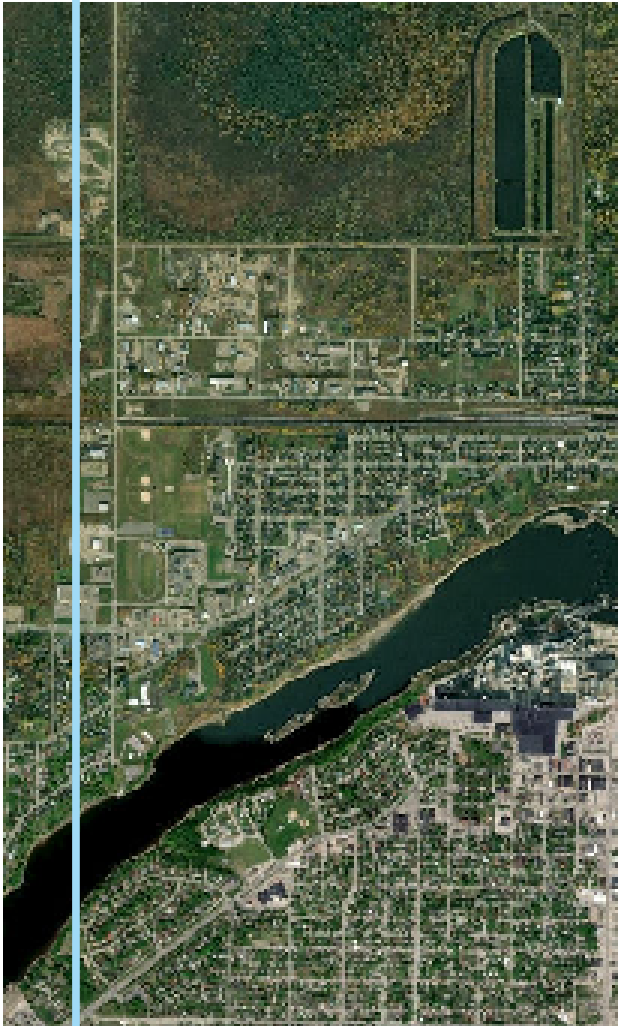




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1. INTRODUCTION

The Town of Fort Frances is undertaking the legislated review of its Official Plan and Zoning By-law pursuant to the Sections 17, 26, and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. The Planning Act is the Provincial legislation that sets out the legal framework and requirements for land use planning in Ontario. The current Official Plan was adopted on November 14, 2011, and subsequently received approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on December 3, 2012. The current Zoning By-law in effect (03/14) was adopted by Town Council on January 27, 2014 and was last amended in July 2022.

1.1 WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?

An Official Plan is a policy document adopted by Council under the provisions of the Planning Act. As such, it must reflect and be consistent with matters of provincial interest, and it applies to all lands within the Town of Fort Frances. The Official Plan expresses a vision and objectives for the community, as well as identifies land use designations to help guide and direct growth, and development over a planning horizon of up to 25 years.

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) directs municipalities to be able to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of 15 years through residential intensification and redevelopment, and if necessary, lands which are designated and available for residential development. Where new development is to occur, municipalities must maintain a three-year supply of land with servicing capacity to accommodate residential units on land that is suitably zoned to facilitate residential intensification and redevelopment, and land in draft approved and registered plans. Planning for growth and development beyond 25 years is not required, as population projections and associated residential land needs may change over time.

For specific areas, Council may also adopt more detailed secondary plans and community improvement plans which build on the Official Plan policies. The Official Plan directs where development should be located, how infrastructure and public works are to be planned, and how cultural and natural heritage features and areas are to be protected and conserved. All public infrastructure spending and construction must conform to the Official Plan. The use and development of individual parcels of lands is influenced by the Official Plan, which establishes specific policies related to lot creation, zoning, and site plan control.

