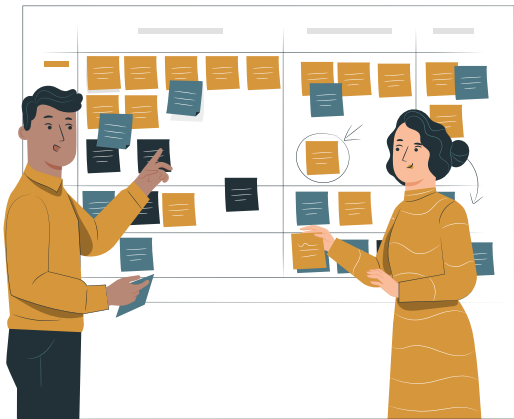


Reporting the Conversation



The moderator, with the help of the note taker, is responsible for summarizing the main themes captured in the conversation, and submitting that summary to Sonikile Tembo.

You can request a pick up or you can drop off at 638 Princess Ave, Brandon MB.



Purpose of the Conversation

The purpose the Brandon City Plan is to provide direction for growth and change for the next 30 years. This is an opportunity for the City to discover community unifying values. The City has been engaging with different community groups since February 2022 . We have now compiled the results of community engagement and put together some information sheets for the public to view and comment on, to “confirm the vision”.

The Kitchen Table Conversations Tollkit is to tool for anyone wanting to participate in the discussion with friends, family or colleagues but needs some guidance. You can host this in the comfort of your own home, a coffee place, library etc.

This Toolkit is designed to gather more input from different community members to “confirm the vision” for the City. The topics for discussion are organized from the feedback we received over the last few months. The format is similar to the information sheets being shared online and in person for comment. Your conversations/discussions will contribute to the City Plan’s key areas and shape the policies in the Brandon City Plan.

Before the Conversation

Consider

- Who would you want to discuss the subject matter(s) with?
 - A good size group is between five to seven people, but be mindful of each participant's comfort level. At your discretion, you can also do a larger group of 10-12. Actual size of the group may vary depending on the moderator's comfort level. Consider who you are inviting into the conversation.
 - Try to find a group with different experiences, points of view, background, and who are coming to the conversation with open mind. Not all participants need to be in working class or classified as an adult, bear in mind that this conversation is part of the City Plan document for Brandonites.
 - There should be someone assigned to take notes during the discussion. The notetaker can be part of the discussion. Moderator and/or the note taker will have to report back the main themes and ideas of the discussion by submitting it to Sonikile tembo, the community planner.



Invite

- Reach out and invite your family, friends, colleagues you have identified in your community to engage in this conversation.
- This engagement may take place in your home with your family, in a local restaurant, or a place where all your invitees are comfortable having a discussion. Alternatively, it may take place via an electronic meeting platform (i.e. Zoom, FaceTime, Teams, etc)
- Ensure that all invited participants feel safe and able to speak freely.
- When inviting others to participate, provide them the purpose of this engagement and what to expect in this activity.
- Inform the participants how the information/subject matters discussed in the Kitchen Table Conversation will be used
- Let participants know how they can be updated with the summary of these conversation.
- Organize the logistics

Creating the Conversation

To have a successful Kitchen Table Conversation, ensure that participants feel that they are comfortable, secure to talk about sensitive topics, and heard. The best way to do this is be prepared and spend time before the session and establish expectations with the group.

- Spend time before the session to read the Phase 1 Engagement Report/Boards, and think of some icebreaker or guiding questions that you can ask your participants to get a deeper insights or when conversation gets derailed or slowed. (See Icebreaker/ Guiding Questions)
- Welcome your participants (personally/virtually) as they arrive. Make sure you set aside time for introductions to help participants feel they have been invited to engage in conversation because you value their perspective and insights.
- Begin on time



Creating the Conversation



- Ensure that you have explained the purpose of the session and set ground rules
- Moderator should appoint the note taker ahead of time (if possible)
- Participants must respect each other, and participants do not have to agree on every insight that would be brought up
 - Moderator is responsible to ensure that participants can speak freely and make them feel safe when voicing out their insight on the topic(s)
- Moderator is tasked to lead the session through the guiding questions
 - Keep time and try to keep the conversation on topic
- Ensure that no one dominates the conversation

GUIDING QUESTIONS



How and where we grow is important to residents. The topics below show how Brandonites want to accommodate growth and growth outcomes. Please review the details in the attached sheets.

- Housing Choice & Neighbourhood Design
- Economy
- Infrastructure
- Waste Management

What comes to your mind when you think about Brandon in the year 2050?

What are your thoughts about the key priorities on the information sheets under “Growing City”?

What are some other topics/details that are missing from this list?



The city must prioritize efficient movement through and around the city by having various transportation options that are well connected. Please review the details in the attached sheets.

- Active Transportation
- Roads & Sidewalks
- Improved Transit
- Parking

What comes to your mind when you think about movement in the City of Brandon in say the next 10 years? What do you really hope is different by then?

What’s a city that you have visited and thought they had great movement options around the city? What of those ideas could be used in the Brandon context?

What are your thoughts about the key priorities on the information sheets under “Moving City”?

What are some other topics/details that are missing from this list?

GUIDING QUESTIONS



Health comes in many forms. For Brandon, health and wellness address the following topics. Please review the details in the attached sheets.

- Substances Use
- Homelessness
- Downtown
- Community Engagement & Communication
- Culture, Diversity, & Recreation
- Food Security
- Preserve Greenspace

What comes to your mind when you think about a healthy city?
Is there a city that you have visited that you thought was a healthy city? Why?
What would Brandon have to do to be healthier by the year 2050?
What are your thoughts about the key priorities on the information sheets under “Healthy City”?
What are some other topics/details that are missing from this list?