

Air quality and cleanliness top worry list for residents

Prince George's official community plan should be complete by Christmas.

City planners are laying out plans for the first draft, based on survey results from two public meetings May 31 and June 1 where residents were asked to choose between two models of development - concentrated urban growth or a less structured growth plan.

More residents chose the concentrated growth option when given the projected infrastructure costs so the city will draft plans and open the process up to public reaction.

The "several thousand" residents polled through a random UNBC study and information meetings wanted the city to boost downtown traffic, strengthen the economy, manage growth and protect

the city's environment, natural beauty and quality of life.

The UNBC study also determined most residents, on average, think the city could ideally hold 108,261 people in 10 years.

By far the biggest beefs of city residents is air quality and cleanliness in the downtown core.

Seventy nine per cent of residents polled say improving the air quality should be a priority for the city of Prince George.

"Drunks, panhandlers and unsavory characters" make the downtown feel dangerous, say residents polled in a UNBC survey. Instead, residents want more shopping, cafes and community events in the downtown core.

Other firm directives of the draft plan include protecting existing neighbour-

hoods, more multi-family housing units to accommodate our aging population and limiting development in Blackburn in favour of growth in the Hart and the city's southwest corner. Servicing lots at Blackburn is just too expensive, says the report.

Riverfront parks and trails for resident and tourist use is also a priority.

The first draft is scheduled to be complete in late September, with second and final drafts due in October and December.

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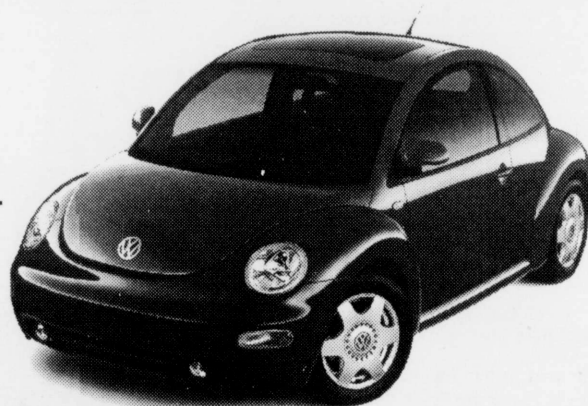
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Wolfe killed with Colt .45

Police have now determined the weapon used to shoot and kill a 28-year-old city woman last week.

Tracey Lee Wolfe was shot twice with a Blackhawk Colt .45 last Wednesday morning outside the Harley Davidson dealership at Fourth Avenue and Scotia.

Inside the dealership, a 30-year-old man suffered a single gunshot wound to the upper abdomen. He was taken to Prince George Regional Hospital in stable condition, where he remains to date.

Gordon Darrell Wolfe, 34, was arrested at the scene and now faces charges of second-degree murder and attempted murder. A day after the arrest, police searched his home and discovered 113 marijuana plants and two rifles, though no charges are laid in that regard.

Police are now trying to determine how Mr. Wolfe came into possession of the gun. Any information will be forwarded to the Crown Counsel office.

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