



10 things to do to build a vital community



**Community
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of Greater Peterborough



In the fall of 2017, *Vital Conversations* brought more than 700 people in the Peterborough area together to talk about the tough decisions we're facing and the hopes we have for the future of Peterborough.

We asked hard questions.

We listened.

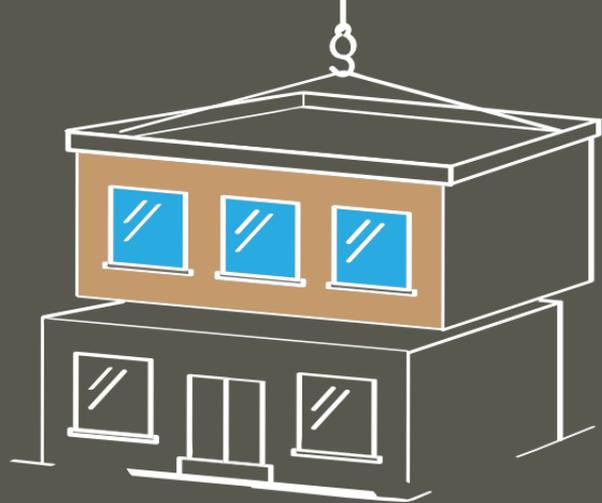
We learned, together.

We came up with more than 600 action ideas that have been summarized into 10 community priorities.

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Strengthen community connections

Create places and spaces for diverse people to gather, bring neighbours together, develop youth-friendly events and spaces, nurture inter-generational connections, use digital technology to encourage volunteerism, nurture local arts and culture



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Support local economic development

Connect more job searchers to employment services, create pathways to local jobs for Trent and Fleming grads, attract and retain young people to live in the community, support local businesses

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Do the work of reconciliation

Build awareness of colonization and the Williams Treaty, take up the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, develop stronger relationships between non-profits and local First Nations and urban Indigenous communities, help settler communities build a deeper understanding of Indigenous cultures



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Build a safe and inclusive community

Improve inclusion in community and civic life, address harassment and hate in public spaces, improve cross cultural literacy, expand local services to meet the diversity of our community, improve accessibility of local businesses, services and events

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Meet everyone's basic needs

Ensure an adequate supply of safe, decent and affordable housing, increase incomes through policy changes, build food security for everyone

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Enrich community dialogue

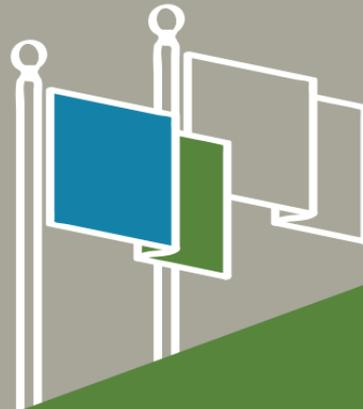
Reframe community issues, break down stigma surrounding poverty, mental health, ability and racism, keep meaningful community conversations going



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Deepen civic engagement

Encourage civic engagement, cultivate diverse and visionary leadership, improve communication with local governments



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Enhance and expand public transit

Improve the accessibility, reliability and affordability of public transit, provide public transit services in rural areas, improve regional transportation and transit connections outside of the Peterborough area

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Improve access to health and wellness

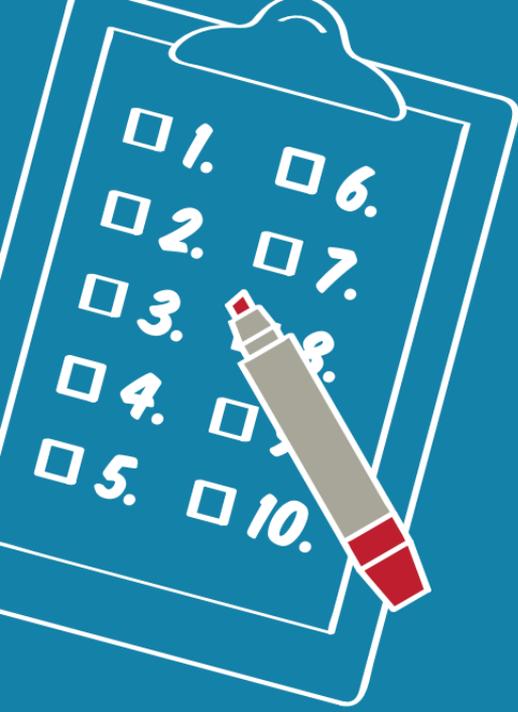
Improve access to social services and health care in rural communities, increase accessibility of mental health services and programs, improve local access to drug and alcohol counselling and treatment programs, protect local greenspaces



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Keep schools open

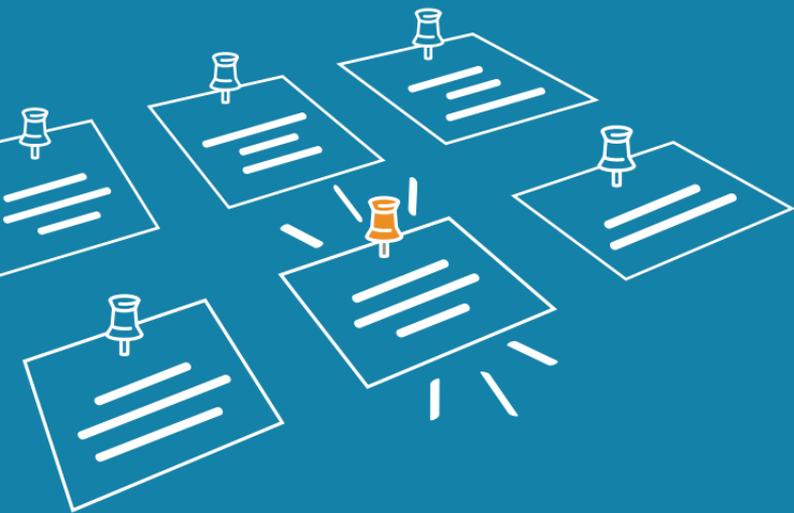
Recognize the important role of schools in anchoring communities, especially in rural areas, work collectively and innovatively to keep schools thriving



These 10 priorities are our community's to-do list. By taking action and making change together, we can build a vital community for everyone.

What will you do?

- **Donate** to the *Vital Community Fund* to help meet today's challenges and build for tomorrow.
- **Volunteer** at a charity that is working on one of the ten priorities.
- **Advocate** for change by contacting decision makers and supporting movements.
- **Lead** in your community as a mentor, organizer or an elected official.
- **Connect** with neighbours and build relationships with the diverse people in your community.



Ready to get started?

Take the **#VitalPtbo** pledge and share one action you'll take to make a difference in our community.

Be a part of the vital community movement.

The Vital Community Fund is our community's resource to support the people, ideas and activities that build community vitality in the Peterborough area. Grants from this fund will support charities in the City and County of Peterborough that are working on our community's top priorities. By giving together, we can meet today's challenges and build for tomorrow. Whether you give \$10.00 or 10% of your salary, every gift is combined and invested in the fund, building a permanent endowment that we can use to take action and make change, together.

Make a donation.

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The Community Foundation is your resource to connect you to the knowledge, opportunities and partners you need to make a difference in the Peterborough area.

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