

STRATEGIC DIRECTIVE: REGIONAL COOPERATION (10.12.11)

The West Parry Sound Area is as strong as the sum of its parts. The Town will take an active role in collaborating with our neighbours, First Nations, public sector and volunteer agencies, the private sector and senior governments. Collaboration enables us to do together that which is not possible individually, will secure our place as a premiere community and promote growth for the benefit of the Town and the district.

WEST PARRY SOUND AREA –A renewed effort to bridge differences by starting small and building on it. To cooperate in political and service delivery initiatives for the benefit of the Town and the Area.

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Quick Wins		
1.	Neighbouring Municipal, First Nation & Agency Relations	Participation at Heads of Council meetings.
1.1		Participation in Area Initiatives With WPS Councils and agencies.
1.2		Continue to pursue opportunities for delivery of shared services.
1.3		Continue to pursue opportunities for joint purchasing of goods and services.
1.4		Building on the Town/Wasauksing Annual Friendship Picnic, pursue partnership opportunities.
1.5		Continue to pursue opportunities for joint delivery of special events and promotions.
Mid-Term Goals (2+/- Years)		
1.	Area First Nations	Explore and build partnerships with Area First Nations.
2.	Area Fire Services	Explore opportunities for more efficient and effective delivery of Area Fire services.
Long Term Goals (4 +/- Years)		
1.	Regional Vision	Pursue the opportunity for development a West Parry Sound Area Vision.
2.	Governance Structure	Leave options open and explore as feasible, opportunities for alternative governance structure for the West Parry Sound Area.
3.	Funding Formula	Negotiate and formalize project specific funding formulae for joint initiatives.

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4.	Area Active Transportation Master Plan.	Seek support for development of a West Parry Sound Area Active Transportation Master Plan including an inter-municipal trail system.
5.	District / Area Highway Signage	Partner in improved highway signage for the Parry Sound Area from a District and a West Parry Sound Area perspective.