

Village of Nobleford

2004, 2005 and 2010 Municipal Excellence Award Recipient

A Village of NOBLEFORD , Sustainability Plan

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Economy...

Today our successes are

- in operating an adequate and sustainable water system;
- keeping our infrastructure up-to-date;
- having a subdivision development plan and strategy;
- having business and employment opportunities in the industrial and service sectors through lower taxes and user fees;
- having very low property taxes, low utility user-fees and no franchise energy fees;
- minimum or no maintenance costs to taxpayers *re* public facilities.

These result in stability and continuing improvements in our community;

Future actions possible are

- to keep the Municipal Development Plan current;
- to keep up-dating the multi-year operating and capital plans;
- to continue to maintaining a long-range, sustainable and adequate water supply;
- to reinforce the Downtown as a center of the community;
- to support local start-up businesses and enterprises;
- to contain future commercial development to existing commercial areas and promote their distinct identities;
- to consider permitting site-specific neighbourhood commercial uses.

Governance...

The success of the Municipal Government in Nobleford is

in providing effective leadership, representation and participation in developing a sustainable community where people can live, work and play.

The Village of Nobleford needs

- to continue having a long-term strategic plan that provides for the orderly and efficient development of land for housing, business, jobs and community amenities;
- to continue its user-pay philosophy for utility operations;
- to continue to strive for low property taxes; to continue its “Green Plan” policy;
- to continue with only inter-municipal water strategies;
- to avoid unsustainable operations of public facilities.

Future actions possible may be

- to continue ongoing, consistent channels of communication with committee members to provide up-to-date information on the growth and development of the community;
- to provide occasional opportunities for community involvement in planning *i.e.* open houses, surveys, etc.;
- to continue up-dating the Municipal Development Plan (MDP);
- to continue the long-term strategic plan that is based on social, economic and environmental responsibility; and
- to retain the existing residential, industrial and/or commercial land designations.

Environment...

Our success

- is to have our parks and environmentally valuable areas protected and providing adequate park space in the community;
- is to continue reviewing the “Green Plan”;
- is to ensure appealing streetscapes in our residential and commercial areas;
- is to have efficient provisions of water, storm water, waste and other utility services throughout the community; and
- to have a road network that is safe and efficient and can accommodate the different modes of mobility.

Future actions possible are

- to maintain the park spaces, pathways and pedestrian and cyclist corridors throughout the community;
- to continue to encourage community initiatives for the environment, pathways and parks;
- to ensure high quality design and improved streetscapes in new development areas;
- to lobby provincial and federal governments for funding to upgrade/ maintain existing infrastructure;
- to explore partnerships with the private sector for funding infrastructure;
- to continue conservation efforts for reducing water use, solid waste and energy use;
- to explore all funding opportunities including public/private partnerships for transportation projects.

Society...

Our success is

- in continuing with the recreation/parks “Green Plan”;
- to continue with inter-municipal arrangements for fire, ambulance and emergency service protection;
- to keep a good working relationship with the police;
- to continue a good relations with Palliser School District and Noble Central School in educational matters;
- to work with Family and Community Social Services (FCSS) in the areas of social programs; and
- to have Chinook Health services available whenever possible within the limitations of the community.

Future actions possible are

- to continue to encourage parks, recreation and community services at the local levels;
- to explore possibilities for delivery of services by or through private/public partnerships;
- to continue to explore other avenues that may add to providing more community and support services.

Culture...

Our success is measured by

how well the community exhibits tolerance, respect and engagement with people from the different cultures.

Future actions possible are

- to develop and deliver programs to create connections between the generations in the community;
- to improve communication with existing culture groups;
- to encourage heritage and cultural events/programs.

Vision Statement

The Village of Nobleford will aspire to be a community, unique because of its small village atmosphere, with a strong sense of pride, and whose efforts are to create a safe and affordable place to live, work and play.

Our Mission

Our mission is to be sustainable by improving the social, environmental and economic well-being of the community through good planning and good management.

***The Municipal Sustainability Plan includes
a Municipal Development Plan, a Capital Plan, an Economic Development Plan,
a Recreation Plan and a Community Plan.***

These actions can then be used to develop the capital and operating budgets. This can be used to meet the requirements of having an **Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.**

For more on the 5 Dimensions of a Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP). <http://msp.auma.ca>

Mayor *Paul Soldade*

CAO *Kirk Hofman*

Nobleford Notes:

Process Activities should be purpose driven.

Priorities = sustainability.

Priorities are “Safe” Water, sewer, garbage, emergency services, roads, utilities. All other activities are secondary.

Special interests are identified as activities of relative benefit to those less than the whole of Nobleford.

Priorities will be funded by the public purse that benefit “All of Nobleford”

Special interests may be FOSTERED by Nobleford if they benefit Nobleford and are not a tax burden.

Special interests require individual involvement, time commitment and fund raising if required.

Cost recovery shall be considered in all activities of special interest or benefit to the whole of Nobleford

Inter-municipal agreements shall be considered only if there is mutual benefit.