



The Summit discussions surfaced many good ideas for action in addition to those detailed in the main body of this report. Some of these ideas are ready for uptake by individual or groups of organizations, but others require more thought and development. A selection is included here to stimulate further collaboration and partnerships.

Economy

- Tell the regional story through mass media to inspire more regional thinking and action.
- Leverage youth and business methods and tools for cross-boundary co-operation (e.g. digital media).
- Create peer-to-peer networks to foster mentorship within economic clusters.

Jobs & Income

- Increase the capacity of small and medium sized companies to invest in their workforces (i.e., training, child care provision, health and other benefits) with tax incentives or tax relief on pooled resources.
- Produce a short guide that:
 - explains how claw-backs and marginal effective tax rates affect people receiving social assistance as they start working; or
 - demonstrates the return on investment of various supports, such as expected outcomes and anticipated savings over the long term.

Transportation

- Foster a greater sense (and reality) of public ownership of transportation with a community investment bond.
- Set up information kiosks in public places or conduct a mass postal campaign to explain the regional transportation vision, value proposition and progress being made on implementing it.
- Develop education modules for primary and secondary schools to prepare the next generation for future planning needs and discussions.

Immigration

- Offer incentives to employers to hire newcomers, such as employer tax credits or relief programs.
- Expand micro-lending across the region.

Diversity

- Corporate boards should make one new diverse appointment for every three retiring directors.
- Publish and promote SMEs who qualify as “diverse suppliers.”

Environment

- Launch a packaging innovation competition to reduce waste.
- Develop a “green lottery” program to help engage the public in biodiversity issues and raise funding to naturalize private green space.
- Launch a public incentive campaign to install back flow valves on properties at risk of basement flooding.

Housing

- Seed 30+ small local housing projects that are organized at a regional level but reflect local realities and needs.
- Create an initiative (“the home school”) involving secondary school and/or college and university students that provides them with an opportunity to learn, contribute their skills and teach others about housing issues.

Neighbourhoods

- Create more learning partnerships between academic institutions and community agencies.
- Establish a business neighbourhood ‘adoption’ program to promote sustained local investment and community partnerships.
- Stimulate more private sector investment in neighbourhoods by telling the positive stories.

Arts & Culture

- Establish creative labs throughout the region – spaces where professional and amateur arts practitioners can go, work and make easy connections with each other. This is a focus of Artscape, among others, and can draw from the successful shared space and service models launched for social innovators by the Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto and for community agencies by Community Door in Peel Region.

Pan/Parapan Am Games & Youth

- Develop a Youth Ambassadors Program for the Games that goes beyond athletes to include a much wider representation of young voices and experiences.
- Host a youth summit leading up to the Games.