

## Summary of Comments from Community and Stakeholder Consultation Sessions

Environmental Integrity and Protection	
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<b>Focus Group Meeting#1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improved Connectivity</li> <li>▪ Revitalization of the Downtown Core</li> <li>▪ Green Infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Urban Forestry Initiatives</li> <li>▪ Open Space Management Plan for Parks, Green Spaces and Trail Network</li> <li>▪ Public Transit</li> <li>▪ Strategy for Encouraging Green building Initiatives</li> <li>▪ Local Self Reliance (energy, food)</li> <li>▪ Urban Agriculture</li> <li>▪ River</li> <li>▪ Built heritage</li> <li>▪ Gateway (beautification)</li> <li>▪ Community spirit</li> <li>▪ Trails</li> <li>▪ Built Environment (hard infrastructure)</li> <li>▪ Natural Environment</li> <li>▪ Land use and Development Policies and Regulations</li> <li>▪ Town Centre</li> <li>▪ Lead By Example</li> <li>▪ Design Guidelines</li> <li>▪ Capitalize on Local Assets (winter, river, trees, dandelions, education, heritage, arts)</li> <li>▪ Conformity Between planning and Regulatory Documents</li> </ul>

<b>Community Well-being</b>	
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<b>Focus Group Meeting #1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Library</li> <li>▪ Tourism Initiatives (museums, design theme, marketing the community to others)</li> <li>▪ Arts Expansion Initiatives</li> <li>▪ Showcase Heritage assets</li> <li>▪ Recreation Development</li> <li>▪ Development of Community Gathering Spaces</li> <li>▪ Connectivity</li> <li>▪ Safety</li> <li>▪ Diversification of Social Services Stronger Arts Focus and Investment</li> <li>▪ Design Guidelines for “Town Center”</li> <li>▪ Market Recreation</li> <li>▪ Promote the Community to Outsiders</li> <li>▪ Improved Organization and Cooperation (between different volunteer groups and sports groups to create “big events”)</li> <li>▪ Re-development of the Riverfront</li> <li>▪ Arts and Recreation Focused Community (Banff Centre of the North)</li> <li>▪ Promote Diversity</li> <li>▪ Promote Cultural Heritage (First Nations and Settlers)</li> <li>▪ Improve Public Spaces</li> <li>▪ Public Art</li> </ul>

<b>Economic Prosperity</b>	
<b>CAG Meeting #1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build on the University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a Research centre</li> <li>• Support the development of a world class centre for environmental education</li> <li>• Banff centre style conference/retreat and education facility (combine arts, environment, business, management, sports and education).</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Diversify and grow industrial and commercial businesses</li> <li>3. Buy Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness of “buy local” movement</li> <li>• Increase opportunities to buy locally</li> <li>• Support local agriculture</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Time Hortons??</li> <li>5. Strengthen Economic Development position in the Town office</li> <li>6. Promote the Town as a service centre for industry</li> <li>7. Identify different areas for different types of commercial and residential development</li> <li>8. Live, Work, Play Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage in migration of Town “ex-pats” and local business owners.</li> <li>• Affordable housing for young families and seniors to keep them in the community</li> </ul> </li> <li>9. Chamber vs. Rotary.</li> </ol> <p>Difficult to get both groups to communicate and work together for a common goal.</p>
<b>Focus Group Meeting #1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Buy Local - Farmers Market</li> <li>▪ More “franchise stores”</li> <li>▪ 24 Hour Street</li> <li>▪ Increased Housing Opportunities</li> <li>▪ Revitalization of Downtown</li> <li>▪ Revitalization of the Riverfront</li> <li>▪ Improvements to Transportation Infrastructure (roads, bridges airport)</li> <li>▪ Improve Healthcare Services (hospitals, access)</li> <li>▪ Encourage “Big” Thinking</li> <li>▪ Create a Live, Work, Play Community</li> <li>▪ Grow Education and Conference Opportunities</li> <li>▪ Diversify Economic Opportunities</li> <li>▪ Increase Development in the Town</li> <li>▪ In-migration initiatives</li> <li>▪ Grow Tourism</li> <li>▪ Live, Work, Play Community</li> <li>▪ “Centre” for Commerce, Arts &amp; Environmental Management</li> <li>▪ Strengthen partnerships</li> <li>▪ Youth Involvement in Planning and Volunteerism</li> </ul>

<b>Strong &amp; Supportive Social Infrastructure</b>	
<b>CAG Meeting #1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate Tele-health Care</li> <li>• Hospital is a strength and should be supported</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Affordable Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need more affordable housing options for all. This includes saleable and rental units</li> <li>• New housing should be required to provide a wide range of social housing types to accommodate diversity within the community</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Volunteerism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong culture of volunteerism &amp; activism in the community</li> <li>• “Next gen” volunteers are MIA. Need young replacements</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Need to make the community attractive to young people to keep them in the community</li> <li>5. University is an asset that should be supported and encouraged</li> </ol>
<b>Focus Group Meeting #1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recruitment and Funding for Medical Professionals and Services (dentist, nurses, doctors, educators, care providers)</li> <li>▪ Social Housing (students, women’s shelters, seniors)</li> <li>▪ Social Gathering “Hubs”</li> <li>▪ Regional Centre</li> <li>▪ Better Utilization of Existing Social Services Spaces (24 hour buildings)</li> <li>▪ “Life Skills” Workshops for Youth</li> <li>▪ Local Food Initiative (community Kitchen, community gardens)</li> <li>▪ Diversification of Social Assets (services available in the Town)</li> <li>▪ Green Municipal Infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Green Private Building Standards and Construction</li> <li>▪ Northern Centre for Social services</li> <li>▪ Public Transit in Town and to Major Centres</li> <li>▪ Accessible, Supportive and Diverse Community</li> <li>▪ Safety</li> <li>▪ River “Oriented” Community</li> <li>▪ Inclusive Community</li> <li>▪ Social Housing</li> <li>▪ Centre for Arts</li> <li>▪ Water Security</li> <li>▪ Diversification of Available Social Services</li> <li>▪ Urban Agriculture</li> <li>▪ Urban Forestry Initiatives</li> <li>▪ Boutique Stores</li> <li>▪ Air Quality</li> <li>▪ No Net Negative Environmental Impact (3NEI) Community</li> <li>▪ Transparent Governance Model</li> <li>▪ Preservation of Built Heritage</li> <li>▪ Improved Communication Feedback Loops (not top down)</li> <li>▪ Look to the Past to Help Plan for the Future</li> </ul>