

TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

Between May and August 2009 hundreds of citizens of the Township of Lake of Bays crafted a set of strategies to work on together as a community. As a result, the vision for the township was revised slightly to reflect a new sense of priorities and seven strategies were developed to guide goal setting for Township government and the community for years to come.

In November town hall meetings were held to update the community on the current status of the Strategic Plan. Turn out from the community was not as good as hoped, but the people who came out were very enthusiastic. Participants demonstrated that they are ready to take on responsibility for implementing the strategic plan and to start moving forward on the individual initiatives. A committee was established for each strategy. Below is a list of **Strategy Teams** and the community volunteer who has agreed to lead the initiative.

Strategy Teams and Leaders:

Engage and Communicate Openly with the Community

Herb Hickling: hickling01@bell.net

Develop a Sustainable Local Economy that Supports Our Vision

Peter Grikes: pgrikes@sympatico.ca

Ensure Sound, Innovative, Transparent Financial Planning

Fred Landry: fred.landry@sympatico.ca

Develop Long-Term Land, Lake and Community Plans that are Balanced and Adaptive

Harriet Muirhead: 705-767-2220

Protect, Preserve and Promote Our Healthy, Natural Environment

Brian Simpson: bsimpson2@gmail.com

Work in Collaborative Partnerships

Gloria Woodside: gloria@cottagecountry.net

Develop Our Capacity to Provide Social Services

Margaret Casey margaret.casey@sympatico.ca

More Volunteers Needed for Strategy Teams: The committees are looking for more volunteers to help with this work. If you have an interest in seeing the Vision and Strategies for Lake of Bays Township become reality, volunteer to join one of the Strategy Teams. Whether you are a permanent or seasonal resident your input is valuable, so do not hesitate to **contact the Strategy Team leader** to get your voice heard. For more information, please contact the committee coordinator, Ginny Burgess, Sinclair Ward Councillor, at: burgess@muskoka.com . Read more about the Strategic Plan at www.lakeofbays.on.ca