

Strategies vital to Township's future

Editorial

While many criticize bureaucracy for red tape and mountains of reports and documents, local plans and strategies are vital to plotting our course and direction.

And King Township has created a bunch of master plans and strategies to provide some light at the end of the tunnel.

Without a starting point and some clear goals, it's hard to know where to start or what to accomplish.

Of course, any written document becomes fluid and even evolves over time as needs and circumstances change.

King has answered the call with its innovative Sustainability Plan, and followed suit with plans for parks, recreation and culture, economic development, transportation, the King Museum and now a tourism committee charged with addressing this aspect of our Township's potential.

Many stakeholders have come to the tables, and while their motivation may be self-serving, the ultimate goal remains the same ? the betterment of King and promoting us as a place to live, work, play, invest and visit.

Municipalities have been struggling with those very things for decades, all meeting with varying degrees of success.

Regardless of how things all pan out in the end, King will benefit from here on in from these documents and a communal sharing of minds. For years to come, there will always be reference material available ? great ideas never go out of fashion!

So, hats off to the Township, its council and staff who have the foresight to take on such projects, and the countless residents who've offered their own expertise.

These are all ?community plans??in a way, created by all for all.

Refreshingly open, democratic and mutually beneficial. Isn't that how communities are supposed to be?

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