

Summer Village of Waiparous Municipal Sustainability Plan

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Municipal Characteristics 2012

The Summer Village is both a rural residence for working families and retired persons, and a four-season recreation home for part time residents.

The Summer Village has a Council of three elected councillors who own property within the summer village.

The Council is very serious about being good stewards of the land and wants to leave the natural habitat areas relatively undisturbed and create a walkable community.

As confirmed in a survey undertaken in 2009 (see section 2.2), the Council and the landowners within the summer village are not interested in commercial development; rather they want to provide for minor home based businesses such as an art studio by appointment only. Residents would like to sustainable the environment within the municipal boundaries and surrounding area and are prepared to work with their municipal partners to ensure the surrounding forest and watershed are managed effectively. Quality of life is paramount to all landowners and they want to maintain their peaceful, quiet natural rural environment. To that end, this Municipal Sustainability Plan is focused on sustaining the quality of life of residents and the quality of the environment of their surroundings.

Waiparous Statistics

General Statistics (Municipal 2014)

- Population –Full Time 64
- Population – Summer 200
- Number of Lots within Village 68
- Total Village Positions 1 PT
- Total Area of Municipality (hectares) 54.2
- Length of all Open Roads Maintained (kilometers) 4.2

1.2 Council and Committees

The Summer Village Council is comprised of three (3) Council members who are elected to office every four (4) years under the provisions of the Alberta Local Authorities Election Act. At the organizational meeting of Council, held annually, Council appoints a Mayor and Deputy Mayor to serve for a one (1) year term.

Council appoints one (1) Council member to be in charge of Public Works. That appointed individual will liaise with contractors for snow plowing and infrastructure maintenance work.

Committees and Boards of Council are as follows:

- **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board** – Three (3) residents are appointed under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act to hear all appeals related to development and subdivision on behalf of the Summer Village. The positions are appointed without term, but reviewed annually.
- **Subdivision Approving Authority** – three (3) Council members are appointed annually under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act to review and decide on all subdivisions within the Summer Village.
- **Highway 40 Road Committee** – created under the authority of Bylaw 64-99 and amendments, up to five residents of which at least one shall be a Council member and one may act in an advisory capacity are appointed for a one (1) year renewable term. The purpose of the committee is to review all matters pertaining to planning and development of upgrades and/or future realignment of Highway 40 in and around the Summer Village and shall assist Council with research and liaison activities with the Province and residents on highway road related matters.
- **Fire Committee** – created under the authority of Bylaw 74-00 and amendments with two (2) Village electors and one (1) Council members for a one (1) year term. The purpose of the committee is to deal with matters related to Fire Safety Bylaw and shall assist Council with policy development on related matters.
- **Emergency Services Committee** - created under the authority of Bylaw 105-08 with all Council members appointed with the purpose of working with the Municipal Emergency Services Agency and advising Council on the development of emergency plans and programs.

Intermunicipal Boards and Committees – Voting Members

Council appoints a representative to each of the following boards and committees:

- Marigold Regional Library
- Ghost Waiparous Trails Association

1.3 Quality of Life

It is recognized that the Summer Village provides the following services to the residents:

Fire Protection – contracted services with the MD of Bighorn through the Ghost River Fire Station;

Waste Services – a six (6) cubic yard locked bin is located in Cochrane for the disposal of household garbage;

Recycling Services – through a user agreement with the Town of Cochrane, residents are able to drop off recycle materials at the Cochrane Recycle Depot;

Dog Control – through a contract with the Town of Cochrane, dog control services are provided for serious dog offences;

Road Maintenance – the Village provides paved roadways to all properties with regular maintenance and snow plowing service;

Library Services – the Summer Village is a member of the Marigold Regional Library and Benchlands Paperback Deposit; permanent residents can become Marigold Library system card holders and all residents can borrow books from the Benchlands Paperback Deposit.

Village residents indicated through the 2009 survey that they prefer minimal level of services and organized events in the community.

