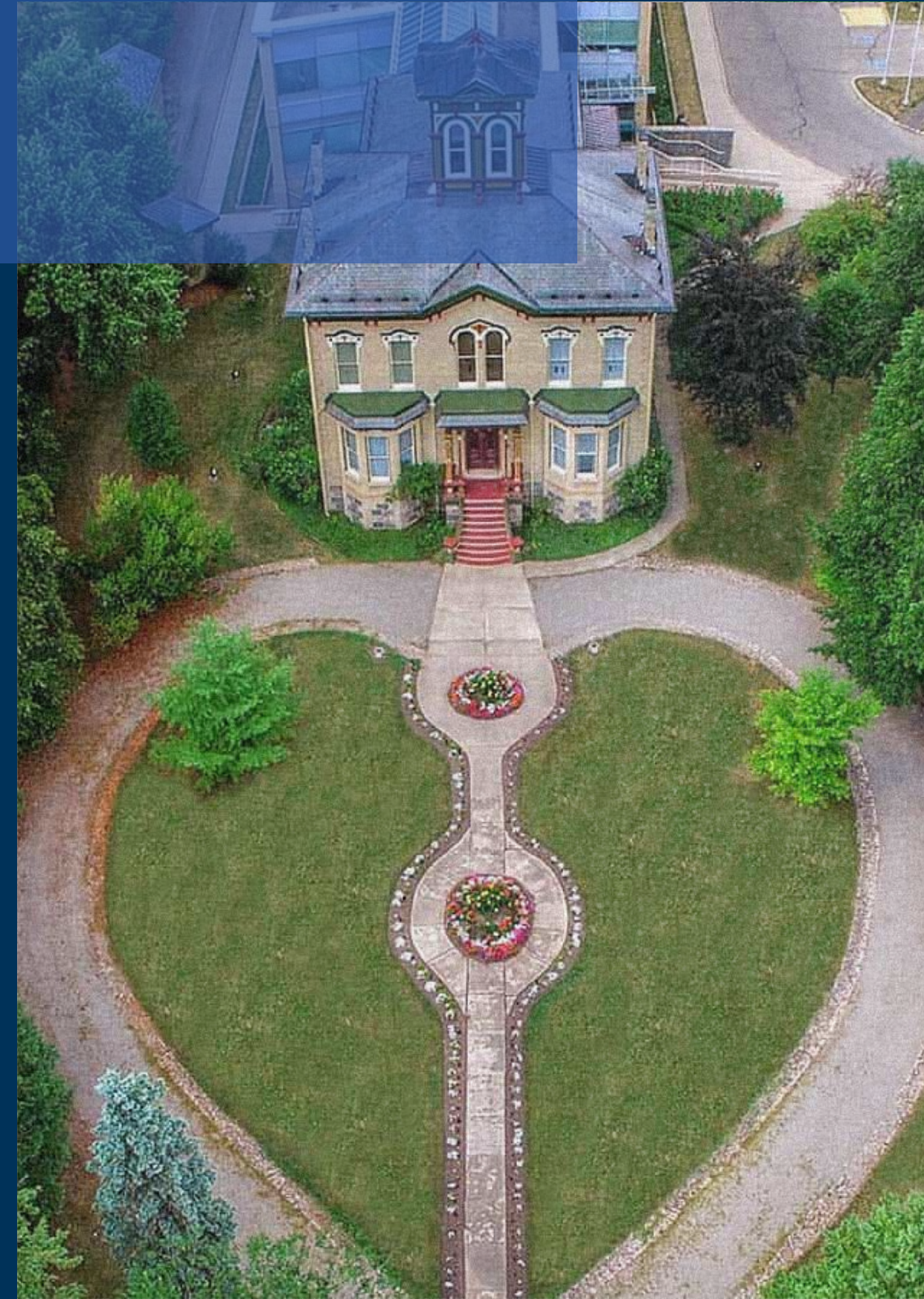
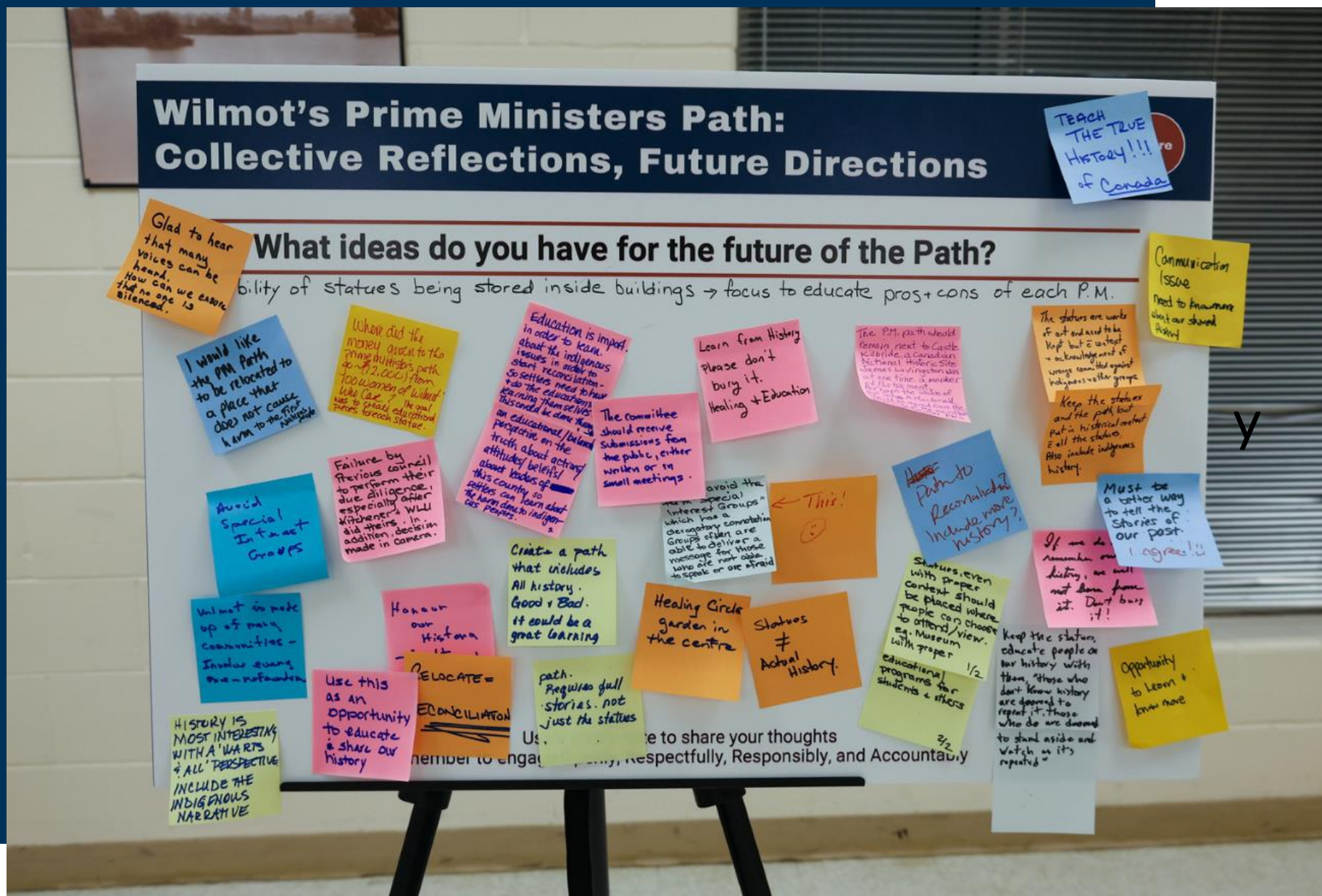


