

What can I do?

By choosing to join with other like minded and committed individuals, we can all do a great deal by working together for a common cause. Just think of Margaret Mead's, the author of Rich Nations and Poor Nations, famous words: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

So join us. Check out our website: LakeAinslie.ca. Your involvement is necessary. We promise to listen to you and weigh carefully what you have to say. LADA will respect the views of every individual and will give every person a voice.

We are providing a planning process by which local residents can come together to improve the quality of life in our community thereby restoring community control, pride, self-esteem and hope for our future.

Obtain a copy of our survey and let us know what you think. In addition we challenge everyone to come forward at our community meetings and workshops and offer your ideas, opinions, suggestions or concerns.

Vision

"Lake Ainslie is a community which is culturally, economically, environmentally and socially sound."

Mission

Based on this strong foundation, our mission as community citizens is to encourage potential sources of economic development to further strengthen and improve the social fabric of the people of Lake Ainslie.

Workshops to be held at the Scotsville Fire Hall

#1 - Saturday, Jan 12th. 9-4 pm
(Weather Date: Sat. Jan 19th)

#2 - Saturday, Feb 9th. 9-4 pm
(Weather Date: Sat. Feb. 16th)

Lunch will be served.

LADA is entirely made up of volunteers
Just like yourself. Contact us at:

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Several years ago the Municipal Council for Inverness County produced the following vision and mission statements.

Vision Statement

"The community of Inverness County, while preserving our values and traditions, has developed a dynamic process for constantly enhancing our social, cultural, environmental and economic well being. This process will ensure we will always have a healthy and vibrant place to live."

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to enable the people of Inverness County to realize their full potential."

It is in this context that the Lake Ainslie Development Association (LADA) plans to involve all interested residents in creating a strategic action plan to guide the future growth of our community around the Lake.

What is a community development strategic plan?

General Objectives

To have a viable community

Our objective is to develop a community development action plan to address the long term social and economic needs of the community of Lake Ainslie.

To provide leadership for the process

With the leadership of LADA, we will explore potential projects through a series of community meetings and workshops to create an action plan including short and long term specific goals for sustainability.

To obtain the meaningful participation

This action plan will be based on the criteria and values of the community that will be clarified through the community meetings and workshops.

To conduct thoughtful, accurate research

The purpose of this part of the project is three-fold:

1. To carry out a series of community meetings.
2. To research our options for social and economic development, and
3. To create the plan with action goals that will be initiated in the second phase of the project.

Please note, the second phase will begin after the community meetings and workshops are completed by the middle of March, 2013.

A strategic plan is simply a set of leadership decisions about what an organization and/or community will be doing to be successful and to remain successful. That's what we mean by a strategic, sustainable community development plan of action.

How will residents around the Lake Ainslie benefit?

It is anticipated that the act of the community coming together to share ideas and create a plan will have a very positive impact on the outlook and attitudes of the community.

With a strategic plan in place we will be in a position to better control our own future by working with the other levels of government to achieve our objectives.

By local people, that is, youth, middle aged and elders, taking responsibility for creating the plan we will have "buy-in" and "ownership" of the final product.

The economic benefits will be enormous. The action plan will be shaped by the needs and interests of the community. At his point LADA has identified two areas of potential including sustainable agriculture and renewal energy which lead to a third potential area being support for small businesses in the region. Through a pilot project LADA has already demonstrated the potential for organic agriculture which could bring economic potential for twelve months a year.

How does it affect other communities in the County?

The project will be supported and maintained by LADA with the help of our municipal council who have already committed \$5,000. to this planning process. The Inverness Council has already created an Energy Committee and intends to form a Food Committee with food supply for our area being the main focus. Also agricultural development is well supported by our Provincial and Federal governments through the on-going Growing Forward Programs. The provincial department of Economic Development and Rural Development is also a major sponsor of this initiative.

As a former agriculture community there is a lot of potential for Lake Ainslie to be a leader in small scale organic and sustainable agriculture in the future. With its proximity to local markets as well as a large arable land base surrounded by good quality water, LA is well situated to be a vibrant community of all age groups who appreciate the rural way of life.

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