1.4 Preservation of Assets

Since the creation of the asphalt surface roadways in the 1990's, it has been a practice of Council to ensure that the asphalt surface is not excavated for any purpose other than a situation required for the safety of the residents. Cochrane Lake Gas Co-op was advised prior to installation of the road surface to accommodate future gas installations through creating sleeves under the road surface or obtaining easements on private property. It has been almost 20 years since the initial asphalt road surface was installed and there have been no excavations to the surface.

Residents maintain individual water wells with sewage disposal either by septic field or holding tank system.

The Summer Village has been fortunate to have a large number of skilled residents who have volunteered their talents to maintain equipment and facilities in the community.

Existing public facilities in the Summer Village include:

- **Fire Shed** – used for housing initial assist fire equipment, e.g. pumps, backpacks, hoses, brooms;
- **Portable Tent Structure & Picnic Tables**– used for summer community functions, namely the Annual General Meeting and Annual Picnic and Horseshoe Tournament;
- **Pathways** – a mixture of red shale and natural foot paths located along community lands;
- **Memorial Cairn** – recognizing past Village residents; and
- **Historical Cairn at “The Point”** – acknowledging history of Waiparous area.

1.5 Land Leases

The Summer Village has entered into a License of Occupation (LOC) for 2 metre wide natural trails located on the east boundary of the Summer Village in 1997. The trails are maintained by resident volunteers.

In 1995, the Summer Village and the Municipal District of Bighorn had entered into a lease with the Province of Alberta to lease the lands referred to as the “Back 40” located directly west of the Village boundaries. The maintenance of the lease is managed by the Ghost Waiparous Trails Association under a Caretaker’s Agreement with the two municipalities.

2 BUILDING A COMMUNITY PLAN

2.1 Community Sustainability Plan Overview

In May 2005, the New Deal for Cities and Communities (NDCC) between Canada and Alberta was signed to transfer federal gas tax funding to Alberta municipalities. Subsequently, each Alberta municipality was invited to join this program and signed an agreement with the Province of Alberta outlining the requirements and benefits under the program. The NDCC provides financial assistance to municipalities to support the sustainability of capital municipal infrastructure. Through this investment, municipalities have the opportunity to maintain or enhance governance, economic, social and cultural opportunities and well being while protecting and improving the quality of the environment. Funding under this program supports the development of public transit systems, water and wastewater systems, solid waste management, community energy systems, and community capacity building. Included in the list of eligible projects are design and engineering services, vehicle purchase, construction and rehabilitation. In addition, the program may include barrier-free transportation initiatives to improve accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities.

As part of the agreement, municipalities are required to develop a Community Sustainability Plan. This long-range plan has five dimensions – environmental, cultural, social, governance and economic – to be developed through public consultation that will provide direction to their Multi-Year Capital Infrastructure Plan. This plan is intended to be a guiding document to provide direction to Council and staff as they prepare capital and operating budgets to reflect the funding and resources required to accomplish the goals of Council.

The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan shall be reviewed annually as part of the budgeting process to measure how and when the initiatives are being accomplished.

The Plan and Questionnaire should be reviewed every four (4) year with the election of Council to review priority initiatives, key results and strategies.

Steps Involved in forming Waiparous' Municipal Sustainability Plan

- Organizational Capacity
- Strategies
- Key Results
- Elements of Municipal Sustainability;
 - Economic
 - Governance
 - Environmental
 - Infrastructure
 - Recreation
 - Social
 - Cultural
- Vision

2.2 Community Initiative

In order to achieve a sustainable future for Waiparous, the Summer Village Council initiated a community questionnaire in 2009, asking residents for feedback in creating a vision for the Village. The survey was conducted so that Council could better understand the issues and concerns facing residents.

65 surveys were returned, with residents allowed to submit two surveys per household. 49 out of 72 household participated in the survey, which is a 68% response rate. The key findings of the survey, along with resident input obtained at public meetings are the basis for this plan.

