

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Quarterly Report Q4 2011

Goal 1: Minimize Energy Related Green House Gas Emissions generated by Parkland County
Operations

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	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
1.1	Energy audit for County buildings - Take advantage of MCCAC's TAME grant program: Take Action to Manage Energy	Completion of Energy Audit	April 2012: Sustainability Services has been working closely with the Maintenance Department for the last several months to obtain an 50% cost sharing grant for energy saving retrofits. They are currently writing a report highlighting the savings the County should incur if it replaces older low efficiency appliances with new high efficiency appliances. Buildings considered: County Centre, County Services Building, Tomahawk Public Works Shop.
1.2	Implement energy audit recommendations	Implementation of the energy audit recommendations	Awaiting completion of Energy Audit - initiative 1.1
1.3	Energy Star/ high efficiency appliance purchasing procedure	County-owned appliances are replaced with green models once they wear out	April 2012: Sustainability Services has been working closely with the Maintenance Department for the last several months to obtain an 50% cost sharing grant for energy saving retrofits. They are currently writing a report highlighting the savings the County should incur if it replaces older low efficiency appliances with new high efficiency appliances. Buildings considered: County Centre, County Services Building, Tomahawk Public Works Shop.
1.4	Increase percentage of renewable energy used by Parkland County	Percentage of renewable energy is increased upon renewal of electricity contract	Not yet commenced
1.5	Showcase renewable energy sources - install demonstration	One or more renewable energy sources are installed at the Parkland County Centre	Not yet commenced

Goal 2: Minimize Energy Related Green House Gas Emissions Generated by Residents and Businesses

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
2.1	Bulk purchase of Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs and sale to residents	High efficiency light bulbs are made available to residents for purchase	This initiative is being put on hold for one year and will be revisited in 2013. Lately, CFL bulbs have come down in price so much that the small savings that would accrue by placing a bulk order of CFL bulbs do not justify the effort. This, combined with the fact that LED lighting has progressed tremendously in the recent past, led to the decision to suspend this initiative for 2012.
2.2	Educate residents about high efficiency appliances and the benefits of buying them	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener purchasing choices.	Jan 2012: Sustainability Services has developed a Microsoft Excel™ based computer program which enables the user to make greener choices when purchasing a new vehicle. The program allows the user to compare the fuel, oil and tire requirements for up to 5 different vehicles and encourages the user to select the least consumptive vehicle. April 2012: Sustainability Services has applied for 27 grants to fund the conversion of the MS Excel based programs into mobile phone and webbased apps. Currently awaiting cutoff dates.
2.3	Educate residents on benefits of using renewable energy, and the possibility of purchasing up to 100% renewable electricity.	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener utility purchasing choices.	Not yet commenced

Goal 3: Minimize Transportation Related Green House Gas Emissions Generated by Parkland County Operations

Operations		
Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status

3.1	Replace office vehicles with more fuel efficient models	Current vehicles are replaced with green alternatives where practical/available.	When applicable.
3.2	Replacement of vehicle fleet with environmentally friendly alternatives, where/when possible/practical	Current vehicle fleet is replaced with green alternatives once they come to market where practical	When applicable.
3.3	Managed Maintenance: GPS-based fleet vehicle maintenance scheduler.	Equipment installation is complete and system begins automatically scheduling vehicles for maintenance based on vehicle usage	Jan 2012: equipment installation is 90% complete; tracking to begin in 2012.
3.4	Recycle all tires and fluids generated by the County's vehicle fleet	All used tires and all used fluids are recycled	April 2012: Completed
3.5	Implement a GPS based fuel savings program for County vehicles + employee educational campaign	 Equipment installation Employee education to obtain employee buy-in for the program 	April 2012: Completed except for a few vehicles Not yet commenced
		3. Idling reduction campaign is implemented and green house gas emissions are reduced	Not yet commenced
		4. Speed tracking campaign is researched and implemented if practical	Not yet commenced
3.6	Implement a life-cycle purchasing criteria for vehicles and machinery	1. Establishing benchmarks that vendors have to meet in order to do business with Parkland County – i.e. minimum performance standards	April 2012: Completed
		2. Establishing a procedure which disqualifies suppliers who fail to submit required performance data.	April 2012: Completed

		3. Establish a buy-back program with a vendor that allows the selection of the best equipment on the market. Initiate multi year contracts for light vehicle purchases.	Jan 2012: completed
3.7	Green small engine replacement program	Replacement of 2-cycle equipment with more environmentally friendly options where practical	When applicable.

