

HNS Survey #2

<p>Neighbourhoods have a unique sense of place and character that define a community and the people who live there. In the space below, please briefly sum up your vision of your neighbourhood in the future. Consider its physical condition, the nature and quality of future facilities and its social and economic fabric.</p>		
		Response Count
		113
		<i>answered question</i> 113
		<i>skipped question</i> 123

Response Text		
1	<p>Allandale should be centred around the existing, but currently under-developed commercial area located at Tiffin/Essa/Lakeshore. Business should be encouraged to locate there, including day-to-day amenities and speciality stores, thereby acting as the 'main street' of Allandale and providing some local employment. Surrounding this would be a cleaned-up version of the existing historic housing stock, including the development of currently vacant lots and general clean-up of existing run-down residences. This would be the built-in market for new local businesses. Allandale is currently separated from the waterfront, so ideally road access via an extension of Bayview to Lakeshore would create a real connection to the waterfront, but failing this, numerous pedestrian access points to the waterfront should be encouraged via tunnels and bridges. Signage would demark the entrances to the neighbourhood and heritage lighting would be installed throughout the neighbourhood to create a sense of place. Traffic calming, including speed bumps, bump-outs and widened sidewalks would encourage more restoration of the existing heritage housing along Burton Ave, and restore a more residential feeling to the neighbourhood (northbound traffic would be encouraged to travel along Minutes Point to Lakeshore and the re-engineered intersection at Essa).</p>	Feb 4, 2010 3:42 PM
2	<p>Without appropriate intervention, and soon, our neighbourhood will not exist in the near future. Too many non-conforming trade businesses have set up shop and are slowly converting the area into their own personal industrial park. The zoning department is well aware of the issue and has done nothing to eliminate or at least limit this activity. The city has decided for us, the residents in this area, that this activity is acceptable. It is not.</p> <p>The sense of place and character that our neighbourhood had, and what attracted us to this area 10 years ago, is dying. It isn't too late, but there has to be at least an effort by the city to keep the remaining character we have.</p>	Feb 4, 2010 4:13 PM

Response Text		
3	<p>There is a huge cross section of residents, various income levels and demographics, which I see as a wonderful feature. Nothing cookie-cutter about this neighborhood at all. I would love to see some of the public areas and vacant lots beautified, even with something as simple as some landscaping and tree plantings. The creek areas are lovely to have, but could be cleaned up a bit. Small business owners and restaurants would be welcome in this area, it is after all quite urban.</p> <p>I see no problem with increasing the residential density on main roads such as Bradfore, Innisfil etc., but we definetly need to get the vacant areas cleaned up and the run down properties addressed. The setting has to be an attractive one for the new businesses and developers to be interested.</p> <p>I find the people in this area to be very warm and friendly and actually much less transient than one would expect with so much rental property. I think this shows that the residents understand what a unique and special area we have.</p> <p>Lastly, there is no reason that some of the more basic changes; ie cleaning up vacant lots, couldn't be dealt with almost immediately. There is nothing more frustrating as taxpayer to watch how slowly the wheels turn when there are abvious and simple solutions. Studies are all well and good, but timely action is also important. Thanks for listening!</p>	Feb 4, 2010 4:33 PM
4	I live in the West Village on Donald St. in particular. My future vision of my neighbourhood involves my children being able to walk to the stores at Wellington Plaza without an escort along Donald Street on safe sidewalks. I also envision a red light crosswalk on Eccles between Sophia and Donald St. to enable the children in the neighbourhood to cross safely to go to school and the skateboard park.	Feb 4, 2010 4:43 PM
5	Clean up the unsightly properties and do away with the unsavoury businesses Provide shopping eg. grocery store	Feb 4, 2010 4:45 PM
6	It's complicated & I'm not sure it's possible.	Feb 4, 2010 5:14 PM
7	-- problem houses on Sophia and corner of Toronto and Sophia need to be addressed -- vision of the neighbourhood is to bring back families -- reduce rooming houses in historic neighborhoods -- i.e. those owned by John Cole and other landlords that don't adhere to property standards and don't really care about the clientele that they rent to	Feb 4, 2010 5:16 PM
8	A diverse community that caters to everyone living there. A place that belongs to the citizens where decisions are made locally. All aspects of a community need to be present to create diversity. Without schools and recreational centres it will be hard to maintain and encourage families to the Downtown. Without schools and recreational centres it will be hard to entice the type of development that caters to families. The city needs to work harder at maintaining and persuading business to move and stay in the Downtown, this should be their top priority.	Feb 4, 2010 6:03 PM
9	Allandale, with it's Churches, IOOF facility, parks, sleepyand small town ambience, is the way I wish to keep it. The outlying suburbs can take care of growth.	Feb 4, 2010 6:03 PM
10	Family friendly neighbourhood, active community, easy access for biking/walking/rollerblading to downtown, waterfront and groceries/shops	Feb 4, 2010 6:20 PM

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11	<p>I envision Queen's Park to be an ideal place to live in Barrie. This would require the downtown and surrounding areas to be the primary destination for daytime and nighttime activities, entertainment and shopping in Barrie.</p> <p>I envision Queen's Park to be an ideal starting point for walking or bicycling to the downtown and surrounding neighbourhoods, where a car-free lifestyle is completely realistic and even encouraged, and where there is a strong feeling of connectedness to the life and culture of the city, comparable to living in downtown Toronto.</p> <p>I envision the Barrie of the future to make it possible to live a rich and fulfilling life without ever needed to go outside the centre of Barrie, where all services and amenities are provided within the core, eliminating the need to go to the northern- or southern-most regions of Barrie.</p>	Feb 4, 2010 6:43 PM
12	<p>A dynamic neighbourhood that is enjoyed by residents of the area, citizens of Barrie and tourists. A neighbourhood that offers amenities such as parks, trails and public spaces along with grocers, pharmacies etc. It also provides unique shops, restaurants and cafes as the downtown core. This neighbourhood boasts clean and safe streets and a sense of community is evident.</p> <p>Cultural experiences are readily available for all from theatre, art galleries to family festivals and outdoor music. The water front parks are the jewel in the crown and sought after by all because they are well maintained and the water is clean and can be used for swimming.</p> <p>This neighborhood features mixed use developments, opportunities for active transportation, and great public spaces. We embrace all people have social services available along with the retail and office uses in the area. The downtown core will be a place where people desire to live, work and play due to all of the great features it can boast about.</p>	Feb 4, 2010 7:01 PM
13	<p>An area that I can be proud to show off to my visiting guests from out of town - where we can go for a walk in the evening without being targeted by the drunks and homeless..</p>	Feb 4, 2010 7:04 PM
14	<p>I would like to see Dunlop Street East of five points and west of Mulcaster turned into a pedestrian only promenade with rear night lanes improved to facilitate properties fronting this corridor. I have travelled extensively and found that pedestrian promenades are effective in creating an atmosphere and a distinct community environment.</p>	Feb 4, 2010 7:13 PM
15	<p>My neighbourhood is a great mix of people, residences, business now. Ward 2 needs some of the regulations every other ward in the city has regarding boarding house locations and standards. That being said very few of the people in boarding houses or group homes are any problem at all.</p> <p>We don't want the city to think they can dictate every single aspect of the historic neighbourhoods. They are unique because of their variety.</p>	Feb 4, 2010 7:33 PM
16	<p>A neighbourhood that continues to have a sense of community, where a wide diversity of people are proud to live and work and a feeling that people really are the city. Tall buildings(over 3 story) should not be allowed in predominately residential neighbourhoods but residents should also be encouraged to enhance their properties by way of a forgiveable loan or grant.</p>	Feb 4, 2010 7:40 PM
17	<p>I envision:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. unique community signs b. better quality streets - Drury Lane had MANY potholes and patches! c. tree lined streets d. no high-rises in The Grove. e. Access for invalid scooters 	Feb 4, 2010 9:24 PM

