

Talk on the Walk – Comment Cards
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Question: How can we create positive Change together for our community?

1. Be Kind to one another!!!
2. Refuse to be forgettable as we seem to be in the North East of the Province. Focus and brand and a buy-in by the community...maybe stop out migration?
3. Return of service funds for students who return to SSM with Training in specific high demand careers.
4. "Education Debt"
5. More information for Businesses on Training programs.
6. Community Succession Planning for SMW businesses, Keep ownership local
7. Need for publicly accessible LMI to help individuals choose training that is likely to lead to employment, now and in the future.
8. Are you aware of Tamarack.ca? A proven organization ready to help the Sault deal with reducing poverty in the Community.
9. See Gary Vipond in connection with community animations at Tamarack Institute. This organization offers expertise in community engagement and community change. Tamarack Institute is a Canadian not-for-profit.
10. Financial training in schools.
11. Teach students in high school about credit cards.
12. Programs to help young professionals purchase existing businesses
13. Youth educated in financial management
14. There should be places where children can bring forward new ideas and have help from professionals to help reach their goals.
15. When dealing with entrepreneurship, we should aim towards the youth so they have their younger years to plan out their ideas.
16. Free and abundant parking on Gore Street
17. Add parking lot to Gore Street
18. We need to find a way to employ young people and encourage them to get off of welfare. Perhaps a community run business that employs the "unemployable" – where they can develop skills to acquire and keep a job.
19. More active programs in welfare system; job training and assistance drug/alcohol addiction programs and community involvement opportunities.
20. Bus routes to popular hiking places/natural beauty outside of town.
21. Community Garden in every ward in the city
22. With activities such as "entrepreneurship day", children will feel encouraged to bring new ideas that will improve the city
23. Having an entrepreneurship day at local schools is a good way to help the youth get involved and bring forward new ideas.
24. The youth need to be informed of what the sault has. They need to know the positives of our city. Change their perceptions of the Sault (the things to do and safety).
25. Teach children about entrepreneurship and start young!

26. More employment opportunities, i.e. Retirees need mentor roles not just cashiers to make ends meet.
27. Community Leadership Groups!
28. Community Gardening programs. Do we have one? 1) for vegetable, 1) for flowers
29. Chamber: Diversity training for employers – reviewing cultural fears – recruitment in non-steel or home care
30. Promote financial literacy
31. Easy access to child care and therapists
32. I will help with publicity, awareness (spread the word of your Good work) and outreach.
33. Come to open mic at the Gore Café – Tuesday 6-10pm
34. A need for a collaborative working space ☺
35. Entrepreneurship, Succession planning training for business owners
36. Program that supports long-term training of potential new managers/owners to allow knowledge transfer
37. The Great Lakes Aquarium is an amazing resource in Duluth that rings in locals and countless tourists located on the far west end of Superior. We need something unique of a similar vein here in Canada on the far eastern end of the lake. This could possibly include the “fluvarium” suggestion. We have the world largest fresh water lake in our backyard! We can use it to promote our natural setting and community. Easy access is important.
38. Promote tourism and local interest re: St. Mary’s river resource
39. Consider building a “fluvarium” – a glass wall that replaces a good portion of the river bank where people can observe the salmon spawning run in particular, and during the rest of the year. Look to St. John’s NL where they have a fluvarium built on a small creek in the basement of a gazebo. Why not focus on this water resource – fish, lamprey, etc. Easy access is important!!
40. We are a unique community by location, history etc. No need to chase empty copies of other urban centres – e.g. Carbon copy malls, etc.
41. More ways to subsidize jobs to help low income and less educated individuals find employment.
42. Work together. Listen to Ideas. Give advice or help encourage all efforts. Trust in each other.
43. Use some of the property in Bellevue to make a water park.
44. When I get older I want to learn how to use a credit card properly.
45. Make our boardwalk better.
46. Make our boardwalk more exciting and comfortable like playing some music and have more activities going on there.
47. Make the boardwalk more interactive.
48. More stops like the ‘mill market’ where ‘the yard’ is now with like ice cream shops
49. Using the high school ‘40’ community hours to engage and work with ‘tutor’ to mentor the younger children. Create groups in central areas.
50. Very clear, specific communication between employers, training facilities, and general population about in-demand skills and career expectations.
51. Security: neighbourhood patrol – use volunteers and high school students. Invite neighbourhood leaders to engage a neighbourhood water.
52. Racism: Engage communities around college/university to embrace newcomers and safety.
53. Youth Engagement: Create 24/7 schools/locations for kids to enjoy (N,S, E, W and downtown)

