

# DISTRICT 4

## MEET & GREET

### WHAT WE HEARD



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# INTRODUCTION

## Welcome to the District 4 “What We Heard” Report

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the District 4 Meet & Greet! Your time, thoughts, and willingness to share your insights are what make our community stronger.

After the 2022 District Meetings, many community members asked for more opportunities to provide input on municipal information and to share their opinions during these meetings. We heard you, and we listened. This year, we’ve restructured our District Meetings to make sure everyone, of all ages, can engage and provide feedback on a wide variety of topics.

The following encapsulates “what we heard” from District 4. Similar reports will also be released for each District meeting. These reports summarize the input shared, so the community can see what was discussed. Once all District Meet & Greets are complete, the information from every district will be compiled into a full report that will show how we are taking steps to incorporate your feedback into municipal operations.

At the District 4 meeting, we asked for input in several areas, including:

- **Planning and Development**
- **Engineering and Public Works**
- **Community Programming**
- **Finance**
- **Leadership**
- **Communications**
- **And a special table for our youngest residents to share what matters most to them in their community.**

# MEETING ATTENDANCE

The District 4 Meet and Greet was held at the Kingston Fire Hall on February 18, 2025, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

The meeting was advertised on municipal social media channels, our website, on radio and in print media.

In total 28 people attended the meeting from the Kingston/Greenwood area.

# OVERALL THEMES

District 4 spoke, and here is what we heard most clearly. The following priorities reflect the shared aspirations, concerns, and ideas expressed by residents, and will guide future municipal planning and engagement efforts.

## 1. Improved infrastructure as the district grows

- Residents expressed a strong desire for a clear housing crisis plan, more family homes, water and sewer to meet the needs of the growing district, and more collaboration in development decisions.

## 2. Recreation, libraries and community facilities.

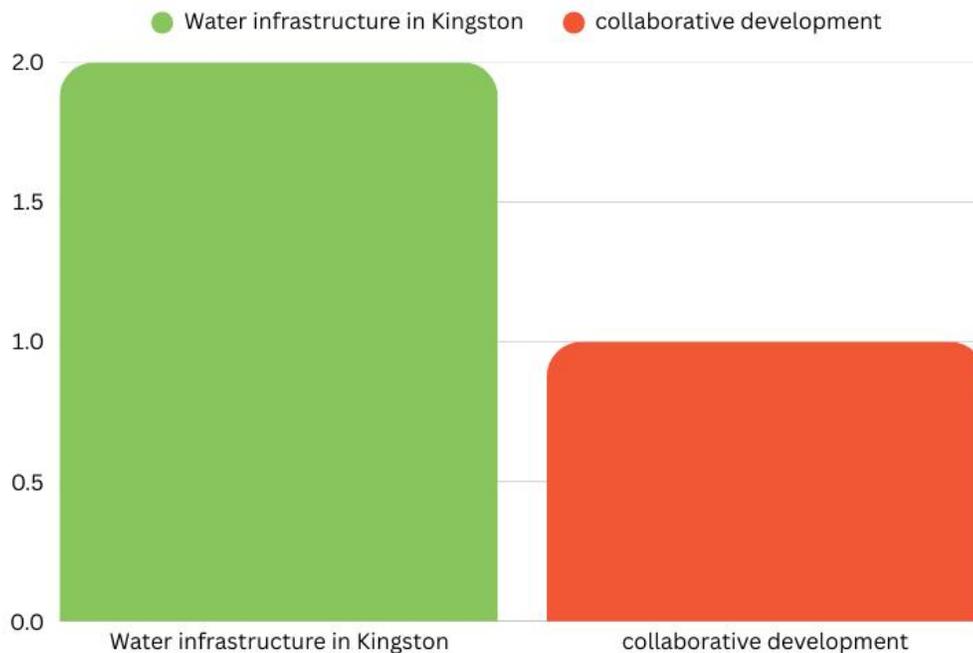
- Advocacy for more funding for regional libraries to ensure they stay open and are accessible to all and ensuring that recreation facilities in the Kingston/Greenwood area remain a priority when a new recreational facility is constructed.

## 3. Communication, Transparency, and Leadership presence

- Residents shared a desire for clear, consistent communication and more visibility of municipal leadership. Suggestions were made to have a municipal wide survey to ensure that communications are reflective of all communities and to include more opportunities for citizens to provide feedback both in person and virtually.

