

## **2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS GROUP**

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### **2.1 ASSETS/FEATURES**

#### *Geographical*

- Most days of sunlight; least days of rain (Valley)
- Micro-climate
- Tides
- Riverfront, lakefront, dykes
- Urban/Rural mix
  - Flood plains

#### *Municipal Services*

- New sewage treatment plant
- Water treatment plant (treated water)
- Active Avon and trails
- Freshwater irrigation resource

#### *Valued Land / Land with Potential*

- Fort Edward
- King's-Edgehill School (KES)
- College Road land
- NS Housing Property
- Railway corridor

#### *Disaster Mitigation*

- Flood prevention
- Flood plains

*Built Environment*

- Highway entrances and Route 14
- Wind turbine
- Fresh water – Hwy 101
- Only town right on Hwy 101
- Addressed waste water
- Three aboiteaus

**2.2 CHALLENGES/NEEDS**

- Not just a bedroom community
- High population commutes for work
- No transit
- Railway
  - Private owner
  - Infrastructure
  - Designed to let water through (Hantsport exp)

*Climate Change*

- Rats
- Ticks
- Less snow = drought
- Increase tinder fires
- Heavier rains = flooding
- Dry wells
- Low water in watershed

*Municipal Services*

- Cannabis By-law
- Aging underground infrastructure
- Demand of municipal services
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for solid waste

*Built Environment*

- Causeway and Highway twinning (impact positive & negative)
- New regulatory standards
- Fish passage – water levels
- Fresh water versus salt water
- 177 sq. miles = watershed

*Active Transportation*

- Private lands – impacts
  - Continuous trail
- Education
- Mind-set
- Financial increase on services & resources
- Lack of population
- Dog park
- Border (land locked) – Inter-municipal partnership

*Land Use – opportunities available*

- Sustainable services for public health
- Innovators – more with less
- Climate change / community development into mindset (education)
- Responsible stewards of economic vs environment
- Rich in history (viewing decks (tidal, bird))
- Embrace 'Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and increase solid waste diversion rate
- Good things to thread together (healthiest community, do more with less, followers or leaders)
- Access points (shipping out of town)
- Tides – threats/attractions
- How to protect our business community
- Environment / environmentally friendly (ways to get off-grid)
- Water treatment – wind turbine