Go	Goal 4: Minimize Transportation Related Green House Gas Emissions Generated by Residents and			
	Businesses			
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status	
4.1	Facilitate carpooling - dedicate parking lots etc.	Carpooling lots are dedicated and residents are made aware of the service	April 2012: Carpool parking spaces have been designated in the County Centre Parking Lot (March 2012); Advertisements placed in local newspapers to advise residents that they can use the parking spots for carpooling.	
4.2	Educate residents on ways of reducing transportation-related GHG emissions	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to reduce their transportation related green house gas emissions	Jan 2012: Sustainability Services has developed a Microsoft Excel™ based computer program which enables the user to make greener choices when purchasing a new vehicle. The program allows the user to compare the fuel, oil and tire requirements for up to 5 different vehicles and encourages the user to select the least consumptive vehicle. April 2012: Sustainability Services has applied for 27 grants to fund the conversion of the MS Excel based programs into mobile phone and webbased apps. Currently awaiting cutoff dates.	
4.3	Educate commercial and industrial operators on ways of reducing transportation-related GHG emissions	Commercial and industrial operators are empowered via knowledge and tools to reduce their transportation related green house gas emissions	Not yet commenced	

Goal 5: Minimize Water Used by County Operations; Minimize Waste Water Volume; Minimize
Water Contamination

	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
5.1	Replacement of conventional	Worn out appliances are	Jan 2012: Sustainability Services has been
	faucets and appliances with	replaced with green	working with the maintenance
	low-flow faucets and	alternatives	department to make greener purchasing
	appliances		choices when replacing worn out
			appliances. A key component of this
			effort is the development and use of an
			Excel-based program to compare the
			utility (water and electricity) consumption
			rates for different appliances, which
			allows the maintenance department to
			take these factors into consideration
			when making purchasing choices.
			Sustainability services has conducted a
			market and consumption analysis for the
			County Centre's new commercial
			dishwasher, which was found to be the
			most efficient machine on the market
			given the County's needs. Over 30 models
			were scrutinized as part of this analysis.
5.2	Setup a rain barrel	Rain barrel demonstration is	Not yet commenced
	demonstration at the County	setup to educate residents	
	Centre		

Goal 6: Minimize Water used by Residents, Agriculture and Business; Minimize Water Water Volume; Minimize Water Contamination

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	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
6.1	Low-flow appliance incentive (i.e. toilets) Assess and implement if suitable	Incentive program is assessed and established if practical	Not yet commenced
6.2	Educate residents on the benefits of purchasing low flow faucets and appliances, and of conserving water in general	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to lower their water consumption.	Jan 2012: Sustainability services has developed MS Excel™ based computer programs which enable users to make greener choices when purchasing waterconsuming devices. April 2012: Sustainability Services has applied for 27 grants to fund the conversion of the MS Excel based programs into mobile phone and webbased apps. Currently awaiting cutoff dates.
6.3	Rain barrel bulk purchase and sale to residents	Rain barrels are made available to residents for purchase.	April 2012: Rain Barrel program in full swing: Advertizing local papers and communicator in March, Display setup in County Centre, order cut-off day will be April 30th, Just over 100 Rain Barrels reserved to date.
6.4	Lobby higher orders of government- grey water recycling is currently Illegal in Alberta	Representatives from higher orders of government have heard Parkland County's concerns.	Not yet commenced
6.5	Educate residents on the benefits of organic pesticides and fertilizers	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener fertilizer and pesticide purchasing choices	Not yet commenced

	Diversion Rate of Recyclables		
Strategy Desired Outcome Current Status		Current Status	

7.1	Pair every garbage bin with a recycling bin at County facilities	Every garbage is paired with a recycle bin	April 2012: Employee recycling survey conducted in Jan 2012 to solicit input for the new program. Report presented to administration recommending 3 new streams: composting, non-refundable recyclables, and paper. Currently waiting decision on whether to include paper.
7.2	Embed recycling in employee culture	Employee generated solid waste is reduced and recycling rate increases.	Not yet commenced
7.3	Ensure all organic materials are diverted from landfill - lunchroom composters	Installation of composting infrastructure at the County Centre; diversion of compostables from County waste stream	April 2012: Employee recycling survey conducted in Jan 2012 to solicit input for the new program, Report presented to administration recommending 3 new streams: composting, non-refundable recyclables and paper. Currently awaiting decision on whether to include paper.
7.4	Each garbage can is paired with a recycle bin at recreational facilities	Every garbage bin is paired with a recycle bin	Jan 2012: Entwistle Pool does not have a recycling container. Currently cardboard from deliveries is taken to eco station and bottles/ cans are collected by Staff. Have acquired additional bins for Chickakoo. As we develop our park sites we will increase the number of recycle bins at the park sites.