# TABLE 1 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

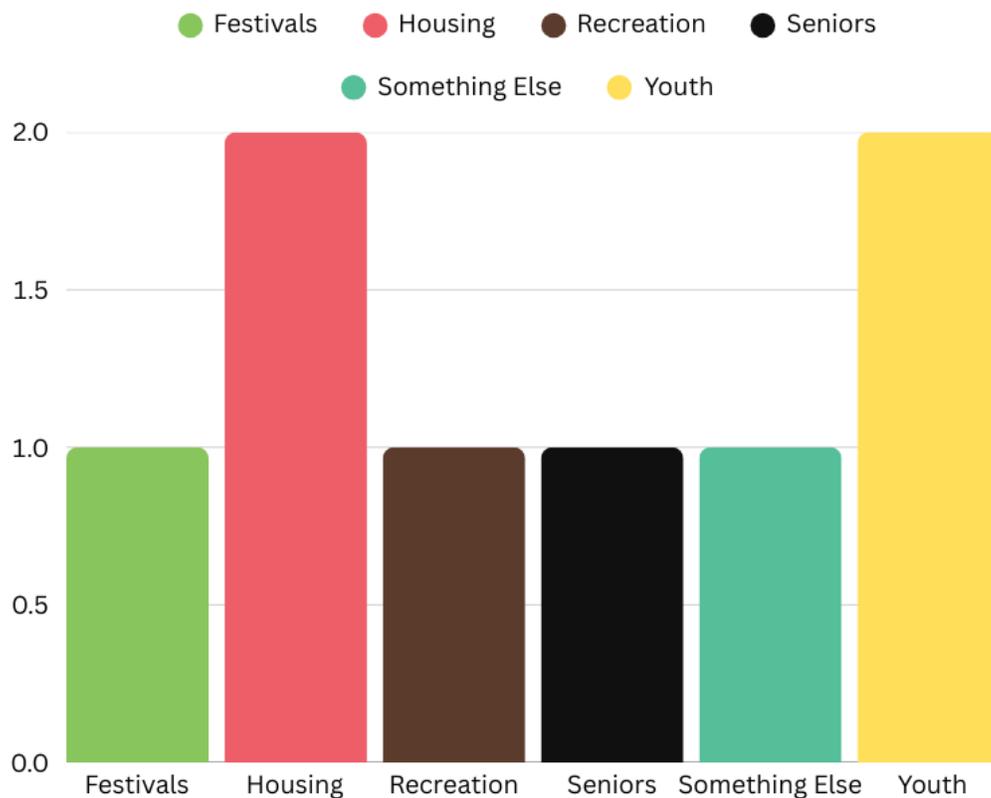
At this table, community members were invited to imagine what District 4 could look like 10 years from now. Through “Postcards for the Future,” participants shared their vision for housing, commercial spaces, and overall community development. We received 3 postcards filled with thoughtful ideas and hopes for the future. From these, two main themes emerged which are highlighted below:



## TABLE 2 FINANCE

At this table, community members were encouraged to step into the role of decision-makers and take part in the financial planning process. Many were surprised to learn that most of our budget is tied to mandatory contributions (policing, fire, and education among others.) This means we have limited flexibility and must make tough choices to ensure that the remaining funds support the needs of our community.

A total of 6 participants took part in this activity, each having the option to select 2 areas of importance.

