



# Sustainable Community Plan



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# Presentation Outline

- Introduction

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# Project Overview

- Grand Forks Sustainable Community Plan
  - Refinement of the community's long-range planning framework (1998 Official Community Plan)
  - Community-led initiative, addresses issues (December 6, 2007 community workshop) including:
    - Environment
    - Arts and Culture
    - Self-Sufficiency
    - Sustainable Land Use (transportation, parks and trails, affordable and sustainable housing)
    - Economic Development
    - Social Fabric (youth, seniors, community safety)
    - Government / Community Relations



# Project Overview

- Integrated Community Sustainable Planning (ICSP)
  - Provincial Initiative - Developed from the Federal / Provincial / Municipal (UBCM) Gas Tax Agreement
  - Encourages communities to take a fresh look at their future and find ways to become more sustainable (economic, environmental, social/cultural)
  - Components of the ICSP
    - Long-term thinking
    - Broad in Scope
    - Integration
    - Collaboration
    - Public Engagement and Education
    - Implementation
    - Monitoring and Evaluation



# What is Sustainability?

- Planning for the needs of today without compromising the needs of future generations
- The “three legged stool”





***"A Plan Built  
By the Community,  
For the Community"***



# Implementation

- The Plan will be led by BOTH government (policy framework) and the community
- Plan cannot sit on the shelf
  - Changes to other municipal bylaws (e.g. zoning, building bylaw) and policies (e.g. sustainable purchasing policies)
  - City-led initiatives – City Park, Town Centre, others
  - Community-led initiatives – what can we build as a community? (Pomegranate Centre – case study)
  - Others



# Goals

- What goals are we trying to achieve?
  - A new **Sustainable Community Plan** that is built by the community for the community, which addresses the issues identified and prepares Grand Forks for the future.
  - An **early success, tangible project** that captures the essence of the Sustainable Community Plan and exemplifies the success of a community working together.



# Question

- For each issue, brainstorm on the following question:

“What does success look like?”

- words
- pictures
- stories
- others