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18	Demography is low, middle to high income with a cross-section of ages. Some streets are in need of repair/resurfacing but keep being allowed to deteriorate. Some high traffic roads are narrower than allowed to be. All yield signs should be replaced with stop signs for greater safety. Most property owners take pride in their homes but for those who do not, perhaps incentives could be created to encourage them to maintain their properties in a more appropriate fashion. There is a sense within the community that there are forces/interests within city hall that try to determine what is best for a given area without consulting the very people that will be affected. When people collectively object to a given topic or motion, a deaf ear is turned to these residents even when significant petitions and vocal opinion runs counter with council and/or city staff. There must be more transparency in the process of decision making. Rules and procedures should not be abused and taken advantage for the benefit of the few whom understand the implications and complexities of decision making within the city.	Feb 4, 2010 9:36 PM
19	West end of downtown has been neglected since RVH and people that it brought to the neighbourhood moved. Then there were many good stores on Dunlop St. Many are very run down now. Eg: a small triangular area between Ross & Sophia - no flowers or landscaping where there is gardening on almost every other intersection in the city. Would be great to have incentives for homes & business to take a pride in their property, flower baskets, window baskets, etc. Barrie Community Health Centre could certainly use some landscaping. What responsibility do business that send patrons outside to smoke on the sidewalk have to keep their property clean. In many communities especially Europe with much more population than Barrie, you automatically see shop keepers sweeping their property every morning. The city does this, but I do not believe that it should be their responsibility. Shop keepers need to take some pride in the premises. On Mulcaster St. flower planters have been added - great. They at this time of year are just full of cigarette butts. Benches were removed from alot of downtown to prevent loitering. This also stops the general public from being able to sit and enjoy our wonderful waterfront. Why not add more, so everyone can sit.	Feb 4, 2010 9:59 PM
20	I would love to see this area become more of a single family type area, less rooming houses and derelict buildings. I would like more co operation between neighbours for the greater improvement. Too many absentee landlords still that bought up properties in this area cheap years ago and don't really give a damn who they rent to as long as they "show them the cash" and they don't live in their neighbourhoods.	Feb 4, 2010 10:02 PM
21	Our neighborhood must have a connection to its history and past vitality that it doesn't have now. The entire area can be re-valued by its many properties that feature mature trees and large lots so close to the waterfront. Huge vacant industrial areas will be reclaimed by zoning changes bringing excellent possibilities for increased housing density near the city center. Beautiful turning circles will replace ineffective or confusing stoplights like the ones at Anne and Tiffin, as well as Bradford-Essa-Lakeshore-Tiffin. These will provide an un-objectionable buffer between sections of differing civil use whilst ensuring almost constant traffic flow! This feature also presents great opportunity for public space, and place to erect monument to our city's wonderful past. The Tiffin and Essa area through to Anne St. will be born anew recalling the days of a busy Alandale station and the "other downtown" again full of foot traffic and shops. Life necessities like pharmacies, grocers and hardware replace abandoned store-fronts and Massage parlors. King James school may become the historic maybe even prestigious school to send your children to. Properties adjacent to the Go train tracks will have regained their Value and beauty as now only the platform at Alandale station has been left above ground. The reclaimed land covered by parkland, retail and condo use, mirroring the opposite side of Kempenfelt Bay. Property values are renewed all along the lake shore of beautiful Barrie! Desirability has been added to the entire area! Why buy a house in a subdivision when I could afford a home in historic Alandale!	Feb 5, 2010 12:32 AM

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22	It would be nice to have our street paved...it has not been done in the twenty-two years that I have lived here and paid taxes here....that is sorely needed to improve the look and feel of the neighbourhood.	Feb 5, 2010 12:56 AM
23	Fix up the roads and worn out sidewalks, add sidewalks where needed,strictly enforce bylaws and standards.Any retail or residential should be in keeping with the style of the area it is in.	Feb 5, 2010 3:05 AM
24	I look forward to a safe,beautiful area that has some birds singing and water that is clean and pure. I look forward to access to public transit with sheltered benches for when I can no longer drive. I look forward to a place where I may get groceries within walking distance. I dream of a performing arts centre with upscale restaurants that draw visitors to our beautiful waterfront.	Feb 5, 2010 3:16 AM
25	I see Allandale as an area of the city that is eclectic, diverse, well-maintained, historic with stately trees and shaded streets. There are all kinds of people, families, seniors, students, blue collar, white collar, green collar and they can all walk to all amenities.	Feb 5, 2010 4:54 AM
26	Brock Park area: The area surrounding Brock Park should, in the future, be a diverse mix of residential, commercial and institutional uses - as well, should be within close proximity to industrial uses (the area around Anne Street). We also need to encourage intensification within the area (mixed use buildings). I believe the Bradford Street corridor is the most important area to redevelop/intensify within the neighbourhood. We need to push through the 'Blue Sails' mixed use project and the commercial plaza at the old Honda dealership location. The city also needs to encourage brownfield development on the some of the vacant sites. I would also like to see more medium density 'infill' in the lower density residential areas on John/Victoria/Brock streets. We need to encourage 3 or 4 story walk up condo units and mixed income apartments on the quieter collector streets. The Dunlop/Eccles/Bradford Street intersection should be used as an important 'institutional' hub - with the new fire hall, a new high school, elementary school and a possible Georgain College satellite campus.	Feb 5, 2010 5:04 PM
27	A large number of residents in the Brock Park neighbourhood do not have cars or they choose to walk, i.e. to the waterfront or downtown. It is very much a pedestrian area for the locals. With that in mind, the city needs to study traffic patterns through it with a view to reducing the number of motorists who use the residential streets as a short cut to somewhere else. For example, one pattern is for drivers to travel south on Anne Street and then turn left at Brock Street (to avoid the lights at Anne and Tiffin). They then proceed (generally at a high rate of speed) across Brock and through the stop sign intersection of Innisfil, past the park zone and continue down to Bradford Street. They turn right onto Bradford and left at Tiffin onto the Lakeshore southbound. By using this route, they have avoided two major intersections controlled by lights at Anne and Tiffin and at Innifil and Tiffin but in doing so have decreased personal safety for residents including many children. Also of concern is the heavy traffic on Innisfil Street from Dunlop to Bradford which is used to avoid the traffic lights on Anne Street. The City should also look into establishing truck routes and "no heavy truck" routes. To truly make it a "community", the area requires a grocery store (at least a medium size one). Currently, the large grocery stores are at Wellington Plaza, Kozlov Centre, or the Zehrs on Essa Road.	Feb 5, 2010 5:05 PM

