

# Building consensus

- Consensus is defined by broad agreement - we can all live with the proposed decision.
- Consensus is also defined by the process we use
  - We seek to understand our different interests and concerns
  - We creatively develop ideas and options that address our underlying concerns, and we problem-solve in the face of disagreement.
- If we don't all agree, we can include different viewpoints in what we forward to the council

## Equally important...

- Acknowledge each others' values and lived experience
- Have compassion, empathy, collegiality

## Developing Draft *Guiding Principles*