Wilmot's Prime Ministers Path: Collective Reflections, Future Directions

Special Council Meeting Project Recommendations

May 12, 2025 6:00-9:00pm





TODAYS AGENDA

- Welcome
- History of the Project
- Engagement
 - Indigenous Engagement
 - Community Engagement Initiatives
- Recommendations
- Township comments
- Final Reflections

Welcome

Project Team

Consultants

- Denise Soueidan-O'Leary
- Benny Skinner
- Hasnaa Maher

Township

- Greg Clark



Collective Reflections, Future Directions Initiative

- Project over view
- Contributions



The History

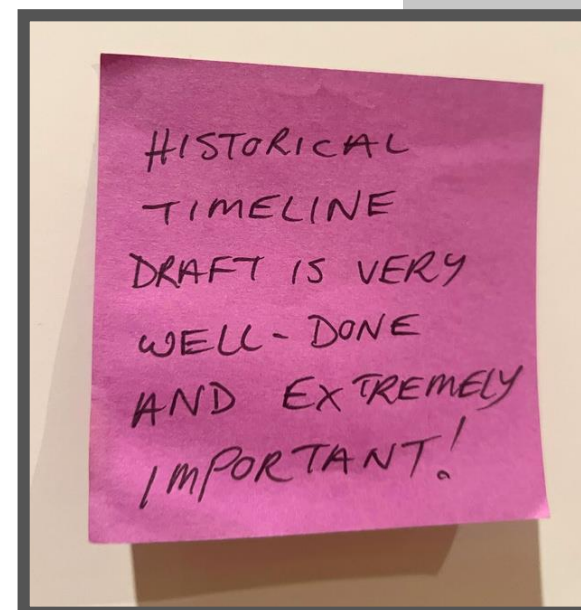
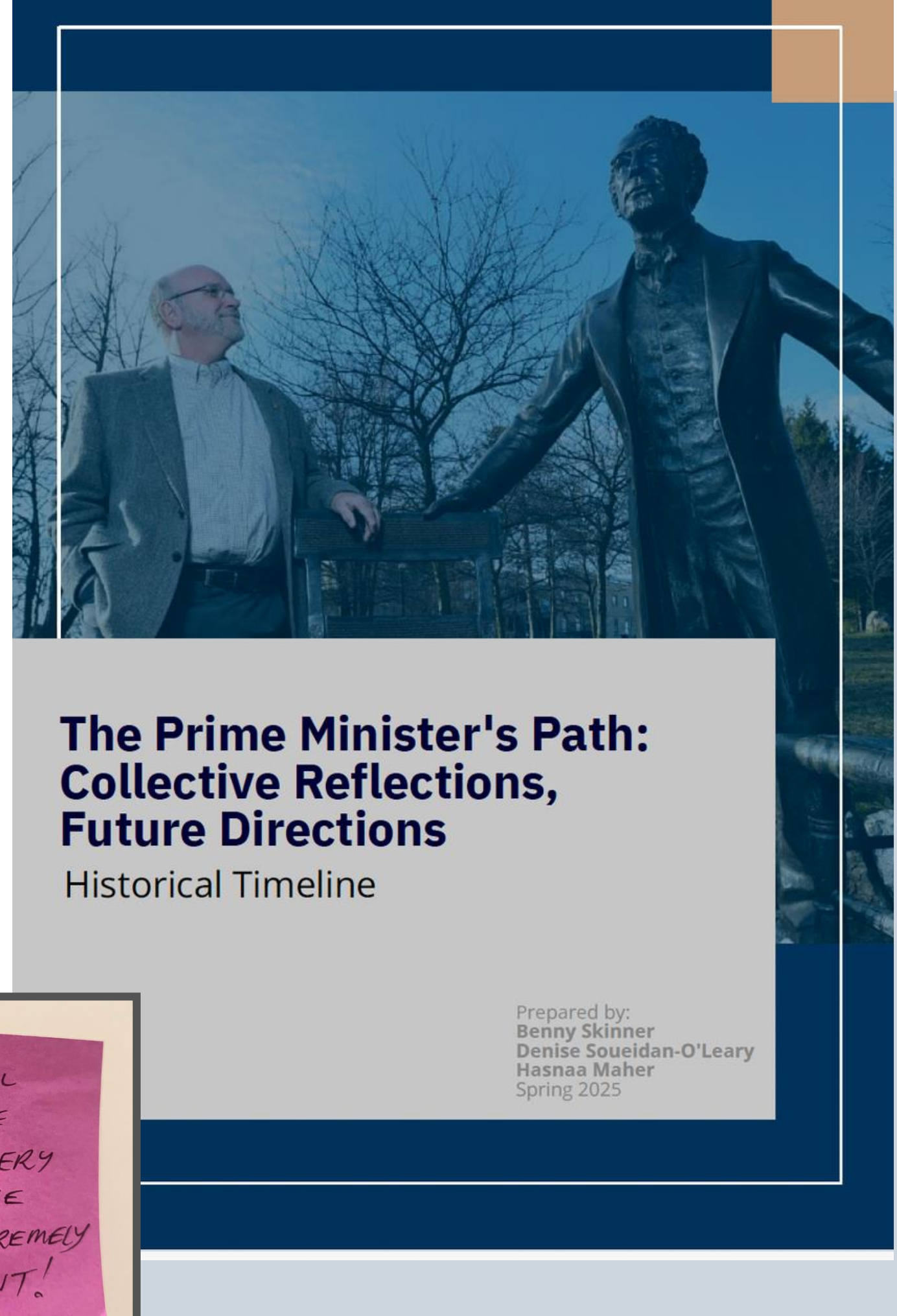
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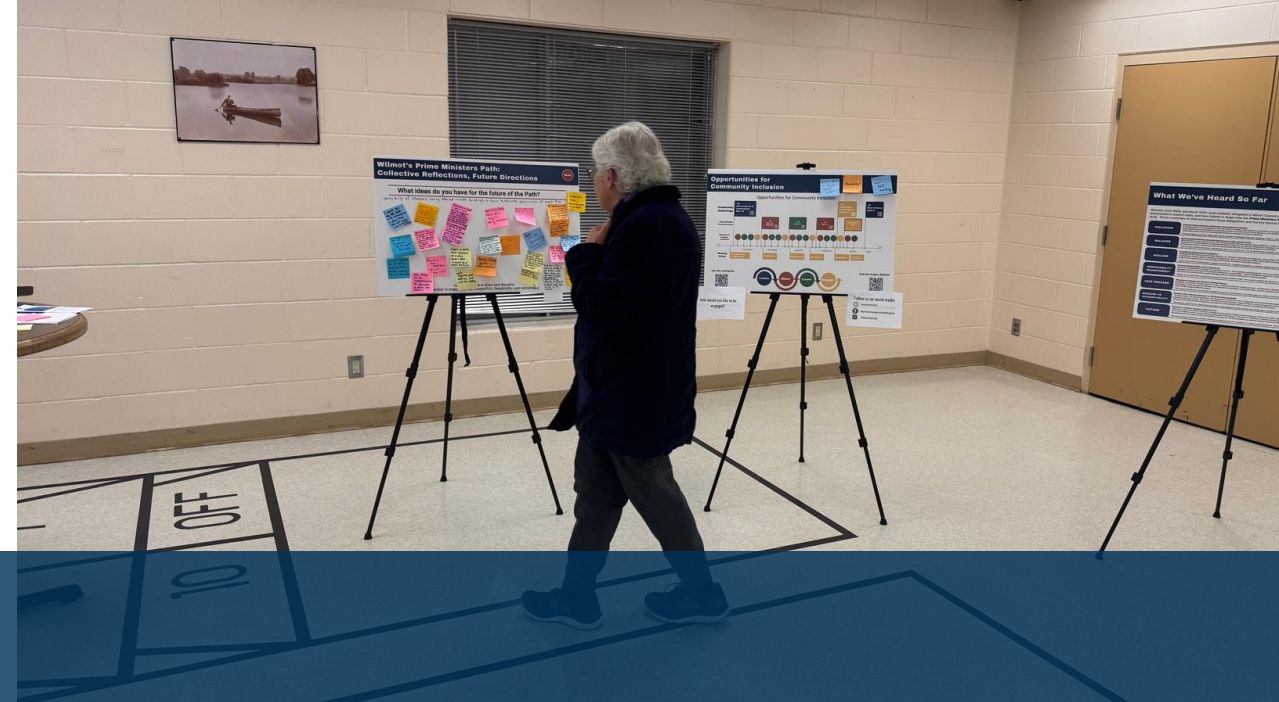
The Process

