

Discussion Question:

1. What do you see as the future of the rail trail within Head, Clara & Maria?
 - See it as a multi-use trail through our municipality.
 - See it as a beneficial development to help current businesses to grow and thrive to enable them to employ local ratepayers who are seeking employment.
 - See it as a positive to promote tourism in our municipality, as it is one of the primary sources of business/income.
 - See it as a way to promote our municipality's slogan "A natural playground"

2. What development would you like to see within Head, Clara & Maria to take advantage of increased traffic from all users along the rail corridor?
 - Signs and slogans to promote economic development of existing businesses. As we do not have an economic development officer anymore.
 - Promote the vision of HCM " HCM Vision: Providing a healthy, connected, and sustainable community teeming with possibilities for our citizens now and into the future.

3. How do you feel about the potential for creation of new business through a municipal corporation to raise funds for the municipality through methods other than taxation?
 - Not sure how that will reflect against the vision of HCM while trying to take away opportunities from current businesses in HCM
 - Township the size of 250 people should not be in business to development municipal business as there are already ratepayers having businesses that might be in conflict of promoting growth for the businesses already established.
 - Not sure where monies and staffing will come from as it is a weather permitting industry. I.e: bad weather= no money. If monies are not made who pays the expenses??
 - The municipality can support activities on the rail trail by allowing residents to have access to equipment to use on the trail i.e: bikes, snow shoes, skis, walking sticks etc.
 - Buy Log trucks ?

4. Do you have any concerns with increased development along the trail?

Personally: I do not have any concerns about increased development along the trail.

Community: I think it will be beneficial for fundraising activities that will continue the excellent tradition in our community. I think it will enable residents to participate in many leisure activities that they are interested in participating in. I think it will promote fitness as well as providing social outings to encourage fitness and social development especially with seniors. I

think it will develop new social clubs to participate in the use of the new multi-use trail. Ie: walking, Hiking, atving, snowshoeing, skiing, cycling.

For residents along the trail: There are always issues that development when anything new is brought into a community that has had very little change in quite some time. There used to be weekly sports events at the ball field, a skating rink, a carnival. I understand the demographics have changed and that is the reason behind a lot of these activities isn't around anymore. The demographics have changed to a lot of the activities that the rail trail will support. The residents along the trail will have direct access to the trail that will allow them to participate in activities that might require county funding. Ie: stone dust for smooth walking, level trails for cycling.

5. Are you concerned with any negative effects of the trail development? For you personally? For the community? For residents that live along the trail?

Personally: There are always positive and negative effects of everything. The trail will be no different. It is how we support and help reduce the negative effects that are key. Eliminating all negative effects is unrealistic and should not be a short term goal; it should be a long term strategy.

Community: The trail should benefit the community as whole. As this is completely new, we tend to see all the negatives first instead of trying it out and then addressing the negative aspects down the road. There are other communities Ie: Barry's Bay that has had this trail developed and implemented. Maybe a trip to Barry's Bay to see and learn might be a good idea on how to rectify some of the issues.

Residents who live along the trail: Negative effects are different from one person to another. It is very hard to appeal to everyone. Compromise is important and should be used to try and promote this trail. If one solution fails, another one should be tried. The ability to work with someone who is completely against the development with no intent to work forward is not a healthy relationship that ~~can~~ problems can be solved.

** I would like to see questions about the positive effects of the trail development?????????

