

Growth and development within the Town of Nelson have been guided by the 1991 Master Plan. As this Master Plan is 16 years old, it needs revision and update, as recommended by NYS Town Law. This process requires an in-depth review of the changes that have occurred throughout the town since 1991 as well as a full examination of future opportunities for the town. The Town Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) initially convened in July of 2006 and has focused on addressing the various issues pertinent to an updated Master Plan. In January 2007 the town retained the professional consulting firm Environmental Design and Research (EDR) to work with the CPC. EDR has many years of experience in community planning and design and is excited to work with the CPC as well as the full Nelson community. Doug Brackett, RLA and Jane Rice, AICP are the professional consultants with EDR who will work closely with the CPC and the community to develop an updated Master Plan that will accurately reflect the community's policy and vision for the future, and effectively act as a blueprint for the management of future growth and economic development within the town.

The process of revising and updating the town's Master Plan involves multiple tasks and is expected to progress over the remainder of 2007. EDR will facilitate public informational meetings at different times throughout this process. These meetings will inform the community of the CPC's progress and provide opportunities for community input.

The next step in this process calls for your participation at the first public informational meeting on **Wednesday April 11, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall**. This will be your first opportunity for direct input regarding the Town of Nelson's present conditions and potential opportunities to protect the community's assets and strengthen its opportunities. The success of this first step is critical to the success of the entire comprehensive plan Master Plan. Every voice counts and will be listened to.

The Town of Nelson is proud of its heritage, which has influenced its present-day character. The actions of today will influence the town's character of tomorrow. It is through the development of a Master Plan that the community will collectively identify how they want to influence their future. Please join your town leaders in the upcoming public informational meeting Wednesday April 11, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

March 28, 2007