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28	<p>The DOWNTOWN must be clean and safe for citizens and residents. The city must co-ordinate and lead in a COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The complete downtown plan must have a residential mix even though it is beside more residential neighbourhoods. ALL ROADS MUST LEAD TO THE WATER - SAFE CONVENIENT PASSAGE FOR THOSE ON FOOT. The city MUST set the building standards high in the neighborhood and IN A VERY RESPONSIBLE WAY INSIST UPON THE HIGH STANDARDS BEING MET. ELIMINATE SINGLE ROOM FLOP HOUSES BY HAVING OWNERS MEET THE HIGH STANDARDS.</p> <p>If the city is NOT PREPARED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER A MAXIMUM ON THE NUMBER OF 'BARS ONLY' IN THE DOWNTOWN AND UPGRADE THE JUNK FLOP HOUSE ROOMS AND APARTMENTS IN THE DOWNTOWN we will never achieve our goal of a DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY-CLEAN AND SAFE FOR ALL. ONE WE CAN BE PROUD OF.</p>	Feb 5, 2010 7:19 PM
29	<p>My area is a little enclave of peace in amidst the hectic downtown core. Maintaining the streetscape and the cosy feel will be maintained by retaining single family dwellings, the occasional duplex or townhouse and low-rise 2 story apartments. The street and or sidewalk are difficult to widen due to some houses being very close to the sidewalk. As mature trees age and are removed they need to be replaced as they are a buffering agent to the traffic noise and provide a home for birds and other wildlife native to this area. The inhabitants of this area have the opportunity to walk, bike, or drive to local shops close by, thereby reducing their carbon footprint and not going to the mega-malls and box stores.</p>	Feb 5, 2010 8:21 PM
30	<p>Improved & restored properties, resurface roads, good side walks, the same density of people, easy access to the waterfront, upper middle class neighbourhood.</p>	Feb 5, 2010 10:13 PM
31	<p>I would like downtown to be a place that remains vibrant and active during all seasons.</p> <p>I want it to be the heart of Barrie economically and culturally. The downtown does seem to be improving its appearance with new businesses and upgrades, however it seems that the economic hub of Barrie is moving toward the southend.</p> <p>Downtown should keep its older buildings in good condition and not let them become rundown, and should also add new buildings that give a sense of place and identity whether the buildings be commercial, residential, institutional, or mixed-use.</p>	Feb 6, 2010 12:58 AM
32	<p>Our area has a large number of old houses. Maintenance of these will enhance the identity of Allandale as a historic railroad bedroom community. Any new developments should harmonise with the period architecture. The area is mainly low to medium density residential in nature, and should be kept that way. Large apartment and condominium developments would clash with the present and desirable nature of Allandale, and should be avoided. Commercial development on secondary arteries such as Burton Avenue should be avoided. Commercial development consistent with the nature of Allandale should be encouraged on Essa Road, and the current crop of car lots and massage parlours should be encouraged to relocate to industrial/commercial areas.</p>	Feb 6, 2010 4:19 AM

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33	<p>It would be ideal if we could attract some small light industrial and neighbourhood retail. Places like Kolmar and Fox's Bakery provide employment and are very good neighbours too! Get the excess traffic and parking away from residential areas. Our street (Dufferin) is only one block long - we don't need extra traffic and parking on both sides of the street - which is heavy during the summer months - isn't acceptable. It frustrates home owners who often can barely get out of their own driveways. To keep a neighbourhood such as ours happy we deserve to feel protected and valued. It would be really nice to see street festivals and small fairs held in our community too. Things like a street garage sale day followed by an old fashioned street dance. The smaller parks - like Brock could host a family picnic. Why not add a wading pool for the children etc. We would love to see more trees on the boulevard - can the city buy them at a wholesale cost and pass that along to the homeowner. We would like some mature trees and they are very expensive but add so much beauty as well as have good environmental benefits. Is it possible to institute some one way streets? Have Innisfil go one way and Bradford the other and expand the parking spaces along the main arteries taking away the need for extra traffic on the smaller roads.</p>	Feb 6, 2010 2:19 PM
34	<p>ensure property standards are met. people such as those at the busby centre should be placed a little way from the main streets, such as the old fire station.(it is not pleasant having to pass them by on collier with their comments etc.) streets should be a priority in the old sections as well as sidewalks. i would like to see all the homes kept in good shape and better supervised tenants in the duplexes. young families with children playing in the park would be a welcome sight.</p>	Feb 6, 2010 4:24 PM
35	<p>SAFE, more restrictions on these money making multi residential homes that have a long history off criminal activities. Make landlords live there, not just make a pile of money and let it go to the dogs. we need nice outside cafes, our narrow residential st. needs to go back being that then a traffic heavy street for people to gun on the gas pedal to make it to the top of Toronto St. It would be great if the city would support those who want to fix up a historic home with financial support to better the downtown as we know the homes can be a money pit to fix up but so worth it for Barrie's history and future. More people oving back to fix up downtown can only help the downtown economy. Lets be unique. I think we should do an extreme makeover series!!hehe</p>	Feb 7, 2010 1:02 PM
36	<p>Having lived here for over twenty five years I have seen my neighbours sell their properties to people who eventually become absentee landlords and do nothing to enhance or maintain their properties. Registered rental properties should be inspected on a regular basis. Without this policing their would not be any respect for area improvements.</p>	Feb 8, 2010 11:33 AM
37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An inclusive neighbourhood where residents can age-in-place - A clean and welcoming neighbourhood 	Feb 8, 2010 3:13 PM
38	<p>Pride in "Old" Allandale. Clean up Old Allandale Trainstation. Get rid of derelict stores and "spas" on Essa Road. Make sure King Edward School not left vacant.</p>	Feb 9, 2010 12:08 AM
39	<p>I would like to see the city of barrie pay more attention to buildings that are being put up by neighbours that do not follow the building codes and property lines, especially in older areas of barrie. I would like to see clear sidewalks in the winter months so that residents can walk to local grocery stores and coffe shops. I would like to see a clean waterfront with accesable paths.</p>	Feb 9, 2010 12:20 AM