Goal	8: Minimize the Amount of	Waste Generated by Residen	ts and Maximize the Diversion Rate of
		Recyclables	
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
8.1	Freecycle type website: allows people to post free	Creation of section on County website	Not yet commenced.
	online adds for things they no longer need		
8.2	Ensure every recyclable is recycled	Implement a card-based tracking system that tabulates how much waste is generated by each household	Jan 2012: Basic card system in place. Expanding the system to allow for tracking will be reviewed in 2012 to see if practical to change in 2013.

		2. Explore establishing a reward system that privileges/rewards high recyclers over low recyclers	Jan 2012: Not commenced. Look at in 2012.
8.3	Embed recycling in residential culture	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to increase recycling and reduce solid waste.	Not yet commenced
8.4	Implement a "garbage pooling" initiative	1. Explore feasibility	Jan 2012: Not yet commenced
8.5	Bulk purchase of composters and sale to residents	Composters are made available to residents for purchase	April 2012: Composter program in full swing: Added Complementary products to program: Compost Turner Tool and Kitchen Compost Bin, advertizing in local papers and Communicator in March and April, Display setup in County Centre, order cut-off day will be April 30th, Just under 80 Composters, 40 Turners, and 35 Kitchen bins reserved to date.
8.6	Accept compostables at transfer stations	 Explore feasibility Establish a system for accepting all compostables at transfer stations 	Jan 2012: Began reviewing this process in 2012

	Goal 9: Minimize the Enviro	onmental Footprint of Parklan	d County's Recreational Facilities
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
9.1	Replacement of conventional appliances with green alternatives	Worn out appliances are replaced with green alternatives at the end of their useful life	No update at this time
9.2	Chlorine substitute for the Entwistle Pool	Chlorine substitutes are researched and a more environmentally friendly alternative is selected if possible	Jan 2012: A review of water treatment options will be done as part of the facility assessment. Where possible chemicals used in H2O treatment and cleaning at the pool have been substituted for more environmentally friendly products.
9.3	Organic and/or biodegradable substitutes for Outhouse treatment	Conventional chemicals are replaced with the suggested environmentally friendly alternatives	No update at this time.

9.4	Implement regulation "outlawing" the practice of dumping residential garbage at recreational facilities	Signage is installed advising visitors on the new regulation	Jan 2012: have re-drafted Parks Bylaw to include a clause stating that residential dumping at park sites, including recreation facilities is illegal, as presently it is not. Parks Bylaw to come before Council May 2012.
9.5	Educate people on the reasons for implementing the regulation 9.4 - No dumping residential garbage at recreational facilities	Fewer residents dump garbage at recreational sites and the volume of residential garbage found at recreational sites decreases	Not yet commenced

Go	al 10: Minimize the Damage	es Caused by Vehicles, Horses, Sensitive Areas	and Pedestrians in Environmentally
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
10.1	Educate residents on the damages that careless boating can cause and what people can do to minimize the impact of boating	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make responsible boating decisions.	Not yet commenced
10.2	Dedicated OHV trails - assess options and implement most effective	Options are assessed and findings are presented to public and council Most effective option is implemented	No update at this time
10.3	Educate residents on the environmental damages caused by careless OHV use and what they can do to minimize the impact of operating OHVs	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make responsible decisions while operating OHVs.	Not yet commenced
10.4	Dedicated Horse trails at Chickakoo + staging area	Dedicated trail connection; staging area are constructed	Jan 2012: Concept Plan has been developed for Chickakoo which includes a separate staging area and trial link up for horses. Budget has been approved design and construction to begin this year.

