

SPENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Special Survey Edition: September 2016

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Why make a plan for the neighbourhood?

By carefully inquiring, surveying, and consulting with Spence residents SNA can best understand the goals and interests of the Neighbourhood moving forward: ensuring that we are working with our unique neighbourhood's interests. Planning this way will ensure that we are accountable to you, that you have a clear understanding of what goals are have set out for the next 5 years in Spence.

This planning process has been in the works for months, with each area of SNA gathering information on the hopes and concerns of residents. Now it's time for you to jump on board and help us make sure that every voice is heard on our areas of work. Whether fostering Community Economic Development, Housing, Youth and Families, Environment and Open Spaces, or Community Connecting, we hope to best understand what YOUR priorities are for Spence.

How can you help out?

Its simple! SNA surveyors have been going door to door over the past month to talk with residents. If they haven't caught you at home, we've included the survey in this newsletter - please take a moment to fill it out and drop it off at one of our offices: 615 Ellice Avenue or 413 Langside Street. If you would like us to pick up your completed survey instead, we can do that! Please

call us at 204-783-5000 and we will have someone pick it from you. The survey can also be completed online at www.snaplan.weebly.com or our website (www.spenceneighbourhood.org).

All entries will be entered in a draw for a \$50 gift certificate to Feast!


Stay tuned for updates about the community planning process. We will be holding a community meeting in the coming months to review the draft plan, and then launch the final Spence Community Plan this fall. We hope you will offer your input as much as you are able so that we can achieve the best kinds of results, together, over the next five years. Join us today on our planning adventure!

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Proudly Serving
the Spence
Neighbourhood

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Which goals do you think Spence Neighbourhood should focus on over the next 5 years?

Spence Neighbourhood 5 Year Plan Survey

Pick 3 goals that you think are the most important for the Spence Neighbourhood to focus on over the next 5 years under each initiative: Community Economic Development, Housing, Community Connecting, Youth & Families, and Environment & Open Spaces.

1. Community Economic Development: Choose 3

- Increase local hiring (for example: encouraging local businesses to hire locally)
- Improve resident employability (for example: education, training, resources and job experience)
- Build on local success to create opportunity (for example: the First Jobs for Youth program)
- Meet local needs with local workers (for example: skills banks connecting workers with odd jobs in the community)
- Increase job opportunities (for example: connecting residents with social enterprise)

2. Housing: Choose 3

- Stabilize local residents' experience of housing
- Improve the experience of safety in local rooming houses and apartments
- Increase housing affordability
- Improve local housing stock
- Improve and support relationships between landlords, homeowners and tenants

3. Youth and Families: Choose 3

- Increase opportunities for education and work .
- Build a sense of belonging for children and youth
- Strengthen existing supports and create new resources for families
- Improve life for vulnerable youth
- Connect Newcomer and Indigenous families to resources and their communities

4. Environment and Open Spaces: Choose 3

- Improve, maintain, and protect community garden and park spaces
- Improve neighbourhood active transportation (for example: cycling and walking - including wheelchairs, strollers, etc.)
- Enhance community waste management (for example: clean ups, bulk waste, compost, e-waste)
- Increasing environmental education opportunities (workshops, research, etc.)
- Work toward better healthy food access and food growing and cooking skills (for example: cooking workshops, food security workshops, Farmer's Markets, etc.)

5. Community Connecting: Chose 3

- Improve physical safety (cleaner and safer public spaces and back lanes, maintained roads and lighting)
- Increase social safety for all (for example, build relationships through events that celebrate diversity, connect neighbours, and share knowledge)
- Make spaces safer (Work on safe sites like the 24/7 Drop in)
- Improve relationships with police (Increased communication and trust between residents and police)
- Improve perceptions of safety (for example, by promoting good news stories)

Name: _____ (optional)

Address: _____ (*required)

What is your gender? _____ (optional)

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Your age:

11 years old or younger 12-18 19-28 29-40 41-55
 55-65 65-75 75+

Do you identify yourself as (check all that apply):

- First Nations
- Inuk
- Metis
- Born in Canada
- a Newcomer (Born outside of Canada)
- a 2nd, or 3rd generation Canadian (Parent(s) or Grandparent(s) are/were Newcomers)
- a person of colour
- a person living with a disability
- Low income
- Single
- Married or Common-law status
- a parent

Which are the best ways for you to receive community information?

- E-mail Paper Newsletters Facebook Online
- Newsletters Community Posters

Please include contact details if you would like to receive updates on our plan (if you selected e-mail above please include e-mail address)

Would you like to add any other details about yourself, any ideas, or any issues that will inform the next 5 years in Spence Neighbourhood?