Response Text		
40	<p>A resident of Allandale for the past 25 years. Cumberland Street, mixed use at present, little or no rental control has led to multiple use dwellings, parking problems, increased noise and lack of property care by some landlords. Needed: development of stores to provide shopping for groceries, professionals within walking distant for neighborhood. Refurbishment of Essa Road area, and Bradford Street; many opportunities for redevelopment for residential and commercial use without defacing lakeshore, while providing easy walking access for new residents to lake. This interfaces existing single family dwellings in Cumberland, William, Holgate area with potential new multiple family and commercial dwellings on Bradford street, along with possible recreational facilities in the south end. Shopping, living, restaurants, theatre, public art etc. Crowds that visit Kempenfest can then visit permanent shopping and art locations and restaurants year round with a view to creating year round activities focused on our expanded downtown core and the lake.</p>	Feb 9, 2010 1:31 PM
41	<p>In a city growing as rapidly as Barrie, every effort must be made to balance growth with maintaining a sense of Barrie's history. I like the thought of Barrie seeming like a "a big town' rather than a "small city." In the future I hope to live in a city where I can satisfy my shopping, professional, entertainment and dining needs in the downtown core. To meet these needs without needing my car would be a bonus. I enthusiastically endorse the notion of developing the city core, rather than the suburban rings at the edges of the city.</p>	Feb 9, 2010 6:21 PM
42	<p>When entering a neighbourhood that houses families, please have a safe place to cross the street. Trees and nature lining the street. Property standards at a high level to showcase a community Sidewalks and bike lanes A sense of pride of ownership in that neighbourhood Visuals that say a neighbourhood exist here.</p>	Feb 9, 2010 7:00 PM
43	<p>I see my neighbourhood as being very pedestrian friendly with beautiful mixed use historic, or historic looking buildings with individual character. Parks will be easily accessible, and bicycle lanes would be seen on almost every street.</p>	Feb 9, 2010 11:08 PM
44	<p>A unique sense that you are in a defined area - marked by street signage, unique items (public art, historical plaques). Public meeting places within the community not just at parks. Pride of ownership. More consistent appearance of homes (through enforcement of Property Standards against absent landlords or negligent landlords). A neighbourhood that encourages residents of all ages to reside there.</p>	Feb 10, 2010 12:19 AM

Response Text		
45	<p>I think it is very important to look after our aging areas of the city. There are alot of new developments planned but we have to look after what we already have. For a stranger that gets off hwy 400 at the Essa exit, they must be a little bit scared as they drive along Essa Rd towards our jewel in the city, Lake Simcoe. From the 'spas' to the empty derelict looking buildings, they must wonder if they made a wrong turn somewhere or how they can get out. I think 'Old Allandale' has the opportunity to someday be what 'The Beaches' is to Toronto. We have to keep the small village feel but improve on what is here now. When we bought our house on William Street 15yrs ago, I was the youngest person on my street. My son had more Grandmas/Nanas on this street that he knew what too do with. As time has gone on, these older people have passed on or moved into smaller residences and younger and younger people have moved into our area and have started renovating their homes, with great success. We have a little jewel in this area of Barrie. We have to remember the history of this area and preserve what buildings are left. When you drive through Unionville, you get that historical feel, from the street signs to the lamp poles, to the preserved buildings and storefronts. That has always been my hope for this area. We have such a long railway history here, I think we need to enhance this and make our little jewel of a neighbourhood stand out and bring the history forward. I love what Mr. Porter has started to do and I think we need to follow his lead. I am so happy that the Y will not be built on our lake. I was never happy about it but may have gotten my head around it if their design was in keeping of our historical area. We need anything built on those lands to look like they have always been there, not like a modern eyesore.</p>	Feb 10, 2010 2:39 AM
46	<p>It's old. The sidewalks aren't perfect. The roads are dark and narrow. There were some bad development decisions made a few decades ago. In some places, it looks derelict. Overall, the word I'd use to describe it is "quaint" though.</p> <p>There are historic homes in abundance. Some are beautiful now--they have been maintained or restored. Some have potential and there is a trend to restoring homes in the neighbourhood. The water pressure isn't always great. There's a distinct feeling when walking through these historic streets. Some residents have made the effort to learn about the history of their homes and others are catching on. Many people spend time on their verandas in the fair weather, and sometimes in the not-so-fair weather, which encourages relationships amongst neighbours and increases enjoyment of the neighbourhood, of life, and I would think a decrease in neighbourhood crime.</p> <p>There are a few very disturbing situations--rentals with residents that are obviously engaged in something--likely drugs. We need a neighbourhood school. We need amenities such as a market so we can purchase produce, meat and bread at the very least without getting into a car. We'd like some of the inconsistent dwellings/buildings that were built in more recent times to disappear--or to find a way to use facades to make them look like they fit in.</p> <p>Sidewalks don't have to be perfect. Roads don't either. The neighbourhood is the people and the historic homes. We need an elementary school (or a new idea--a combined elementary and secondary school so that numbers support a local school--check out what they're doing in PEI) to encourage families to live here.</p>	Feb 10, 2010 2:51 PM

Response Text		
47	<p>Allandale is the historic jewel in the city's core, across the bay from the downtown. The heritage buildings are our history. If the redevelopment of the Station proceeds as planned, and if that can spark the area, Allandale will become a creative, dynamic and vibrant neighbourhood. We need to preserve what we have, but be bold in development. New architecture should be complementary, bold and contemporary. It should not be neo-Victorian or neo-Edwardian. Just as our historic buildings tell us much about our community when they were built, so too do the building we erect now reflect us. Barrie has squandered much of its physical heritage. And we have lost some to tragedy. We will continue to lose buildings despite our best efforts. But we must encourage or enforce preservation. And aid owners with the up keep of historic features and facades.</p> <p>If Creative Allandale is achieved, with infill and more residents, and services geared to residents (grocery etc), new roads, lighting and signage, Allandale will be the envy of many and a continuing (complementary) rival to downtown.</p>	Feb 10, 2010 4:47 PM
48	<p>pride in homes and grounds, maintaining historic properties, restoring boulevards with trees, safety and concern for neighbours and enforcement of rental property standards before they become a bigger problem. I see the grove as strictly residential area but a place where people can enjoy walking as part of the pleasure of coming to the downtown, to feel safe</p>	Feb 11, 2010 1:25 AM
49	<p>safe, quick access to the hyway and stores certain amount of privacy</p>	Feb 11, 2010 4:04 AM
50	<p>Keep home owners happy. Clean up vacant lots. Look at Shear Park tree management plan, if one exists?</p>	Feb 11, 2010 7:28 PM
51	<p>There are increasing numbers of people living in the downtown and this should be encouraged with closer policeing of noise bylaws,etc. especially when the bars close. The damage, vandalism, graffiti and excessive noise could be controlled perhaps by having bar owners contribute to the extra cost of more police patrolling at this time of night. After all these owners are making considerable profits and should be somewhat responsible for thier patrons who overindulge.</p> <p>Downtown is a great place to live but we do need to preserve a few necessary businesses such a grocery store, pharmacy, and of course the Farmers Market. The wonderful assortment of restaurants, boutiques etc and specialty stores all enhance the area. Bringing back the talented Buskers also was a good move.</p>	Feb 12, 2010 1:24 AM
52	<p>Our neighborhood is smaller than the area you show as the Downtown so my answer is not relevant to what you have defined on the map. My neighborhood is the residential area east of the commercial are in the Downtown and my future sees no further development of commercial uses east of Berzy, a continuation of the mix of low, medium and high density residential buldings.</p>	Feb 12, 2010 5:32 PM
53	<p>Keep the infastructure in good condition. Take steps to minimize areas where homeless persons hang out, especially in the summer months. Retain the mix of old and new. Don't close downtown schools. Don't build a firehall on arena property. Arena should never have been torn down. You've forced people in the centre core to travel farther to newer recreation centres. This area was always referred to as Midway. Many people don't even know where Brock Park is!</p>	Feb 12, 2010 8:38 PM
54	<p>I love our neighbourhood , we have a great mix of young families and aging couples. I want to see this mix continue as too many seniors would be like living in Elliot Lake however we do need them to teach our children. I would like to see our childrens' schools saved in downtown or these new dwellings will not hold children.</p>	Feb 13, 2010 2:15 AM