10.5	Educate residents on the	Residents are empowered via	Not yet commenced
	environmental damages that	knowledge and tools to make	
	careless horse riding can	responsible horse riding	
	cause and what they can do	decisions.	
	to minimize the		
	environmental impact of		
	horse riding		

	Goal 11: Minimize Do	etlands, and Riparian Areas	
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
	Use Conservation Easements and other mechanisms to conserve wetlands on county land	The number of Conservation Easements or other similar conservation agreements that Parkland County has established combined with the total area under conservation increases	Jan 2012: Initial research indicates that conservation easements would not be an effective mechanism for conserving environmentally significant features on County-owned land. From the County's perspective there are too many drawbacks and too few benefits for entering into perpetual conservation agreements with a third party. However, using conservation mechanisms on County-owned land has not been entirely ruled out. They will be implemented if and when they suit the County's needs and interests.
11.2	Educate residents on the various conservation mechanisms that can be applied to environmentally sensitive portions of their property	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to protect environmentally significant portions of their properties	Not yet commenced

11.3	ALUS Establish market-based	Partnership is assessed and	April 2012: Representatives from Delta
	financial incentive program	pilot project is implemented if	Waterfowl and Parkland County have
	that provides payments for	it suits both the conservation	been meeting on a monthly basis since
	the conservation of wetlands	authority's interests and	October 2011 to increase staff awareness
	on private land	Parkland County's interests.	on the program and also to develop an
			implementation strategy. Agricultural and
			rural life advisory committee asked to act
			as the Participants Advisory
			Committee(PAC) for ALUS expansion.
			Currently awaiting their decision. Progress
			on this initiative is ongoing.

Goa	Goal 12: Showcase the Benefits of Sustainable Gardening and Sustainable Farming to Residents of		
		Parkland County	
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status
12.1	Organic, pesticide-free gardening - demonstration garden Sustainable farming - setup a demonstration farm with Green Hectares	1. Composter is setup in lunch room 2. Demonstration barrel is setup 3. Parcel of land is chosen 4. Soil is enriched with lunch room compost	April 2012: Composting facilities have been chosen March 2012. Awaiting order approval. Jan 2012: Have toured Whitewood reclamation area with Green Hectares and TransAlta. Anticipate a follow up tour to identify a specific location and continued negotiations with TransAlta to obtain a
			1/4 section of land for the demonstration farm. Green Hectares is raising funds for development of the farm, however other programs such as establishing a Community Resource Board and commencing to assist business startups is currently a higher priority.

Goal 13: Minimize Environmenta	l Degradation Associated with	Growing Parkland County's Economic		
	Base			
Strategy	Strategy Desired Outcome Current Status			

13.1	Incorporate Low Impact Design (LID) in all appropriate new developments	All appropriate developments are built using LID principles	Ongoing - LID principles are applied to all new developments where site conditions warrant
13.2	Incorporate Smart Growth principles in all appropriate developments	All appropriate developments are built using Smart Growth principles	Ongoing - Smart Growth principles are applied to all new developments where site conditions warrant
13.3	Educate residents on the benefits of using renewable and recyclable materials in construction	Residents are empowered via knowledge and tools to make greener material choices for home constructions and renovations	Parkland County celebrated the accomplishments of Denis and Christy Cuku, owners of Parkland County's first LEED Platinum Certified home at the couple's open house on October 15th 2011. Sustainability services in conjunction with the Communications Department are in the initial stages of developing a strategy to showcase environmentally friendly construction options for County residents and will incorporate the Cuku home into the final product.
13.4	GREEN AWARDS Parkland County's Greenest Builder Award	Builder efforts to build green homes are recognized	Not yet Commenced
13.5	Expedited permitting process for green builders - assess feasibility and implement if suitable	Builders are encouraged to build green homes via preferential permitting processes	Not yet Commenced
13.6	Compare a conventionally built house with a green built house and showcase existing green incentives for new homes	Residents are made aware of green home building options and available incentives for new home builds.	Not yet commenced
13.7	Demonstration neighborhood: Establish partnership with green builder to build a model green neighbourhood	A partnership is forged with a green developer	Not yet commenced
13.8	Green public building standard - (in) formal standard for construction/renovation of county buildings	A green building standard is implemented	Jan 2012: The County Centre has been slated for expansion in 2012-2013 and the expansion will be done to LEED Silver standards. However, the decision has been made to not have the building certified by LEED due to the high costs of obtaining that certification.