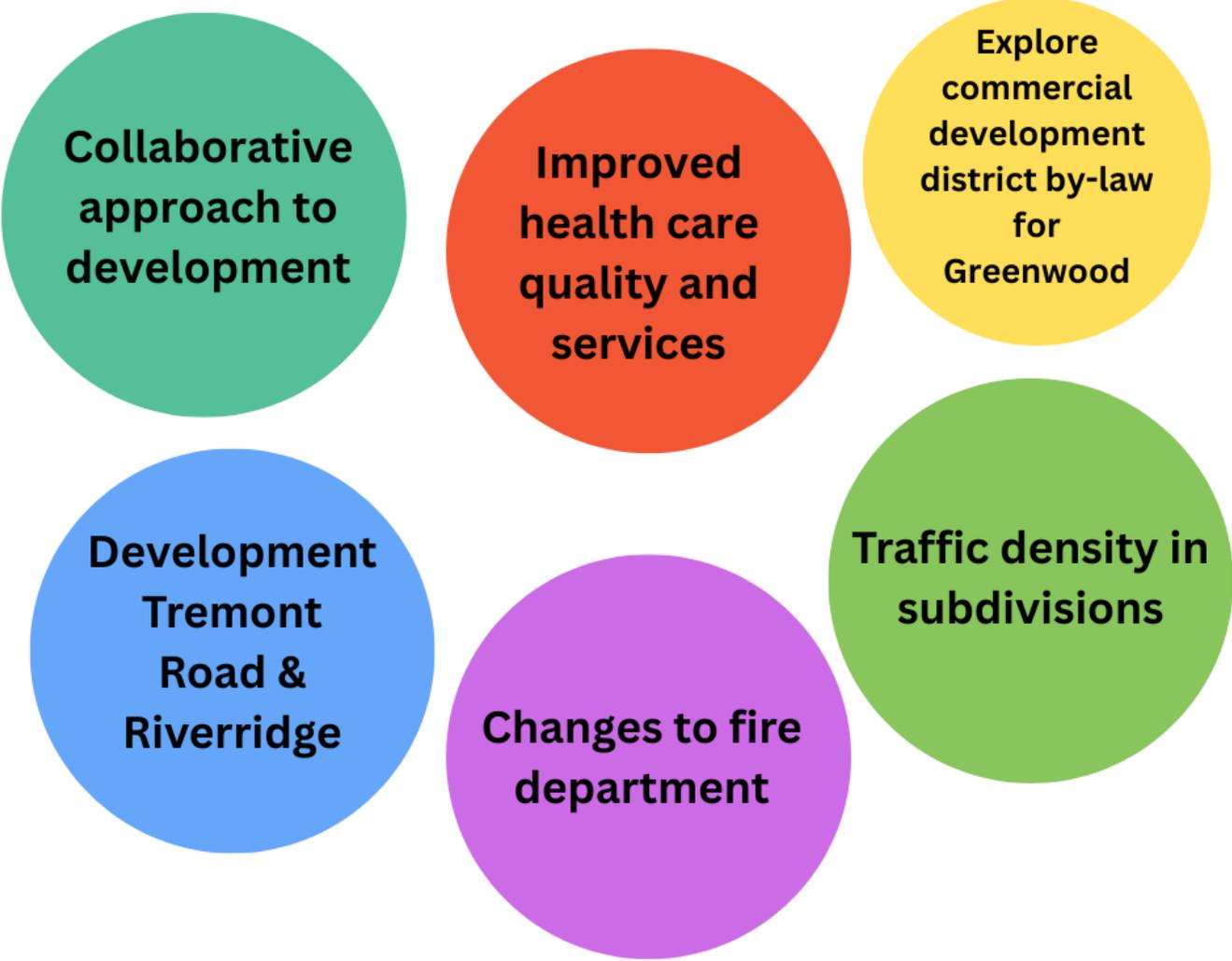


\*The “something else priorities” included more municipal support for local libraries

## TABLE 3 THE LISTENING TABLE

At this table, residents were invited to share the issues that matter most to them directly with the Mayor and the Municipality's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The purpose of this table was to foster open and transparent dialogue, ensure that every voice was heard, and establish a clear process for follow-up after the event.

The key topics discussed at the Listening Table are summarized below:



**Collaborative approach to development**

**Improved health care quality and services**

**Explore commercial development district by-law for Greenwood**

**Development Tremont Road & Riverridge**

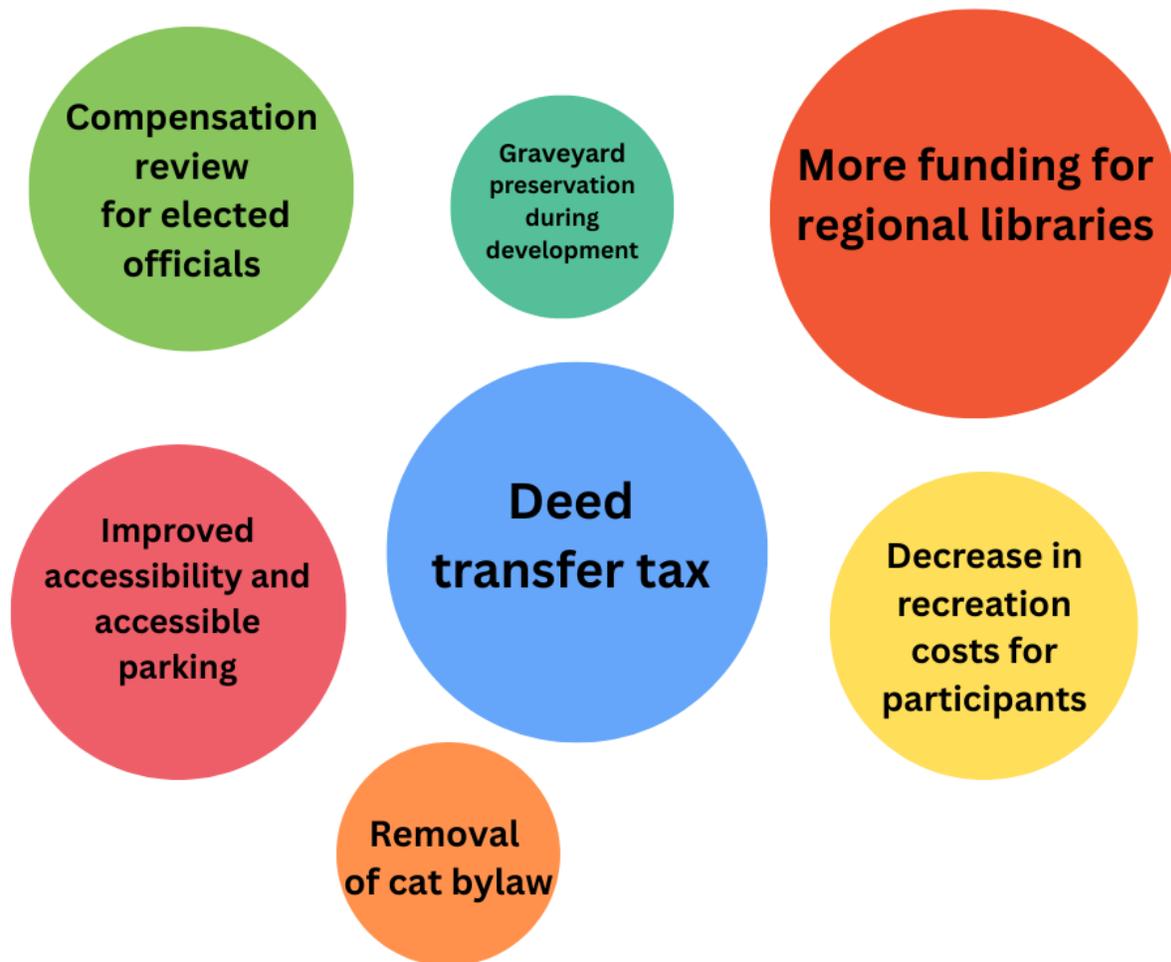
**Changes to fire department**

**Traffic density in subdivisions**

## TABLE 4 COMMUNITY

At this table, community members were invited to share their hopes and ideas for the future of our municipality. Conversations touched on a wide range of topics – from festivals and youth opportunities to community safety, facilities, and more.

Below, you'll find a snapshot of ideas that emerged:



*Circle size corresponds to the number of times an area of interest was mentioned by residents, with larger circles reflecting higher levels of community interest.*

## TABLE 5 ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

At this table, residents of District 4 were invited to share their thoughts on what's working well, what could be improved, and their big ideas for the future of Public Works in our community.

Below, you'll find the key themes and insights that emerged from these discussions:



## TABLE 6 COMMUNICATIONS

At this table, residents were invited to complete a short survey to help us better understand how the Municipality can most effectively communicate with the public. Their feedback will guide how we share information, updates, and opportunities for engagement moving forward. Below, you'll find a summary of the top 3 answers to how people want to be communicated with, the types of information they want to receive, and barriers to finding information from the Municipality.



# DISTRICT 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

Across all tables, citizens shared detailed feedback reflective of deep care for the future of District 4. From the comments, clear patterns pertaining to **safe infrastructure, thoughtful growth and a commitment to keeping community spaces open and accessible**. Comments have been summarized as follows under these themes:

## Infrastructure, Roads and Traffic Safety

Across all tables, infrastructure was one of the most discussed topics.

Key feedback included:

- The condition of local roads including traffic congestion in subdivisions like Rivercrest.
- Traffic speed in residential areas.
- Improved public water access in Kingston.

## Growth, Development and Land Use.

Growth and development were discussed across multiple tables.

Key themes included:

- A desire for a clear plan to address the housing crisis.
- Concerns around the deed transfer tax and its effect on military personnel.
- Calls for proactive planning to ensure sustainable development.

## Community Spaces, Recreation and Accessibility

Residents expressed great concern for the future of community facilities in their district.

Residents asked for:

- Stronger municipal support for keeping libraries open and well-funded.
- Improving accessible access to recreation and community facilities.
- Affordability of recreation programs
- Concern for long-term impact on local facilities if a new recreation hub is built.

## Communication and Transparency

Across all tables residents expressed as strong desire for improved communication

Feedback included:

- Requests for public engagement surveys to be included with the tax newsletter.
- Opportunities for the public to engage with Municipal and village leadership in the same space.

## Feedback from Village Commissions

Representatives from the Village of Kingston and the Village of Greenwood attended the meeting and shared their interest in strengthening collaborative relationships with the Municipality. Discussions included opportunities for village participation in future district meetings and the potential for more regular visits from the Mayor and Council to village offices.

**Across every table, the message was consistent:  
District 4 residents are ready for responsible growth, safer infrastructure, and a connected community built with transparency and care.**

## OUR COMMITMENT

District 4 residents have shown that meaningful change starts with conversation and continues through action, and this “What We Heard” report is just the beginning. Once we have met with all districts, we will compile the feedback into a comprehensive report, which will be shared broadly and include actionable items of how your feedback will be incorporated. It is anticipated that the comprehensive report with actionable items will be available in late Spring. These reports will help guide the future of our community engagement initiatives and we thank you all for your participation and thoughtful contributions. Together, we’ll keep the dialogue going. Thank you for participating in our District 4 Meet and Greet.