- Sources
- Analysis

Key Takeaways

- Importance of common understanding
- Big themes and learnings
- Shedding light on sociopolitical context

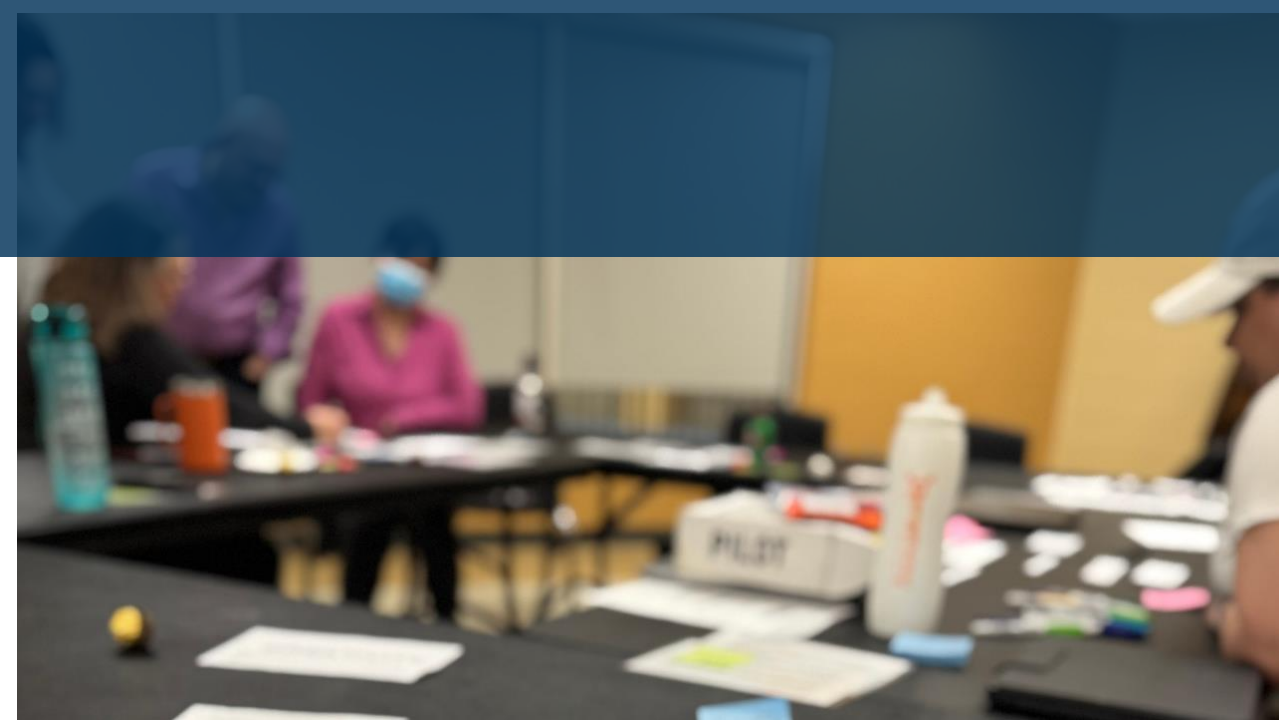
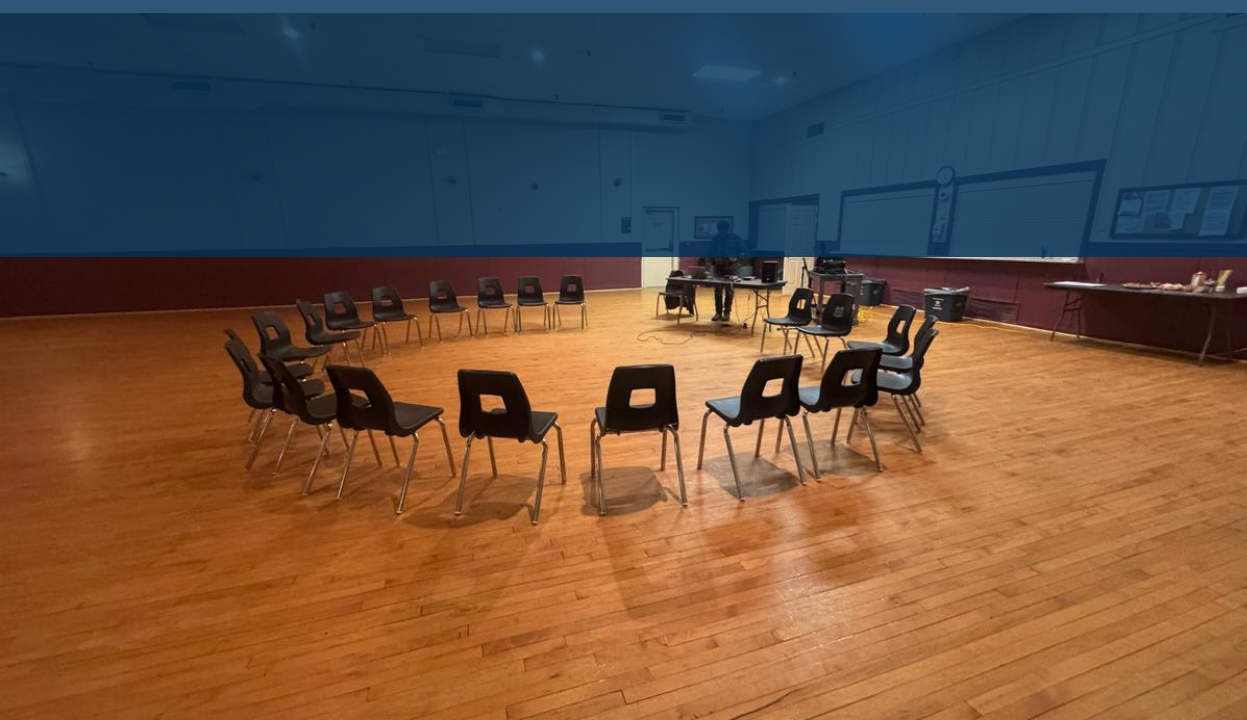




Anything else you'd like to share...

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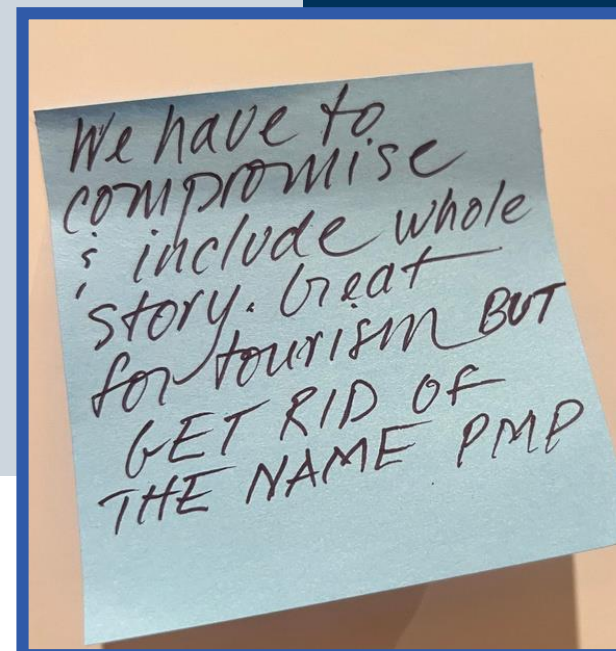
October 2024 - April 2025



- Commitment to True History
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ENGAGEMENT COMMITTMENTS