2.3 Purpose of the MSP

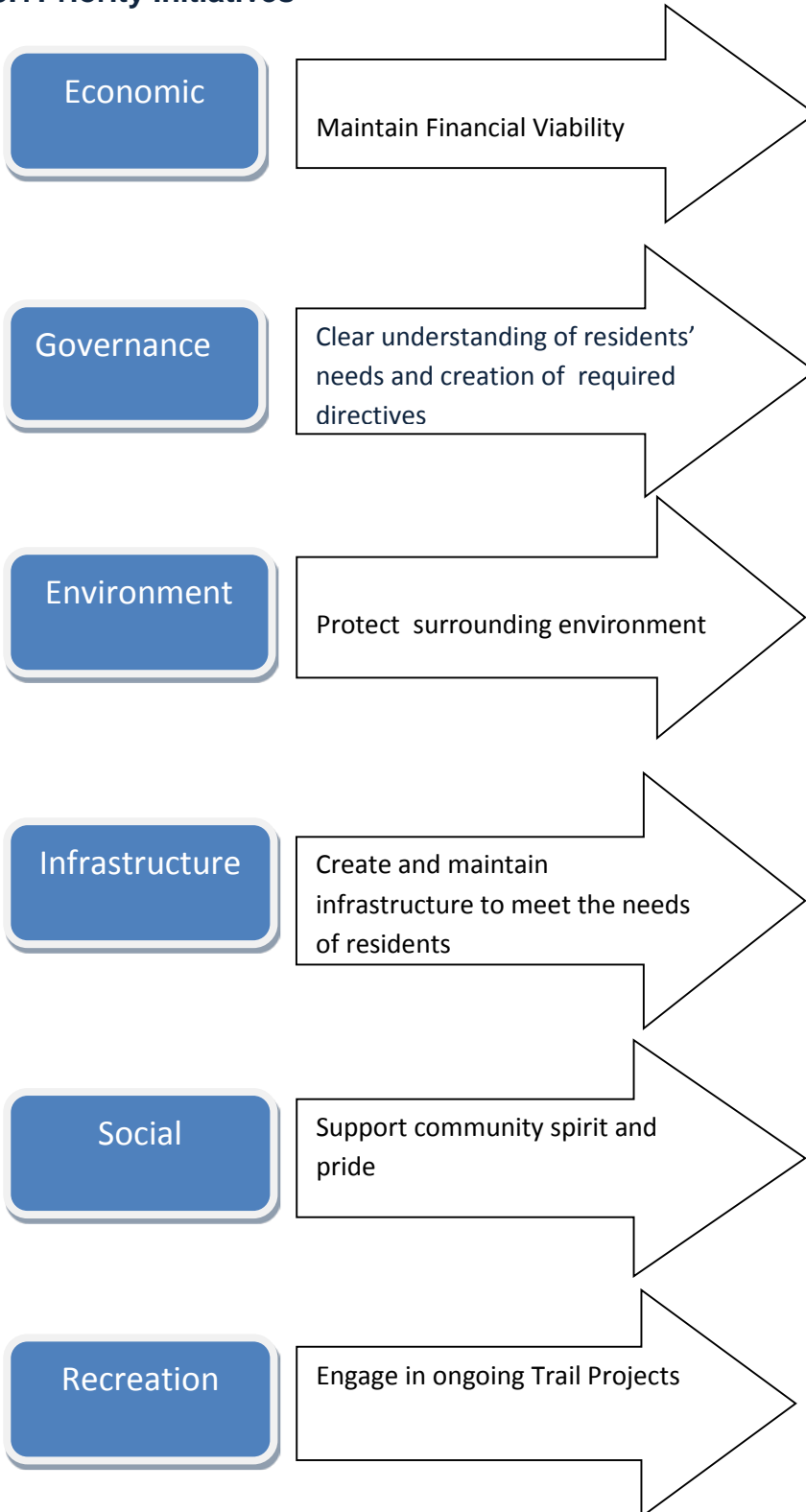
The purpose of the Summer Village of Waiparous MSP is to provide a policy framework and implementation strategy designed to enhance the quality of life for members of the community.

Specifically, the MSP has been developed to:

- Act as a policy foundation for all further planning initiatives that will be required;
- Guide planning activities within Waiparous as they relate to promoting, preserving and enhancing Waiparous' social, economic, cultural, and environmental identity;
- Direct the planned land use and servicing in the community;
- Ensure that the Summer Village of Waiparous conforms with provincial requirements thereby ensuring eligibility for future grants and investment programs;
- Provide a clear perspective on the Summer Village of Waiparous' preferred direction with respect to future land uses, infrastructure servicing, social investment, and environmental protection;
- Serve as a guide for the preparation of a financial strategy and service delivery strategy to clearly identify where the Village's investment priorities should lie; and
- Serve as a platform for greater integration of the Summer Village of Waiparous' interests into regional initiatives and activities.