1.2 WHY IS THE OFFICIAL PLAN BEING REVIEWED?

The Official Plan is being reviewed to ensure that the most current provincial and municipal planning policy objectives are reflected. Since the current Town of Fort Frances Official Plan was approved, a new PPS has been issued, and there have been other legislative changes that are described in this Community Background Report. Through the Review process, municipalities can also revise existing policies to adapt to local changes and reflect the vision and planning goals for the Town, as identified by residents and Council.

The Review process also provides an opportunity to consolidate previously approved Official Plan Amendments. Some of the Town's key areas of interest for policy updates include direction for growth, environmental protection, additional residential units, integration of current municipal plans and studies, and future redevelopment of the Shevlin Woodyard and Fort Frances Mill Properties.

1.3 HOW DOES THE OFFICIAL PLAN RELATE TO THE ZONING BY-LAW?

The Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-law will be reviewed concurrently. However, the Zoning By-law will not be approved until the Official Plan has been approved by MMAH. The Zoning By-law is a legal document that regulates the use of land and future development in a community. It implements the policies of the Official Plan by establishing detailed land use permissions, and lot and building requirements, and helps to manage potential conflicts between land uses. It sets out general provisions for development that apply to all properties in a municipality, as well as permitted uses and performance standards (e.g., setbacks, heights, parking) for properties within specific Zones.

Some of the Town's key areas of interest for updates include definitions, business development areas, parking, tent and camping provisions, well and septic special provisions, group homes, mobile homes, and recreational use trailers, Rainy Lake Islands, and railway setbacks, among others.

The New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review process will result in a new Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the entire Town of Fort Frances, and the current Official Plan and Zoning By-law 03/14 will be repealed. The existing Official Plan and Zoning Schedules (i.e., maps) will also be replaced. However, where appropriate, existing Official Plan policies and zoning provisions and requirements will be maintained.

1.4 REVIEW PROCESS

The New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review process will be undertaken over six (6) phases and is anticipated to be completed by Winter 2024. The project process and key community engagements are illustrated in **Figure 1-1** and described as follows:

Phase 1 – Project Initiation: Background Study and Review

- In coordination with Town staff, a Community Engagement Strategy will be developed, which will identify the processes and methodology for engaging with Town departments, Indigenous communities, Technical Advisory Committee, external technical agencies and groups (e.g., Northwestern Health Unit, Rainy River District School Board, Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce), and the public.
- A project webpage will be launched on the Town's website to raise project awareness and provide opportunities to the public to provide feedback on the New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review.
- Pre-consultation with MMAH will be initiated as required as part of the Official Plan Review.
- A presentation was made to Council in early Fall 2022 that introduces the project, proposed timelines, and key issues and opportunities to be addressed.

Phase 2 – Community Exploration and Initial Engagement

- During this stage, the current Official Plan and Zoning By-law will be reviewed to determine required changes, based on initial consultations with Town staff, internal committees, Indigenous communities, Technical Advisory Committee, external agencies and interest groups, and the public.
- The first Public Open House will be held in-person in Fall 2022 to introduce the project and seek input on key issues included in the Draft Community Background

Report. A Public Online Survey will also be conducted to seek community input on a refreshed vision for Town growth and development for the next 25 years.

- A Final Community Background Report, including an “As We Heard It” section to summarize the public input received at the meeting, public survey and via the webpage. will be prepared, integrating feedback received through engagement activities in Phase 2.

Phase 3 – Technical Review, Research, and Issues

- A Growth Management Strategy will be undertaken to support the Official Plan Review. The Strategy will include a land needs analysis for the Town and determine the population, housing, and employment needs for Fort Frances to 2046.
- A Draft Policy Directions and Recommendations Report will be prepared to build on the Community Background Report and Growth Management Strategy by outlining a series of recommendations for changes to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law. The Report will also include a proposed template for the new documents, and an approach to reviewing site-specific exceptions included in the current Zoning By-law.
- The Policy Directions and Recommendations Report will be reviewed with Town staff and the Technical Advisory Committee and finalized based on input received. The Report will be made available on the Town’s project webpage, for information.
- A Special Meeting of Council in accordance with Section 26(3) of the Planning Act will be held to present the key findings of the Policy Directions and Recommendations Report and to seek Council input as to how to proceed with the preparation of the Draft New Official Plan.

