

Feedback from our Tapestry Collaborative Solutions Meeting

January 25th, 2025 1-3 pm

On Saturday, January 25th, 2025, Tapestry and the community gathered and discussed the future of Tapestry. Together we were able to share what was working well at Tapestry, our vision for the future of Tapestry and suggested viable solutions on how we can ensure Tapestry remains rooted in our community for years to come.

The feedback was unanimous - those in attendance wanted to ensure that Tapestry would remain open and as members of the community, you are here to help. Collaborative break out discussion sessions generated ideas of how Tapestry could operate most efficiently while staying true to the values Tapestry has been established upon.

Below is a summary of our collaboration:

Things we love about Tapestry and areas the community felt that was working well for Tapestry:

- The Farmer's Market
- Music Series (both concerts and music at the market)
- The history set up at the market
- The Creation Station for kids at the market
- A regular coffee shop at the market
- The opportunities for socializing, connection and activity Tapestry offers.

Areas we could improve upon:

- Communicating to the community areas Tapestry could use support with (trimming trees, setting up for concerts, helping with advertising, etc.)
- Signage in the harbour to direct people to the church.
- More vendors at the market, especially more vegetable vendors
- Encouraging visitors to use the lower level of the market yard.
- Potentially trimming trees to allow more sunlight into the back area
- Making paths around the church more accessible

While the community was clear that they wanted to ensure that a system was in place to maintain the already great things that are happening at Tapestry, when Tapestry was ready to take on more activities here are some ideas that were generated:

- Having Tapestry open more than just Saturdays. Potentially opening a version of the market or coffee shop on Fridays and Sundays.
- Providing vendors the opportunity to display and sell their items without being present at the market
- Have a community produce table at the market
- Monthly art workshop for kids
- Visit homes in the community as a way to connect and welcome new and current residents to Tapestry
- Offer monthly spiritual gatherings (meditation, indigenous teaching)
- Day long yoga retreat, Tai Chi

It certainly takes a village. Here are some of the suggestions we discussed to facilitate more community engagement in the operations of Tapestry:

- Creating a Tapestry Volunteer Coordinator position. Someone who would communicate tasks that need completing, while maintaining a list of individuals and how they would like to help.
- Having responsibilities for board members clearly defined for those interested in being involved.
- Communication: ensuring our Tapestry Newsletter continues to be shared, along with sharing of events on social media platforms and Valley Events.
- Continued cooperation and communication between NMUT/Harbourville Restoration Society/Burlington Community Hall
- Collect emails of community members at Market & Music events.