Response Text		
55	<p>Living in Allandale, I feel something needs to be done to attract businesses to the area. Also, there are many rental properites in my area, homes being turned into two or three units instead of a single home. These properties are often in bad shape, there are always too many cars parked in their driveways, and the noise levels are high. We need to encourage home owners that take pride in caring for their property and have an interest in their neighbourhood.</p>	Feb 13, 2010 9:48 PM
56	<p>This statement feels quite intimidating and doesn't really encourage answers. I feel that most people hope for a safe, well maintained neighborhood which provides all necessary services to allow them to live their life to the fullest in their own are.</p>	Feb 14, 2010 12:19 AM
57	<p>Given Barrie has evolved in a manner, not based on its history, it's a bit late in the day to make this determination. And it probably will not all be recognizable as an historic community. However, it would be nice if there are significant efforts made to enhance existing and salvageable landmark buildings and mirror neighbouring facades transitioning (morphing?) gradually away into more modern areas of town.</p> <p>Subdivisions especially the newer ones, will be most difficult as by and large they are indistiguishable from one-another. Developers seem not to be required to consider the aesthetic value of their labours. A bottom line issue I'm sure, together with a mantra of throw it up and move on!</p> <p>In the various properties I've owned around town the developers have not gone out of their way to exceed my expectations. Therefore, I believe that for the Neighbourhoods to improve in a measurable way, City standards and oversight will be the imperative! Developers are unlikely to police themselves.</p>	Feb 14, 2010 5:59 PM
58	<p>My neighbourhoos is primarily a mix of single dwelling houses, low density housing and rooming houses. Many of the rentals are let to anyone who can come up wth that month's rent, and often I see police called to the area due to domestics/drunkenness. I would like to see higher standards for the landlords, not only in the tenants they rent to, but the upkeep of the buildings themselves. As a pedestrian, I would like to see more small business in the area. With the closure of the Rona Cashway, for example, I now have to travel halfway across town for any hardware items. As a bus rider, I would like to see some consistency in the placing of bus stops. Some time ago, they removed the southbound stop at John and Anne, and it is at the driver's discretion whether I can get off on my street or walk an extra block or three. However, Anne Street beer drinkers are in luck, as they have two stops to choose from when buying their beverage. I know beer is heavy, but it seems a stop at the end of a residential street makes more sense. A better public transportation system and stores nearby would encourage people to use their cars less, resulting in cleaner air and less noise.</p> <p>There are many little pockets of unused land in my area; why not naturalize them and plant them with trees? In time, they would provide shade and places for people to enjoy nature. A while ago, the City gave away free trees for peoples' boulevard; a wonderful program!</p> <p>I feel I live in an area with a lot of potential. It is relatively convenient, quiet for the most part, and Home owners certainly work hard to keep their properties attractive. I hope these suggestions are useful to you.</p>	Feb 15, 2010 3:03 PM

Response Text		
59	<p>Our vision for Old Allandale is to bring back a sense of a neighbourhood; a place where we can work, shop and enjoy the community waterfront. We would like a small town or village atmosphere re-established, this would include a grocery store, pharmacy, small businesses with living accommodations for the shop owners or condo's to purchase or rent. A place where tourists could shop as well as the residence. To beautify the "entrance way" from the 400 to the waterfront and to deal with the congestion during peak times. The continued financial assistance to bring older buildings to a more energy efficient level as well as restoration of the facade. Final the restoration of the Allandale Train Station. We are disappointed that the YMCA is no longer in a position to be part of this plan. It is a must that we celebrate the history of this building and the residence of Allandale while supporting the future endeavours of small businesses, tourism and to sustain Kempenfelt Bay and the parkland.</p>	Feb 15, 2010 6:04 PM
60	<p>Downtown is able to have the best of both world with regard to all areas. Since it is on the waterfront the natural setting is very much apart of what downtown represents, parks, trails, natural landscapes and accessories are very important. However, it is still able to support a high-density commercial and residential setting. What would be great is to incorporate and develop both. A place where people can live, work and socialize with all the amenities they need near them. It is important for the city and downtown to promote heritage buildings, and the style and design of buildings to be similar (not modern) to the architecture around it. Since this is one of the only areas in Barrie left that can support and requires to showcase Barrie history.</p> <p>Within downtown it would be great to create mini-communities within it - it partly is already starting. ie. Collier - financial/business district; five-points - cultural district; lakeshore mews - creative district; simcoe st/toronto st/lakeshore - waterfront... what would be nice is to create these areas then have the theme of original signing and design to match the areas.</p>	Feb 16, 2010 5:13 AM
61	<p>My vision...</p> <p>Older homes being taken care of, and owned rather than rented and abused. Essa and Bradford redesigned to include shops, a bakery, a pharmacy, some restaurants, and a grocery store! The streets are lined with old black lamp posts (much like the lakeshore), and the street signs have the name of the area and the street name. Signs at the beginning and end of each area to let the passerby know where they are. The sign could also include a tid-bit on the history of the area. My area would be known as "Old Allandale" - not just Allandale. Allandale represents a much greater area that what we are striving for. To keep things unique they must remain small. The streets are repaved and the sidewalks are cobbled - to remind everyone that this is a cherished area, not a forgotten one. The addition of park benches, the transformation of vacant lots into fields of activity like soccer, with perhaps a water fountain and landscaping. Artwork in strategic places like the corner of Essa, Tiffin and Bradford. That is a main thoroughfare for people entering Barrie, make it pretty!!!! Flags just don't provide the same impact as a sculpture of some kind. My vision includes an area that people care about and want to visit. An oasis of times of old, and a place where people want to get their wedding pictures done. Small little coffee shops, and walkways that connect with each other. Bike paths that wind along picturesque landscapes of old homes and quiet community streets. Upscale townhomes along Gowan that connect with the train and the waterfront. A renovated train station that is the pinnacle of history in Barrie...to show people what Barrie is about and be proud of our heritage! A train station that incorporates art, coffee shops, a museum, and actually gives people a place to go that is educational and inspiring.</p> <p>My vision is to create something unique and desired. We have the foundation staring at us in the face - the train station, the homes, the LAKE..... we just need to recognize it, grab it and run with it! There is so much potential here to create something very special and explode Barrie's tourism industry into something worthwhile.</p>	Feb 16, 2010 3:32 PM

