sheet.

Part of the strategy to encourage community participation in the survey process was to offer an incentive for residents to return their surveys. This incentive consisted of five cash prizes – one \$100 and four \$25 prizes. Residents were asked to return their surveys by a certain date so that their ballot (which was included in the mail out survey) could be entered into the prize draw.

When ballots were returned in their sealed envelopes, they were placed in the prize box and not opened until the prizes were drawn. Once the ballot envelopes were opened, they were sorted to generate a list of people who had checked the boxes indicating their desire to be contacted as a potential leader and/or who had an interest in serving on a regional recreation association. These people were contacted and more information was provided in order to get a more detailed group for each category. This information will be used to create a database of potential leaders.

Residents were given a number of options for returning their survey. A postage-paid return envelope was included for anyone wishing to return them by mail. Nine drop boxes were placed throughout the AHT region in areas where community residents frequently gather. Locations included:

- AHT office
- Hubbards Save Easy
- Hubbards Pharmasave
- J.D. Shatford Memorial Library

- The Outback Restaurant
- Through the Years Daycare and Community Centre
- Ocean Swells Community Centre
- The Deck
- Ocean View Children's Centre

The survey was also promoted, prior to the June 15 return date at the local Farmer's Market on June 3, in the AHT newsletter, The Coast Line, and on the early morning CBC radio Party-liner program.

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## SURVEY RESULTS

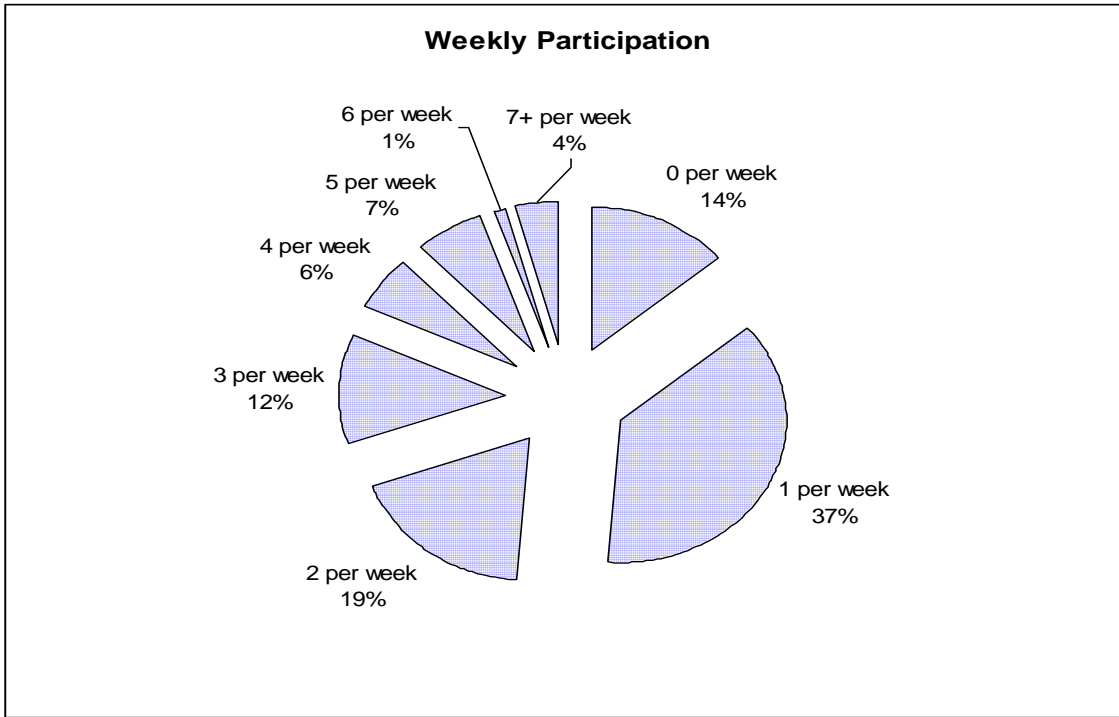
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This section will present the information collected through the community survey process. There were 1625 surveys distributed with 295 returned, representing an 18% rate of return. The information collected is presented under each of the four categories established for the purposes of the survey.

### A.            Activities/Events/Programs

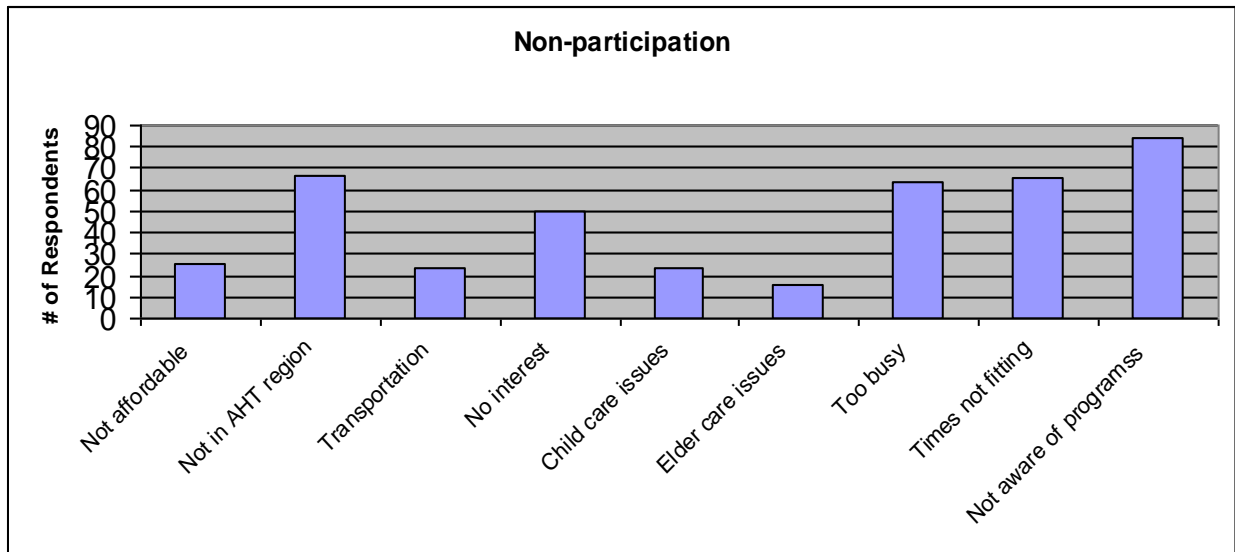
Residents participate in many activities, events, and programs both within and beyond the AHT region. The questions were designed to gain insight into how often people participated in activities/events/programs, what they were specifically involved in and where the activity was located. The survey also asked for feedback from residents who did not participate in activities. People were given the opportunity to make suggestions for new activities, events and programs that they would like to see offered in the AHT region.

**Figure 1** demonstrates the frequency of household participation in activities, events and programs on a weekly basis in response to the question: "On average, how many times per week do members of your household participate in ANY community based events or activities (ie. recreation programs, volunteering, suppers, committee meetings, lessons, physical activity events, etc.)?"



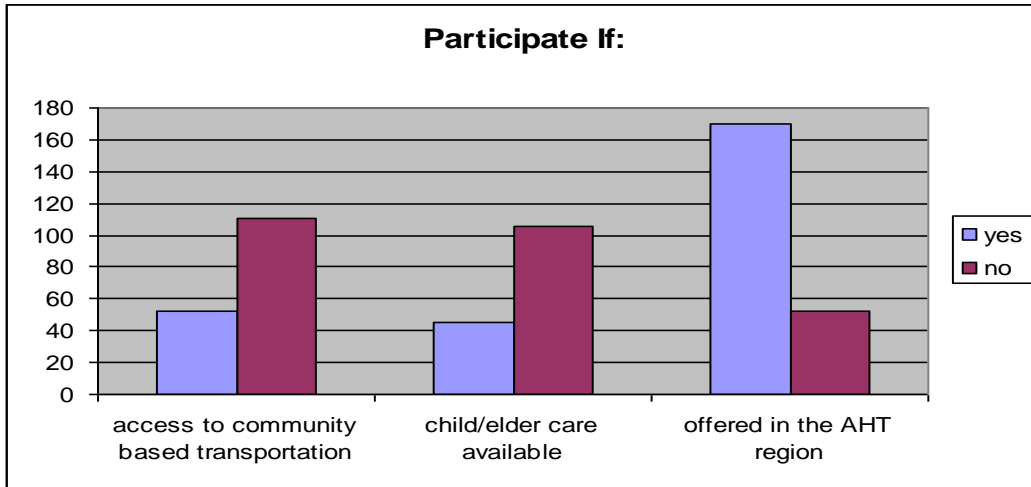
*Figure 1: Weekly Participation by residents in activities/events/programs*

Figure 2 categorizes the reasons people selected for not participating in an activity/event/program based on a series of options provided.



*Figure 2: Reasons for not participating in activities/events/programs*

**Figure 3** represents the results of residents being asked if they would participate in activities if they had access to support services or if programming was offered locally.



*Figure 3: Participation Opportunities*

**Figure 4** demonstrates the levels of interest for various programs that are not currently offered in the region, but might be of interest to residents if they were available. Selections were made from a list provided. There was also space available allowing residents to make suggestions for other programs not listed. This list can be viewed in Appendix A, page 10.