“Truth” as a critical concept



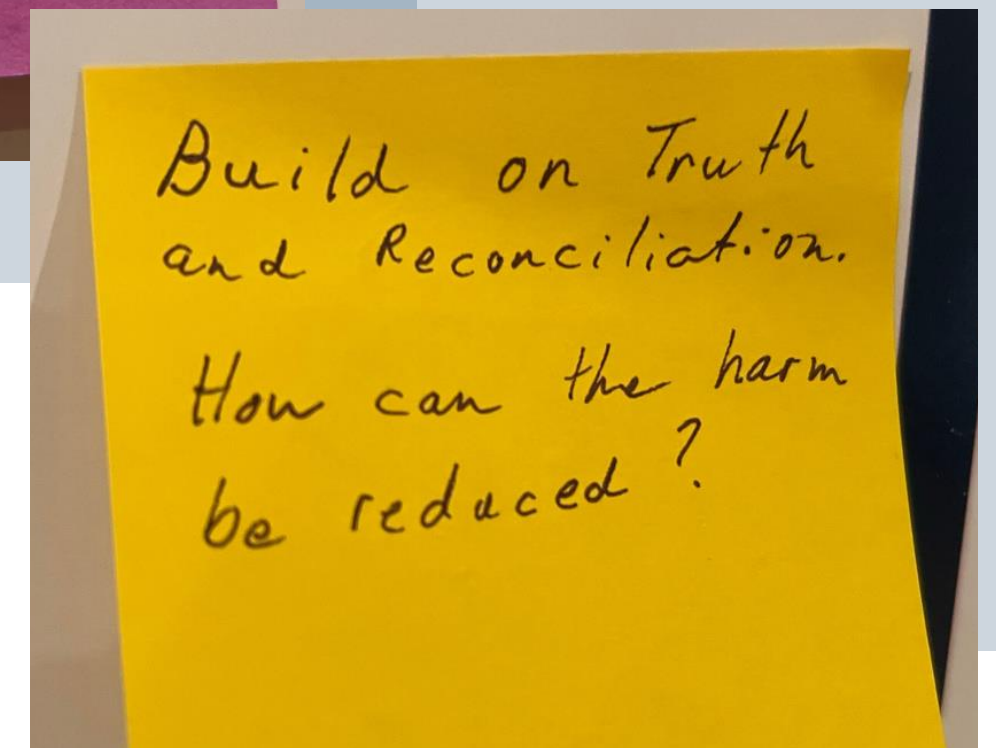
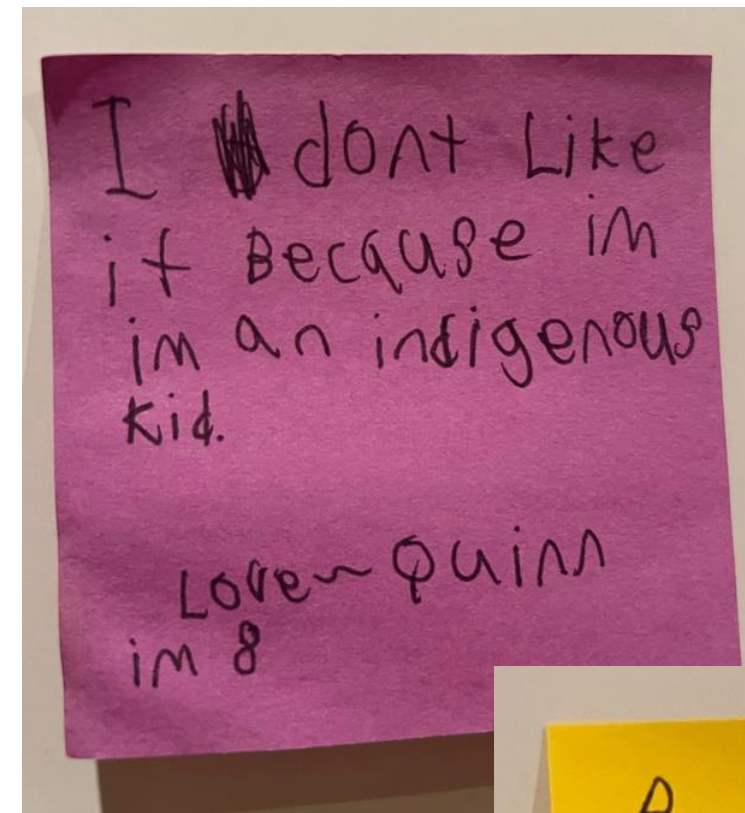
Indigenous Engagement

Process

- Crane Method
- Other Engagement

What we Heard

- Opinions
- Ideas
- Commonalities



Community Engagement

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Project Overview

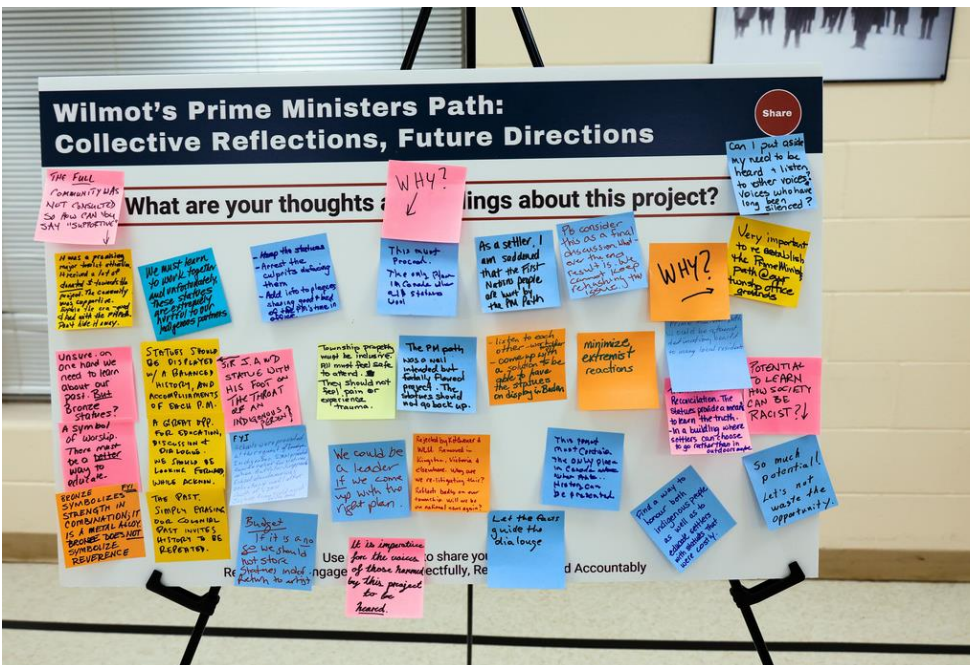
The Prime Ministers Path: Collective Reflections, Future Directions engagement initiative is an intentional undertaking by the Township of Wilmot to re-open the conversation about the Prime Ministers Path in an inclusive, community-driven way, and to reimagine the future of the statues and the Prime Ministers path in Wilmot. The project is guided by the following values:



Expected Outcomes

By March 2025, the Township of Wilmot will receive community-driven recommendations from the working group, based on broad public input. These recommendations, presented to Council, will guide the future of the Prime Ministers Path, aligning with the values of respect, inclusivity, and community cohesion. Through this process, residents can expect a transparent, respectful approach that fosters meaningful dialogue, ultimately aiming to build a shared vision for the Prime Ministers Path.

