

Phase 2 Rural Community Capacity Building (RCCB) Project

Report on: FLIP CHART & DOT DEMOCRACY

Topics were developed during facilitated sessions, at the end of which all attendees were asked vote with dots to determine most important issues to them.

Need/Gap	# Dots	Why	Current Situation	Desired Situation	Gap	How to Fill
NEWSLETTER*Communication Tool*To talk up community assets*Ramara needs a consolidated identity - Ramara	32	No identity or cohesion of Twp. (e.g. related to Orillia or Beaverton)*One way to communicate what assets are*Hamlets are in a vacuum (act & think)	Surrounding community newspapers *no formal Twp. Communication tool (Packet, Brock Citizen, Soulvine, North Simcoe News)*Every corner of the twp keeps to themselves instead of sharing info*Difficult for service delivery	*Online newspaper/physical newspaper *Community newsletter (inclusive) and available to ALL*Whole com to share info & projects they are working on*More consolidated profile *Work together & interconnected	*Lack of shared info	*Monthly? *Strategically placed around Twp. *Funding from Municipality to help offset cost *Connect to PF and Twin students to assist w/project (dev. skills) attain comm. service hours)*Our Ramara web & HARD COPY *Have info avail at businesses & other facilities *Inside & outside twp *Mail/distribute *Tax bill inserts etc *FunFest*Municipally generated newsletter

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VOLUNTEERIS ISSUES*Free skills development for volunteers in community organizations*Coordinated volunteer recruitment and development*Volunteer recruit - common registry -what training they have*ID funding opps & logistics *Food handling training& need -how best used?	22	* Keeps volunteers involved & orgs don't have money *w/g also help sustain org*Hospital uses/has a lot of volunteers *Current food & shelter volunteer coordinator *Our Ramara dbase	*Volunteers need Free training	*Provide free or subsidized training	*Limited training taking place	*Develop strategies to provide training
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*Retail outlet development and economic dev* *Create economic & residential opportunities*More places to shop locally *Groceries	19	*Tax base *Convenience *Tired of travelling *Wld help with other services (see #2,#5,#7)*Keep you \$ in twp 7 promote growth*Economic benefit for com.. *Gas	*IGAP - Province wants all growth in Barrie area - Council & County are fighting/protecting *Strong municipal official plan *Ec. Dev. strategic plan in the works *Rama Rd. corridor dvlpt.*Fewer students going to post sec*Extensive travelling to shop *Cost of travelling *Cost of goods (sml variety stores expensive) *Students & others working outside twp	*Have a strong strategic plan *Build cases against IGAP *Dvlp Rama Rd.*Create better jobs to encourage better education*Develop shopping opps in Ramara *Ec Dev sml commercial *Develop year round shopping closer to home *Manage the right kind of dev - controlled growth	*Not enough local shopping	*Move fwd w/oppo & plans*Build business cases through collecting the facts *Matching skills to needs thru Prov/Fed programs *Employment Out. Service Canada *right kind of com dev *Coop purchasing for outlets throughout twp

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HEALTH CARE*Provision of Health Care Services; more coverage of health services*Up to date medical facilities e.g. after hrs clinic	12	*Not enough doctors (short 8 doctors) *Brechin Clinic difficult to find info/only available in south end of Twp./ limited hours of operation	*Short 8 Dr's (collective in Lake Country) *Dr. at Mnjikaning Health Centre several times/mo. *KEY Program (e.g. patients must move to Orillia to access services) *Perhaps Diabetes Assoc. not doing outreach in Twp. *Orillia Hosp. and/or after hours clinic *Lack of community health services in transp dialysis*Brechin has only clinic (2 days only) *Have to go to Orillia Emerg.	*More Dr's *Tap into non-resident Dr's occasionally *Rotating clinic to service whole Twp. *Use Mnjikaning Health Centre *LHIN services (tap into Network - Jean Trimnel) *Community health services outreach in Ramara (provide revenue)*Present clinic open long hours *A clinic in North end as well	*Short hrs & limited twp coverage	*Link to all organizations (i.e. LHIN, etc.) *Nurse practitioner * Dr. recruitment program *Possibility to negotiate w/Mnjikaning *Nurse practitioners how to attract *Create satellite office for Community Health services and social services (Brechin Medical Centre?) *Analyse O/R dbase and contact service agencies whose mandate is to cover Ramara *Identify non-resident Dr's who may be interested in practicing in Ramara occasionally*Access Rama planned facilities *Enhance Brechin facility
HIGH SPEED INTERNET	11	*To increase quality of life and work more efficiently*Gaps in phone serv. & Internet very spotty*Need to be able to access for resources & research	*Backbone is in Ramara thru SCAN *High speed availability is limited*Technical infrastructure needs upgrading*Only avail at Mun fac 7 schools & various pockets	*High speed access in ALL of Ramara*Better service throughout twp	*Affordable technology	*Erika Nehr - Candlelight - is looking into *Point to point*Candlelight services (Erika)

