

SORELL WIDE GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION 2022

From August to October 2022, 120 residents ages 16 to 80+ from the 23 towns in the Sorell region generously and voluntarily took part in our online survey and face-to-face interviews. They told us what matters to them to shape the places they live, work, and play in. This summary captures the results that came out of it in order of priority.

1. GOVERNANCE, CULTURE, AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Better governance and civic involvement.
- Transparent, accountable, ethical, and trustworthy.
- Better listening and understanding of communities' needs.
- More and better engagement and partnerships.
- Leadership embracing our community's vision and consistency in delivering it.
- Community inclusion, participation and belonging.

2. MOBILITY, MOVEMENT, AND CONNECTIVITY

- Easily moving around and between towns by walking, wheeling, cycling, and public transport.
- Safe, inclusive, fair mobility, and just for all.
- Reduce driving commute and traffic.
- Connected and multimodal mobility becomes a reality.
- Healthy, sustainable, and enabler of independence intertown transport network.

3. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Clean, enhanced, protected and better access to waterways, ocean, bush, reserves, beaches, coast, and farmland.
- Wildlife and threatened species protection.
- Waste and stormwater management that protects people and the environment.
- Education, participation, partnerships, leadership.
- Better dog and cat management.

4. APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT THAT ENHANCES THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR TOWNS

- Protect and enhance what makes our safe family friendly feel neighbourhoods unique.
- Human scale and environmentally sustainable neighbourhoods that grow slow.
- Planning for safety, climate resilience, holistic vision, more public and green spaces, less light pollution, reduce environmental and social impacts.

5. COMMUNITY ORIENTED LIVING WITH A NETWORK OF PUBLIC SPACES

- A network of public spaces to be social and feel part of the community.
- Everyone has access to venues, public, open, and natural spaces within five-minute walks.
- Safe and secure spaces and programs for children and youth.
- Opportunities to create collaborative, resilient, nurturing, and self-reliant community.
- Affordable and accessible recreation, festivals, community events, markets, social opportunities, recreation, music, performing arts, culture, art, and sports.

6. A NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MAKES OUR TOWNS SELF-SUFFICIENT

- **Infrastructure:** better tailored to residents in each area, growth resilience, planned for safety, security and reduced environmental impact.
- **Education:** more for early childhood, improve leadership and culture to achieve zero bullying, after school and community programs, support for home-schooling, public spaces and venues for learning and schooling.
- **Health:** More medical, 24-hour emergency facility and pharmacy, more for children, youth, and aging, local hospital.
- **Housing:** Affordability, stability, inclusivity, to mitigate residents' displacement. Opportunities for the young to buy local.
- **Social services:** food relief, poverty support, children & youth, disabilities, young families and single parents at risk.

7. A RESILIENT, SELF-SUFFICIENT, LOCAL ECONOMY

- Self-reliant, strong, and ecofriendly local economy.
- Accessible affordable fresh produce across region.
- Better local commerce to reduce commute to town.
- Opportunities for micro business, small creators, producers, growers, local networks of support and skills building.