Opportunities for Community Inclusion



Values

- Transparency, Equity, Care, Collaboration
- Listen, Share, Learn, Engage

Methods

- Iterative and Inclusive
- Multi layered
- Accessible, Trauma Informed

Reach

- Over 10,000 people engaged
- 90% of participants were local residents
- Opinions ranged from full removal to full restoration, many Most sought a middle ground

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NEW Path Project

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HOW WE GOT HERE

How the recommendations were created

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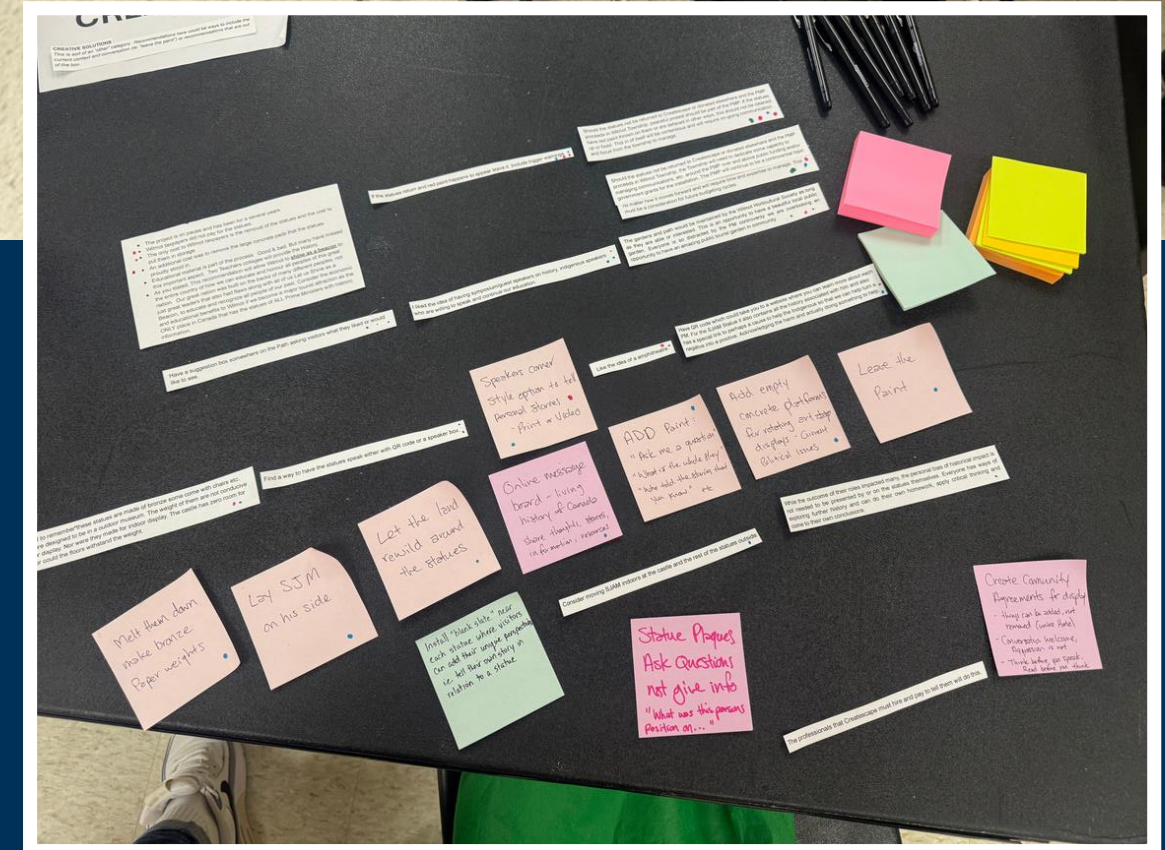
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WHAT DO THEY SAY

How to interpret the Recommendations

WHAT DO THEY MEAN

How does this impact the path forward?



Recommendations

1. Governance & Structure

Establish a cross-sector Steering Committee to lead next steps, ensure accountability, and represent diverse community voices.

2. Funding

Access public and private grants to fund the project – no Township operational.

3. Inclusion

Ensure Indigenous, and all other diverse voices, are included as co-creators at every step of the process, from planning to implementation.