54. Creating an area (perhaps in the Centre) or elsewhere that gets those interested in helping to make the community better, forming a committee working with the Centre and community leaders; youth and adults.
55. Allowing local artists to create positive themed mural paintings on rundown buildings.
56. Clean-up and more police around Gore/Albert St.
57. I think we should provide assistance to the Gore Street Café to continue what they do and possibility expand to attract more youth to the downtown core.
58. Develop an economic plan to attract big business to make the Sault a better option i.e. Tax break
59. Have outdoor concerts in Bellevue Park
60. Have more community involvement activities down town to show it off. Show the youth the positive and possibilities it has. Teach the youth how to get involved and make change. Teach them through the schools.
61. Create mental illness chat room/group to gather youth to talk about their problems
62. Hold a workshop for the individuals on assistance to help educate on 1) how to start a business, 2) how to apply/create a business plan, 3) how to/where to apply for financial assistance for their business/service
63. Have an entrepreneurship day where individuals have to come up with a product that they can market and try to sell to see the cost of their product and service. To try their hand at this.
64. Low cost youth centre
65. Put a Starbucks downtown
66. Avoid racing to the bottom...just getting by. Think Big! Use our natural advantages – Lake Superior, International boarder, historic St. Mary's River etc.
67. Focus community energy on the arts at least as much as on sports. Talk about the 'heart' and 'drive' and 'sacrifice' necessary for success in the arts as well as sports.
68. We have water! It is not yet (thankfully) considered a commodity. Let's keep it that way. How about promoting world class conservation as an example to the world? Simple methods of conservation are not beyond all of us.
69. Focus entrepreneurial activities towards bringing services to isolating seniors in their own home e.g. Hairdressing, pet grooming, cloths shopping, etc.
70. Promote development of high quality permanent long term care in the community. Once seniors become very sick and frail, home care does not work.
71. We can promote more engagement between the very young and the elderly with simple planning of facilities in proximity to each other than regularly bringing both groups together.
72. Entrepreneurship – offer a community course in budgeting/essential skills for youth that is not thought of often not shared by parents
73. Offer 'unplugged' library talks featuring a speaker on a set evening "Talk on Tuesday" for example
74. A mentor program for youth job shadowing/grab a coffee/chat/unpaid work experience that is not community hours for high school but a practicum
75. Create economic diversity to produce serial leveling of prosperity
76. Climate change becomes inhabitable in other places (floods, tornados, extreme drought) how can we make ourselves into attractive oasis for those fleeing disasters brought on by climate change.
77. Community mobilization – Let the youth be the change they wish to see in the community. We should use our youth as consultants. Bring them together, listen to them and give them hope that their solutions will not be put aside. Make a task force, pick a couple of problems and work to find solutions.

78. Youth – Approach retired art and music teachers to bring the Arts back to the students.
79. Entrepreneurship – Support the Gore Street entrepreneurs. They are trying to bring Gore Street together and give it a community feel. We need to focus on that area in a positive light, invite people down there. Maybe have a street party put together by the downtown association once the construction is done.
80. Mentorship – Create a resource database of people with a skill who are willing to volunteer their time with youth.
81. Community mobilization – We need more of what you did tonight, we need to connect with our youth and help them in creating a community they want to stay in.
82. Youth – Labour laws in Ontario have been changed to benefit the employer and not the employee. Few businesses provide worker with 40 hour weeks and benefits. New laws must be legislated in order to provide once again 40hour work weeks for people. The youth will stay if they can make a living.
83. The Sault needs to quit depending on the plant. City council needs to accept a proposal for a business that will change the Sault.
84. Entrepreneurship – We have a very large tourism sector that we can tap.