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13.9	Showcase green home	Residents are empowered via	Not yet commenced.
	retrofitting options to County	knowledge and tools to make	
	residents	greener home retrofitting	
		choices	
13.10	Educate people on the grants	Residents are made aware of	April 2012: all federal and provincial
	and incentives that are	green retrofitting options and	retrofit granting programs have ended as
	available for home	available incentives for home	of March 31st 2012.
	retrofitting projects	retrofits/renovations.	
13.11	The Parkland Advantage	Tool is made available for free	April 2012: Sustainability Services has
		to interested parties	developed a MS Excel based application
			that enables the user to calculate the
			transportation, land, and property tax
			costs of locating your business in each of
			up to four different municipalities, and
			highlights the least expensive. The
			application is in late BETA stage, changes
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	Goal 14: Encourage the Esta	blishment of an Eco-Industria	calculator to reflect CAO comments.
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14.1	Strategy Implement a web-based	Desired Outcome Creation of website and/or	calculator to reflect CAO comments. Limited scale testing to begin shortly. I Business Park in Parkland County
14.1	Strategy Implement a web-based waste advertising service.	Desired Outcome Creation of website and/or section on County website	calculator to reflect CAO comments. Limited scale testing to begin shortly. I Business Park in Parkland County Current Status Not yet Commenced
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14.1	Strategy Implement a web-based waste advertising service. Preferential development charges for green industry	Desired Outcome Creation of website and/or section on County website An incentive program meant to attract eco-businesses to Parkland County is implemented	calculator to reflect CAO comments. Limited scale testing to begin shortly. I Business Park in Parkland County Current Status Not yet Commenced Not yet Commenced
14.1	Strategy Implement a web-based waste advertising service. Preferential development charges for green industry Brownfield redevelopment	Desired Outcome Creation of website and/or section on County website An incentive program meant to attract eco-businesses to Parkland County is implemented A brownfield redevelopment	calculator to reflect CAO comments. Limited scale testing to begin shortly. I Business Park in Parkland County Current Status Not yet Commenced
14.1	Strategy Implement a web-based waste advertising service. Preferential development charges for green industry	Desired Outcome Creation of website and/or section on County website An incentive program meant to attract eco-businesses to Parkland County is implemented	calculator to reflect CAO comments. Limited scale testing to begin shortly. I Business Park in Parkland County Current Status Not yet Commenced Not yet Commenced

G	Goal 15: Minimize Parkland County's Environmental Footprint Associated with the Purchase of Goods and Services			
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status	
15.1	Implement a Green Purchasing policy	An increased amount of green products and services are purchased by the County.	April 2012: completed	

County's needs.

15.2	• •	A green product higher cost cap is set.	April 2012: completed
15.3	Explore the applicability of implementing Centralized purchasing	Centralized purchasing is explored and findings are acted on.	Not yet commenced
15.4	Purchasing Policy	Targeted employee campaign - employees who purchase items for the county are empowered to make greener purchasing choices	· ·

Goa	Goal 16: Increase the Level of Cooperation Between Parkland County, Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and First Nations on Matters Related to Sustainability				
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status		
16.1	Establish a Tri-Municipal cooperative agreement on sustainability	A Tri-Municipal agreement on sustainability is established; increased cooperation between Tri-Region municipalities on matters relating to regional sustainability.	Draft Memorandum of Understanding has been jointly written by administrative representatives from all three municipalities, and has been reviewed by members of senior administration from all three municipalities. The MoU has been put on hold until Stony Plain's by-election is completed.		

Goal 17: Parkland County Demonstrates the Value of Implementing Various Green Solutions to Residents, Businesses and the Wider Community Strategy **Desired Outcome Current Status** 17.1 Parkland County Leads by Parkland County completes the Commenced (for details see the individual Example in the following following initiatives: 1.1, 1.2, initiative update in this report): 1.1, 1.2, areas: energy, water, waste, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 3.1, 5.1, 5.2, 7.3, 1.3, 5.1, 9.2, 15.1 Not yet commenced: 1.4, 1.5, 3.1, 5.2, 7.3, and vehicle management, 9.2, 12.1, 15.1 12.1 green purchasing, organic gardening, renewable energy technologies, and building construction.

Goal 18: Establish Universal Access to High Speed Internet Service in Parkland County				
Strategy Desired Outcome Current Status				

18.1	Implement Intelligent	Increased use of high speed	Jan 2012: Ten towers operational in West	
	Communities Project -	internet for community and	Region that are being collocated on by	
	including: Connectivity	economic development	WISPs, mobility providers and public	
	Knowledge Workforce,		safety providers (AFRRCS). Initial network	
	Innovation, Digital Inclusion,		design or the East Region identifies that 7	
	Marketing and Advocacy.		new towers are required toimprove access	
			and and enhance capacity. Work	
			commenced to locatethe best tower sites	
			and negotiate leases with landowners.	

