



Launch Event Summary

The Event

On October 26th, Prince George community leaders joined with city staff, Mayor and Council to officially launch myPG - which begins with development of a long-range community sustainability plan.

About 120 people attended the 2 hour evening event at the Civic Centre. It introduced myPG and gave participants a taste of planned community engagement on visions, goals, and priorities for the future of Prince George. The Launch ended with a performance by youth dancers, reminding everyone who we are planning for, and why it is so important to make this effort as a community.



Inspiring...



What makes me proud?



Sharing my thoughts

A Chance to Imagine...

After brief remarks from Mayor Dan Rogers, Dr. Charles Jago of the Fraser Basin Council, Diana Forfar, and Christian Gonzales, participants spent much of the evening imagining the community in 25 years, and talking about the things that would make them most proud of Prince George in the future.

Working Together

Participants described what they would like to see in 25 years in Prince George. Grouped at each of 20 tables, they collected their own thoughts, then shared them with their group. Table hosts helped participants cluster ideas, highlight top themes, and then develop a short vision statement. One person from each table acted as their "voice" by presenting their vision to everyone in the room.

First Thoughts About the Future

These are the first of many thoughts myPG hopes to hear from the community over the next 2 months. All of the thoughts from the session will be used, together with thoughts from Partners and Kitchen Table Talks (see box at bottom), as the basis for a draft Vision for Prince George. Here, they are captured briefly as a mix of broad themes.

“Healthy, alive, connected, diverse, green, urban/rural blend, resilient, liveable, courageous” - one group’s vision

- » Greater, more diverse educational facilities
- » Education & research to value the environment
- » People are central
 - Diverse, with a sense of community.
 - People-friendly natural and built environment
 - Building human capital in a sustainable and diverse economy within a healthy environment
- » Good quality of life
- » *“A Downtown with a Heartbeat”* - a real neighbourhood, with a broad mix of activities and uses - homes, shops, culture, etc.
 - Clean, green, rich environment
 - Safe, healthy, vibrant, diverse people
- » Connections between renewable energy and sustainable infrastructure, and a core downtown
- » Connected with our natural environment
- » Enhanced urban green space
- » World class cultural, recreational, and trail facilities



*Presenting our
visions*



*The next
generation*

It's Up To You!

The Launch event, and the future that participants imagined, are the very first step in creating a vision of the future of Prince George. Go to www.myPG.ca and look in “Get Involved” for more.

- » **Business and large organizations:** Become a Partner - sign on to myPG to support the process, celebrate your initiatives, and take action.
- » **Citizens and community groups:** Go to www.myPG.ca to learn how to host your own group discussion of the future. Download a **“Kitchen Table Workbook,”** and submit your vision. (You can submit your thoughts on-line, until December 16th)

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