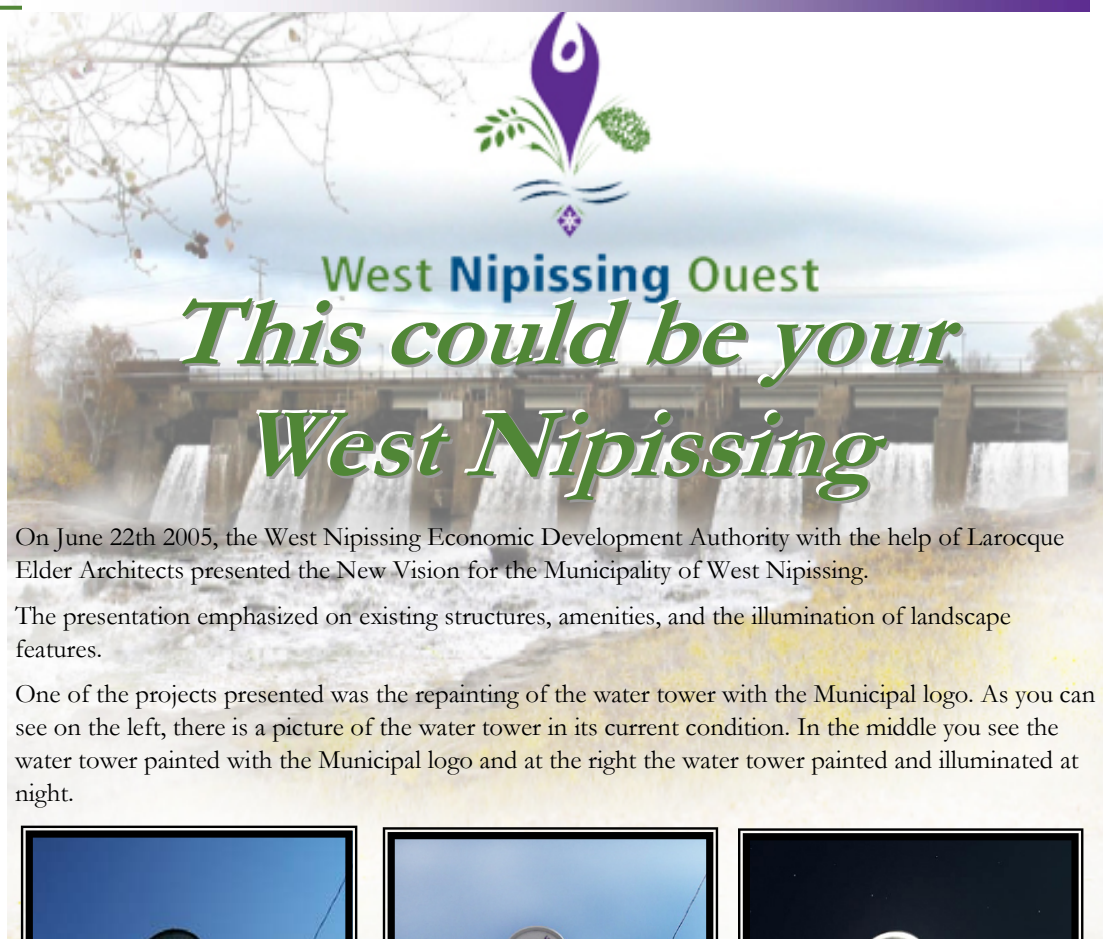


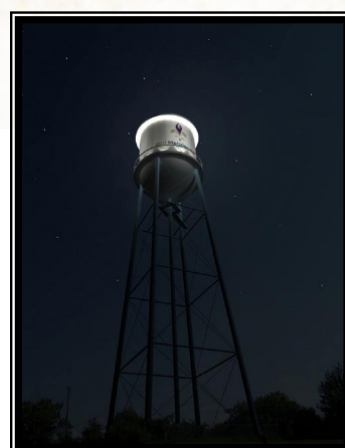
Projects exposed in this document are part of a long term vision for the Municipality. We need leaders to step up and we are looking for organisations and service clubs to champion some of these projects. These projects can be realized with people giving their time; finding donations for material, applying to different funding that are available for such projects and any other initiative to create and fund the projects. With a group effort these projects are very well feasible and they can be an attraction that we can appreciate in a few years and in twenty years.



On June 22th 2005, the West Nipissing Economic Development Authority with the help of Larocque Elder Architects presented the New Vision for the Municipality of West Nipissing.

The presentation emphasized on existing structures, amenities, and the illumination of landscape features.

One of the projects presented was the repainting of the water tower with the Municipal logo. As you can see on the left, there is a picture of the water tower in its current condition. In the middle you see the water tower painted with the Municipal logo and at the right the water tower painted and illuminated at night.



Other projects :

- Illumination of waterfalls
- Illumination of vehicular bridge
- 100 ft. flagpole at marina
- Beautification of public beach and tennis courts
- Children's water park
- Motorist rest stop
- Marina
- Aquaculture/hatchery
- Downtown revitalization
- Trails and links

Pedestrian Bridge



Another project presented was the development of a Pedestrian Bridge located between the rail and vehicular bridges to link the downtown and marina to other features west of the falls. The bridge is to be designed in the shape of a stylized sturgeon.