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Transportation	11	*Need a car to get around to access services *Stops isolation*Overcome challenges of getting around & accessing resources	*Only local taxi co. *Cost for gas vs. public transportation*Programs are too centralized *have to rely on own tran *No taxi or bus	*Public trans. Through volunteer drivers e.g. Min/Pen model *Review criterion *Coverage by OWLS style service *Pd shopping transportation*Addition sources of com trans (Programs more evenly distributed throughout	*Lack of com transportation	*Partnerships w/Laidlaw *Tie into school service *Recruit volunteers *Review current models (i.e. "Post It" on website*Coor prog distribution to allow easier access *Volunteer org to transport eg seniors *Our Ram as a car pooling tool *Have more trails to use for trans
PARKS & RECREATION*Maintain clean, accesssible, FREE beaches*More facilities in Ramara for socializing e.g. Internet café*Good running track in region	9	*Most are private or prov. owned*When youth are forced to socialize outside of com it forces them to leave*Recreation & as a training facility	*Municipal road allowances *Provincial park land *Not well signed because locals want to "keep it a secret" *Current municipal beach/water testing*Ramara & Brechin CAP program *Good turnout to dances at Ramara*Only have Sec. School tracks & Legion ages 9-14 *Jobs are in Orillia *Soccer league very successful * Once in grade 9 dances not as popular... now school is source	*Preserve what we have*More programs offered throughout the community for all ages*Develop a track at Rec centres promote healthy lifestyle	*Not enough programs*Nothing locally in twp	*Clean beaches - Municipality *Pest control *Advertise better *Rec. Master Plan underway*Enlist the help of Georg & L/head students *Spread out to other halls *Coordinate through community coordinator*Build it economically & easy to place at all facilities

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*Networking with other communities & population bases	9	*e.g. Quota to determine what needs are in Ramara	*Quota opps in Orillia but not reaching into Ramara	*Have branch in Ramara		*Develop lines of communications & other means of outreach
*Service business directory	9	*Needs to be up to date & in greater detail than currently available	*Our Ramara doesn't list all businesses	*Value of O/R website & expand *Emphasise links to Info Orillia		*Website needs upgrades *Tap into Chamber *Build the database *Solvine
*Preserve rural way of life	8	*Values being threatened *Farmland being lost	*GTA moving north and/or impacting our way of life *Try to keep farmers on their land but no support	*Keep farmland active in Ramara - have/dev programs to create need/use *Managed growth		*Buy within 100km *Good Food Program (Info Orillia) *Dev in Ramara?
*Acknowledge Washago East as Ramara	7	*Three entities competing for 1 population group *Border town	*Ramara portion of Washago isolated *Political issues	*Develop Washago E&W philosophy		*Chng the boundary line - western branch of Sev R. or shld separated by Hwy 11
*Investment in water & sewage treatment	7	*Surrounded by water - opportunities are here	*Brechin refused access several times *Rama Rd needs infrastructure	*Develop the services		*Create the infrastructure *Developers needs to build
*Transportation - road improvement - traffic lights	7	*Safety & convenience	*Different access points onto Hwy 12 & 169 *Hwy 12 busier (trucks, trains)	*Safer access - develop extra lane on Hwy 12 *Would help Ec Dev.. Tourism		*Improved roadways *Stoplights *Finish Rama Rd.
*Safe intersections at Muley Pt. Rd. & 12 & Ramara Centre	6	Bad accidents - people take chances	*Bad accidents at some intersections onto Hwy 12 *Long waits	*Safer intersections	*No lights	*Lights *Casino pays?
*Financial support for recreational programs in North/Washago (from Ramara..get some from Severn)	5	We are providing a service (40% of users are Ramara)	*Financial Support - North is strictly from Severn even though (40% rule)	*Get some support or donation from Ramara	* \$'s from both municipalities	*Requests
*Address relationships with Rama Mnjikaniing FN	4	*To share the costs & services		*Need to develop a mentor program		

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*Better relationships/condition of services between City/Twp. (user fees compromise)	3	*Must use facilities in other municipalities *Must pay user fees *Don't have our own facilities		*Have own facilities or develop user fee policies that are effective for Ramara		*Master Plan
*Signage	2	*Controlled	*Limited number of areas to place signs *Cannot put on provincial or county roads	*A place for church signage etc.		*Municipal properties?
*Bike * walking paths specifically Brechin & Sebright	0					*Buy land *Fundraising *Help build *donate com ser hrs *Donate money and help
*Daycare	0					
*Free membership for pools (already avail)	0					*Look into
*Indoor gym/ badminton & squash Sebright & Brechin	0					
*Indoor swim pool?	0					
*Mentors	0	*To guide youth into careers inside Ramara	*Only have a few mentors eg teachers, ministers, OPP	*Need to develop a mentor program		*ID areas/sectors & people who wld help our youth *Where are they needed? *Determine level of interest *Good program in place thru Brechin PS w Lagoon city group *tie into character ed prog. *Encourage volunteerism (youth & adult)
*More recreation programs for 'l	0					*Soccer field in Brechin
*Need more education re enviro. Issues	0	*To maintain/sustain a healthy li	LSCA - building permits *Not doing enough	*Have more "green" programs eg recycle	*Not enough programs	*6-7-8 *Library programs & displays

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*Nice restaurants Brechin	0					
*Parkland in Sebright?	0					
*Take care of Sebright ball diamond	0					
Atherley Grocery Store	0					*Part of mall
Bus Service	0					*Hire a bus serv *Hire private bus co *Extend Orillia trans to Atherley *Reasonable bus fare *Put some bus stops in
Fall Fairs - (Carden Fair gone) & other types - FunFest	0					*Look into
Fast Food	0					*Add Wendys to TH
Gym/Fitness/Wts etc	0					*Dev at R/Cent
Hi Speed Internet	0					*Towers *Expand current H/S service
Hockey Rink at Ramara Centre *Small rink in Atherley	0					*Neg *More ice time at MASK
Mall *Grocery store part of Mall	0					*Get rich person to build *Tax breaks for builder/dev'or *Give land to developer *Fundraising *Encouraging ppl to move to Ramara *More ppl the better *More ppl increases the need *ID the right spot for the Mall *Get the Green Fam. To sell property *All start building one
More clean beaches	0					
Paved Roads	0					

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Snow/ATV trails *Can some current trails be paved	0					
Tim Hortons in Washago	0					*Attract franchise
Train (paved) *Can some current trails be paved	0					*Ask for eg donations
Wkly Newsletter (sign-up)	0					*Get someone to do