

### **Comments on Q 3 (“I think Mississippi Mills can be made to be a better place to live.”)**

There were forty-seven (47) comments in total of which twenty-three (23) were versions of “There's always room for improvement.” The other 24 comments were:

1. have paid/elected officials adhere to majority of citizens' wishes...not go rogue
2. Enough with all the housing developments. Almonte is becoming too big.
3. There needs to be more affordable housing rental options in Mississippi Mills/Pakenham area.
4. MM needs to acknowledge the work of residents who are not "tied" to the Town by way of grants. It needs a (real) Arts and Culture program, a Human Services initiative (with the AGH-FVM, Hospice, Kids Advocacy, Ontario 211 Services, etc) and some strategic thinkers.
5. stop the bickering and help to make things better
6. We should never be complacent and always work together for improvement.
7. Once we get good high speed access and better fire service in Clayton it will be better,
8. Make it more welcoming for newcomers.
9. Get out of the negative mind-set of the times
10. Clean-up and keep clean your curb around your property, collect your dog poo and litter and drop it in the bins
11. Let's make MM the Welcoming Town where diverse people (race, religion, sex orientation, culture, age, income) all feel welcome, supported and included.
12. Hopefully a new Council will do the trick with a less contentious leader.
13. Not here long enough to have opinion. But lov it so far.
14. The entrance way through Ottawa Street, from past the traffic circle past the shopping plazas, could be made more welcoming and asthetically pleasing. Compare the Carleton Place bridge and main street with all of its flower baskets and wall murals depicting local history and notable residents. Could Almonte mimic that?
15. We need full-time jobs. I'd like to see this as a place where high-school grads or drop-outs can make a decent living.
16. Many people who have stayed in town don't realize what they truly have
17. It needs another grocery store and move the liquor store, it's a safety issue.
18. More recognition of the presence of Indigenous peoples in this area prior to the arrival of Europeans. For example, there is an Indian Road, Indian Creek, Indian River but never any explanation of why? It would be interesting to know.
19. More people could try to be active listeners and open minded so reflective thinkers.
20. Make trail unmotorized through Almonte.
21. With the right people
22. You can not MAKE anyone do anything. I feel we all need to strive to do better in our own day to day interactions.
23. My family lives on a rural road near Pakenham and we travel on quite a few of the concession roads for work, shopping, and pleasure. The majority of those roads are in atrocious condition. Tossing a bit of asphalt in the potholes us not an acceptable or long term repair.
24. I've seen the town in better times. I think it's possible to go back to that.