

Join Imagine Bloomfield

Membership adds strength to our vision of the future of the Centre. Community vision is one tenet's of HRM's community development process.

Stay Informed Add your name to our listserv to get updates on the Bloomfield Centre.

Write a Letter of Support

Tell us your vision of the Bloomfield Centre. How do you see the Centre as an important community asset?

Attend Public Meetings

Imagine Bloomfield hosts public meetings to update progress, make presentations and host planning session. Everyone is welcome to attend, contribute and learn.

Make a donation

Imagine Bloomfield's costs are low – donations and membership fees are used for organizing meetings, preparing presentations, developing the feasibility study, the website and other costs related to this initiative. Membership fees are important and donations are welcome!

Volunteer time and resources

You can help by volunteering on committees, helping coordinate activities, fundraisers and helping the board plan. Send us your name, number and e-mail address and tell us what skills or talent you possess and we will keep you informed of volunteer opportunities.

Talk about the situation with friends and neighbours so that more people are informed about this great resource that we want to keep in our community.

Call your councillor and other people of influence and tell them how they can help fulfill our vision.

This movement is growing...**JOIN US!**

FOR DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

Fill out this form or download a membership form from our website and send it and payment to Imagine Bloomfield c/o 5685 Bloomfield St.,Halifax NS B3K 1T1

Imagine Bloomfield Membership or Donation Form

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

***Membership \$5.00**
Donation: \$5.00 \$10.00 Other _____

What is your vision for the Bloomfield Centre?

*We will send you a receipt, upon request.



imagine **BLOOMFIELD**



IMAGINE BLOOMFIELD is a non-profit society whose mission is to realize the preservation, renovation and redevelopment of the Bloomfield Centre into a dynamic, neighbourhood hub that includes space for arts, heritage, recreation, sports, health, community services and commercial ventures through adaptive reuse and green technologies and a consultative community-building process.

Become involved! Find out what you can do support this vision.

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The Bloomfield Centre

The Bloomfield Centre, with its three buildings on four acres of land in the North End of Halifax (on the corner of Agricola, Almon and Robie streets) housed 56 tenants and entertained thousands of users at its peak use in 2004.

The tenants and users included artists, family service organizations, recreation groups, multi-cultural associations, and much more. That year, HRM began a review process of the centre, with the intent that the centre should close.

Imagine Bloomfield

Imagine Bloomfield formed in 2005 in response to the threatened closure and sale of Bloomfield Centre. Through advocacy, research, expert advice, and the imagination of members and supporters, **Imagine**

Bloomfield is now confident that it is in the City's best interests to save the structures and create a new and better centre that serves the needs of our community in the 21st century.

The collective community voice speaking in support of retaining the Bloomfield Centre caused the City to implement a 3-stage consultation process to determine the future of the centre, with the third stage slated to begin in Fall 2007.

History

A detailed history of recent events surrounding the Bloomfield centre and **Imagine**

Bloomfield's struggle to convince the City of its value and potential as a revitalized space can be found on the Society website:

www.imaginebloomfield.ca

Imagining a New Bloomfield

Imagine Bloomfield was joined in the fall of 2006 by three graduate students from Dalhousie Planning Department. They took on the task of creating a new Bloomfield Centre Feasibility proposal as a class project. After much study and consultation with tenants, users, neighbours and the public, along with expert advice from developers, professors and others, they proposed that all three buildings be maintained.

New Bloomfield Imagined

From community feedback and visioning, the planners recommended a walkway being cut through the main building, and that it be modernized as an arts, community and recreation centre.

Key elements of the community vision include:

- Green retrofit of existing buildings
- Mixed use tenancies to include arts, community services, recreation
- 30% of the space available to social enterprise commercial activities
- Cooperative community based management of the centre
- Financial viability and operational stability
- A Phase II that could include on vacant parts of the site

The "imagining" goes on, as more people become involved. Please include your voice!

Immediate Action

Imagine Bloomfield urges all citizens to take action to encourage the city to work with the Society and local communities to preserve and redevelop Bloomfield Centre into a national model Community Centre of which we can all be proud.

Imagine Bloomfield's Design Workshop

in February 2007 gathered input from over 100 people – who put on their planner 'hats' and move buildings, landscape and discuss community space dynamics while helping build the vision of what the centre could – and should be!



Imagine Bloomfield – and the Bloomfield Centre – is about building community.