Response Text		
62	I want to see a neighbourhood where there is variety. While it may be difficult to accomodate, I believe a business/residential mix is best. Young families must be included which means good schools and safe playgrounds. We must also make sure not to tolerate any ghetto mentality including gangs and street prostitutes. The suburbs and surrounding communities must be (encouraged) to keep and support a portion of their homeless who tend to find better support in our downtown.	Feb 16, 2010 6:15 PM
63	It's a historic neighbourhood--bad decisions about development have been made over the past 25 years however we should refocus on the heritage attributes and encourage restoration and in some cases a reintroduction of the heritage flavour. It should be a unique, niche area.	Feb 16, 2010 8:14 PM
64	Queens Park needs to be improved and protected. Skating in the winter and a band shell for summer concerts. The Caribbana starts there without any neighbourhood involvement - some of us would be glad to open our homes to the families involved to change - use bathroom - safely store belongings. there should be a neighbourhood commitee that can approve festivals in our park. I can see Queens Park as being a venue for small festivals that would involve the schools.	Feb 16, 2010 8:30 PM
65	My future neighbourhood would be a place where I could walk safely to community parks, grocery stores and to the downtown core. There would be place to ride my bike, parks to visit and a strong farmers market. It would be free of crack houses, derelict buildings, and vacant buildings. There would be a healthy group of folks shopping downtown and the streets would not be full of prostitution, drug attics and violent drunks. If we have a strong efficient neighbourhood it will lessen the effects of peak oil and make our community more resilient.	Feb 16, 2010 8:57 PM
66	I would like to see provision for those in need & homeless in a secure hopefull environment away from the downtown & all it's bad influences. I would like the city to set an example in the care of the public areas and so encourage property owners to do the same	Feb 16, 2010 9:56 PM
67	The waterfront needs to encourage local and out of town people to visit. More community fishing derbys for families and kids.Not limiting parking and access to the waterfront.	Feb 16, 2010 10:33 PM
68	the area around the lakeshore condos is a work in progrerss. It feels like a retirement place during the week and then comes alive with the youth and young families at other times . The area is slowly gaining character but little business exists to keep those less able to shop locally. Such a dense and aging group of high tax payers live here. I think more needs to exist for their future ability to remain in their homes in the neighbourhood. You may even want to consider community gardens etc	Feb 17, 2010 12:22 AM
69	Queen's Park is an area where families, regardless of their stage of life, can find what they need easily and create a lifestyle that is urban, sophisticated, and most of all, inclusive. There's an old adage that it takes a village to raise a child. That village is the neighbourhood. It offers support, security and a sense of place. As the neighbourhood that housed the original RVH, the first art gallery, the city's first elementary and secondary schools, Queen's Park is a caring, professional community. It offers incredible historic homes, mature landscaping, and unparalleled amenities and partnerships with community agencies (such as those once located in the old Vic Village, post RVH). It is a resource for the entire city, an inclusive community within the larger community. Its history and its spirit embody the best of Barrie. This should be acknowledged, respected and nurtured.	Feb 17, 2010 8:59 PM

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70	The downtown of Barrie has been allowed to fall into an area that many people do not want to visit. The question is why? The plan for revitalizing the downtown some years ago was an admirable plan, but in many respects was not realistic for the economic times. Some common sense and citizen input could be a valuable tool in having other options for the downtown, not just in population planning but in controlling growth and the ideal kind of growth needed to maintain a viable downtown.	Feb 17, 2010 9:08 PM
71	I feel that it is not only important as a community to come together to ensure our historical neighbourhoods are protected, but individually as owners. Without a sense of pride shared by residents neighbourhood improvements made on a municipal scale are not as effective. By injecting a sense of pride and a feeling of community amongst as many residents as possible will not only support a rejuvenation, but will ensure it's longevity. Surveys and workshops are certainly a step in the right direciton in engaging our community members, and is part of the reason I as a young home owner wanted to situate myself in a historical neighbourhood. I love the feel and the character of an older community and hope that Barrie will become better at protecting and cultivating our heritage.	Feb 17, 2010 11:02 PM
72	To replace current downtown neighbourhoods to increase growth for growth sake does not make sense. Increased growth areas and higher density areas should only be allowed outside established neighbourhoods and contain mixed residential and commercial much the way old established neighbourhoods used to. You could walk to a store or business - you didn't need to drive. Make sure development includes mixed use such as providing areas within the development for the handicap (provide separate entrances etc.). Also have mixed design areas that include areas for senior citizens which would be smaller units but more features seniors require such as lower counters and wider doorways for walkers etc. A neighbourhood's character or charm is usually associated with use. Having garages in front of houses only encourages backyard use only policy. Increased density should require onsite parking not only for residents but for guests. Require enough parking spaces and not just a minimum to get by. Keep and improve the citys use of foral areas and gardens.	Feb 18, 2010 2:20 AM
73	I think the people involved are on the right track. I want my neighbourhood to be walkable, with conveniences like drug stores, grocers, cafes, and markets (and yes, even neighbourhood pubs). I enjoy mixed developments with young people through retirees, and places must be provided for people to mingle and become a community. Living in 'The Grove' we are very close to downtown, which I enjoy, but more conveniences on Bayfield would be more walkable, than downtown (don't get me wrong, I love walking downtown for a little shopping or entertainment, but trudging back from the Foodland with groceries is a bit too far). I think these sort of conveniences will only be profitable if medium and high density housing is built up down Bayfield with main level commercial units. I subscribe to walking and biking around my community, but in reality, we live in a northern climate which makes it somewhat challenging in the winter, so car support is perhaps more important than in a city like Vancouver.	Feb 18, 2010 2:27 AM
74	The current flavor of Queen's Park area is mixed, but the continued conversion of properties to boarding houses or romming houses is eroding the area. The majority of owners are great, but there are exceptions, and enforcement of bylaws is key to maintaining an attractive, well groomed neighbourhood. There is an amazing mix of people here, and that is slowly changing, but the more income properties there are, the less investment in property beautification there seems to be. Through careful planning and application of bylaw enforcement, this will continue to be a beautiful and wecoming area.	Feb 18, 2010 2:46 PM

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75	I strongly feel that Downtown Barrie still needs pockets of low density neighbourhoods close to the downtown core to maintain a sense of history and community and that these neighbourhoods need the support of City council and Barrie Police. We need to focus on enhancing these areas with signage, benches, trees, landscaping.	Feb 18, 2010 8:59 PM
76	A safe place to work and play Our Waterfront is wonderful. Please do not create a concrete ring around it. Enough is enough	Feb 18, 2010 9:13 PM
77	My neighbourhood is filled with Doctor's , lawyers, independants, blue-collar workers, seniors, young couples, singles and others. Because of it's diversity it is well maintained with people who own, respect their neighbours and are thoughtful. The maturity of the trees, modesty of the homes, closeness to the best school in Simcoe County insures quality in teaching, children, and community involvement.	Feb 18, 2010 9:20 PM
78	residential, encourage large lots for upscale homes,	Feb 18, 2010 10:20 PM
79	This is a bit grandiose. We want peace and quiet and safety and a clear separation of residential and manufacturing. We should build on the inherent beauty of the site and try to develop the core as a destination for boaters.	Feb 19, 2010 2:29 AM
80	The Allandale area is in good condition, with the exception of several lots that the house has burned down several years ago, yet the property owner can and has set up a trailer to live in. Living in trailers outside of restricted areas for trailers is against the law. Yet no one will do anything about them.	Feb 19, 2010 10:35 PM
81	The Grove neighbourhood is almost entirely residential, and mostly single-family, though there are apartment buildings including two very large old ones, on Peel and Wellington which could be improved in appearance and landscape. There are two schools but very little park area; a mini-mall at Bayfield and Wellington, a drugstore and medical offices on Penetang but otherwise little in the way of business. Perhaps the "business below and residence above" idea should be encouraged here when opportunity arises. The NE corner of the area where I have lived for 25 years has a degree of community which we have enjoyed, and the Grove neighbourhood as a whole is in walking distance of almost all the facilities needed by the average family outside the neighbourhood.	Feb 20, 2010 2:50 PM
82	I enjoy living in this neighbourhood. It is very central.	Feb 20, 2010 6:25 PM
83	Diverse - I would like to live my life out in the Downtown as a diverse, vibrant neighbourhood.	Feb 22, 2010 2:16 PM
84	Diversity, green housing development, more cycle paths. Bike rental like in Montreal. Year round recreation facilities within walking distance to the Downtown	Feb 22, 2010 2:22 PM
85	Empty lot areas are a deterrent - build on them	Feb 22, 2010 2:31 PM
86	Neighbourhoods make up a City or Town, therefore we must ensure we protect its heritage buildings as well as provide a safe and pleasant environment for the people who reside there. A neighbourhood should also provide a variety of local shopping stores	Feb 22, 2010 2:40 PM
87	I live in the "downtown", a transitional neighbourhood by definition that will continue to change. Without a vibrant downtown and city has no soul. Barrie's south end will take care of itself - the emphasis needs to be on smart and effective development of the downtown. Hopefully, it will maintain easy access to the waterfront, the downtown will continue to support street festivals and community events including those that close off part of the street for pedestrians. Allow "pop-ups" in vacant storefronts. Make it authentic and find the uniqueness and people will visit or move there. If there could be one large "anchor" have it be one that supports and enhances the character of the downtown and does not overwhelm it - either a university satellite or convention centre. I would like to see empty properties in the downtown filled before any new site is built, historic buildings - not just facades preserved and a cohesive main street without being too "Disney -fied".	Feb 22, 2010 6:34 PM