4. Education

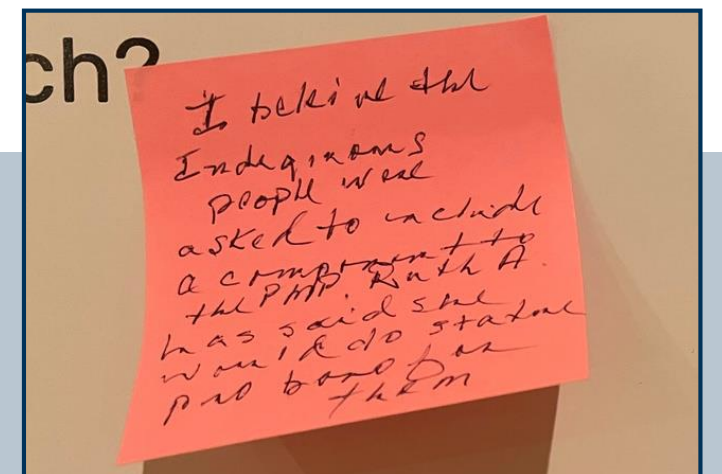
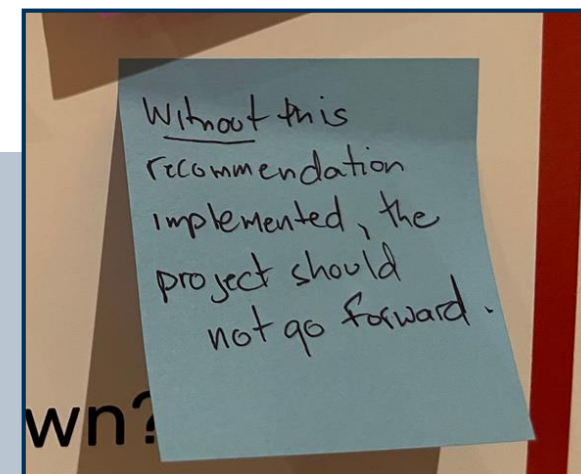
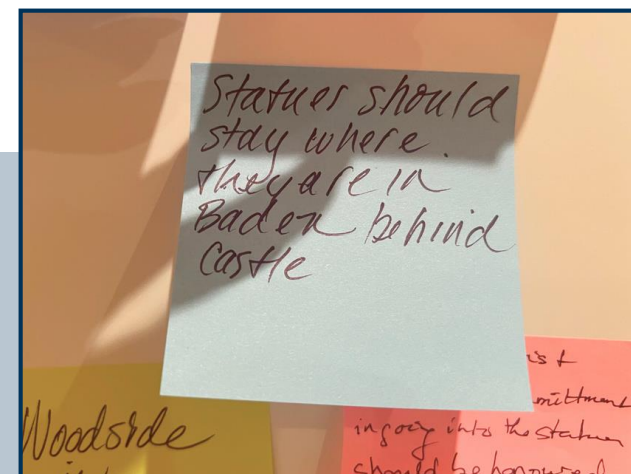
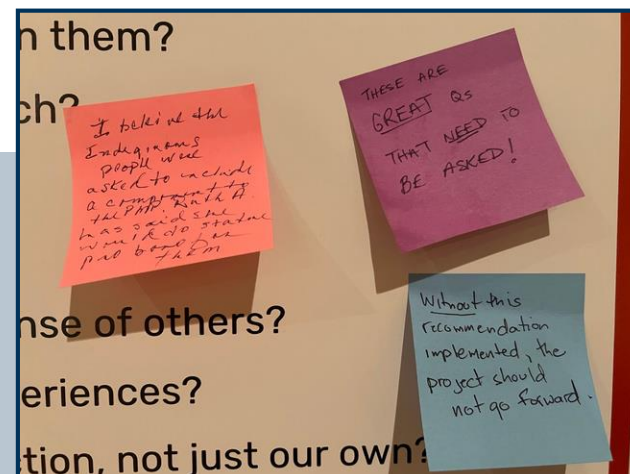
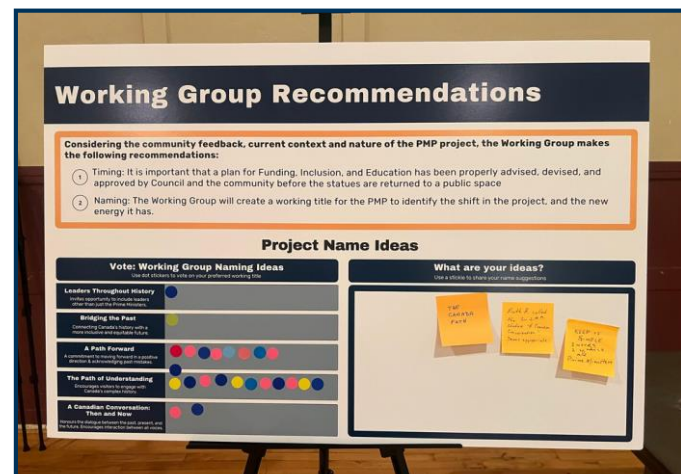
Education must be the foundation of any future installation – resources, context, and critical reflection must guide public understanding.

5. Location

Any display must happen in a space that invites intentional engagement, not passive viewing – the setting matters as much as the content.

6. Truth & Reconciliation

The project must actively support truth-telling, healing, and long-term reconciliation goals – not just symbolic gestures.