Illumination of waterfalls



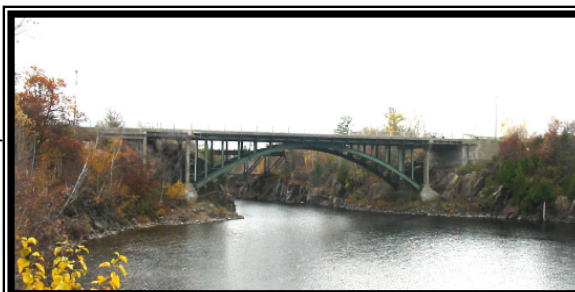
The falls could have a small amount of water running steady to bring back the falls into Sturgeon Falls. With some illumination at night time it would create an amazing attraction for visitors to look at and they would stop to admire the falls. It would also create a sense of comfort for local people who enjoy taking walks at night time.



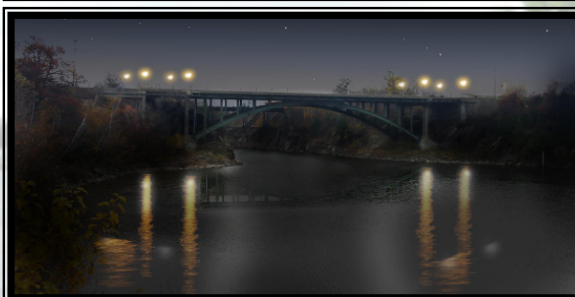
Keep a small steady flow of water running through the dams and illuminate the falls at night time.

Illumination of vehicular bridge

Current picture of Vehicular bridge



Illumination of bridge at night, with lights on top of bridge.



Illumination of bridge at night, with lights under bridge.



With the falls and the vehicular bridge illuminated, we would already have an amazing attraction created. Adding the pedestrian bridge and the walkway under the vehicular bridge would create a link between the east side and west side of the bridge. People could enjoy the view of the Sturgeon River close up and then head up to Minnehaha Bay and then walk towards the Downtown. Tourist from all over visit the West Nipissing area to see the rivers and falls that runs through our Municipality. Let's allow them to have a close look at these rivers and falls.

With a walkway illuminated under bridge, visitors would feel safer and would want to walk along the Sturgeon river.

Flagpole at marina



This is a project that is currently being worked on. In the top left picture you see the end of King Street in its current condition. In the top right picture a 100 feet flag pole has been added and the sidewalks have been improved. This flag would be seen from far down Hwy 17 and would attract people to go see what is around the flag, which would lead them to the marina. The picture at the bottom right demonstrates the flag pole illuminated at night time.



A 100 feet flag pole at the end of King Street, just before the marina, would attract visitors to the flag pole which would then lead them to the marina.

Marina



The marina is another project that needs to be realized. This project is a very important because of the significance of the Sturgeon River and Minnehaha Bay adds an historical value to the region. This marina could serve for various purposes including an aquatic school (rowing, kayaking, and canoeing), waterfront market, minor boat repairs, nautical merchandises, tackle/bait shop, hatchery and could include a fish display. This marina would attract visitors from Lake Nipissing and visitors passing through Sturgeon Falls. The marina would also serve as a link to the museum. People could rent a canoe or kayak, head down to the Sturgeon River House Museum, and then rent a bicycle from the museum and ride down to the Information Center, and they can then walk on the pedestrian bridge to head back to the downtown.

Beautification of public beach

Families enjoy having a place to rest and cool off. Many beaches already exist in our area but would need some improvement. With a few trees planted and by adding some park benches would have a lot more to offer. Adding a water park would make the beach the ideal rest stop and to get to the beach in Sturgeon Falls people would have to drive through the downtown and it would allow them see what we have to offer.



Beautifying the beach takes just a bit of cooperation and group effort to make it enjoyable and attractive.

Different regions

The different regions in the Municipality have not been forgotten. Projects have already been realized in some of these regions and some are in progress.

Lavigne

Lavigne is well positioned to attract many boaters from all over Lake Nipissing. Creating a boatel would attract tourism from the lake and tourists passing by car.



Cache Bay

Cache Bay has a lot of potential for bird watchers. The area could include look outs and bird museum.



Field

Field has a group called the Field Region Economic Development Committee that are continuously working at improving the area. Some of there projects include the encouragement of businesses to adopt a lumberjack theme in their appearance, work with Crystal Falls and Field area lodge owners to develop, map, sign and market ATV trails in this region. Improve Clear Lake Beach with recommendations made by Clear Lake Cottagers Association.



River Valley, Crystal Falls, Monetville

These small communities are continuously working at beautifying their surroundings. Projects for these communities will be developed in the future.



River Walkway

Creating a walkway to allow visitors to have a look at the historical Sturgeon river.



To allow people to walk aside the Sturgeon River, another important part of the link is to create a pedestrian walkway along the river. This walkway would lead the pedestrians from the downtown along the river and up to Minnehaha Bay. People could fish off this bridge, historical plaques could be installed along the walkway to get a sense of the historical value of the Sturgeon River. Pedestrians could also go up to the pedestrian bridge mentioned before that would be above this walkway. And again with the illumination of the walkway, people could enjoy a walk at night and feel more secure. Cars passing by on the vehicular bridge above would see the lighted walkway and would tell themselves to stop by on there next visit to have a look at this attraction. These trails would also lead up to the River House Museum, and could keep on growing to join all corners of the Municipality. People could then spend an entire day or more just walking the trails from one end to another.