Lockport Settlement Centre Area Sustainable Secondary Plan



LOCKPORT SETTLEMENT CENTRE AREA SECONDARY PLAN STUDY AREA

Background

In 1999, the R.M. of St. Andrews along with the R.M. of St. Clements and the Triple "S" Community Futures Development Corporation began a planning process called the Lockport Destination Strategy that focused on the initiatives to enhance Lockport's role in the Red River Corridor. In 2007, the Selkirk and District Planning Area Board released a Background Report for the five year Development Plan Review and is now in the final stages of adopting a new Development Plan. The Development Plan emphasizes the importance of concentrating development within Settlement Centres such as Lockport.

Earlier this year, the R.M. of St. Andrews and the Selkirk and District Planning Area Board (SDPAB) hired MMM Group Limited (MMM) to work with the community and develop a secondary plan to guide the future development of the Lockport Settlement Centre and the surrounding area.

It is the intent that the secondary plan will build on the previous planning efforts. The secondary plan will be used to guide the development of the area and to create specific policies for a more detailed direction of land use.

A steering committee for the project has been established and includes representatives from the R.M of St. Andrews, the SDPAB, and the community.

Project Timeline

The project timeline is as follows:

Start-up Meeting with Steering Committee: October 2009

Prepare Background Report: Fall 2009

Send out Newsletter/Post On-line Survey: Fall 2009

Design Workshop: Winter 2009/2010 Draft Secondary Plan: Winter/Spring 2010

Present Draft to Steering Committee: Spring 2010

Public Open House: Summer 2010

Finalize Report Submitted: Summer 2010

Opportunities to Get Involved

Newsletters will be posted on the SDPAB's Website to help keep the community informed of the process and key findings from the background and survey. An on-line survey will also soon be made available to the public through a link from the website. The results of this on-line survey will be used to guide the Design Workshop that will be hosted by MMM. Please use the on-line survey to share your important thoughts and ideas for the planning of your community. If you prefer being contacted by mail please let Misty or Jennifer know and we can send the survey out to you by mail. Attendance at the design workshop will be by invitation only with priority spacing made for property owners in the study area. A public open house will be held to display the draft concept plan to the community and general public and obtain any comments or feedback before the plan in finalized.

Desired Outcomes of the Process

The development of this secondary plan is an important step in the planning and development of the Lockport Settlement Centre and surrounding area. The secondary plan will identify policies for the area that will help direct and shape growth and development. It will provide a process and a framework for addressing planning issues, facilitate, where desirable, appropriate and orderly development or redevelopment and ensure the efficient and appropriate development of vacant or underutilized land. An important outcome will be to ensure that desirable characteristics of the study area are protected and enhanced.

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