3 MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY

3.1 Priority Initiatives



4 KEY RESULTS, STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

4.1 Economic Strategies

Economic Initiatives Strategic Priority: Maintain Financial Viability		
Key Results Summer Village will investigate the possibility of obtaining government and corporate grant funding in following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firesmart • Trail Enhancement • Emergency Equipment Purchases 		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
• Initiate contact with appropriate agencies	2013	Council with the support from the Chief Administrative Officer
• Prepare concepts and Business Cases	ongoing	Chief Administrative Officer
• Submit proposals	ongoing	Chief Administrative Officer

Economic Initiatives Strategic Priority: Maintain Financial Viability		
Key Results Adequate reserves on deposit to satisfy future infrastructure replacement and to protect from tax rate volatility		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
• Maintain millrate stabilization reserve	ongoing	Council
• Unexpended budget from annual maintenance expenditures reflected in reserve and utilized when annual expenditures exceed annual budget	ongoing	Council and maintained by Chief Administrative Officer
• Maintain reserve account for replacement of roads, buildings, pathways	ongoing	Council and maintained by Chief Administrative Officer

4.2 Governance Strategies

<p>Governance Strategic Priority: Clear understanding of residents' needs and creation of required directives</p>		
<p>Key Results Encourage Input and Feedback from Residents Summer Village will maintain forums that support open communication</p>		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Resident Dialogue session before Council meetings. 	ongoing	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold Annual Ratepayers Meeting 	Summer	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize Open Houses and Surveys to obtain resident feedback 	Ongoing	Council with support from the Chief Administrative Officer

<p>Governance Strategic Priority: Clear understanding of residents' needs and creation of required directives</p>		
<p>Key Results Summer Village create an emergency plan to ensure residents have clear direction in the event of an emergency</p>		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create draft plan 	2011-13	Emergency Services Coordinator and Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review draft plan 	2013	Provincial Emergency Management Agency liaison
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create working plan with Disaster Social Services Plan and Wildfire Mitigation Guide 	2013-14	Appointed residents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of positions in Emergency Plan and Social Services Plan 	Ongoing	Council

Governance Strategic Priority: Clear understanding of residents' needs and creation of required directives		
Key Results Summer Village create Firesmart Committee to identify priority areas for Firesmart, education and promotion of Firesmart in the community		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create terms of reference 	2012	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Committee Bylaw 	2013	Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint committee members 	2013	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support an Active FireSmart Committee 	Ongoing	Council

Governance Strategic Priority: Clear understanding of residents' needs and creation of required directives		
Key Results Summer Village provide bylaw enforcement service for the enforcement of municipal bylaws.		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create terms of reference of bylaw services 	2014	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Bylaw services bylaw and committee 	2014	Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter into contractual arrangements for bylaw enforcement services 	2015	Council

4.3 Environmental Strategies

Environment Strategic Priority: Protection of Surrounding Environment		
Key Results Summer Village to firesmart community lands and educate and support private land firesmart initiatives		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Firesmart Community Plan and Wildfire Mitigation Strategies 	2013	Council with assistance of contractor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Plan 	2013	Council with assistance of contractor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake community land Firesmart 	Start 2013 Ongoing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private land assessment 	2014 -	Contracted Personnel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Annual Stewardship Days 	Ongoing	Firesmart Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Annual Wildfire Preparedness Day 	2015 – ongoing	Firesmart Committee

Environment Strategic Priority: Protection of Surrounding Environment		
Key Results Maintain environmentally sustainable practices		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support paperless administrative operations 	2012 – ongoing	Chief Administrative Officer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support paperless legislative operations 	2015	Chief Administrative Officer

Environment Strategic Priority: Protection of Surrounding Environment		
Key Results Environmental leadership in wastewater practices		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support best practices for sewage disposal through the Land Use Bylaw and public awareness 	Ongoing	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish communication and liaison protocol with Provincial Permitting Agencies 	2015	Chief Administrative Officer

