

Workshop 4: Rosetown

The following notes were taken during the brainstorming session by all the community leaders represented at the workshop.

Session 1: Attitudes

Positives Identified For the Area

- ☞ Community spirit (volunteer)
- ☞ Giving (money, time)
- ☞ Police, hospitals, fire - etc.
- ☞ Low crime rate
- ☞ Strong communities
- ☞ Schools (k-12, College system)
- ☞ Water (plenty, clean)
- ☞ REDAs
- ☞ Housing Authorities (available, affordable housing)
- ☞ Oil and gas
- ☞ Golf courses, recreation
- ☞ Space
- ☞ Hunting fishing, regional/provincial parks
- ☞ Farm land
- ☞ Diversified agriculture (feedlots)
- ☞ West central road and rail
- ☞ Dinner theaters
- ☞ Volunteers, community support
- ☞ Seniors accommodations
- ☞ Access to larger centers
- ☞ Industry, value added (agriculture)
- ☞ Transportation system (railroads, highways, etc.)
- ☞ Retail service centers
- ☞ Grain handling facilities
- ☞ Neighbors Cooperating (emergency services, recreation facilities)
- ☞ Recycling facilities
- ☞ Safe communities
- ☞ Regional amenities
- ☞ Good land base
- ☞ Avail. Workforce (Mennonite community, aboriginal community)
- ☞ Proximity to larger urbans
- ☞ Tourism
- ☞ Work ethic
- ☞ Power, gas, telephone networks
- ☞ Ability to innovate (resourceful)
- ☞ Quality water
- ☞ Proximity to schools, hospitals
- ☞ Strong regional college system (important)
- ☞ All areas have access to veterinarian
- ☞ Industries have access to services they require
- ☞ Near Alberta

Goals and Challenges Identified:

- ☞ Need to engage young people in municipal councils
- ☞ Potential, but need people
- ☞ Need infrastructure to better utilize our amenities
- ☞ Need to bring youth back from Alberta
- ☞ Change way of thinking in schools
- ☞ Getting youth involved in local politics (don't know mayor of town's name)
- ☞ How do we keep young people?
 - We have to attract them with infrastructure (malls, lounges, coffee shops, etc.)
- ☞ Capital (need access to it)
- ☞ Champion - every project needs one
- ☞ Change Government attitude to allow all of the above (all levels).
- ☞ Resource based - opportunities for investment
- ☞ Use Internet for promotions of tourism, communities, etc.
- ☞ Community college (expand trades education opportunities)
- ☞ Oil/gas (keep workers here, train them in SK)
- ☞ Review tax regime
- ☞ Intermingle all positives from all communities and promote them

Session 2:

Sectors of Developments To Target In the Area

- ☞ Tourism (advertising/packaging)
 - Campgrounds
 - Lakes
 - cabins
 - hunting
 - Large game opportunities
 - Birds
 - Wildlife tours
- ☞ Value -added (flour plants, pasta, ethanol, biodiesel)
 - Ship value-added instead of raw products (boxed beef)
 - Hog barns
 - Energy sector (wind, oil/gas services)
 - Agriculture (Ethanol, feedlot, slaughter, packing plants)
- ☞ Greenhouse (water testing, feasibility studies)
- ☞ Oil service industry
- ☞ Short-haul airlines (work crew transport.)
- ☞ Water (aquifers) irrigation potential land (space) agriculture commodities
- ☞ Water development water projects,
- ☞ wind power
- ☞ cogeneration of electricity
- ☞ Gas/Oil (services for these industries)
- ☞ Feedlots (we are currently sending cattle and feed away to value-add)
- ☞ Oil and Gas
- ☞ Potash Mining
- ☞ Wind farms
- ☞ fish farms

- ☞ solar farms
- ☞ Nuclear power plant
- ☞ Landfills
- ☞ private highspeed internet companies