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88	<p>The downtown neighbourhood should include cultural facilities such as the art gallery and the theatre as well as a variety of interesting shops for tourists to visit. We already have great restaurants and a fantastic waterfront park (when it's finished). It should be a priority to finish the work at the train station and to open the new Go Station.</p> <p>I am in favour of bringing the Georgian College School of Design and Visual Arts downtown. It could be the catalyst for more cultural industry in addition to bringing cultural students into our neighbourhood!</p> <p>When streets are rebuilt, they should include bicycle paths.</p> <p>I would like to see Dunlop Street between Bayfield Street and Mulcaster Street should become a walking street (like Sparks Street in Ottawa or Stroget in Copenhagen)</p>	Feb 22, 2010 7:54 PM
89	<p>The physical condition of the downtown at the present time is very conservative, relatively well maintained and well used seasonally. I would like some standards of decoration for new or renovated buildings be established in order to keep this image. The Maclaren for eg. has kept the style of the building intact. On the other hand, I do not like the red paint chips on the Bank of Nova Scotia. Corporations should forego their logo and blend in to the community they hope to serve. My most important vision would be to see the block of property on the south side of Dunlop east of Mulcaster be publicly owned and therefore become an additional part of the Barrie Kemenfelt Parks area, There is no denying that this area needs to be preserved as recreational as well as aesthetic space increases in demand. It is vital to provide recreational facilities for families not all of whom can afford cottages, et</p> <p>I would also suggest that some consideration will have to be given if it is not already to pollution /clean air as both Ontario and Barrie continue to develop.</p>	Feb 22, 2010 7:58 PM
90	<p>Downtown elementary and secondary schools must be present in order to attract future people</p>	Feb 23, 2010 1:51 PM

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91	<p>My neighbourhood will retain its historic charm, with older single family homes or development that is in keeping with my heritage neighbourhood. This includes the Allandale Station Lands as this piece of property is the heritage of this area specifically. Am excited about the restoration of the Train Station itself. Hopefully part of the buildings will become a railway exhibit/museum. Many in Allandale have possessions they would like to contribute to such a museum. Perhaps a small boutique hotel (low rise) to blend with the train station so when folks take the train from Toronto they have somewhere on the waterfront to stay. This would include a lovely patio for summer and winter dining. Think all seasons!</p> <p>Improved sidewalks, curbs and crossings for able bodied and challenged individuals. Both intersections at Essas/Tiffin and Lakeshore Tiffin need improvement from a pedestrian friendly perspective. Lots of neighbours currently avoiding those intersections all together because they find them dangerous. Currently our walkway to the path has been cut off at the foot of Tiffin due to new parking and unmaintained new walkway in the winter.</p> <p>Create a bike route on our roadways. Work to get people out of there cars.</p> <p>I would like to see access to the Lakeshore at the foot of Bayview through a bridge not a tunnel. Wouldn't it be lovely to stand on the bridge and look down the bend in the track, view of the lake, see fireworks displays etc. Would need to be designed for physically challenged folks and covered from the weather.</p> <p>Would love to see, a farmers market, bakery, general store, sports equipment rental shop (to enjoy our beautiful waterfront) snow shoes, cross country skis, rollerblade, ice skates rental, bike, canoes, kayaks, peddleboats (non-motorized) all season. Utilize the lake for skating in the winter. Has been great this year so far. A meeting place for folks, coffee shops, ice cream parlour. Perhaps some art installations around the neighbourhood. Return of the Banks, perhaps a small remote library. How bout a small theatre to view film fest films.</p> <p>Public school back in the neighbourhood...lots of young families have moved into my hood...many new faces on the street.</p> <p>Looking forward to the return of Go, (hope they create a fitting platform/shelter?, clean up of Gowan St.</p> <p>Would love to see the bussiness along Essa Rd cleaned up.</p>	Feb 24, 2010 5:08 PM
92	<p>Becoming a worldwide leader in sustainable communities. Being energy self-sufficient, generating electricity through solar and wind technologies, and collecting used cooking oil for biodiesel. Bringing our food production into the city in community gardens where possible and encouraging organic meat and vegetable production on the farms surrounding our city. Creating a local currency, the Barrie Buck, that can be used at local stores and that can encourage local economic growth. New developments will be required to be Leeds platinum plus or greater. Focus municipal spending on ensuring every person has housing and sufficient food. Increase spending on research and development for new technologies that can help organic agriculture, energy and local manufacturing; technology that could benefit other communities who want to do the same. If we want to thrive on this planet, we have to start acting in solidarity and thinking about our species as a whole. If you have interest in pursuing any of these initiative, I would love to be involved. Please contact me anytime. Andrew Miller 114 Mulcaster St. 705-716-4006</p>	Feb 24, 2010 6:15 PM

