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#### Economic Development & Tourism Branding Strategy

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This is an internal document. The language is intended to guide internal marketing efforts.

## What did we learn?

#### 1. It's all about community.

While very few people identify with Haldimand County, everyone described where they lived as a welcoming community. It's like they are all different – in the exact same way.

#### 2. Mindful awareness creates authenticity.

Everyone agrees the community is a wonderful place to work, raise a family and live. At the same time everyone told us about perceived weaknesses in attracting business or tourists.

#### 3. Sustainable evolution.

Most people understand Haldimand County needs to evolve in order to remain vibrant and sustainable. They may not have the clearest vision of what that will be but they know it should not include unchecked suburban development and rapid growth.

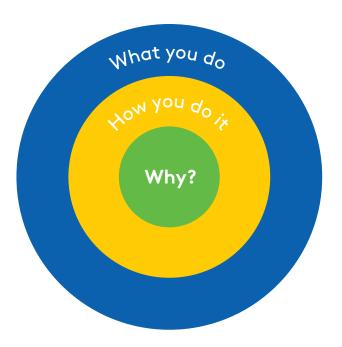
#### 4. There is a desirable way of life.

Haldimand County represents the antithesis of harried urban life.

The relaxed pace, natural beauty and small town charm are virtues that are very compelling to the right people.

## What did this tell us?





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Real: Having substance; genuine.

**Real** is just how we live. How we interact with others. How we conduct business. How our word is our bond.

Real is about authentic and sincere experiences with people who are proud of who they are and what they have created.

**Potential:** Haldimand's qualities that may be developed to lead to your future success.

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Potential is our promise. We want to show people what Haldimand County is—a place where you can create a new business, have unique experiences, and make a real impact.

#### Big Idea

Very cost competitive environment Welcoming and friendly Natural beauty – river side, lake community shore, cycling paths, hiking trails Locally grown **Business friendly** Locally made Farm to Table Real potential Undiscovered gem **Adaptive Workforce** Agri-food business -**Emerging arts and** both as producers and culture scene as tourism Embrace modern living while Convenient, central location cherishing tradition Advanced manufacturing sector is a by-product of the County's extensive

history in craftsmanship and making things

Real. Potential.

#### We show investors

Need

Value Proposition – Economic Development

Target audience

#### **Haldimand County's**

**Product** 

#### authentic, desirable way of life

Reason to believe

and **real potential.** 

Point of differentiation

#### **Haldimand County's**

**Product** 

#### natural beauty and small town charm

Reason to believe

#### make it <u>a place</u> of <u>real potential</u>

Need

Point of differentiation

for visitors and residents.

Target audience

# Community Tradition Honesty

# Authentic Strong Outdoorsy

#### Investors, Residents and Visitors

Haldimand County gives you the time and the space to thrive in ways you can't quite do anywhere else.