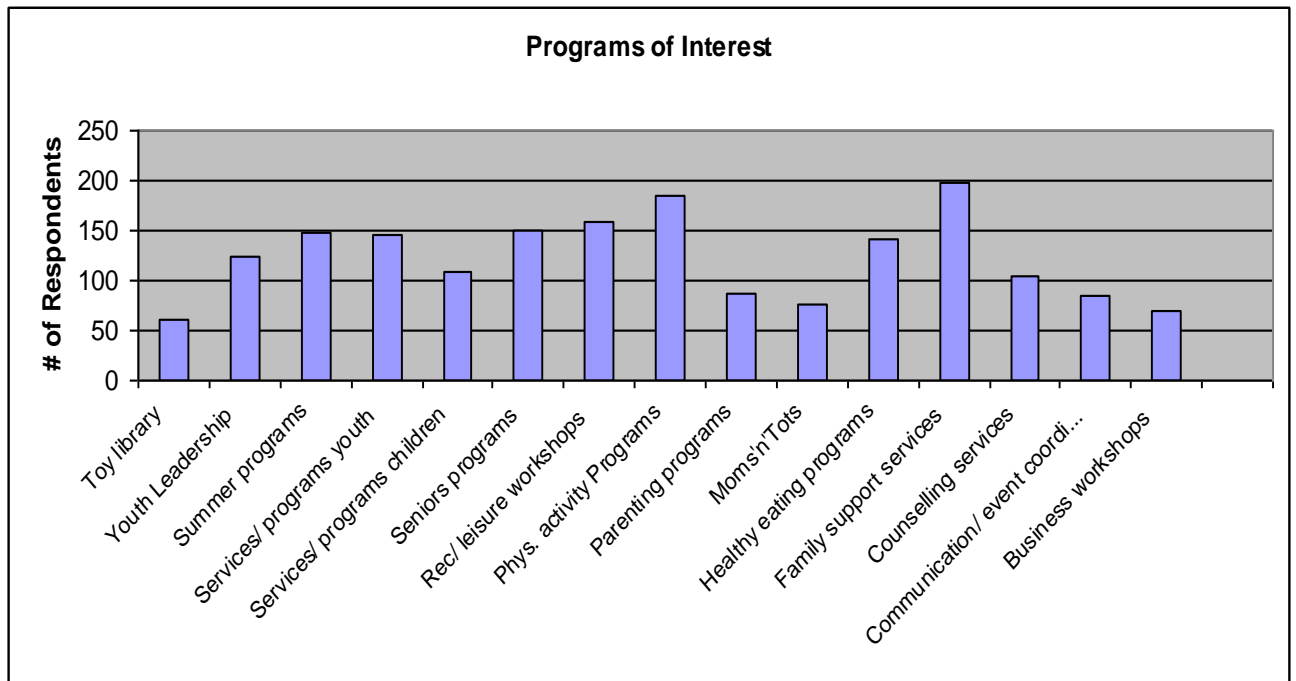


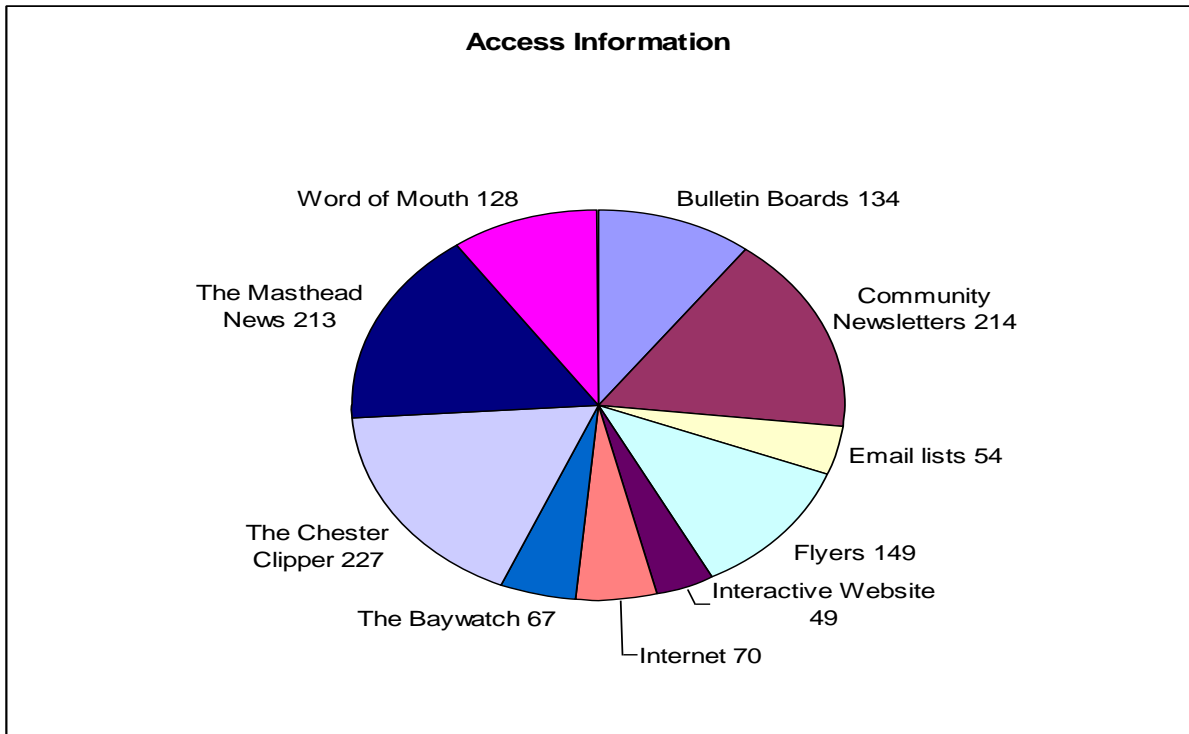
Figure 4: Support for programs

Figure 5 represents the suggested best times and best day(s) for events to occur for the various age categories. Participation levels in activities/events/programs are often influenced by the time and day they are offered.

<u>Infants</u> (0-2years)	morning weekdays	<u>Children</u> (6-11 years)	evening Saturday	<u>Adults</u> (19-64 years)	evening weekdays
<u>Preschoolers</u> ((3-5 years)	morning weekdays	<u>Youth</u> (12-18 years)	evening Saturday	<u>Seniors</u> ((65+ years)	afternoon weekdays

Figure 5: Best day and time for programs based on age category

**Figure 6** illustrates the preferred methods to access information about community events. These responses were selected from a list provided. The numbers represent the number of respondents for each.



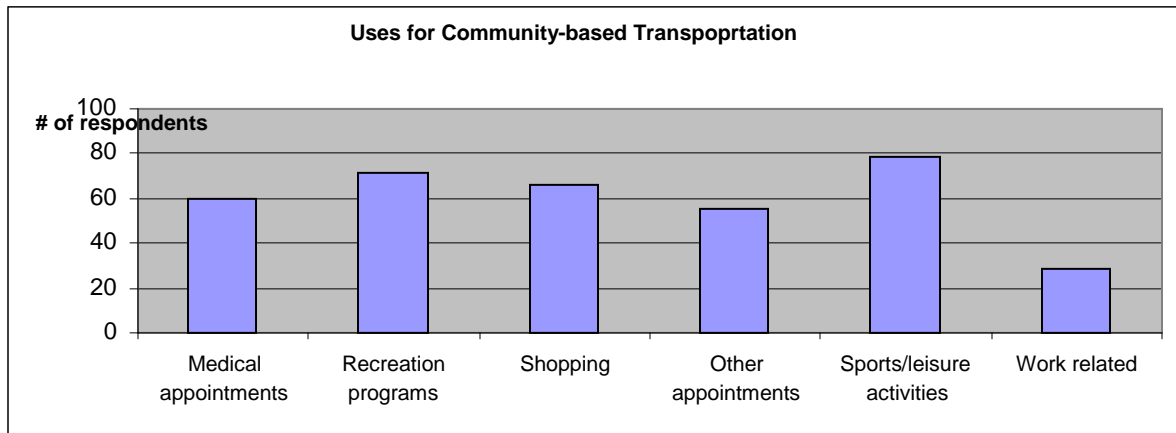
*Figure 6: Access information about community events*

## B.                      Community-based Transportation

Residents in the AHT region do not currently have access to community-based transportation. This was identified in previous surveys and focus groups as being a gap in service provision for the region.

When residents were asked if they would use community-based transportation, fifty percent of the respondents indicated yes and fifty percent indicated no. A number of different uses were identified by those who indicated that they would use the service.

**Figure 7** reflects the possible uses by residents of a community-based transportation system, if it were available to them.

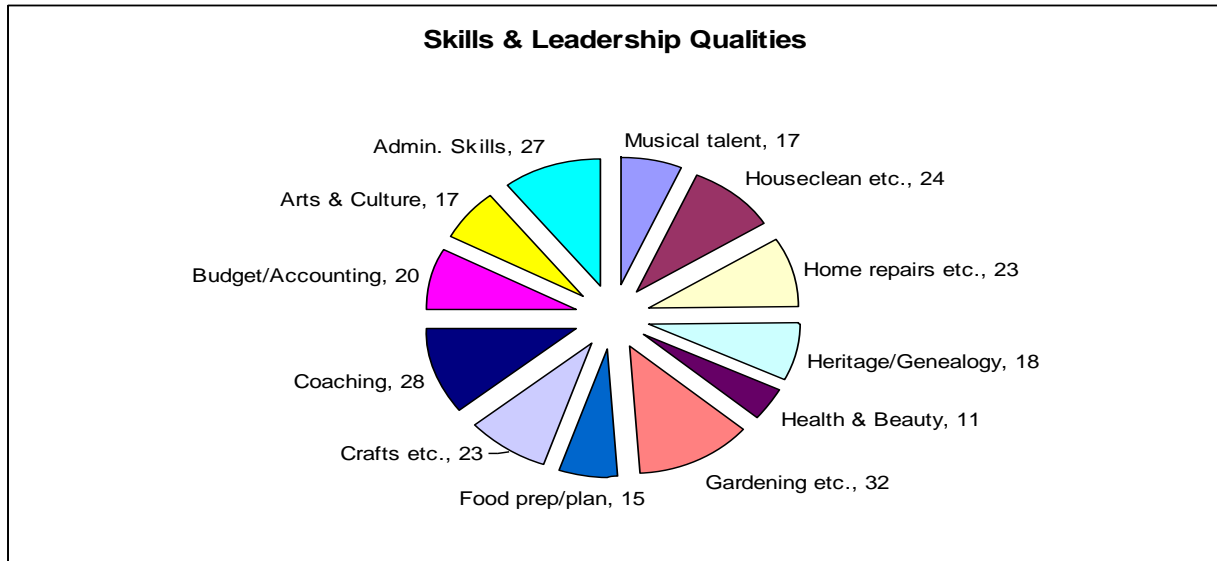


*Figure 7: Uses for community-based transportation*

### C. Skills, Leadership, and Supports

Respondents were given the opportunity to identify their skills from a list provided. If respondents were willing to offer assistance and saw themselves as a potential leader, they were asked to check the box “Potential leader – please contact me” on their prize ballots.

Figure 8 provides a summary of the skills and leadership qualities which were identified by individuals.



*Figure 8: Skills and Leadership qualities*

When asked if there was a need for a regional recreation association - to work in partnership with existing groups – 70% of the surveys (205/295) indicated support for this concept. Thirty-six residents indicated their interest in serving on such an association, if it were developed.

**Figure 9** illustrates the resources within the community where residents go when they are seeking support and looking for information about services. A list was provided for respondents to choose from as well as the opportunity to add something if not listed.

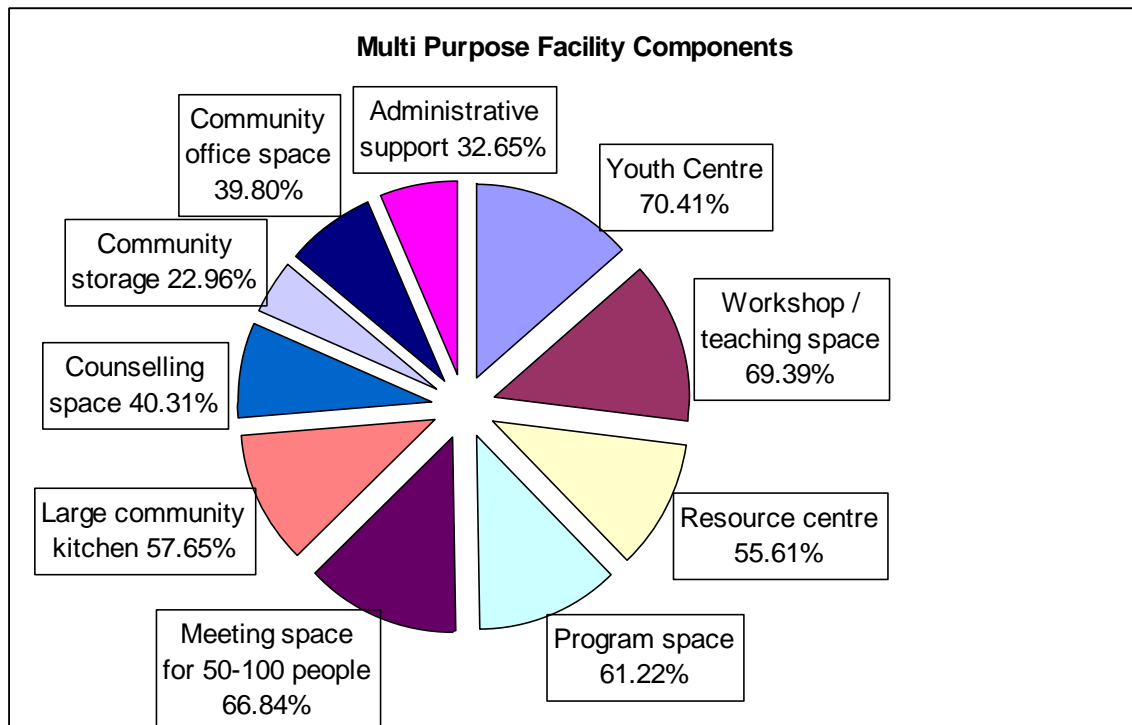
Community Centres	60	Medical professional	178
Daycares	22	Pharmacist	106
Family member/ friend	159	Phone Book (blue/yellow/white pgs)	182
Food Bank	14	Recreation Department	37
Government agency/service	127	Religious/Spiritual leader	48
Internet	145	Municipal Councillor(s)	45
Kids Help Phone/Youth Help Line	7	MLA Judy Streach	39
Library	101	MP Gerald Keddy	23
Schools	46	Job Depot/Visitor Information Ctr	79
VON / Be Well Connected	41	Aspotogan Heritage Trust	33

*Figure 9: Resources within the community*

### ***D. Multi-purpose Facility***

A section of the survey was designed to gauge the community's interest and feedback about the possibility of constructing a new multi-purpose facility in the AHT region. Respondents were asked a series of questions relating to current facilities, development possibilities, and future needs. Overall, the region was in support of a new facility (66%).

