

Topic: Community Sustainability Committee Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) Recommendations

Introduction:

This report provides the Community Sustainability Committee's recommendations and advice on priorities for the recently adopted Integrated Community Sustainability Plan for Council/ Committee of the Whole's consideration.

Facts (Background Information):

The Community Sustainability Committee was formed by Council with the purpose to consider matters relating to Healthy Communities and Environment. The Committee is charged with providing advice regarding plans and concepts referred to it by Council.

Council has developed a work plan for the committee and assigned a number of deliverables (Attached). The Committee began its work with its first meeting at the end of June of this year with an orientation involving a review of the Terms of Reference including work plan. Providing feedback and advice on the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) are two key deliverables. Given that the ICSP was closest to adoption that was the first piece of work taken on. The intent for the Committee to review the plan and provide Council/Committee of the Whole with their advice on what ICSP areas of focus should be for the County.

Using Parkland County's Strategic Plan Framework the work of the Committee is focused on providing advice that will assist Council with setting its longer term vision and direction for the plan. The Committee focused on prioritizing the Pillars and Broad Objectives of the ICSP. The intent is to assist Council with setting direction for Administration on what the areas of focus in the ICSP will be. Administration will incorporate these areas of focus when developing the Five Year Corporate Plan which will direct what activities are undertaken by staff in their annual planning. This will also set implementation priorities for other plans and reports ensuring what staff are working on are activities that help support and address the priority areas of the ICSP.

ICSP (purpose, Pillar and Broad Objectives)

The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (the Plan) is Parkland County's primary vehicle for planning, achieving and reporting on the success of community sustainability initiatives. The Plan sets out the long-term path to a sustainable County. It has:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five pillars of sustainability;• Eighteen aspirational sustainability objectives; and | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A work plan that integrates with Council's Strategic Plan. |
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The Plan provides direction for the County for the next 20 to 30 years as to how it can:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote balanced growth;• Ensure healthy ecosystems;• Build complete communities; | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversify the economy; and• Deliver inclusive governance. |
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Analysis:

The Committee had a lot of information to review and assess. Administration provided a brief history on Parkland County's journey in developing a new ICSP, what we had previously, what we have done over the past few years at the orientation meeting in June. The next meeting in September was spent reviewing the draft plan presented to Council with the Committee ensuring the Committee had clarity on the pillars, objectives and strategies. Committee went away to digest the plan and information shared; they came back to the October meeting prepared to participate in a workshop to determine priorities and recommendations for Council. The Committee is made up of very strong, very smart, very high functioning individuals who all have their own unique perspective on things. In order to get a group perspective on priorities a nominal group process was used. This is a very democratic, equitable method used to determine the group perspective.

Committee priority recommendations are as follows:

Pillar Ranking (With Underlying Broad Objectives – Ranking)		
1st	LAND USE	<i>A state in which the community's land use meets community needs now and in the future.</i>
	1 st	Balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural and working landscapes.
	2 nd	Complete communities and prosperous hamlets that support live, work and play
2nd d	ECONOMY	<i>A state in which the community's economy is able to generate prosperity now and in the future.</i>
	1 st	Innovative and diversified industrial and commercial development.
	2 nd	A vibrant agricultural economy.
	3 rd	A diverse and prosperous recreation and tourism market.
	4 th	Widespread entrepreneurship and rural diversification of business opportunities.
3rd d	ENVIRONMENT	<i>A state in which the demands placed on the natural environment can be met without reducing its capacity to allow living things to live well now and in the future.</i>
	1 st	Functioning natural ecosystems.
	2 nd	Quality water supplies supported by healthy and resilient watersheds.
	3 rd	Diversion of solid waste from landfills.
	4 th	Climate change resiliency and good air quality.
4th	COMMUNITY	<i>A state in which the community's social and cultural traditions thrive now and in the future.</i>
	1 st	A vibrant rural character, sense of community and strong local heritage.
	2 nd	Good quality of life for all residents.
	3 rd	A variety of lifestyle options, recreational amenities and facilities.
	4 th	Empowered, included and valued community members.
5th	GOVERNANCE	<i>A system of government which maintains the capacity and the resources necessary to function now and in the future.</i>
	1 st	Progress in achieving corporate and sustainability objectives
	2 nd	County operations that create a partnership culture with community members.
	3 rd	Effective regional partnerships that build resilience and improve efficiency.
	4 th	Responsible, balanced, and transparent decision-making.

Conclusion/Summary:

The Community Sustainability Committee recommends that the Council/Committee of the Whole accept the report as information and further: direct administration to incorporate these recommended priorities into their corporate planning process.

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