



“Our Grand Forks”
Sustainable Community Plan
Community Questionnaire – August 2008
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2008

This questionnaire provides an opportunity to provide individual feedback on an important initiative currently underway in Grand Forks – the *Sustainable Community Plan*. This long-term planning document will set the vision for sustainability in our City for the next 20 years and beyond. **We need your input.**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

1. Where do you live?

- Within the City of Grand Forks – Neighbourhood (optional) _____
- Electoral Area “D” (outside the City Boundaries) Electoral Area “C” (Christina Lake)

2. How long have you lived there? _____ years

3. How many people, including yourself, are in your household?

- 1 2 3-4 Greater than 4

4. Please indicate your age:

- <19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 Greater than 60

5. What type of housing do you live in?

- Single Family House Duplex Mobile Home
- Townhouse Apartment Secondary Suite
- Senior’s Complex Other _____

6. In 10 – 15 years time, what type of housing do you think you will require?

- Single Family House Duplex Mobile Home
- Townhouse Apartment Secondary Suite
- Senior’s Complex Other _____

7. The Vision of the Sustainable Community Plan is that *Grand Forks is recognized as a self-sufficient community, which infuses the principles of sustainability – social, economic, environmental and cultural – into its decision making.* Do you agree with this vision?

- Yes No Unsure

If you answered “No”, please indicate what needs to be changed in the foregoing statement or how would you state a vision for the City:

8. What components of the Draft Plan are most important to you? (Check mark all, some or none at all)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apply “Smart Growth principles to the built form, location & type of development | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation to single-occupant vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect & Enhance the heritage values of the community | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a variety of linked recreational opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect the natural environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Support a diversified economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure long-term sustainable municipal structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Support a vibrant arts and culture community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promote and provide alternative modes of | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen the social fabric of the community |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Manage the distribution of energy and water, and support the sustainable production of food |

9. What are the challenges in the City that must be tackled first by Councils of the future?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

10. **What would you be willing to do to promote sustainability in Grand Forks?** (Check all, some or none at all)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Walk to work at least three times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Support the installation of water meters in residential areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Cycle to work at least three times a week | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Carpool to work at least 3 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Plant flowers and grass needing less water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Shop for locally produced food and goods | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Make changes to my house to conserve energy | | |

11. **Do you support as part of the Sustainable Plan, the following land use principles as part of long term sustainability?** (Check mark all, some or none at all)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Smaller lot sizes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Minimum landscaping that requires less water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Residential housing of up to 1500 sq. ft. Maximum | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Development of streets with sidewalks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Infilling of lots with duplex and four plexes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Development of designated bicycle paths on all city streets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Minimal parking requirements in future developments | | |

12. **Are you in favour of the Municipality imposing a "Green Tax" to achieve Sustainability goals?**

Yes No

13. **Do you support Council in adopting a Community Sustainability Plan that may impose higher taxes and costs to achieve sustainable goals?**

Yes No

14. **What "Smart Growth" principles will you support in your neighbourhood?** (Check all, some or none at all)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mixed Land uses | <input type="checkbox"/> | mentally sensitive areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Build well-designed, compact neighbourhoods | <input type="checkbox"/> | Protect & enhance agricultural lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Provide a variety of transportation choices | <input type="checkbox"/> | Utilize smarter and cheaper infrastructure and green buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Create diverse housing opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | Foster a unique neighbourhood identity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Encourage growth in existing communities | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nurture engaged citizens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preserve open space, natural beauty, and environ | | |

15. **Do you agree that Arts and Culture is an important component of the CSP and are willing to fund in the future?**

Yes No

16. **How do you support Arts & Culture in the Community?** (Check mark all that apply to you)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Direct Financial Contribution | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do Not Contribute At All |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Attending Exhibits and Fairs | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I Pay Through Property Tax | | |

17. **As a part of the Arts & Culture component of the Sustainability Plan, do you support funding a Youth Centre through Property Taxes?**

Yes No

Please return completed copies to:

City Hall, 7417 – 4th Street OR
Grand Forks Visitors Centre, 550 Central Avenue,
(in the old Courthouse)

Or mail completed surveys to:

City of Grand Forks, Box 220, Grand Forks BC V0H 1H0
info@grandforks.ca

Email completed on-line surveys to:

OPTIONAL: Name _____ Phone # _____

*For more information, please contact the City of Grand Forks at (250) 442-8266.
All information is available for viewing and download at
www.city.grandforks.bc.ca under "City Hall / C.S. Plan"
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