**Figure 10** provides a breakdown of the results, outlining what respondents felt were important considerations in a new facility, should it be developed.



**Figure 10:** Components needed in a multi-purpose facility

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## INTERPRETATION & COMMENT

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Information gathered through this survey process provided valuable data related to the AHT region and the opinions of its residents. This section will draw attention to each of the specific areas within the survey and provide general interpretation and comments on how the information may be used for future planning.

### *Activities/Events/Programs*

Out of 295 surveys returned, 209 indicated that residents are attending activities/events/programs on a weekly basis. This includes programs that are offered both year round and seasonally. Of those who indicated that they are not participating, the main reasons identified in the survey were: 1) unaware of the programs that are offered; 2) the activities/events/programs are not in the AHT region; and 3) the times do not fit their schedules.

The fact that many residents indicated that they were not aware of the programs may be a result of the way in which event materials are being distributed. Currently, residents in HRM do not receive the recreation brochure from MDC, which is sent out quarterly through the local newspaper, The Chester Clipper. Similarly, residents of MDC do not receive the brochure HRM prepares semi-annually and sends out through the mail. A joint distribution and communication strategy would help to address this issue and ensure that recreation opportunities in both municipalities are known to all the residents within the AHT region.

Most residents in the AHT region participate in events on a regular basis, both within and outside the region. The majority of participation outside of the region takes place in the communities of Chester and Tantallon. The current level of programming for the AHT area appears to be primarily carried out by volunteer groups like the Aspotogan Recreation Association and Ocean Swells, or through the Community Centre Coordinator at TTY's and Blandford. Based on the results of their 2003 survey, Chester Municipality has made a commitment to employ a part time coordinator for the region. Although it has been difficult to find long-term staffing for this position, work has begun to assist with community development of the region. This allows for the feasibility and sustainability of locations such as the Blandford Community Centre, to continue. The hope is that through this position, the pressure on volunteers to provide programming will be eased.

Having designated staff and resources available in the region will also help to create, and increase programming opportunities in local communities. AHT has made a commitment to support this concept and, with the support of the recreation departments of both municipalities, is looking for opportunities to sponsor community-led initiatives which will expand programming and resources for the region.

Through the survey, people provided input into potential areas of development which they were interested in pursuing. The top ten ideas were:

- Family support services
- Physical activity programs
- Recreation and leisure workshops
- Seniors programs
- Summer programs
- Services and programs for youth (age 12-18)
- Healthy eating programs
- Youth leadership
- Services and programs for children (age 5-11)
- Counselling services

The key to developing any programming is affordability. This idea was expressed repeatedly in the comment section. If it is affordable, it increases opportunities for more people to participate – inclusive, not exclusive.

The number of suggestions received about activities/events/programs that were already being offered in the region demonstrates the need for improving program promotion. This speaks to the need for more widespread communication methods and strategies. This may also raise a bigger issue however, about how people are feeling towards services being provided within their specific community. For many, going to Hubbards or Blandford is not as desirable as going to the same event if it were offered in Northwest Cove or Fox Point. The issue of program location will be always an issue to consider.

The time and day of programs has an effect on attendance. Knowing the target audience will be pivotal for developing successful programming. Knowing your audience will also assist in ensuring the location will work best for as many interested people as possible.

### *Community-based transportation*

Transportation continues to be among the top reasons why rural areas have limited access to services. When asked if they would use community-based transportation if it was available, there were an equal number of those who indicated they would (48%) and those who would not (48%) use the service. The recommendation would be to offer community-based transportation as a “pilot project” and determine the feasibility over a period of time. This could be a possible solution to address the “transportation issue” and increasing the involvement and participation by some residents. One factor that did become evident was that a number of households carpool to some, most, or all activities/events/programs (total of 31%).

### *Skills, Leadership, and Supports*

Gathering information from residents about their skills and leadership qualities was beneficial. There were a number of residents (38) who identified themselves as having a skill or leadership quality they were willing to share through programming

workshops. This information will be used to create a database of potential leaders to draw from as programs are developed. This database will be continuously updated and staff will seek input from the recreation departments.

Respondents were also given the opportunity to express their interest in having a regionalized recreation association to meet the needs of recreation/programming in the AHT area. This idea was discussed with existing groups prior to the survey distribution. All groups welcomed the initiative and were supportive. The idea was not to take over and dissolve the smaller groups but to work together and have a bigger voice. Seventy percent (70%) supported the idea of having a regional recreation association, which would be a partnership with existing organizations and both municipal recreation departments. Thirty six (36) respondents expressed their interest in becoming involved.

Residents were asked to identify the things that work well within the region and areas to be improved. Many of the things identified as working well in this region are community specific, such as Ocean Swells in Northwest Cove, while others are common and may be applied to the entire AHT region. An example of something that was identified by residents in all communities as something that works well was The Market at The Barn. Something that was identified by residents in all communities that needed improvement was to provide more options for youth. This information will be shared with community groups so that they are aware of what residents feel works well and use the information and suggestions for improvement to incorporate into their organizational action plans, if they wish.

Residents are using the phone book and medical professionals as their primary tools for finding resources. Family and friends also play a significant role. Medical professionals and the phone book may be seen as avenues to get to the correct professional support or advice. Family/friends are often seen as providing emotional support and assistance when needed. Discussions with medical professionals need to take place regularly so that all parties involved are aware of the opportunities available in the region – hence the need for a refined communication strategy.

Respondents identified print media as the best way to access information regarding community events. The Chester Clipper, Community Newsletters and The Masthead News topped the list for best ways to access information. The Chester Clipper is the communication avenue for the MDC recreation department program flyer distribution. Given the emphasis on print media by respondents, it may need to be an avenue for many organizations to explore when advertising and distributing information.

### **Multi-purpose Facility**

The survey revealed that there is overall community support for the development of a new multipurpose facility. There were however, geographic areas that were more supportive than others. From Birchy Head, around the Aspotogan Peninsula to East River (including the communities of Birchy Head, The Lodge, Northwest Cove, Southwest Cove, Aspotogan, Bayswater, Blandford, Deep Cove and East River), there was less support for the development of a new facility. In that area, 54 % did not feel there was a need for a new centre. From Black Point to Simms Settlement and from Hubbards to Mill Cove (including the communities of Black Point,

Queensland, Hubbards, Simms Settlement, Fox Point, and Mill Cove) there was substantial support for a new multipurpose centre, with 81% in support.

The lower rate of support from Blandford and the surrounding communities is not surprising as this region already has the Blandford Community Centre, Ocean Swells, East River Village Hall and East River Union Hall which are available to community groups and used regularly. Within these areas, the residents are looking for assistance in order to offer more affordable programming at their locations.

The higher rate of support from residents in the areas of Black Point to Sims Settlement and Hubbards to Fox Point, may be because there are fewer locations where programs can be offered. There are buildings and locations available that have been described as too big, too small, or not user-friendly.

If the idea of a multi-purpose centre was moved forward, the most requested component for the new facility was a youth centre. This was supported in a number of the written comments as well as the statistical data. Other recommended components of the site included having workshop/teaching space, meeting space for 50 people, program space, a large community kitchen, and a resource centre.

In general, it appears that residents are satisfied with what is taking place in the Aspotogan Heritage Trust region but acknowledge that there is room for growth, development, and new initiatives.

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## ACTION ITEMS

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The partners involved with the community survey have made the commitment to move forward in a cooperative effort. The committee will meet regularly to continue work on areas that were identified in the survey.

We now have a good understanding of what activities residents are participating in, some insight into why they are not involved or able to participate, what they would like to see offered or developed in the AHT region, and where they would like to have programs offered.

Based on the data received through the survey, and the interpretation by the partnering groups of this data, the following recommendations are put forward for consideration:

1. To design an effective form of community communication in partnership with both municipalities after exploring the options for information distribution
2. To lobby the MDC to continue to support a community coordinator for the Aspotogan peninsula
3. To request continued support from the AHT for the position of Community Development to assist community groups with support and resources

4. To lobby HRM Recreation to increase opportunities by expanding programs and resources in the area and at the Hubbards Recreation Centre
5. To encourage community groups to offer affordable programs
6. To assist community groups with the planning and promotion of their programs so that time and location of programs are suitable for the target audience
7. To compile and maintain an up to date leadership database in partnership with recreation departments and other community groups offering activities/events/programs
8. To support and promote the use of the community-based transportation system pilot project
9. To continue support for a regionalized recreation association
10. To develop communication with medical professionals in the area to provide up to date information on the availability of programs and resources in the region
11. To inform groups of the survey results – this will provide groups with the information about what works well and the suggestions for improvements to assist with action plans
12. To continue youth-led initiatives, allowing youth to have a voice and a safe place in the community
13. To continue to meet regularly as the survey committee to continue work on the recommendations

# Appendix

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# Community Input Survey Data and Written Responses

**Total responses: 295**

## 1. Where do you live?

Aspotogan	2	Deep Cove	6	Northwest Cove	7
Bayswater	9	East River	16	Queensland Sims	33
Birchy Head	7	Fox Point	29	Settlement	27
Black Point	16	Hubbards	85	Southwest Cove	3
Blandford	28	Mill Cove	21	The Lodge	3
Coleman's Cove		New Harbour		Other	3

### Age Group

Infants	18	Youth	73
Preschoolers	36	Adults	455
Children	49	Seniors	87

## 2. Participate in activities/events per week

1 per week	90	5 per week	16
2 per week	45	6 per week	3
3 per week	30	7+ per week	10
4 per week	15	0 per week	34

## 3. Participate in recreational programs/activities past 6 months?

Yes	161	No	91
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**If yes, please indicate what you do and where.**