4.4 Infrastructure Strategies

Infrastructure Strategic Priority: Create infrastructure to meet the needs of residents		
Key Results Build a Facility that could house all of the Village's equipment and serve as a centralized emergency centre in the event of disaster.		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain permits 	2012	Chief Administrative Officer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertise for tenders 	2013	Architect – Project Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct Facility 	2013	Project Manager

Infrastructure Strategic Priority: Create infrastructure to meet the needs of residents		
Key Results Create walkable safe community with creation of walking path on old bridge after bypass is created		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued support of Highway Bypass 	Ongoing	Highway 40 Committee and Council

Infrastructure Strategic Priority: Create infrastructure to meet the needs of residents		
Key Results Maintain existing infrastructure		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing infrastructure to repair, update and replace when required (see item 1.4 for general description of existing infrastructure.) 	Ongoing	Council and Public Works
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Bench program 	2015	Council

Infrastructure Strategic Priority: Create infrastructure to meet the needs of residents		
Key Results Expand walking path network inside the Village		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing walking patterns in the Village to determine if formal pathways can be developed and connected to pathway networks 	2015	Council

4.5 Social and Culture Strategies

Social and Culture Strategic Priority: Support Community Spirit and Pride		
Key Results Create awareness and understanding of Village affairs and expand the current volunteer base with new residents in the community		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop information package for newcomers to the Village 	2015	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Package to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of village Current bylaws 	2015	Council deliver to newcomer

Social and Culture Strategic Priority: Support Community Spirit and Pride		
Key Results Create recognition of current volunteer base and awareness of volunteer opportunities		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly recognize Civic volunteers at the Annual Meeting with a recognition gift marked with logo "Making A Difference" 	Start in 2015 - ongoing	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Annual Open house and Appreciation Event to create awareness of trails and publicly recognize trail volunteers – target first Sunday in October for event 	2015	Council

Social and Culture Strategic Priority: Support Community Spirit and Pride		
Key Results Create awareness of Village's historical roots		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review community's interest in updating History Book 	2015	Council with assistance of designated committee

Social and Culture Strategic Priority: Support Community Spirit and Pride		
Key Results Provide opportunities for reading and learning		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership in Marigold Library 	Ongoing	Village appointed Marigold Library Rep

Social and Culture Strategic Priority: Support Community Spirit and Pride		
Key Results Provide opportunities social interaction in community during municipal events		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Waiparous Community Association activities for hosting picnic on Annual Meeting date 	Ongoing	Council

4.6 Recreation Strategies

Recreation Strategic Priority: Ongoing Maintenance of pathways in and around the Village		
Key Results Create opportunities for healthy lifestyle for residents with a walk-about community		
Strategies	When	Proposed Champion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support GWTA work bees 	Annually	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate Annual Fall work bees for LOC lands 	Ongoing	Village volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifecycle Maintenance of existing red shale pathways and amenities 	Ongoing	Council

5 IN CONCLUSION

The MSP's goals were drafted in conjunction with the guiding principles (Section 2.3) and also respond to issues raised from input provided by the community survey. The goals are a set of strategies which are designed to provide the broad context within which appropriate decisions can be made.

Implementation of the Summer Village's MSP will be directed by the following set of specific goals:

- Preserve and enhance Waiparous' small village character and charm;
- Recognize the important role of each generation in the community's future sustainability and plan for the development of facilities and programs oriented to the key demographic groups;
- Plan for smart growth where integrated thinking on land use, infrastructure and financing is instructed by care for the environment. This approach will provide the platform for sustainable community growth while at the same time being good stewards of the surrounding area;
- Sustain an integrated network of pathways, trails and usable green space linking the community's residential areas with the goal of enhancing Waiparous' walkability;
- Facilitate vehicular linkages throughout the community that focus on improved traffic safety; and
- Monitor appropriate quality of life indicators developed by the community to measure the success of Waiparous' planning efforts and investments.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS
2009 Visioning Questionnaire

**Summer Village of Waiparous
Visioning Questionnaire
April 2009**

In March 2009, the Waiparous Village Council sent residents a survey asking for their feedback in creating a vision for the Village. The survey was conducted so that Council could better understand the issues and concerns facing residents. As well, Federal and Provincial governments have been encouraging municipalities to create long-range sustainability plans and will soon be making it a requirement in order to receive future grant funding.

