

CARDSTON COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN



“CARDSTON COUNTY - COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS BEST”

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INTRODUCTION

Cardston County is a Municipal Corporation that functions through delegated power from the Province of Alberta. The County provides a wide range of services aimed at addressing the needs of its residents and taxpayers in a safe, viable and sustainable manner.

As a Council, the elected representatives from the County's 7 Districts strive to make sound decisions, provide good direction and respond to the concerns and wishes of the people. Council also strives to create an environment where ideas, suggestions and differences may be freely expressed for the enhancement and common good of our rural community.

CORE VALUES

Cardston County has the following core values which it endeavours to incorporate in all aspects of its operations and affairs:

- * Enhancing and Preserving Agriculture
- * Prudent fiscal policies
- * Trust through acting with honesty and integrity
- * Positive work ethic
- * Self-reliance
- * Respect
- * Accountability
- * Fairness
- * Freedom of choice
- * Progressive/proactive attitudes
- * Positive interactions
- * Understanding
- * Professionalism
- * Involvement and participation
- * Expanding opportunities for family residences and acreage owners

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The following priorities were identified through our strategic planning process. The implementation of these priorities will assist in moving the County closer to realizing our shared vision.

Strategic Priority #1: IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF COUNTY SERVICES

- * Roadway maintenance and construction
- * Effective Dust Control
- * Agricultural Services
- * Evaluate the Productivity of County Services
- * New County Shop and Emergency Equipment
- * Potable Water Projects Strategy
- * Cemetery Enhancements
- * Recreational Services
- * County Emergency Services
- * Broadband Internet Development

Strategic Priority #2: PLANNING BY-LAWS TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE FAMILIES

- * Update Municipal Development Plan
- * Update Land-Use By-Law

Strategic Priority #3: DEVELOPMENT OF A FINANCIAL STRATEGY

- * Focusing on conservative Budgets

Strategic Priority #4: OVERALL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- * Growth/Population Development Strategy
 - Young families: Bring Life Blood back into the County
 - Retiring Demographic
 - County Residential Subdivisions
- * Development of general Hamlet Enhancement Strategy
- * Development of a specific Hillspring and Glenwood Strategy
- * Regional Water Studies throughout the County
- * Development of a Population Enhancement Plan
 - Focusing on critical infrastructure - Potable water, Internet service, new Roadways
 - Lobby Provincial government for access to more Water Licence
- * Development of an Economic Development Strategy

Strategic Priority #5: DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STRATEGY

- * Define Public Notification and Input Process: providing critical notice and feedback ability to interested parties.
- * Engagement through information surveys, electoral division meeting/open houses, website

Strategic Priority #6: COUNTY GOVERNANCE/OPERATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW

- * Define Council Roles and Responsibilities
- * Define CAO Roles and Responsibilities - New CAO By-Law
- * Develop accountability model to address organizational issues
- * Code of Practice for the way we treat people, healthy organization (wellness and harmony)

Strategic Priority #7: COUNTY TO PROVIDE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

- * Shared Services and Opportunities
- * Ensure Adequate Local Hospital Services & Senior Facilities
- * Foster Health & Social Services by working with other Services Providers to understand the situation of services within the County.

2015 PROJECTS

1. Acquire additional water licences for County purposes
2. Welling Drainage Project
3. New Shop and Emergency Equipment
4. Road Projects - Police Lake Access Road, Leavitt Road Improvement, increased Dust Control and Stabilization
5. Design efforts for Rural Water Distribution lines
6. Design efforts for Broadband Internet in the County
7. Ensure adequate Parks & Recreation Facilities
8. Updating Emergency Plan and Emergency Response Equipment