### ***Bayswater:***

<u>Program/Activity/Course</u>	<u>Where</u>
Adopt-a-highway	Bayswater
Art Show	Blandford
Baby Group	Blandford
Board of Directors	Blandford Community Centre
Breakfasts & suppers	Blandford
Church	Bayswater, Blandford,
Community Blasts	Blandford
Elderwalks	Blandford
Fire Dept.	Blandford
Gardening	Bayswater
Golf	Chester
I.O.O.F. Lodge	Blandford
Mom & Tot	Chester
Music concert	Blandford
Music	Chester, Hubbards, Blandford, NW Cove, Lunenburg,
Walking	Bayswater

**Black Point:****Program/Activity/Course**

Baseball  
 Bowling  
 Church  
 Club activities  
 Collections  
 Crafts  
 Fish Plant  
 Golf  
 Hockey  
 Lacrosse  
 Music – adult concert  
 Music – rock/jazz bands  
 Physical activities  
 Walking  
 Yacht Club  
 Yoga

**Where**

Tantallon  
 Hubbards / Halifax  
 Ingramport  
 Fox Point Lion's Club  
 community  
 community  
 Hubbards  
 Halifax  
 Chester / Tantallon  
 St. Margaret's Bay  
 Halifax  
 Tantallon  
 Halifax  
 Rails to Trails  
 Hubbards  
 Tantallon / The Lodge

**Mill Cove:****Program/Activity/Course**

AHT AGM  
 Art shows  
 Baseball  
 Business Expo  
 Christmas Market  
 Exercise group  
 Guitar lessons  
 Gym Nights  
 HABA AGM  
 Hockey  
 Horseback riding  
 Hubbards Fire Dept.  
 Kayaking  
 Lacrosse  
 Ladies Gym  
 Market  
 Music  
 Running club  
 Skateboarding  
 Skating  
 Soccer  
 Swimming  
 Track & Field  
 Walking club  
 Walking  
 Walking/hiking  
 Yoga

**Where**

Hubbards  
 Blandford  
 Hubbards  
 Hubbards  
 Hubbards  
 Fox Point  
 Hubbards  
 ACES  
 Hubbards  
 Chester  
 Blandford  
 Hubbards  
 The Lodge  
 St. Margaret's Bay  
 Hubbards  
 Hubbards  
 Chester  
 Chester  
 Chester/Hubbards/Lunenburg  
 Tantallon/Chester  
 Chester  
 Halifax/ Sackville  
 Chester  
 Hubbards  
 Mill Cove/ Chester  
 The Lodge

**Queensland:****Program/Activity/Course**

AHT  
 ATVing

**Where**

Hubbards  
 NB/ St. Margaret's Bay

Auction	Shatford Memorial
Baseball	Hubbards/ St. Margaret's Bay
Basketball	Tantallon
Beaches	Queensland
Beavers	Hubbards
Biking/jogging	Rails to Trails
Bowling	Hubbards
Business Fair	Hubbards
Camping	Cape Breton
Choral singing	Chester
Committee events	Dartmouth
Creative Movement	St. Margaret's Bay
Cribbage	Fox Point
Cubs camping	Bridgewater
Cubs/Scouts	Hubbards
Cycling workshop	The Lodge
Fire Dept.	Hubbards
Fishing	different lakes
Fundraising	Fox Point
Golf	Halifax/Chester
Guides	Fox Point
Gym	Hubbards/ Tantallon
Gymnastics/fitness class	ACES
HABA	Hubbards
Hockey	Tantallon
Home & School	St. Margaret's Bay Elementary
Lacrosse	Tantallon
Ladies gym	Hubbards
Library	Hubbards/Tantallon
Market	Hubbards
Piano	Halliburton Hills
SAC	St. Margaret's Bay Elementary
Sewing class	St. Margaret's Bay
Skating	Tantallon
Snowmobiling	NB
Softball	St. Margaret's Bay
Speed walking	Queensland beach
Swimming	Queensland beach
Theatre	Chester
Unicorn Theatre	St. Margaret's Bay
Volunteering	Dartmouth/North Sydney
Walking trail	Hubbards/Queensland
Walking/skiing	Rails to Trails/Aspotogan
Yoga workshops	The Lodge
Yoga	Lodge/ St. Margaret's Bay

### ***Sims Settlement:***

<b><u>Program/Activity/Course</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>
ATVing	NS
Basketball (afterschool)	ACES
Basketball	Tantallon/Halifax
Beavers	Hubbards
Biking	Hubbards/ Peggy's Cove
Boating	Hubbards

Bowling	Hubbards
Brownies	Fox Point
Camping	NS & PEI
Card games	Lion's Club/Daycare
Curling	Chester
Cycling	NS & PEI
Dalplex activities	Halifax
Exercise program	Chester
Floor hockey	Tantallon
Fun days for kids	Shatford School
Gardening	home
Golf	Chester, Bridgewater, Kentville
Guitar	Hubbards/ St. Margaret's Bay
Gymnastics	Mill Cove
Hiking	Valley
Hockey	Chester/Tantallon
Home & School	ACES
Ladies gym	Hubbards
Library programs	Hubbards
Mangled Mamas's gym	Chester
Piano	Sims Settlement
Play	Chester
Running	Aspotogan trail/ Hubbards
Scrapbooking	Tantallon
Skateboarding	Hubbards/Mill Cove
Skating	Chester
Snowmobiling	NS & NB
Soccer	New Ross/Chester
	Halifax County
Softball	Black Point to Lakeside/
	Chester
Sparks/Girl Guides	Fox Point
Summer hockey	Tantallon
Sunday school	Hubbards
Swimming lessons	Bridgewater
Track & Field	Chester
Tumble time/gymnastics	Mahone Bay

### ***Blandford:***

<b><u>Program/Activity/Course</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>
40+ exercise group	Blandford
4-H	Blandford
ARA	Blandford
Arts/culture	Blandford
Aspotogan Art Show	Blandford
Aspotogan Arts & Crafts	Northwest Cove
Badminton	Blandford
Bike Rodeo	Blandford
Business Expo	Hubbards
Card games/Bingo	Blandford/ NW Cove
Church dinner	Blandford
Church Guild	Blandford
Community breakfasts/dinners	Blandford
Craft & Bake Sale (Christmas)	Blandford

Cycling	Aspotogan Peninsula, Halifax,
Cycling/walking	Blandford, Bayswater, Aspotogan
Fire Commission	Blandford
HABA	Hubbards
Historical Society	Blandford
Hockey (floor – Sr. & Jr)	Blandford
Hockey	Tantallon
Indoor walking	Blandford
Kayaking	Chester, Deep Cove
Library	Hubbards
Musical afternoon	Blandford
Pot luck meals	Blandford
Saturdays for Children	NW Cove
Seniors club	Blandford
Seniors exercise	Blandford
Skating	Chester
Skiing	Martock
Soccer	Chester
Theatre	Chester/ Halifax/ Valley
Volunteer	Blandford
Walking program	Blandford
Yoga	Blandford/ Chester Basin

### ***Hubbards:***

<b><u>Program/Activity/Course</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>
100 Mile Yard Sale	
5k run	Lunenburg
Anything family	Hubbards
Art show	Blandford
Arts /culture	Hubbards/ Chester/ Blandford
Auction	Shatford
Badminton	ACES
Baseball	Mill Cove/Hubbards-Prospect
Basketball	Chester Basin/Tantallon
Beavers /Cubs/Scouts	Hubbards
Biking	Rails to Trails / 329 loop
Bingo	Chester / Hubbards
Bowling	Hubbards
Business Fair	Hubbards
Card games	NW Cove/Fox Point/East River
Cave Youth group / gym	Fox Point / Mill Cove
Church fundraising events	Hubbards
Clubs / organizations	Hubbards
Community clean-up	Hubbards
Computer courses	Hubbards
COP	Hubbards
Curling	Chester
Cycling	Aspotogan Peninsula
Dance	Chester / St. Margaret's Bay
Dog sport	Dartmouth
Exercise	Hubbards
Farmer's Market	Hubbards
Fitness course	Acadia / Halifax
Fitness	Tantallon

Girls on the Move etc.	Chester
Golf	Chester
Grandmother's Knee Rug Hook	Chester
Gym	Hubbards / Tantallon
Gymnastics	Mahone Bay / Halifax
HABA	Hubbards
Hockey	Chester / Tantallon
Home & School	Hubbards
Home School group	St. Margaret's Bay / Sackville
Horseriding	Rails to trails
HubArts	Hubbards
Hubbards Barn Association	Hubbards
Hubbards Fire hall	Hubbards
Hubbards Heritage Society	Hubbards
Hubbards Lion's Club	Fox Point
Hubbards Yacht Club	Hubbards
Kids Fitness	ACES
Library Kids stuff	Hubbards
Lion's Club	Fox Point
Lobster supper	Hubbards
Meditation course	Halifax
Meetings	Hubbards
Music	
Music for Young Children	Hubley
Nutrition	Halifax
Patchwork Pals	Hubbards
Physical	Hubbards / Chester/ area
Piano / music lessons	Hubbards / Tantallon
Poker Run	Hubbards
Quilting Guild	Mahone Bay
Running clinic	Chester
Running	Hubbards
School activities	Hubbards
School review	Hubbards
Seniors Club	Blandford
SJA School activities	Hubley
Skating	St. Margaret's Bay
Soccer	Chester
Softball	Hubbards/Black Point
South Shore Idol	Bridgewater
Sparks	Fox Point
Special Olympics	Halifax
St. Luke's ACW	Hubbards
St. Luke's Church	Hubbards
Suppers	Ocean Swells
Swimming	Halifax
Theatre	Chester/ St. Margaret's Bay
Toastmasters	Fox Point
TOPS	Hubbards
Tourism dinner	Black Point
Ultimate fisbee	Chester
Various activities	
Volunteering	Hubbards & Fox Point

Walking/biking  
 Watercolor painting  
 Winter carnival  
 Yoga

St. Margaret's Bay Elementary / TJH /  
 Hubbards Barn, winter carnival  
 Hubbards  
 Aspotogan Peninsula  
 Hubbards  
 Hubbards/Mill Cove / Lodge/Tantallon

***The Lodge:***

**Program/Activity/Course**

**Where**

Art Shows	Aspotogan Peninsula
Basketball	ACES Mill Cove
Cycling	Aspotogan Peninsula
Kayaking	Aspotogan Peninsula
Library activities	Hubbards
Market	Hubbards
Music	Aspotogan Peninsula/ Black Point
Painting auction	The Lodge Boat house
Soccer	Chester

***Aspotogan:***

**Program/Activity/Course**

**Where**

Farmer's Market	Hubbards
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***Birchy Head:***

**Program/Activity/Course**

**Where**

Art Show	Blandford
Business Association Reception	Hubbards
Community Breakfasts	Blandford
Farmer's Market	Hubbards
Fitness classes	Hubbards
SMBTDA Auction	Black Point
Volunteer Fire fighter	Hubbards/Blandford

***Deep Cove:***

**Program/Activity/Course**

**Where**

Aerobics	East Chester/Chester Basin
ARA meetings	Blandford
ARA sponsored activities	Blandford
Art Show & Sale	Blandford
Bike Rodeo	Blandford
Community Breakfast	Blandford
Curling	Chester
Golf	Chester
Meetings	Blandford
Walking	Blandford

