

GRAND MARAIS 2036

Design Charette Workshop June 2011



Background

The Capital Region is experiencing strong population growth, due in great part to the relative strength of the Manitoba economy and the region's position as the Province's main economic engine. Continued growth is expected over the next twenty years, fuelled largely by immigration of new Canadians. The Conference Board of Canada expects growth within the Capital Region to increase by approximately 220,000 over the next 20 years. Of this growth, Winnipeg estimates its population will increase by 180,000 people.

The Selkirk and Area District Plan (District Plan) directs new development to the City of Selkirk and to the Settlement Centres within the RMs of St. Andrews, St. Clements, and West St. Paul. Grand Marais is identified as one of the key Settlement Centres within the RM of St. Clements. The Manitoba government has advised the Planning District that it is prepared to assist the District in developing the servicing capacity to accommodate growth and to transition from current private wastewater management to municipal servicing. A condition of government funding is the requirement to prepare a Secondary Plan. The purpose of the Secondary Plan is to:

1. Develop a 25 year plan to guide development of Grand Marais a year-round destination community;
2. Design Grand Marais as a complete community, providing for mixed use residential, commercial, recreational, cultural and heritage land uses.
3. Improve transportation connectivity within the community and upgrade PTH 12 through an agreement with the Province of Manitoba to implement improvements on PTH 12 to PTH 59 including considerations for cyclists and pedestrians;
4. Strengthen the relationship between Grand Marais and Grand Beach Provincial Park to improve the visitor experience and plan for development in balance with protection of the natural environment; and
5. To cooperate with the Province of Manitoba on shoreline stabilization, protection of Lake Winnipeg and 'green' infrastructure to serve the needs of Grand Beach and Grand Marais.

Workshop Process

The design workshop results presented represent the voices of 78 community residents expressing their concepts and ideas to move their community in a positive new direction. This workshop is the second public meeting in a series of community open houses with the goal of transforming Grand Marais into the premier year-round destination community within Manitoba.

The Community Design Workshop took place on Saturday June 25th, 2011. Participants included residents from Grand Marais, Grand Beach and surrounding areas. The workshop process began with a presentation of the June 4th Open House survey findings, followed by break-out group sessions during which participants developed a 20-year vision of how their community can transform into a year-round destination community. This process included participants mapping out their ideas in relation to: New Residential Development; Infill Residential Development; Creating a Town Focus; Transportation and Access Considerations; and Green Space and the Environment.

The following maps are the collection of ideas and concepts developed by community members. The maps have been organized by theme.

Next Steps

Citizen involvement is important in the success of the Grand Marais Secondary Plan.

We invite you to attend our third Open House - Community Recommendations on Planning Options, on September 10, 2011.

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