

**RESULTS OF THE APRIL 14TH, 2006 PUBLIC FORUM
NOTES FROM CONVERSATION TABLE FLIP CHARTS**

<u>Themes</u>	Question1: What are our assets & opportunities?
Housing/Assisted Living /General Development	Growing community Land available for development Natural centre for catchments area New school – O.P.A. Population is growing, new homes, young people Positive communication – today, developing a business plan with the public
Recreation	Arena/Rink Ballfield/Park/Trails Boat/fish on Harbour/River Eastern Shore Community Centre – rink and ballfield Golf course Gym High School Field HRM centre – Recreation Library Outdoor activities Rink Slow pitch Sports Trail – variety of uses Woman’s Fitness centre Yacht Club
Business/Economy	2 general stores Churches Close to Metro Craftspeople and small businesses (glass, woodcarving, antique, wreaths, Anderson House) Entrepreneurs springing independence! Large summer population who sometimes stay or lengthen season (from may to November) Small businesses thriving Small restaurants (Bear Den, Harbour Fish and Chips) Tourism (lodging, restaurants at or near the beach, golf course, meeting/conference centre to host events Trail – variety of uses

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Services	A dentist/hospital A grocery store A coffee shop that isn't a 30 min round trip Ambulance Bank Churches Eastern shore District High Family Resource Association Fire station, Fitness centre Gas station Good community cutter High School Hospital – Heli-Pod Hospital/Dentist/ Medical Centre/Pharmacy HRM office Infrastructure Institutional base Learning and strip mall Library Nursing home “OLD” Elementary School Post office / mail system RCMP School Tourist Info centre Train Museum Twin Oaks and Birches
Transit	
Look/aesthetics	Historic buildings Train station
Environment	Access to beaches, provincial parks, wilderness areas, railway and THE BEACH! Beach Beach, provincial park, bird & game sanctuary Clean air Lots of wooded areas Martinique Beach Natural beauty Peaceful Quiet Undeveloped water areas Walking trail

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	Waterfront Waterways Wild animals
Safe walkways/sidewalks	
Youth	
Roads	Good roads, need better pavement! 107 – Highway access
Community organization/social development	AA Active Lions Club, other service clubs Clubs – garden, social Community socials Community spirit Fairs/suppers/events Good community spirit Heritage information Lots of volunteers – Fire department, Search and Rescue, churches interact, cooperate and support initiatives Rail museum Railway museum Seniors club Warmth of community
Funding/taxes	