***East River:***

**Program/Activity/Course**

**Where**

Arts/Culture	East River
Bowling	Hubbards
Card Socials	East Chester

Christian Women	Blandford/Chester
Curling	Chester
Darts	Chester & Hubbards
Exercise class	Blandford
Extensive travel	NS/NB
Gardening	home
Hockey	Chester
Music – volunteer bands	Chester/Hubbards/ Bridgewater
Nubody's	Halifax/Bedford
Over 40's Club	Chester Basin
Paint, sew, read	home
Quilting	Chester
Singing Mom's	Chester
University	Bedford

### ***Fox Point:***

<b><u>Program/Activity/Course</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>
Baseball	Tantallon/ Hubbards
Basketball	ACES
Bowling	Hubbards
Card games	Fox Point/NW Cove
Chester Playhouse	Chester
Church Committees	Birchy Head
Curling	Chester
Dance	Chester
Exercise Class	Mill Cove School
Fire Advisory Committee	Hubbards
Firehall course	Hubbards
Fitness	Hubbards
Girl Guides	Fox Point
Golfing	Bridgewater
Gym	Halifax
HABA	Hubbards
HAERT	Hubbards
HCWDA	Hubbards
Hiking	Bluff trail
Hockey	Chester/Tantallon
Hubbards Barn Assoc.	Hubbards
HYC	Hubbards
Karate	Tantallon/Halifax
Kayaking	Hubbards
Lacrosse	Halifax
Learn to Run	Chester
Legion	Chester
Library program	Hubbards
Market	Hubbards
NS Art Gallery	Halifax
Piano lessons	Hubbards
Pool	Chester
Quilting	Mahone Bay
Rec. Meetings	Chester
Road Committees	Fox Point
Running/walking	Fox Pt/Hubbards
Sailing	Chester

Skating	Chester
Soccer	Chester/ Halifax
Sports	Chester
Swimming lessons	Chester
TTY's Board of Directors	Fox Point
Volunteer – Bonny Lea	Chester
Volunteer fire fighters	Hubbards
Walking	Fox Pt / Hubbards trail

### **Northwest Cove:**

<b><u>Program/Activity/Course</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>
Art meetings	NW Cove
Art paintings seniors	Aspotogan Peninsula
Art Show	Blandford/ NW Cove
Biking	Aspotogan Peninsula
Card games	NW Cove, Fox Pt., Blandford
Computer Class	Hubbards
Concert	NW Cove
Cribbage	Lion's Club
Hiking	beaches, trails
Hockey	Chester
Lion's Club Seniors lunch	Fox Point
Market	Hubbards
Running	Rte. 329
Shatford School	Hubbards
Skating	Chester
Suppers, etc.	NW Cove
Swimming	various beaches
Walking	NW Cove
Yoga	Lodge

### **Southwest Cove:**

<b><u>Program/Activity/Course</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>
Art Club	NW Cove
Art show	Blandford
Choir practice	Blandford Parish
Church	Blandford Parish
Guides	Fox Point
Teaching Art	Hubbards
Theatre	Chester
Variety Show	NW Cove

#### **4. If not participated, WHY?**

Not affordable	25	Elder care issues	16
Not in AHT region	67	Too busy	64
Transportation	23	Times don't fit	66
No interest	50	Not aware of programs	84
Child care issues	23	Other	

**5. Are there activities you would participate in if:**

a. community based transportation	yes	52	no	111
b. If child/elder care were offered	yes	45	no	106
c. offered in the AHT region	yes	170	no	52

**6. Do you currently car pool to your activities?**

Yes to some	71	Yes to all	6
Yes to most	15	No	174

**7. If there was some type of community based transportation available in the AHT area, would you use it?**

Yes	142	No	142	Other: 3
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**If yes, what would you use it for?**

Medical appointments	60	Other appointments	55	Other:
Recreation programs	71	Sports/leisure activities	79	
Shopping	66	Work related activities	29	

**8. Benefit from any of the following programs...**

Toy library	61	Seniors programs	149
Moms'n'Tots	77	Counselling services	105
Services/programs children	109	Healthy eating programs	142
Services/programs youth	146	Physical activity Programs	184
Youth Leadership	124	Better access	96
Summer programs	148	Rec. leisure w/shops	159
Parenting programs	86	Bus. Workshops	69
Family support services	198	Communication/event coordination	84

**9. Suggestions for NEW programs/activities/courses in the area**

**Bayswater:**

- Defensive driving
- Transportation for seniors
- Genealogy course
- More access to community health (ie. public health nurse); baby & moms group (lack of transportation precluded our involvement)
- Computer use

**Black Point:**

- Summer kids sports

- Have no idea what is currently available but groups for Mom's & babies/toddlers; fitness
- Adult / youth crafts
- Community band; music instruction for adults; swimming pool
- Belly dancing
- Computer programs for seniors
- Dance that is affordable; Brownies/Guides; programs that are available to working parents for their children that don't start in the afternoon and cost a fortune
- Tai Chi

### **Mill Cove:**

- Gardening; hiking; floor hockey; arts/crafts; organized bowling for teenagers; any type of organized activity for teenagers
- Indoor swimming pool
- Racquetball courts
- Tennis program
- Scrapbooking; photography; computer classes; art classes
- The gym at ACES is just sitting there – why can't we find people to offer sports (ie. badminton, volleyball, soccer, etc) to our children after school and on weekends instead of always having to go to Chester – it is quite inconvenient.
- Karate, walking clubs
- Gardening
- Cooking

### **Queensland:**

- Yoga
- Youth initiatives – job skills/apprenticeship opportunities
- Youth employment – part time and seasonal
- Swimming pool desperately needed, also hockey rink
- Dance classes (all ages, all types ie. hip hop, belly, tap, jazz, etc.); cirque de atlantique (presently in Halifax – perhaps could offer classes here as well in the gym at the Mill Cove base)
- Computer courses; Mom & Tot
- Cross country skiing; nature hikes; start developing a phone list for networking re running clinics, ski clinics, etc. not everyone can or will read but a phone call does wonders – maybe an email networking list
- Not really sure what there is now
- Walking group
- All activities for seniors – more for retirees
- Pilates
- Babysitting course; utilizing school for programs ie. flower arranging, gymnastics, music lessons, etc.
- Athletic programs; after hour school gym programs
- Summer camps for the kids that accommodate working parents
- I confess to not know all that is currently offered so I don't feel qualified to suggest any
- Courses in arts/crafts for adults; courses in home repair for women
- Children/tot programs – dance, ballet, etc.
- I would like to see a youth drop-in centre for the 12-18 age group – I think that there aren't enough things for them to do in a rural community
- I'd love to see an indoor pool in the area to get some exercise
- City access bus
- Soccer; baseball; volleyball; badminton; cake decorating; karate; Tai-chi

- Weekend transportation to Ski Martock
- Co-ed gym
- Pool (outdoor)
- Outdoor skating rink

### **Sims Settlement:**

- Indoor swim pool
- Soccer league
- Walking club
- Swimming lessons – if a pool for the area is out of the question, how about a lake or beach in the area. Time and gas prices to go to Chester or Tantallon for 15 days is a bit much; performing arts programs – theatre, dance, music lessons
- Public golf course in the area that we can join. I currently live within 10 minutes drive of 3 golf courses but I am not able to join either of them because of boundaries or because they are privately owned. What benefit is a private golf course to the community?
- Yoga for families; running club
- Basketball, football, ballet, something that lasts more than 5 weeks
- More toddler activities – tumble time, crafts, etc.; more adult physical activity classes – evening exercise, sports
- Need a place where adolescents can hang out instead of the streets ie. something like the Warehouse in Chester but have it more accessible and where kids would want to go – offer computers, movie nights, game night, etc.
- Transportation for seniors to appointments and shopping
- I would like to see the gymnasium at Mill Cove Park reopened and available to the community. This facility is/was an important facility that helped motivate and keep all ages fit and active. It would serve as a community assembly area and possibly a shelter for emergencies. It would be an excellent fit in the region as it is badly needed.

### **Blandford:**

- Martial arts program with qualified personnel
- Culinary arts for teens; woodworking for teens; self esteem confidence building for youth
- Help 4-H pay to rent a meeting room in Blandford
- Basic painting; basic photography – signed up for both with Chester Rec. and both cancelled due to lack of interest
- Fishing fly tying course
- Weight training; GPS & map reading; jog /walking club; women tea social; teach others crafts
- Children's after school at Community Centre; family fitness at centre ie. TaiKwonDo/Tai Chi
- Fine arts programs for youth, adults, seniors; straw-bale building; sustainable gardening & landscaping; alternative/green power for homeowner; sewing for teens; cooking for teens; academic tutoring; computer/internet for seniors; hiking
- Basic boating activities for beginners – affordable
- Basketry
- Craft courses

### **Hubbards:**

- Swimming pool
- Soccer; gymnastics; karate; swimming lessons; dance
- Expansion of summer sailing program by developing facility at Fish Plant
- Pool for elderly swim exercise but for use by all

- Gardening course for garden club
- A definite workout place
- Organized bike or hiking / walking trips; access to weight lifting / training facilities
- I am most interested in counselling services ie mental health – the need is great and too many people fall through the cracks because of others no understanding the problems people with mental problems face. It is a terrible place to be – I have hit rock bottom twice – survived and know what it feels like.
- “Hobby” workshops (rug hooking, knitting, sewing), more programs for kids not just sport related ie friendship clubs, gardening clubs, etc.
- Yoga at the recreation centre in Hubbards; more programs in Hubbards for youth in high school
- Adult recreation programs – adult indoor (winter) outdoor (summer) soccer programs, Ultimate Frisbee, baseball. The Hubbards Recreation Centre feels like a ghost spot – I have never in 5 yrs seen anything there. I am guessing people play baseball but there is nothing in the newspaper. A neighbour who has lived here for 9 yrs didn’t even know it existed.
- Ball league Hubbards area, local rink for public skating & hockey
- Seniors drop-in centre
- Dog training; yoga
- More art related workshops; community music jam night
- Social dance lessons / activities; gym & fitness centres open more often; outdoor fitness areas ie. Basketball
- Tennis lessons; swimming; pool; rink
- Adult education evening classes at Shatford or Aces; yoga; Music for Young Children, taught on a volunteer basis, and provides any child with a Uke to start with.
- Home safety – Rails to Trails tour and lecture on history of rail era and flora encountered (maybe done by Chester Rec.)
- Would love to have swimming pool in the area
- Youth sports
- We need to make all activities welcoming for people with intellectual disabilities
- Computer courses, after school sports programs; evening fitness ie. Yoga, pilates, self defence
- Older adult fitness; teen fitness; group (classes) fitness
- Fitness programs that provide childcare
- JC’s / JA / 4-H Club
- Affordable seniors physical & recreational workshops; programs for handicapped adults
- Karate, non-competitive sports for children; music lessons; art lessons; community pool
- Skate park for kids
- I am interested in Tai Chi (when Hip is better); could give elementary course on antiques sold / collected for about 50 years – would need at least 6-8 interested people
- Healthy cooking classes as Superstore has; swimming lessons; craft classes; anything to get youth out socializing & out of trouble; anything to get seniors out and stimulate their days
- Programs being offered at all would be beneficial
- Our area needs a community pool
- Swimming pool

### **The Lodge:**

- Astronomy; dance (swing, tango, Latin); Ultimate Frisbee
- Sporting programs for young children ie. softball, soccer, basketball – available during the school year – not just the summer

