



Kamloops, BC

Date: May 23, 2014

Location: Kamloops, BC

Hosts: Dr. Lauchlan Fraser, Dr. Wendy Gardner

Facilitators: Dr. Ciara Raudsepp-Hearne, Natalie Richards

Participants: A diverse group of residents of the city of Kamloops

Summary:

At Thompson Rivers University we met with 15 residents of Kamloops representing a wide range of activity within the community, including: organic and non-organic farming, heavy industry, economic development, grassland conservation efforts, city council and electricity services. Contrary to what might be anticipated with such a diverse group, participants enthusiastically reached unanimity on their vision of the future with the exception of one component: whether or not Kamloops would include active mining. Participants were pleased with their ability to cultivate cooperative discussion; therefore, rather than stall on this issue the group decided to place more importance on outlining the characteristics of their ideal future to which any controversial activity would need to conform.

The key characteristics that the group outlined and agreed upon over the course of the visioning session.