Notes about the survey

- A total of 65 surveys were returned. Residents were allowed to submit two surveys per household.
- 49 out of 72 households participated in the survey, which is a 68% response rate.
- The percentages in the tables are rounded to the nearest whole number, which means some columns will not total 100%.

Key findings

- **Most residents do not want significant change to occur.** There is very little support to add more facilities or amenities to the Village. Instead, residents want to preserve the Village as a quiet, peaceful retreat where they can respect and appreciate nature.
- **There are some issues where residents' opinions are divided.** Survey respondents favoured a Village land use of "Residential with Home Business with minor retail" by a small margin over the status quo ("Residential only"). Many, although not the majority of respondents, would prefer to use the Bighorn Transfer site over the Cochrane bin for their garbage disposal. Finally, there was mixed feedback about how to handle wildfire protection.
- **Highway 40 is considered to be the biggest issue facing the Village.** Specific concerns include the uncertainty of its future, and traffic enforcement.

Survey Results

What best describes your residency at Waiparous?

	#	%
I live at Waiparous full time and own my property	29	45
I have a full-time home somewhere else and visit Waiparous on a part-time basis	23	36
I have a home somewhere else and share my time between Waiparous and my other home	7	11
Other	4	6
No answer	1	2

What type of growth would you like to see for Waiparous?

	#	%
Stay same size	61	95
Expand Boundaries	1	2
Other	1	2
No answer	1	2

How would you like to see the walking trail system inside Village?

	#	%
Leave as is (low impact trails - mix of red shale and natural)	44	69
Expand trail system	12	19
Expand and improve trails (hard surface)	4	6
Other	2	3
No answer	2	3

How would you like to see the East LOC trail system (East of Village)?

	#	%
Leave as is (low impact trails only)	46	72
Expand trail system	12	19
Expand and improve trails (hard surface)	3	5
Improve existing trails (hard surface)	1	2
No answer	2	3

How would you like to see the Back 40 trail system (West of Village)?

	#	%
Leave as is (low impact trails only)	45	70
Expand trail system	12	19
Improve existing trails (hard surface)	3	5
Expand and improve trails (hard surface)	1	2
No answer	3	5

What type of land uses would you like to see permitted in Waiparous?

	#	%
Residential with Home Business / minor retail (e.g. art studio by appointment)	21	33
Leave as is - Residential Only	19	30
Residential with Home Business - no retail, no customers	10	16
Residential with Home Business - retail and service (e.g.. bed and breakfast)	7	11
Residential and Commercial mix (e.g. restaurant, gas)	2	3
Other	1	2
No answer	4	6

Please select a statement that best describes your view on service levels in the Village

Recreation (excluding trail development)

	#	%
Leave as is, i.e. no facilities, no organized activities	45	70
Develop organized activities but no community centre facility	9	14
Develop organized activities and community centre facility	5	8
Develop community centre facility but no organized activities	2	3
Other	2	3
No answer	1	2

Fire Protection

	#	%
Leave as is (Ghost River Fire Hall responds & Waiparous maintains equipment & pumps stored in Fire shed)	59	92
Set up Waiparous Fire Department	4	6
No answer	1	2

Water & Sewer

	#	%
Leave as is (private water wells and private sewage)	50	78
Municipal water system and municipal sewage system	6	9
Municipal sewage system and private water wells	5	8
Other	1	2
No answer	2	3

Garbage

	#	%
Leave as is (bin in Cochrane open 24 X 7)	30	47
Use Bighorn Transfer site (only open selected days and hours)	24	38
Door-to-door garbage pickup	6	9
Other	1	2
No answer	3	5

Snow Clearing

	#	%
Leave as is (snow clearing when snow is 4 inches deep or extremely hazardous)	47	73
Clear after every accumulation of snow	10	16
Other	1	2
No answer	6	9