### **Aspotogan:**

- I would like to see “work out” equipment ie stationary bike, tread mills, weight equipment, etc. located closer to our communities ie. Blandford Community Centre

### **Birchy Head:**

- Walking/jogging club
- There are good and bad in every age group – not only teens but perhaps dialogue could be explored to stimulate/develop positive attitudes in some of our more “negative” youth
- ACES school should be available for fitness and recreation in the evenings for local residents

### **Deep Cove:**

- Meditation; recreational motorcycle training or club; boating training or club

### **East River:**

- Mentorship for those who want to learn golf, fishing, etc.; all children aged 2 should be tested for app. speech, bathroom, play, activity skills and those found by their paediatrician to be lagging should be required to attend parenting programs. It is up to parents to be teaching basic skills not wait for caregivers behind paid less than parents spend on coffee, satellite, clothes, games, etc. to do that job.
- Tai chi
- Computer course for elders

### **Fox Point:**

- Academic programs
- Upgrading programs
- Central community park for all ages of children – skateboarding, slides, etc., well lit in non-secluded area so not used as drinking/drug location; swimming lessons within Hubbards area
- Photography
- Bridge lessons
- Walking club; horticultural club
- Karate; swimming lessons in Hubbards area
- Swimming pool; affordable fitness program (low impact)
- Walking group; gardening group; kayak courses; pottery courses; wilderness first aid; guitar lessons; emergency preparedness
- Fine art lessons (reasonably priced); horticulture
- Another Teen Town?; single dances
- Commuter bus to the city
- Dance; physical fitness programs
- Exercise for older adults; craft instruction like rug hooking, wood working, etc.; community dinners; coordinated family events like Beach Sweep; Roadside litter clean-up, BBQ's or picnics; volunteer programs to help our older neighbors with yard work, snow removal, house maintenance, or other chores.
- Computer courses
- Recreational softball for adults
- Workout groups ie. running

### **Northwest Cove:**

- Academic lectures; classical concerts (church venue); civic lectures
- Gentle exercise for seniors in NW Cove

## Southwest Cove:

- Tutoring

### 10. Best time for programs

Infants (0 -2 yrs)	morning -52 afternoon - 16 evening - 3 weekdays - 36 Saturday - 19 Sunday - 14	Children (6-11 yrs)	morning -9 afternoon - 41 evening - 44 weekdays - 42 Saturday - 50 Sunday - 39	Adults (19-64 yrs)	morning -44 afternoon - 40 evening - 151 weekdays - 120 Saturday - 70 Sunday - 93
Preschoolers (3 - 5 yrs)	morning -54 afternoon - 28 evening - 14 weekdays - 40 Saturday - 32 Sunday - 23	Youth (12-18 yrs)	morning -4 afternoon - 26 evening - 87 weekdays - 53 Saturday - 70 Sunday - 51	Seniors (65+ yrs)	morning -55 afternoon - 66 evening - 47 weekdays - 82 Saturday - 36 Sunday - 36

### 11. Leaders

Coaching	28	Home repairs etc.	23
Crafts etc.	23	Budget/Accounting	20
Musical talent	17	Admin. Skills	27
Arts & Culture	17	Heritage/Genealogy	18
Houseclean etc.	24	Health & Beauty	11
Gardening etc.	32	Food prep/plan	15

### 12. Recreation Association need

Yes	205	No	41	Other	2
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### 13. Need a new MP facility

Yes	196	No	68	Other	2
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#### What should it include

Community office space	78	Program space	120
Community storage	45	Resource centre	109
Counselling space	79	Workshop / teaching space	136
Large community kitchen	113	Youth Centre	138
Meeting space for 50-100 people	131	Administrative support	64

#### 14. Other suggestions or comments for a new MP facility.

##### ***Bayswater:***

- It would compete with other facilities
- More community owned gym equipment ie. treadmills/elliptical trainers

##### ***Black Point:***

- Why not consider the fish plant as a place for such a facility?
- An indoor swimming pool similar to that in the Dartmouth Sportsplex
- There is a fairly large un-used school building behind the firestation in Black Point which might be available to begin with

##### ***Mill Cove:***

- Why use the existing building at the old CFS Mill Cove Base – what are they being used for?
- There should be something in Mill Cove for seniors & others
- We need a pool – indoors
- Existing facilities should be more accessible ie. ACES for more programs before we consider probably needing to raise taxes to pay for the building and it's maintenance
- It should reflect our heritage – nautical, ocean “cape cod” look, Natural “Sea” Community

##### ***Queensland:***

- This would be a huge asset to the community
- Would need to know more about cost and possible location
- Perhaps we could utilize the Black Point school for something – it is a shame to see it sit there empty
- Should be able to support a varied assortment of evening classes
- If we cannot build a centre, utilize Shatford School
- An inexpensive way to hold a birthday party for low income families
- Celtic music school
- Have it closer to Hubbards – youth centre
- Start fundraising now
- A real gym would be good – kids, women, and men; Mom & Tot
- A new facility could replace the Hubbards fish wharf building
- Include a gym offering “drop-in” access for youth
- I think the location will have to take into account where the interested people are located
- Have a building that is accessible year round for all activities
- Start sooner than later
- Build a new and beautiful historically accurate fish plant for this centre (smaller)

##### ***Sims Settlement:***

- Have a website (organized) to discuss events (public swimming pool)
- If the Hubbards Fish Plant is coming down, that space would be a good central location. Otherwise, somewhere else in Hubbards. It would likely attract more users than in outlying areas as people are used to going there for services anyway.
- Should offer afterschool programs/childcare
- I think more things need to be offered for the kids; Municipality of Chester Rec & Park Department came today with nothing for this area

- Indoor pool
- Have it built before we're dead
- Youth centre but with a space to rent for meeting or even birthday parties
- Only need it if it's needed and can benefit the entire area as one. There are too many smaller centres etc. It's getting to be very hard to support them all and the volunteers are tiring also. I really wish some how our time and energy could be directed to health and education which needs much support.
- Something to fit all community members.
- There should be a building in place on our waterfront to assist in the development of our youth toward the sea and to cement in our village future where it's roots began.
- Holistic health opportunities

### **Blandford:**

- Swimming pool
- Already have a community centre – we can't afford another building
- I strongly believe centralizing through a new multipurpose facility is a huge error in community development. The ARA and Ocean Swells have been developed by and are supported by their grass-roots communities. Good community development enhances and strengthens what has grown up from community members. It does not impose or replace existing assets that are working.
- We have the building in Blandford. What we need is programs and cheaper/free access
- Support an indoor swimming pool in Chester
- New facilities could be a pool and/or arena that would not take away from existing facilities; current facility in Blandford is fine, just needs some programs/activities, organization; new facilities are costly and may take necessary funding away from older smaller centres
- Should work on what is already here and work with it to make it more available and add what is needed
- Running track (outdoor); indoor rink with concession and library
- We have enough space – lets use them before starting to build new, expensive ones
- Event/meeting space for 100-150 people. Waterfront location emphasize Hubbards Cove – historical space for heritage water related fishing

### **Hubbards:**

- Help support the fish plant in Hubbards situation; skating rink and rec centre; swimming pool
- Why build at a new location when it could be incorporated into a replacement building at the fish plant
- Make it accessible to physically handicapped ie. wheelchair ramp, pool ladders, etc.
- Yes, a definite facility is needed big enough to grow with the community
- Update, modify some of the existing buildings in area not in use
- Located centrally at old Esso site – highway 3 and Fox Point Front Road
- Maybe a public indoor swimming pool for exercise purposes or for lessons
- If this facility is established in the central part of the AHT then it means travel for those that are not central. It is also a very diverse area and will, in my opinion, need a very strong organization to promote the idea to all the communities and have a wide range of activities
- Having programs for youth like yoga, fitness, healthy eating, and a place to go to be safe
- Many of the above needs could be served by existing schools. We would benefit from improved recreational access to school gyms (ie. ACES) and focus on building facilities that are absent such as an indoor pool or full time recreation centre
- Rink or indoor ball field

- Considering the spaces now available in the Hubbards area, I feel it would benefit more groups/individuals etc. if we utilized what we now have. We are in danger of losing our school – put your \$\$ to use by creating your facility there instead of building a new one. We have 2 church halls and a firehall, the Barn and possible, at sometime, the fish plant plan. Let's support some of those already here!
- First check out existing facilities such as Visitor's Centre in Hubbards
- If building a new space – place if possible in a visible, useable location
- Multipurpose facility could also be a building that could be added to for larger possibilities ie. pool, rink, etc.
- Concert
- User friendly
- There is already a rec centre in Hubbards but not very useful right now. Maybe that could be improved upon and another space could be made for a business and administration hub
- There is a “community centre” in Hubbards (across from the bowling alley) that is hardly used now. Why not put it to use? Why consider building another?
- Needs to be fully accessible – not just physically but also for people with intellectual disabilities – needs to be central, affordable and the use of plain language is critical in any promotional activity – signage
- How about in new fishplant building?
- I think it would offer some great programs to everyone
- I think the teens need a place to hangout to stay out of trouble and a community playground would be nice for the kids too
- Existing club in the area may be looking to be in a new facility
- Farmer's market, fishing wharf in Hubbards – use what is available – firehall, Shore Club
- It should be built with a sensitivity to the “look” of Hubbards, just as the Visitor Centre did with “recreating” the old train station and not what Hubbards Cove Inn did with their new cottages
- Should be situated in Hubbards (close proximity for people in most communities); more rec courses would be available for all ie. Bridge, art classes, fitness
- Why not get on board with the HCWDA? Their concept plan looks really good
- An inshore fisheries artifacts display (ie tuna) could be a community asset
- Make community kitchen suitable for holding cooking classes
- Building must be central, accessible – should be developed in conjunction with HCWDA in order to make best use (financial & otherwise) of community space & resources
- A community pool is needed in the area
- This building would have to be real big to accommodate a lot of this. Maybe everyone would be in each others' way, so would it be a good idea or not? Idea is good.
- I believe our community desperately needs an indoor swimming pool to serve the residents from Mahone Bay to Tantallon
- Perhaps an area designated to accommodate a space for a day respite program for the elderly or disabled persons

### ***The Lodge:***

- Indoor / outdoor swimming pool; skateboard park; small theatre
- Indoor gym of usable size
- Outdoor sports courts

### ***Aspotogan:***

### ***Birchy Head:***

- Perhaps some sort of hall with kitchen facilities in order to host community dinner/fund raisers

### ***Deep Cove:***

- Seems that current facilities are under utilized ie. District #1 Community Centre in Blandford – quite expensive and restrictive related to sports (inside) otherwise would be used more
- An indoor pool this side of Oak Island is the only facility missing in the area

### ***East River:***

- Not needed

### ***Fox Point:***

- What about old Mill Cove School?
- Transportation
- I thought ACES was a community school where functions/activities take place? Why build another facility?
- Location is key (central).
- It would be nice if it was closer to Hubbards as opposed to Chester. We travel to Chester or beyond for everything.
- Must be central
- Not be in Chester but in Lunenburg Co, not in HRM
- A full time library
- Pool, tennis court, basketball court, gym, playground
- Old fish plant property should be used when demolished – “ocean/Hubbards type” theme for building
- Needs to be open from 9am until 9 or 10 pm and accessible for all (handicap) as well. Could you not fix the old Mill Cove School?
- Before building something new, perhaps could make better use of existing facilities like the Barn, Tourist Bureau, schools, church halls, etc.
- I feel it is not required, we can use the resources we have now
- Basketball court; skateboard area; hockey/ ice skating area

### ***Northwest Cove:***

- Do it without raising taxes! This should not be a mini commonwealth games grab!
- The communities already have facilities - where would money come from to build a new one?
- Good for local area

### ***Southwest Cove:***

- Central location

## 15. Things that work well / need improvement

### ***Bayswater:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Recreation association
- Community coordinator
- Meals on Wheels
- Yoga
- Blandford Community Centre
- Fire Department
- Emergency response
- Kindness and respect of others
- Suppers, breakfasts, picnics

#### **Areas for improvement**

- More support for young families
- More support for home-bound seniors
- High speed internet
- Swimming pool

### ***Black Point:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Community response to threats to the local environment
- We don't have anything
- Sail program – Yacht Club
- The Market / The Barn
- News in Chester Clipper

#### **Areas for improvement**

- Transportation
- Open hours at the Shatford library be extended or do you have to live in the city for that? The present hours are ludicrous.
- Programs for children for summer when school is closed
- Moving the fish plant development to benefit the community
- Black Point needs more local activities – activities are not divided equally – seems to be held in the same areas.

