

Lakeland United and Rising: Mission and Values

**MISSION : TO EDUCATE, EQUIP AND EMPOWER
OUR COMMUNITY TO THINK REGIONALLY, AND
ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBOURS IN CREATING A
STRONG, SECURE FUTURE.**



Standing Free ~ Thinking Regionally

A WELL-INFORMED POPULACE

1. Support existing media outlets which are not syndicated, and which permit plurality of thought.
2. Launch such an outlet, if the existing ones are insufficient, foreign-owned, or unwilling to facilitate dialogue.
3. Promote awareness of global trends which may affect local life and liberty.

MAXIMIZED PERSONAL LIBERTY

1. Advocate for residents to enjoy “informed consent,” as well as right of denial, in every facet of life which do not affect the safety or liberty of their neighbours.
2. Familiarize residents with provincial and federal documents that are meant to protect freedoms, and also legislation which provides concessions for sovereignty within our borders (ie. Common-law governance).
3. Support and respect law enforcement, and promote their contributions to the overall well-being of our community.
4. Co-operate with local law enforcement to assure that personal liberties are not encroached upon.
5. Garnering relationships with local lawyers, and possibly raising funds, to support cases in which basic rights may be threatened.
6. Model civil responsibility – the essential response and guardian of civil liberty.

PROTECTION OF OUR VULNERABLE

1. Encourage residents to become more involved in the governance of our school systems, to prevent them from being misdirected by special interest groups.
2. Protect, promote and explore alternatives to conventional education.
3. Support an independent (non-government), local advocate to which seniors may present their concerns.
4. A contingency strategy for the care of our elderly, in the event that government-funded strategies fail.
5. Celebrate local groups when they uphold the dignity and wellness of our vulnerable.

REGION-APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION.

1. Urge our MLA's and MP's to entreat government to favour region-specific legislation.
2. Inform our neighbours of existing legislation which is needlessly oppressive, and unite their voices to overturn it.
3. Endorse new candidates who think regionally and strive to keep government "small."

ACCESS TO NATURAL MEDICINE AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE

1. Promote preventative health care.
2. Educate on natural and holistic alternatives to pharmaceuticals.
3. Develop a database/directory of all regional alternative (non-government) health resources/vendors.

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OPTIMIZED REGIONAL FOOD PRODUCTION.

1. Promote our existing Farmers' Markets and their vendors, and help them expand.
2. Publicize individual producers and their products.
3. Appeal government policies and protocols which hamper consumers from accessing the local food supplies they want.
4. Solicit local interest, possibly create a food co-operative, which will grant local producers the adequate demand and front capital to be viable.
5. Host workshops and seminars which train and equip residents to grow, store, and preserve their own food.

THE VIABILITY OF LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES.

1. Support a liaison to the local Chambers of Commerce; strive to make local buying more attractive.
2. Publicize the contributions local businesses make to community groups and projects.
3. Encourage local retailers to carry products which are locally produced.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

1. Promote LOCAL industry and manufacturing, thereby reducing waste on packaging and freight. (Industry is not the opposite of stewardship; *bad* industry is.)
2. Appeal legislation which prevents local food-growers from selling directly to consumers.
3. Promote local businesses and trades which can repair items so that they are not so readily discarded.
4. Incentivize sustainable land use.
5. Investigate more localized recycling ventures.
6. Manage waste regionally.

EMERGENCY READINESS

1. Increase the overall volume of locally-produced food, and establish an infrastructure for the distribution of those goods in times of instability.
2. Secure inexpensive warehouses where materials designated for disaster relief may be stored at a much lower rate.
3. Host workshops and seminars in which residents are encouraged and equipped to ready their own households for temporary crisis.
4. Showcase locally-made products or “survival kits” which may be useful in times of crisis.