Recycling

	#	%
Leave as is (use of Cochrane Recycling Depot)	52	81
Other	4	6
No answer	8	13

Animal Control

	#	%
Leave as is (contact Cochrane on major issues such as biting, dangerous dogs)	42	66
Enforcement for all offences (e.g. running at large, no leash)	13	20
No animal control	1	2
Other	1	2
No answer	7	11

Library Services

	#	%
Leave as is (Paperback Depot at Benchlands and Marigold cards to permanent residents)	53	83
No library services	3	5
Other	1	2
No answer	7	11

Wildfire Protection

	#	%
Cut and thin to community standards (similar to what was done at the Point)	32	50
Cut and clear to Provincial FireSmart standards	14	22
No thinning and mowing	7	11
Other	4	6
No answer	7	11

If you would like to see more services in the Village, what type?

	#	%
None	11	17
Evening courses (e.g. cooking, painting, yoga)	9	14
Tennis Court	8	13
Basketball hoops	7	11
Community facility for activities i(e.g. darts, shuffleboard, pool table, private functions)	6	9
Horseshoe pitch	6	9
Skating rink	4	6
Playground	3	5
Permanent barbecue area for picnic	3	5

Highway Realignment

	#	%
Bypass Community with new highway	48	75
Leave as is	10	16
No answer	6	9

What do you like about Waiparous? Include items regarding location, amenities, community spirit, summer village status, etc.

Summary of comments below:

	#	%*
Peaceful, quiet, privacy	28	57
Nature, rural environment	25	51
Location (proximity to Calgary, Cochrane, mountains)	20	41
Trails	15	31
People, community spirit	12	24
No amenities in Village, minimum rules	8	16
Summer Village status	4	8
Annual picnic, annual craft sale	4	8

Note: 49/64 responded to this question. The % column represents those 49 responses only.

What would you change or add to make Waiparous your perfect community? Include your dreams, visions, etc.

Summary of comments below:

	#	%*
Highway issues (build a bypass, lower speed)	13	30
Leave as is – no changes	12	28
Trails, access to river (expansion, maintenance, education)	6	14
High speed internet	4	9
FireSmart, yard cleanup	4	9
Community centre, sports facility	3	7
Zoning and land use issues	3	7
Organized community activities	2	5
Snow removal	2	5
Well water/septic issues	2	5
Greener community	2	5
Summer Village status	2	5

Note: 43/64 responded to this question. The % column represents those 43 responses only.

List 3 key issues that you think need to be addressed by Council in the next 3 years

	#	%
Highway 40	33	52
Wildfire Protection	19	30
Traffic Enforcement	19	30
Emergency Services, i.e. Disaster protection	16	25
Beautification and Enhancement	13	20
Snow Clearing	10	16
Fire and Ambulance	9	14
Trail Development (inside the Village)	9	14
Trail Development (Back 40)	6	9
Land Use Bylaw	5	8
Trail Development (East LOC)	5	8
Recreation Development	4	6
Road Improvements	4	6

SUMMER VILLAGE OF WAIPAROUS – VISIONING QUESTIONNAIRE

The Federal and Provincial Governments are encouraging municipalities to plan for a sustainable future. Many of our grant programs are becoming conditional upon the Summer Village of Waiparous adopting a Sustainability Plan for the community. The first step in developing this plan is to develop a “Vision”. This “Vision” will be used to develop the Sustainability Plan and help Council guide time, resources, and day-to-day decisions in a way that moves the Summer Village in the direction desired by its residents.

Please provide your input on this confidential survey by **MARCH 31, 2009**

Questionnaires are limited to a maximum of 2 per household.

We are requesting your name solely to ensure that this questionnaire is limited to 2 submissions per household. Your name will not be released when analyzing results.

Name _____

What best describes your residency at Waiparous?

- I live at Waiparous full time and own my property
- I live at Waiparous full time and rent my property
- I have a full- time home somewhere else and visit Waiparous on a part-time basis
- I have a home somewhere else and share my time between Waiparous and my other home
- Another family member (e.g. parent) owns the property at Waiparous and I visit during the year
- Other (specify) _____

Development in the Village

What type of growth would you like to see for Waiparous?