### ***Mill Cove:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Our schools; community suppers/events
- Ocean Swells card nights; Blandford Centre activities; sailing program
- Good activities like kayaking, community market, restaurants, periodic dances
- Farmer's market
- Library
- Job Depot
- Visitor Centre
- Culture events
- Tuna flats
- Fireworks

- Ceiligh on the Cove
- Shore Club

### **Areas for improvement**

- Youth recreation programs; family resource/counselling; positive male role models; library hours; internet access in general
- More accessible play areas for kids; outdoor activity for youth/young adults (skatepark); daycare facilities
- More weekend events to attract tourists, people from out of town; more information on internet
- Things for our children to do; utilizing the old CFS Mill Cove Base and the ACES facilities much more
- Signage at Exit 6
- Fish plant water frontage
- Vandalism (crime)
- Beautification
- No ATV's on public roads

## **Queensland:**

### **Things that work well:**

- Community events – festivals, suppers
- Benefits for the needy
- The Market
- Shatford school
- AHT
- HABA
- Community involvement
- Fund raising
- The Market
- Shatford school
- Pharmasave
- Clean beaches
- Friendly people
- Nova Scotia spirit
- Library is incredible
- Market is amazing
- Hubbards Cove – no other access to water like this in NS

### **Areas for improvement**

- Need a shuttle bus in our community for teens to access and be connected
- Youth programs – outdoor wilderness, juice bar, cyber café, home work club
- More things for youth to do – a place for them to hang out, run by themselves as much as possible
- A year round pub or restaurant (reasonably priced); Mom & Tot program
- You had a bowling alley but for some reason it closed. You need people who own businesses that work hard to bring people in – advertising is only way, you need personal contact – you can't beat it!
- More programs for young children on weekends
- Pave the road from Tantallon to Hubbards (#3)
- Bike trails
- Youth programs; summer camps (working people need this ie 7:30 to 5:30)

- Youth interests & programs; Rec Centre; community youth sports (girls & boys)
- Farm market all day and or Sundays
- Garbage cans at public beaches – we need more & they must be emptied; fines should be imposed for littering
- Programs & courses for all ages; more family activities (picnics, beach days, fun fairs)
- More retail; sidewalks
- I would love to see Cleveland Point cleared away for walkers – at the moment there are too many rocks because of Juan
- Clean up the provincial parks, open up the one on Fox Point Road
- Bird sanctuary on Conrad's road
- Our mail service on Conrad's road – road repairs
- Shopping
- Restaurants all year
- Indoor swimming pool
- Family fun parks
- Fish plant – start fresh, limit HCWDA members to 2 yr. term, forget bad blood with AHT, use that space for community, not retail/ restaurant; make it a family space like the market but on the water; being the only place like it in NS; clean up the cove for swimming also.

### ***Sims Settlement:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Youth centre
- Through the Years Daycare
- The Barn
- A lot of information goes into the Clipper & Masthead (but not always in a timely manner)
- Library; medical professional; pharmacist
- Farmer's markets; town fairs/festivals
- Fire department; ambulance; library; schools; medical services
- Public boat launch; tourist bureau; AHT
- Family centred activities; creative, well organized activities
- Firehall

#### **Areas for improvement**

- Need place for children to play
- Appearance of our communities
- Information on what's happening in the community
- Recreation
- Queensland Rec Centre
- Anything extra for the kids
- Needs another option for daycare
- Teen rec dept. to organize summer activities, clean up, kids day camps, etc.
- Daycares; recreation department
- Programming/activities in Hubbards & other communities, not just Chester, Lunenburg or Mahone Bay; activities & programs geared towards young professionals
- Youth activities; pool; theatre and dance; art exhibits
- Not enough programs in our community – I find I have to go to Chester or Tantallon often
- Sunday & later hours at the library; swim pool

- Waterfront development/access; main administration for region; activities for evenings/weekends
- Communication; professionalism

### ***Blandford:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Community suppers
- Exercise group
- Seniors walk-in
- Volunteerism
- Community spirit
- 4-H Club
- Great facility in Blandford
- Chester Rec programs
- Card games
- Community events
- Monthly mail outs
- Lots of people will help
- Workshops
- ARA & Ocean Swells
- Community-led initiatives (ie. AA&CS, Seaside, etc.)
- Fire Dept.
- Community Centre

#### **Areas for improvement**

- Need more younger people to volunteer
- Resources
- Transportation (roads)
- Not enough activities ie. jogging, cycling, WI-FI
- Cost of room rental at Blandford Community Centre
- Need a pool/skating rink in Blandford
- How to motivate people
- How to encourage participation in programs
- Public transportation
- No one wants more meetings
- No one likes to pre-register
- Have centre open for use
- Need a soccer pitch
- Enhanced facilities equipped with materials & supplies
- More programming workshop facilities for arts, woodworking,
- A C@P site in each community
- Could put in a gym
- Waterfront community event space
- More courses

### ***Hubbards:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Heritage association
- Floral decorations and Christmas decorations in season
- Support for Shatford School
- The Barn project

- Daycare; school; church
- Bishop's park; Community Barn; beginnings of main road revitalization re: businesses; community interest in beautification
- Daycare; library; pharmacies
- Library; firehall; medical centre
- HABA; farmer's market
- Community suppers; Hubbards community market
- Strong volunteer core; Farmer's market – real gathering place; HABA
- Food bank; library; public services
- Barn; school; library
- Sailing program; community events
- People with different interests and abilities provide an amazing range of businesses, activities, etc.
- Market
- Visitor's Centre; Market
- Seeking input from the community
- Community events
- Admin of the Shatford Trust Fund; Visitor's Centre
- Fire Dept; HAERT (so far)
- The different organizations support each other
- Farmer's market; projects in the works (ie. HCWDA)
- Hubbards Yacht club; Hubbards Barn Association
- Good community organizations
- Groups already doing fine work
- The Barn Association
- AHT
- Programs for young boys

### **Areas for improvement**

- Rec Centre – building not used enough
- Heritage; sports for youth; pleasure boat mooring field; waterfront development
- Skatepark for kids
- Vacant Esso lot is an eyesore; Hubbards Shopping centre needs sprucing up; signage at exit 6 is overwhelming and an eyesore
- Larger grocery stores
- Market - more parking; library - more hours open; more activities for teenagers
- Sustainability of existing organizations; fish plant property
- Recreation for kids of all ages
- Sidewalks
- Sidewalk on #3
- Food bank drop off etc. not well advertised; sometimes volunteers get burned out and overused; not enough "locals" go to market – needs to be more inclusive for long time community members
- Notice of community events
- Our young people
- Better cooperation between community groups
- Sidewalks; play area in the library
- Activities/programs for youth; a way to get our water tested annually
- Resistance to actually using, supporting or participating local
- Programs for teens; community meeting space
- Recreation facilities

- Ball fields
- Recreation – we know of no adult rec programs in Hubbards – we currently travel to Halifax & Chester
- Use the recreation centre for more than TOPS (women weight loss)
- General community input
- Better advertising of upcoming events
- The communities must work together as a whole, NOT as small groups – listen to everyone
- Communication of local events, happenings, deaths, etc.; why not an email site with the latest daily news and local events ie. Hubbards e-news!
- Swimming pool; outdoor skating rink
- Need a community bulletin board in a prominent place (Chester has one outside their post office)
- Better collaboration between organizations
- Coordinating community events
- Get motor vehicles off the rail trail
- Transportation to Halifax
- Indoor swimming pool
- Community-based transportation
- Access to programs for disabled persons

### ***The Lodge:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Farmer's market
- Visitor Centre

#### **Areas for improvement**

- Road widening to accommodate a cycling lifestyle, pedestrian freedom, and driver ease and safety
- Better hours of operation for the library
- More activities for children

### ***Aspotogan:***

### ***Birchy Head:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Hubbards Barn

#### **Areas for improvement**

- Something to enhance young people's ability to become effective and appreciated members of our communities

### ***Deep Cove:***

#### **Things that work well:**

- Good turnout for fund raising meals (breakfasts, suppers)

#### **Areas for improvement**

- Lack of volunteers – same people on every committee

## ***East River:***

### **Things that work well:**

### **Areas for improvement**

- More public transportation needed in our area – busses etc.

## ***Fox Point:***

### **Things that work well:**

- Barn; market
- Organized sport
- Large volunteer groups
- Beautiful Rails to Trails; Farmer's Market; Community clean-up events
- Farmer's Market; The Masthead News
- Daycare
- Daycare helping for sitting when school puts on functions.
- Through the Years Daycare; Farmer's Market; library
- Great volunteers; great daycares
- Baseball field/Mill Cove park

### **Areas for improvement**

- Promotion of events, programming, volunteer needs (ie Clean-up)
- Longer library hours; more meeting space
- Funding for fire departments (volunteer)
- Towns in AHT need to be spruced up ie. flower pots/baskets in summer
- Need Kids Zone back at ACES; benefit from indoor swimming pool
- Increased youth programs
- Road shoulders have been damaged since Juan and need to be resurfaced – very dangerous for cyclists, walkers and motorists; too many illegal ATV trails
- Farmer's Market not on Saturday
- Elder care; community bulletin board; newsletter
- Notice for upcoming events
- Garbage cans
- Block parent
- Park benches
- Volunteer group to support seniors; sport & leisure activities for older adults & for older youth
- Interaction & programs between youth and seniors
- Things for youth to do

## ***Northwest Cove:***

### **Things that work well:**

- Volunteering - grape vine communication
- Fire Department
- Ocean Swells Community Centre

### **Areas for improvement**

- Unity in programs – need of a clearing house for programs not to be duplicated; volunteers needed for seniors alone in homes
- Coordinating dates of events in the different communities

- More communication among the various community groups; too much “red tape” involved in grant applications
- Daycare
- High speed internet
- Edges of roads to make safe areas for walking
- Person to run an exercise class

### **Southwest Cove:**

#### **Things that work well:**

- Informative fairs
- Communication of events / programs

#### **Areas for improvement**

- Implementation of events and programs

#### **16. Support services for information**

Community Centre	60	Med Prof.	178
Daycares	22	Pharmacist	106
Family / friend	159	Phone book	182
Food Bank	14	Recreation Department	37
Government agency/services	127	Religious/spiritual leader	48
Kids Help Phone/ Youth Help Line	7	MLA Judy Streach	39
Library	101	MP Gerald Keddy	23
Schools	46	Job Depot/VIC	79
VON / Be Well Connected	41	Aspotogan Heritage Trust	33
Internet	145	Municipal Councilors	45

#### **17. Best way to access information**

Bulletin Boards	134	Internet	70
Community Newsletters	214	The Baywatch	67
Email lists	54	The Chester Clipper	227
Flyers	149	The Masthead News	213
Interactive Website	49	Word of Mouth	128

#### **18. Other comments or suggestions**

### **Bayswater:**

- This trust is for the whole of Aspotogan, not just the Hubbards area

- I like that the focus is on transportation issues – as a new mom, I spent the majority of my first year maternity leave alone. I had no car and limited access to services. Personally, I have resources (ie. friends and relatives to support me) but it would have been a great opportunity to get connected with my community – that opportunity was largely unfulfilling.