Response Text		
93	<p>This is a historic neighbourhood. We need to keep it that way and ensure that future development and renovations enhance what we already have. Renovations/maintenance of all existing historic structures should be encouraged. Essa road is the gateway to the waterfront for visitors; this strip should be spacious, not congested and development/improvements should have a historic feel to them. It should provide unique shops and cafes, as well as offering residents and visitors convenience shops to meet their day to day needs. Low density housing would be welcome if designed with a historic element keeping in mind environmental issues and encouraging added features that can be enjoyed by the public in all seasons.</p>	Feb 25, 2010 4:13 PM
94	<p>People move to neighbourhoods because of the layout and type that appeals to them and resent when a developer wants to put a high rise in to disrupt their style of living - suggest a neighbourhood should stay to our type of home.</p>	Feb 25, 2010 6:39 PM
95	<p>A vision of the future is no Salvation army in the downtown, no drug use clinics, no begging in the downtown and enforcement of an existing by-law.</p> <p>Move the operation out of the church on Collier Street to the outskirts of the downtown. This is not needed in the middle of the downtown for everybody to see.</p> <p>Walk by and see somebody puking up red stuff, as they drink a grocery store product with alcohol in it. Not a pretty site.</p> <p>The downtown is only for the needy, drug users and alcoholics...what about everybody else, we have rights also. The minority runs the majority. I think 10 years of the Penetang jail offering Barrie as a drop off point is not a good thing, as it has compounded over the last few years.</p>	Feb 25, 2010 9:37 PM
96	<p>My neighbourhood will be one of well-kept homes and gardens mixed with low and medium density buildings in an older area of mature trees and parks. This will make for a pleasant neighbourhood to live in where residents can walk to the centre of the city (Five Points), shop downtown, walk to the beach, make use of the walking and biking trails, skate at Circle at the Centre, make use of the Public Library etc. This will be one of the nicest areas in town.</p>	Feb 25, 2010 11:51 PM
97	<p>our neighbourhood should be a mix of young families, retirees, and renters who enjoy being outside at queens park or walking downtown or to the lake. homeowners will take pride in their properties and the city will more actively ensure bylaws are met. kids can walk to school. traffic encouraged to take eccles, toronto and wellington streets. better transit so workers can more quickly get to the go train or all parts of barrie which encourages families to switch from 2 cars down to 1.</p>	Feb 26, 2010 10:40 AM
98	<p>I feel the historic homes should be preserved. Lighting and signs should reflect the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Business should be encouraged along Essa Road, Tiffin and Gowan Sts. A place to buy basic necessities. Groceries,</p>	Feb 26, 2010 2:43 PM
99	<p>I think our neighbourhood is going to disappear. That's my gloomy prediction. However, there are properties, homes, on my street that were built in 1885, such as our own. That is, by all definitions, historic. I dearly would love to see such homes well maintained and valued.</p>	Feb 26, 2010 4:55 PM

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100	<p>A place where traffic is minimized through many of the side roads, where sidewalks and crossing are pedestrian friendly, where there are safe bike lanes, and where kids can play. Old homes and structures are not allowed to deteriorate by lackadaisical landlords.</p> <p>Small clusters of services - pharmacy, corner store, bakery, some type of medical service (physio, naturopath or similar) coffee shops - where people can walk to and be a community.</p> <p>Public statues and art.</p> <p>Develop a plan for the school to allow restoration and use.</p> <p>Strict bylaws regarding commercial buildings and services - no "Asian" or "Thai" massage parlors, strip-mall development; and where possible, replace existing stripmall facias with more classic design to match neighbourhood flavour and style.</p>	Feb 26, 2010 5:03 PM
101	<p>My neighbourhood, Allandale, is largely composed of heritage and middle aged single family houses. Some have already been made into flats, and more of this could be done to result in somewhat higher population density. I bought my house because of its age (~100 years), and because of the neighbouring houses of the same or similar aspect. I would like to see this aspect preserved. If Burton Avenue becomes a heavy truck route, increased vibration, noise and dust will result in damage to these old houses, and to the enjoyment of those who live in them. The very nature of the oldest houses in this neighbourhood is that they are located along its oldest thoroughfare. This thoroughfare should not be degraded by commercialisation now that it has survived the degradations of the past! The people of the neighbourhood enjoy walking along this roadway; such enjoyment would not be possible with heavy traffic at all hours.</p>	Feb 26, 2010 6:23 PM
102	<p>The primary importance should be to maintain the historical characteristics and charm of old Barrie while moving forward in future developments. Lakeshore Drive has become a traffic nightmare due to poor planning, construction delays, increase in population and traffic from the condos. The old railway station should be restored and perhaps Barrie should revisit Mark Porter's plans & visions for that location; the YMCA never should have been considered for that location. Old rail line should be lit up for early morning and late evening walkers and police surveillance on the walking trails around the lake should be increased</p>	Feb 27, 2010 12:11 AM
103	<p>I see Toronto Street as the PLACE TO LIVE - in upscale townhouses or high end duplexes. Empty lots will be utilized as 'mini-parks' and more consistent landscaping will be enforced (eg the Ontario parking lot at Simcoe and Toronto is an eyesore in one of the premiere locations in Barrie.</p> <p>Bradford St is also a wasteland of empty lots - there is no incentive for travellers to drive there, even though it is one of the best roads in Barrie. We need some shopping - banks - upscale deli's etc there to encourage working people to stop on their way home from work.</p>	Feb 27, 2010 12:18 AM
104	<p>adequate development standards, improved infrastructure, accessible housing for all incomes, public facilities including recreation and schools, improved green space and landscape, active community associations in cooperation with city hall,</p>	Feb 28, 2010 8:43 PM
105	<p>A community of mostly middle income people with a good mix of young families and seniors who appreciate being able to walk to basic amenities such as groceries and pharmacy, as well as the lake front and beach. We need access to recreational facilities and programs in our area that we can walk to. Victoria Village programs are too few and very limited hours. Increase programming at Victoria Village or give us a facility in our area where seniors and young working people can go to work out or take an aerobics class to stay fit. All programs should be reasonably priced so that it is affordable to low, middle, and fixed income people.</p> <p>We need some outdoor basketball courts and soccer areas for our young teens to play in so that all they need to bring is their own ball.</p>	Mar 1, 2010 2:52 AM

Response Text		
106	Queen's Park is an historic and interesting neighbourhood. It is made up of buildings from humble to grand, old to modern, ordinary to odd, and with a population equally varied and interesting. Its streetscapes are friendly and with the exception of a few unfortunate intrusions, remarkably harmonious. This character needs to be supported and developed and used as a guide for the future. The streets and sidewalks are in need of upgrade. Tree-planting is needed along the streets as old trees reach the end of their lives. Queen's Park is in desperate shape and must have a coherent plan developed and carried out. The city needs to take seriously the character of its neighbourhoods and ensure its planning and zoning respect their attributes.	Mar 1, 2010 4:33 AM
107	Retain the historical significance while encouraging new development	Mar 2, 2010 1:35 PM
108	More apartment buildings - new ones for people to live - they are all old in this area More seniors housing that is affordable - more seniors are running out of savings as they live longer Planning for the sharp increase in the number of seniors coming in the future	Mar 2, 2010 2:04 PM
109	Have more picnic tables and benches at the waterfront. Have more ice cream stands and purveyors of hot dogs ect. Have a good restaurant that you can see the waterfront from.	Mar 2, 2010 6:44 PM
110	A future where everyone has a good, functioning place and role. Barrie is living and vibrant Represents the past, present and future There will be no room for those who would abuse living here	Mar 2, 2010 6:56 PM
111	Is it only a dream? Nigara-on-the-lake or Yorkville / Hazelton?	Mar 2, 2010 7:01 PM
112	Maintain roads, sidewalks and parks better and sewers. Leave the rest as is.	Mar 2, 2010 7:07 PM
113	Increased housing values	Mar 3, 2010 3:49 PM