

VISION NEW MINAS Project Launch Summary 2020 11 17

Approximately 25 members of the public attended the online meeting, along with 8 Working Group members and staff from the Municipality and Village. A recording of the project introduction presentation is available at www.visionnewminas.ca. Participants of the meeting raised a number of questions, clarifications and topics for consideration in the planning process.

- Ensure consultation will be inclusive, reaching those for whom online is not an option, the Indigenous community, newcomers, seasonal workers, and other groups who are often excluded from public process.
- Ensure consultation opportunities are well-promoted and well-designed.
- Include technology (remote work, transportation, etc.) in the land use analysis and policies.
- Include watershed and storm water management in the land use analysis and policies.
- Include climate change in the land use analysis and policies.
- Ensure that neighbouring communities are included and attention is given to the regional scale.
- Acknowledge the interconnections of land use with economy, culture, health/well-being, and upholding Treaty rights.
- Assess the demand for commercial development and understand how different market or land use scenarios would affect Commercial Street.
- Clarify how the lands south of Highway 101 are being considered in the planning process.

Follow-ups and Responses

The following action items emerged from the online-meeting:

- Create a Frequently Asked Questions document to raise awareness on key issues.
- Clearly articulate the boundaries of what this Secondary Plan is (land use and built development policy), and is not (historical interpretation, cultural program, inclusion strategy, economic development strategy).
- Communicate what stakeholder engagement is being under taken.
- Reformat the project website to ensure information is communicated well.
- Ensure information is linked to Village website.
- Revise Q 7+8 of Vision survey to be clearer.