### **Black Point:**

- I feel that there is no information or programs for children that are available to a working parent. The times are all during working hours and start before the workday ends. My children go to Shatford and there is not even any notices that are sent home with the students as to programs offered. I always find out about them after the fact. I would like more programs for children that don't cost a fortune ie. Brownies/Guides, dance – hip hop etc.
- With everything considered, this community is severely neglected when it comes to “getting” anything. You have to live in the city to get anything from HRM – when is the last time you came out here Mr. Mayor.
- High speed internet service in the area would be an improvement.
- I have been disappointed by the lack of services in our area and lack of commitment to those we had as witnessed by recent changes at the Black Point Fire Dept. Problem number 1 is making people aware of any programs or resources but big challenges for many are transportation and childcare.

### **Mill Cove:**

- We need more events and activities for the adults but especially our children. The CFS Mill Cove facilities have never been utilized. The bowling alley was destroyed – what about the tennis court? The gym? What are all of these buildings being used for? What about the ACES gym – the school is open every night and being paid for – why aren't we using it? Offer something (people will pay for it). The province is already paying the rent for the school – this way they can get a little back to pay for it.
- The youth need a place to gather other than Mill Cove Park – then they end up in Chester at the RCMP station. Perhaps dances, sports or something besides a drinking habit.
- Keep encouraging more activities for people to participate – make information available on the internet so one can source events, happenings, etc.
- We are in need of more housing for seniors; We are in need of housing/facility for special needs students/individuals
- We really need programs targeted at the teenager level, 13-18 particularly.
- We are blessed to live here.

### **Queensland:**

- I would like to have sidewalks in our community to make walking safer & to encourage physical activity. Maybe sidewalks for pedestrians on one side then a bike lane on the other side of the road
- You are doing a great job
- More youth programs at convenient times – most working people do not get home from Halifax until 5:30 – 6:00. Most programs begin at 6 – 6:30 – no time to feed the children and get to programs. most programs are located out of our immediate community. I can't get there on time so my kids miss out.
- If there is an interactive website, I am not aware of it.
- Would like to get more involved in my community but work in downtown Halifax everyday – only weekends left.

- If you go to France, you will find that in the rural areas, everyone advertises everyone else's products ie, the churches have display areas you can go to and find out where to eat, buy a piece of art, etc. You need to start working together – the Shore Club brings people in from many areas outside the South Shore!; This questionnaire is a great idea.
- I feel very strongly that we need more involvement with the youth in our communities. They need a safe, fun, environment to hang out in that they can pretty much run themselves. Perhaps a skateboard area, room for music practice (aspiring bands & musicians), a coffee house type venue for them.
- This survey is a great idea. I love that you are collecting info on local talent.
- I feel that there needs to be a way to bring the young families and younger professionals together
- Snow removal, traffic – our community is growing fast; clean up our beaches and parks, they are a disgrace. Our roads are rough, even the Department of Transportation slows down in front of my house. Water drainage – flooding our lands, polluting our wells, I pay very high land tax and cannot get anything done.
- More physical activities – non-competitive and fun for youth
- Family fun night in school gyms
- Thank you for this – please do not let the fish plant be exploited – we need a community centre and more planned activities, especially for youth in the area, what a great space to have it in.

### **Sims Settlement:**

- I enjoy living in this community. I wish there would be more community celebrations for summer holidays. More activities when there are holidays – ie. Hubbards Days more things happen
- Make info available to us in written form to what's available or going on
- We need something for our youth!!! Something that is available for low prices with things that our youth would actually want to participate in, would also need to be supervised; located in Hubbards, around the Shopping Centre somewhere so that Halifax county and Lunenburg County students could easily access
- What has been accomplished so far is wonderful. A great job being done by all volunteers. Whether I benefit directly or not from any of it so far matters not. I do know we want to say “thank you” to you all for all that has been done for us and our community.
- The area in the near future is going to be impacted by the 103 twinning. We need to begin securing lands, waterfrontage and buildings for future generations so our beginnings of this region are not forgotten. In saying that, the region needs planning and steering by residents of the area, not politicians or people that have no history for this area.
- Be sure to talk to community members and truly listen to their needs. Spend time at community gatherings, etc.
- We desperately need something in place for the youth and elderly. A resource centre would be wonderful. Also, morning group activities for people who work shift work.

### **Blandford:**

- Small, area specific, sustainable – I suggest these as development values. I believe it is important to respect the historical “villages” aspect of the peninsula and not lump or amalgamate the communities with this geographical community.
- This is a great survey for the younger generation – good luck.
- Being a senior, I am unable to participate in community activities but always interested in activities which benefit the community. I very much appreciate your endeavors.

- It would be nice if sports for children/adults were in our own communities. Better for both parents and kids. How about a C@P site in Blandford or satellite library branch. Put Centre on tax bill and lower user fees.
- We already have a lovely community centre in Blandford that is underutilized because of the rental costs. It has a full gym that the board members don't want children using for sports. Somehow the "community" part of the centre has been lost.
- Finding a babysitter has been impossible for our family. We have no relatives in the area and there doesn't seem to be anyone else available – affordable also.
- There is a need for public transportation so more people have access to events, support, services and shopping. As the population increases this need will be greater.
- Appreciate the initiative. Now, keep up the momentum.
- We have a \$40,000+ playground for about 10 youth – money put to good use??
- We are new to the area and we are still learning about the area and all that it offers.
- We live in a great area. Life is good!

### **Hubbards:**

- Seniors need more support
- I feel that the community would be best served by the AHT joining with the HCWDA and HYC to develop the fish plant property as a community resource
- Hubbards needs one central building to bring the community together which would meet everyone's needs
- I really feel our children need a place to go and hangout, have activities for them. Take Mill Cove, they no longer have a play ground. There's nothing there for them – idle hands and minds means things could happen
- As I indicated in #9, I feel the need for mental health – intervention needs serious upgrading. Someone in mental health crisis needs help immediately – it is as serious as someone experiencing an MI, stroke, diabetic coma. The issue is low on the totem pole and ignorance of what people go through is high. Knowledge is power and if we can empower ourselves to realize that a mental disability is serious – we can help- we just have to learn how.
- Just having some things for youth in high school and junior high and try to cut down students that live in Hubbards bus drive to school everyday.
- Should focus on healthy community living and provide facilities and programs that are not available in the region. Ideal would be an indoor pool facility with attached fitness/exercise centre
- You are on the right track – keep up the good work
- I checked off for more programs for people to actually do something than get support for what I see as government responsibilities. I may have misunderstood your question. If this centre would also have government offices, that is a different matter
- This area may possibly grow with the highway (#103) being twinned. Facilities to accommodate groups would make our community attractive. We need to be prepared. As well, the less often we need to drive to... for ..., the better.
- Thank you AHT for all you do
- The existing schools and community building are not being fully utilized. This should be looked at before considering the expense of a new building.
- The fish plant property might be a good spot for a multipurpose facility
- It took us a long time when we first moved here to get connected to what was going on in the community. Hubbards activities seemed under represented in the Masthead News and Chester Clipper. Often spoke to ladies at Whims to find out what was going on – in the paper it always says when the card games are but little else. None of the casual activities such as clean-up, library events. It should all be under on heading and not scattered so you can see at a glance.

- Not much help – sorry – shift workers
- A physical activity program for adults is needed. Many moms and dads work evenings, therefore, childcare would allow more people to become active.
- Being a senior who recently moved to the area, find it very difficult to obtain information on community events for my age group
- Bus service – Halifax to Hubbards/East River; in summer, a bus to the beaches – esp. Queensland; taxi to the Shore Club on Saturday nights; a pub in Hubbards!
- Just as Chester, Mahone Bay & Lunenburg have done with their business/recreation areas, Hubbards should aim to have a quaint, friendly and well-kept town that people will want to visit and where we can be proud to live
- There are good services in other communities other than Hubbards but are too far for seniors to drive to – referring to Blandford, Northwest Cove, Chester, etc.
- AHT has not treated the HCWDA fairly. I think it's time to step up.
- Public consultation & yearly public input sessions to report to public of AHT region and offer opportunities for more open lines of communication.
- I feel we are very privileged to have an organization such as your Aspotogan Heritage Trust. Keeping their finger on the pulse of our community in general. Keep up the good work.
- Thank you for the interesting questionnaire – good job.

### ***The Lodge:***

- It was sad to see the great potential of Mill Cove Base facility become private.
- More improvements to our local beaches – concrete retaining wall for Fox Point Beach; pave the parking lot for Bayswater beach; install more boardwalk entries to Bayswater beach; invest in proper sidewalks for the town of Hubbards; clean up the “look” of Hubbards Shopping Centre

### ***Aspotogan:***

### ***Birchy Head:***

- We live in a super community and all the efforts of the few people who do so much to make it all possible is indeed appreciated.

### ***Deep Cove:***

- Highway improvements to make walking with children and biking safer. The shoulders of Rt. 329 are a mess in many places

### ***East River:***

- Just moved in – not sure what's needed but enjoy local papers with events
- Stop wasting our taxes
- Each small community should have a “stuff” exchange “store” where local events calendar is posted (white board or chalk board); all stuff and services should be designated a point value and you exchange your items/services for “stores” on that basis. Volunteers are given points for their services and they can “buy” off the floor, not the back room. NO CLOTHES. Tea room (not coffee) would bring in rent revenue. Please credit this business plan idea to me since I would want to implement it if there was interest within the community.

### ***Fox Point:***

- We have many young and older singles – maybe a singles dance 1 or 2 or 2-3 months or weeks would encourage these people to get out and mingle more

- It's great to see this survey to take place
- A ban on dogs on the beaches unless leashed
- There should be a coordinator to keep run of activities so that there are not 2 on the same date, so that an organization can go to that person to find out if anything is planned for the date so that someone else doesn't plan something else on the same date
- This is great – we need more community spirit
- Need more things for children to do in local area
- I would like to see a parent support centre in the area where you could go for Mom and Tot groups, prenatal classes, parent and infant

#### **Northwest Cove:**

- AHT could provide a regional newsletter – providing combined info of what is important in all of the other forms of communication – quarterly basis or a telephone info line – updated each week with current info
- The ARA newsletter is my main source of information in this area. It's invaluable. We don't have high speed internet in NW Cove so can't rely on internet for a source of info at this time.

#### **Southwest Cove:**