- Stay same size
- Expand Boundaries
- Other (specify) _____

How would you like to see the walking trail system inside Village?

- Leave as is (low impact trails – mix of red shale & natural)
- Expand trail system inside Village
- Improve existing trails (hard surface)
- Expand and improve trails (hard surface)
- Eliminate existing trails
- Other (specify) _____

How would you like to see the East LOC trail system (East of Village)?

- Leave as is (low impact trails only)
- Expand trail system
- Improve existing trails (hard surface)
- Expand and improve trails (hard surface)
- Eliminate existing trails
- Other (specify) _____

How would you like to see the Back 40 trail system (West of Village)?

- Leave as is (low impact trails only)
- Expand trail system
- Improve existing trails (hard surface)
- Expand and improve trails (hard surface)
- Eliminate existing trails
- Other (specify) _____

What type of land uses would you like to see permitted in Waiparous?

- Leave as is - Residential Only
- Residential with Home Business – no retail, no customers
- Residential with Home Business – minor retail (e.g. art studio by appointment)
- Residential with Home Business – retail and service (e.g.. bed and breakfast)
- Residential and Commercial mix (e.g. restaurant, gas)
- Other (specify) _____

What level of services would you like to see in the Village? (note that more services equal more taxes)

Recreation (excluding trail development)

- Leave as is – no facilities, no organized activities
- Develop organized activities but no community centre facility
- Develop organized activities and community centre facility
- Develop community centre facility but no organized activities
- Other (specify) _____

Fire Protection

- Leave as is (Ghost River Fire Hall responds and Waiparous maintains equipment & pumps stored in Fire shed)
- Set up Waiparous Fire Department
- No fire protection
- Other (specify) _____

Water & Sewer

- Leave as is (private water wells and private sewage)
- Municipal water system and private sewage
- Municipal sewage system and private water wells
- Municipal water system and municipal sewage system
- Other (specify) _____

Garbage

- Leave as is (bin in Cochrane open 24 X 7)
- Use Bighorn Transfer site (only open selected days and hours)
- Door-to-door garbage pickup
- No garbage service
- Other (specify) _____

Snow Clearing

- Leave as is (snow clearing when snow is 4 inches deep or extremely hazardous)
- Clear after every accumulation of snow
- No snow clearing
- Other (specify) _____

Recycling

- Leave as is (use of Cochrane Recycling Depot)
- No recycling service
- Other (specify) _____

Animal Control

- Leave as is (contact Cochrane on major issues such as biting, dangerous dogs)
- Enforcement for all offences (e.g. running at large, no leash)
- Other (specify) _____

Library Services

- Leave as is (Paperback Depot at Benchlands and Marigold cards to permanent residents)
- No library services
- Other (specify) _____

Wildfire Protection

- Cut & clear to Provincial FireSmart standards
- Cleanup and thin to community standards (similar to what was done at the Point)
- No thinning and mowing
- Other (specify) _____

If you would like to see more services in the Village, what type?

- Basketball hoops
- Community facility for activities (e.g. darts, shuffleboard, pool table, private functions)
- Evening courses (e.g. cooking, painting, yoga)
- Horseshoe pitch
- Tennis Court
- Other (specify) _____

Highway Realignment

- Leave as is
- Bypass Community with new highway
- Widen and realign highway and bridge through Village to 100 km highway standards
- Other (specify) _____

What do you like about Waiparous?

Include items regarding location, amenities, community spirit, summer village status, etc.

What would you change or add to make Waiparous your perfect community?
Include your dreams, visions, etc.

List 3 key issues that you think need to be addressed by Council in the next 3 years

- Beautification and Enhancement
- Emergency Services – Disaster protection
- Fire and Ambulance
- Highway 40
- Land Use Bylaw
- Recreation Development
- Road Improvements
- Snow Clearing
- Traffic Enforcement
- Trail Development – Back 40
- Trail Development – East LOC
- Trail Development – inside the Village
- Wildfire Protection
- Other specify _____

If you like, please provide comments on your 3 key issues or anything else.

Thank you very much for participating in the Waiparous Visioning Questionnaire

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