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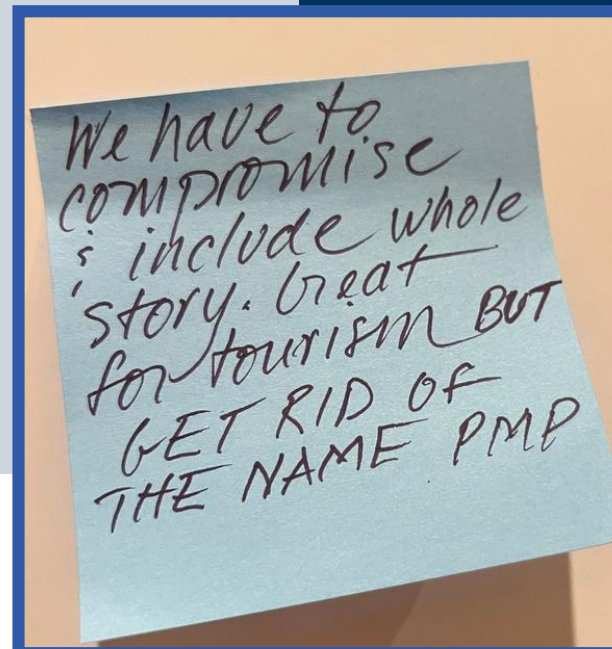
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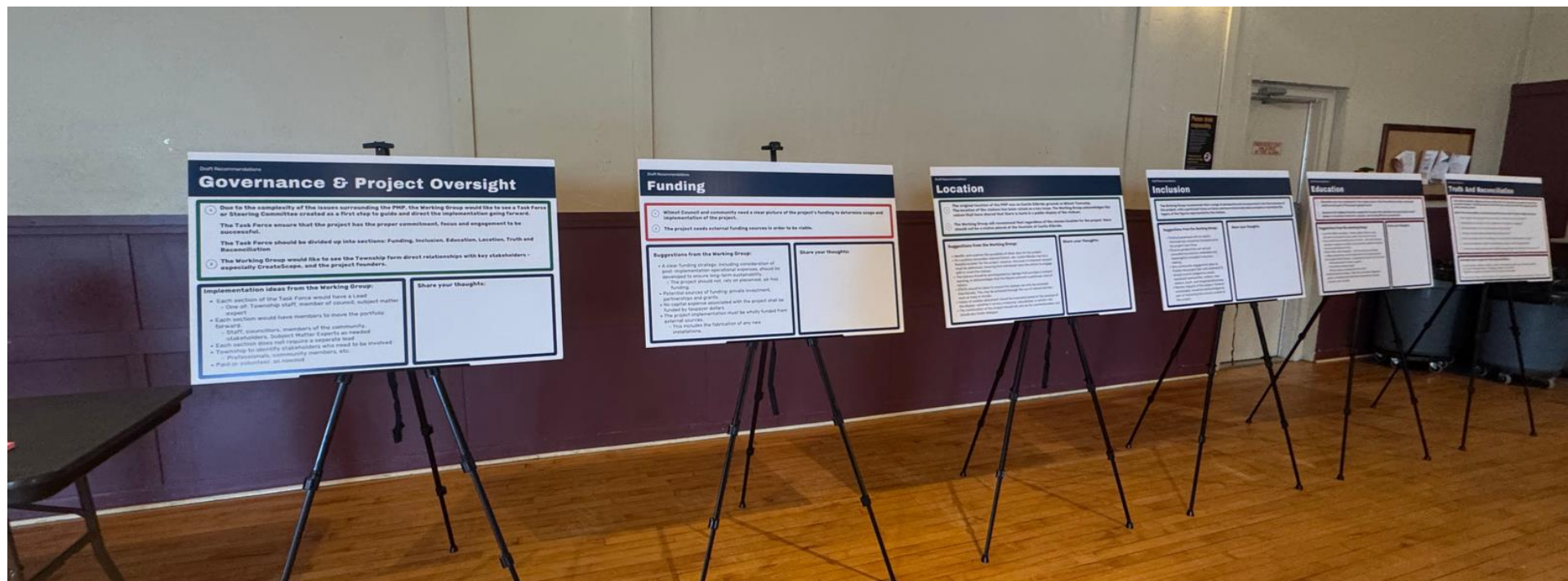
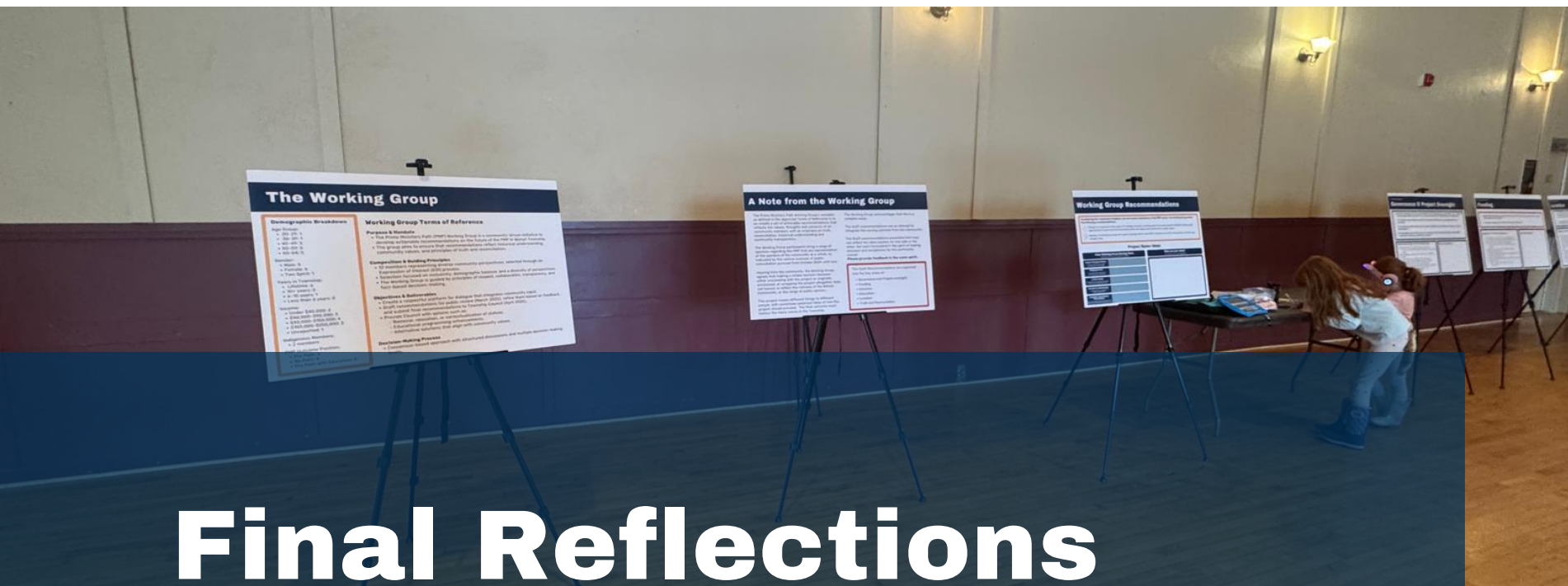
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TOWNSHIP COMMENTS

“Truth” as a critical concept



Great idea to put SJAM on his sea-side. It will definitely start a conversation



Final Reflections

Thank you to the working group and all involved who enabled our voices to be heard!

THANK YOU TO LURA! THANK YOU TO THE WORKING GROUP FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT. I HOPE THAT THIS PROCESS HAS CHANGED OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE BETTER + HAS HELPED US TO UNDERSTAND OUR NEIGHBOURS + THE PROCESS HAS

Draft Recommendations

Truth And Reconciliation

Truth and Reconciliation, Indigenous inclusion and the effects of colonialism has repeatedly surfaced in the community feedback. The Working Group feels that this issue is critically relevant to this project, and in the wider community context.

Rather than recommendations, the Working Group offers these questions to help strengthen the process:

- 1 What insights are emerging from the community, and how can we build on them?
- 2 What lessons can we take from this experience to strengthen our approach?
- 3 What opportunities do we have to improve moving forward?
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Actionable steps to align with Truth and Reconciliation:

- Include Regional Indigenous advisory bodies, local Indigenous leaders and community members.
- Co-create meaningful ways for Indigenous people to be involved.
- Identify how Indigenous histories and stories may be incorporated.

Handwritten notes on sticky notes:
- "I think it's important to have Indigenous voices heard in the process."
- "We need to be more inclusive in our conversations."
- "The working group needs to be more transparent and open to feedback."