

# FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS AS WE DEVELOP ACTION PLANS

WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS?

Zoning and land ownership barriers

Housing standards in addition to affordability

Along with the immediate need of housing, we should be advocating for liveable income.

Affordable for who?

Equity

The Housing Lab led to the Tiny Homes / in law suite bylaw change in HRM



This option needs to be promoted more in DN

Law / policy changes needed:

No leaving houses / buildings abandoned or empty for more than 3 years

Simplify bureaucratic process to approve affordable housing (But maintain standards)

Stick with CMHC definition of affordable housing or redefine to make more accessible to larger number of DN residents.

Seniors

Housing has been an issue for a long time in DN

Dartmouth North stigma keeps people from investing here

Have to get creative (and the residents have lots of creative and specific ideas!)

So many abandoned hotels sitting empty that could be repurposed!

Need a cataloguing done of empty properties / abandoned buildings / places with tiny home addition potential.

What ever happened to rooming houses?

Shannon Park?  
Port Wallace  
Gray's arena?

Aging population needs more affordable SENIORS places with accommodations like easy-open lever handles, reachable cupboards, etc.

The Public Good Society has a team offering workshops to nonprofits who want to build / develop affordable housing.

# HOUSING



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A lot of time and energy have already captured it's about families.

How close to actioning some of this work and the pandemic cause such a wall to continue the work

Bette and Matt facilitating one of the hardest roundtable.

Meeting people where they are at, supporting them

Is there a support or affords a service that the parents can take advantage of that is outside of the school.

What would it take to start and get it reignited, parents can access the take action society

North Grove has

It took a full year and half to build trust, great work happening, left to small groups, pandemic disconnected everyone.



The advocacy of the Take Action Society

Took a long time to get to a relationship to address the stats.

The take action group has not pulled together,

No resources for parents

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The students recognizing the deficits and recognizing the discrimination from John Martin

Lots of families struggling to achieve success in the school system (past, present...)

Students experience discrimination coming from Dartmouth North/John Martin Junior High.

The stigma from being a resident

Parents are ignored through this educational system

Boys and Girls Club youth coordinator

Make sure that what has already been done isn't lost

Intersectional action!

YOUTH / STUDENT SUCCESS

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EVERYTHING! Social determinants of health are important to both present and long-term, but immediate health issues need to be addressed.

Holistic approach to health and wellness. How one kind of health connects to another.

health care and dental care and ++ (take care of health from the neck up - teeth and eyes and mental health)

investment and planning in upstream wellness, likes parks, recreation and active transportation

PUBLICALLY FUNDED HEALTH SERVICES

Public consultation and major community/resident input in planning and day to day operations

We want a multi-disciplinary health service SOON in the community - somewhere central like Albro Lake Rd

Culturally appropriate, culturally informed health services...services that can be used by the diverse cultures in the community

# HEALTH + WELLBEING

back to our humanity? We need to learn how to navigate disappointments without engage in accusations and blame. How can we begin to default to healing and wholeness so we can meet difficult, painful

BtB felt like a flip-flop to me b/c there is no foundation or backbone for anything that happens here. That trickles down to the youth and creates these problems.

In agriculture, there is something called a "hard pack" where the earth cannot absorb things. You need to break through that to grow things. How do we break through the "hard pack" here?

The pandemic, economy, have brought us back about 15 years. Shootings since Christmas all over the city, not just here but in all the vulnerable areas.

Where does the safety piece come in - food insecurity, lack of a safe injection site & the stigma opposing that.

Who is creating these priorities? There were eight but we needed to reduce the focus to be effective with any of it.

Need to focus on collective wellness so that we can advance the projects we care about.

"Brave Spaces" for black youth - Carol Ann - want to pilot something in DN with the city.