Go	Goal 19: Parkland County Supports Local Community Initiatives; Increases the Level of Resident Participation on Matters Relating to Sustainability.			
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status	
19.1	Establish the Environmental Advisory Committee	Committee operational and providing advice to Council on environmental initiatives	April 2012: The EAC has held three meetings to date: the kickoff meeting was held on Jan 30th, second meeting was on March 13th, and the third meeting on April 10th. Current focus of the EAC ICSP initiative selection and State of the Environment Report indicator selection.	
19.2	Establish a Community Association sustainability grant program	Sustainable Community Associations	April 2012: info sent to groups - grant is being used more as time goes by	
19.3	Parkland County is the primary source for information on sustainable living for residents and businesses	Website rollout and/or website section rollout and/or education campaign launch	April 2012: Summer coop student to be hired in May 2012 to develop and implement the educational component of the ICSP	
Go	al 20: Parkland County Offic	cially Recognizes Community-	Led Efforts to Promote Sustainability	
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status	
20.1	GREEN AWARDS Celebrate community sustainability successes - employee, business, agricultural, residential, and youth efforts.	Community Sustainability Successes are recognized by the County	Not yet commenced	

Goal 21: Parkland County Supports Its Local Community Organizations to Enhance the Quality of Life					
Enjoyed by Residents					
Strategy Desired Outcome Current Status					

21.1	Preserve our heritage: Establish a program for the digitization of archive material held by local organizations	Heritage is preserved	April 2012: with changes to organization structure, it will be too difficult to find the time to organize for 2012.
21.2	Encourage partnerships between community organizations: pool resources, volunteers, funding etc facilitate if needed	Increased awareness; more partnerships are established; greater leveraging of resources for service delivery	April 2012: we continue to connect CA's with each other fpr working on projects and issues. Have also completed an analysis that compares our hall rental rates with those of surrounding municipalities.
21.3	Explore ways to increase the level of participation of youth and young adults in community events and organizations	Increased participation by youth and young adults	April 2012: Initiated informally through speaking with groups on how to make their halls more relevant to this demographic.
21.4	Capacity building for volunteers - training: marketing the organization, board development, volunteer recruiting etc.	Training sessions are conducted; volunteer capacities are increased	April 2012: Have begun working more collaboratively with a regional group on this issue. Several sessions planned in the next 9 months. Subject matter: volunteer development
21.5	Emphasize project-based volunteer positions over long-term positions for new volunteers	Increased retention of first- time volunteers	April 2012: Initiated informally through speaking with groups on how to make their halls more relevant to this demographic.
21.6	Establish a volunteer incentive program - research and implement most effective option	Incentive program is established	April 2012: Intention was to run workshop but with changes to organization structure, it will be too difficult to find the time to organize.
21.7	Encourage sponsorships between community associations and private sector	The number of partnerships between community associations and the private sector increases	April 2012: with changes to organization structure, it will be too difficult to find the time to organize for 2012.
21.8	Perform a County-wide infrastructure audit for all community halls - mechanical, electrical, structural evaluations	Infrastructure audit is conducted on all community halls	Jan 2012: insurance company is working on setting up Facility Assessments April 2012: Facility Assessments are now complete

21.9	Increase Community	Increased cooperation	April 2012: Ongoing through county
	Association resource	between Community	website - Community Development
	efficiencies: encourage	Associations for the purpose of	Coordinators are connecting groups
	community organizations to	increasing the efficient use of	dealing with similar projects or concerns.
	combine resources: buildings,	resources.	Facilitated an inventory of hall rental costs
	boards, volunteers etc.		so halls can compare their fee structures.
			Looking at opportunities to establish an
			online hall reservation system for
			community associations. Through a
			Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP)
			free WiFi is available at the Duffield,
			Magnolia and Seba Halls.

Goal	Goal 22: Parkland County Increases the Quality and Quantity of Social and Cultural Events Hosted in the County			
	Strategy	Desired Outcome	Current Status	
22.1	Program and event fund - for organizers of social events in the County	Fund is made available to organizers of social events	April 2012: Continues to be utilized	
22.2	Provide "fun bags" with equipment for group activities. i.e. sports equipment	Fun bags are made available to event organizers	April 2012: seeing a steady rise in use	
22.3	Education for event organizers on how to successfully organize social events and to ways increase the event's sustainability	Event organizers are empowered via knowledge and tools to reduce the environmental footprint of those events.	April 2012: Intention was to run workshop but with changes to organization structure, it will be too difficult to find the time to organize.	
22.4	What's happening section on the County website	Section is created on the County website	April 2012: Completed	
22.5	Top ten things to do in Parkland County section on website	Section is created on the County website	April 2012: Completed	