

Community Focus Bulletin: ***Creating Community Conversations***



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Quality of Life for Peterborough

The community is invited to discuss our vision of quality of life for Peterborough. It is to be held on Wednesday, April 11th from 2:00pm – 6:00pm at the McDonnel St. Activity Centre. This is the third annual summit Peterborough—Kawartha Jobs Summit.

For more details go to:

https://www.google.ca/maps/place/McDonnel+St+Activity+Center/@44.3076733,-78.338134,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x9c4d6bd1e5092c7?sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiF9sypxpLaAhVGja0KH SxCA6gQ_BllfzAM>

This year the Quality of Life & Jobs Summit (hosted by our local MPP Maryam Monsef) will focus on the factors that influence how we participate in our communities, and how we can forge new connections to improve our experiences in life and work.

The goal of this year's Summit is to develop an action plan that will engage all sectors and members of our community in improving our overall quality of life and the economic opportunities that exist throughout Peterborough—Kawartha.

The intent is to bring together community members, innovators, artists, employers, and Peterborough—Kawartha's work force. The session will allow for networking, learning, and connecting the needs of our community.

There will be presentations on research and information on:

- the current state of employment,
- the workforce, and
- quality of life indicators in Peterborough—Kawartha riding.

The information will be presented by local analysts for discussion in small groups. There will also be an opportunity for networking between participants to foster information sharing and creative collaborations throughout the afternoon.

Finally there will be an opportunity to showcase the organizations, employers, and services that exist in our community. Participants are encouraged to bring information materials that can be shared with other participants in making connections and building networks. For those not able to attend on the day but have pamphlets or materials to share, they may contact the constituency team and to share them with participants at the Summit on your behalf.

You can register in advance at <http://mmonsef.liberal.ca/events/> or by contacting the constituency office at 705-745-2108 or Maryam.Monsef.C1A@parl.gc.ca<mailto:Maryam.Monsef.C1A@parl.gc.ca>. This event is free and open to everyone. The venue is wheelchair accessible (please communicate any additional accessibility needs with registration).

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Why is this timely?

There is growing interest in changing the social and economic infrastructure of the Peterborough community. This summit is in keeping with some other community initiatives that are working to improve the quality of life in Peterborough:

1. Community Wellbeing Plan

A local government planning process to identify 3 - 5 key action items to improve quality of life
Goals

This project will:

1. Make recommendations for Councils' consideration to improve the quality of life for people that live in the City and County of Peterborough and Curve Lake
2. Continue to improve community engagement between residents and local government
3. Provide a framework for progress reports and outcome measurements for wellbeing

2. Vital Conversations

During the month of October 2017, Vital Conversations brought more than 750 people together in the Peterborough region to have a conversation about Greater Peterborough's Vital Signs and identify actions we can take today to build a stronger future for our community.

Goals

The goals of this initiative include:

1. Increase engagement with Greater Peterborough's Vital Signs
2. Build local capacity for civic engagement and community dialogue
3. Inform granting and program priorities for the Community Foundation

3. Reimagine Peterborough

Reimagine Peterborough encourages good and visionary planning and public engagement for this once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape a sustainable and vibrant future and new Official Plan.

Goals

RP's goals are to:

1. Raise awareness of the opportunity and the fundamental role of the Official Plan
2. Foster diverse engagement and inspire participation with consultation opportunities

3. Help explain and promote good planning and understanding implications
4. Collaborate with the City and civic society to shape the Official Plan

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