Phase 4 – Preparation of Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law

- Based on the recommendations set out in the Policy Directions and Recommendations Report, the Draft Official Plan will be prepared in coordination with Town staff, including Draft Official Plan Schedules (i.e., maps).
- The Draft New Official Plan will be submitted to MMAH for a 90-day review as required by Section 17(1) of the Planning Act. The Notice of Statutory Public Meeting cannot be issued until the MMAH’s 90-day review is complete.

- A Zoning By-law Discussion Paper will be prepared at this time. The Paper will assess the existing Zoning By-law and conformity to the Town's New Draft Official Plan.
- The Draft Zoning By-law will be prepared in coordination with Town staff, including Draft Zoning By-law Schedules.
- The Draft New Official Plan and Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law will be presented at a combined in-person Statutory Public Open House under Section 34(12)(b) of the Planning Act, to introduce the new documents to the public. Prior to the in-person Statutory Public Open House, the Draft New Official Plan and Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law and supporting materials will be made available on the project webpage.

Phase 5 – Finalizing of the New Official Plan

- The Final Draft New Official Plan and Schedules will be prepared based on comments from MMAH and in coordination with Town staff.
- The Final Draft Official Plan will be presented to Council at an in-person Statutory Public Meeting in accordance with Section 17(17) of the Planning Act.
- The Final New Official Plan will be considered by Council for adoption and then submitted to MMAH for approval. As per the Planning Act, MMAH is required to make a decision within 120 days upon receipt of the Adopted New Official Plan unless it decides to suspend this timeline. Once the New Official Plan is approved by MMAH, there can be no appeals on the decision by the Minister, however the Minister is permitted to refer all or parts of the New Official Plan to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for recommendation or a decision. The Town will not be required to undertake an update for a 10-year period after the New Official Plan comes into effect.

Phase 6 – Finalizing of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law

- A Final Draft Zoning By-law and Zoning Schedule will be prepared, with consideration for all input and feedback received through the virtual Statutory Public Open House.
- The Final Draft Zoning By-law will be presented at an in-person Statutory Public Meeting, as required under Section 34(12)(a)(ii) of the Planning Act.

- A Final Zoning By-law will be prepared to address comments received at the Statutory Public Meeting and will be presented to Council for consideration of adoption.
- Following Council adoption, the Town will prepare a Notice of Decision in accordance with Section 34(18) of the Planning Act, to be issued within 15 days of Council's adoption of the new Zoning By-law, which triggers a 20-day appeal period. Members of the public, community associations, or other parties who have made an oral or written submission before Town Council during the public process may appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). If no appeals are received, the Zoning By-law will be in full force and effect as of the date of passing of the adopting By-law.

Figure 1-1: New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review Project Process

		Engagement Milestone	Project Deliverables
Phase 1	Project Initiation: Background Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Council Briefing Town Project Webpage Launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement Strategy (submitted to Town for approval) Pre-Consultation with MMAH (August 17, 2022)
Phase 2	Community Exploration & Initial Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Staff / TAC Meeting #1 In-Person Public Open House #1 and Online Survey Meetings with Indigenous Communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Background Report
Phase 3	Technical Review, Research & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Staff / TAC Meeting #2 In-Person Public Open House #2 Meetings with Indigenous Communities Special Meeting of Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Directions and Recommendations Report
Phase 4	Draft New Official Plan & Zoning By-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Staff / TAC Meetings #3, 4, 5 In-Person Public Open House #3 Meetings with Indigenous Communities Special Meeting of Council Combined Statutory Public Open House 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft New Official Plan 90-day MMAH Review Zoning By-law Discussion Paper Draft Zoning By-law
Phase 5	Final New Official Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Staff / TAC Meeting #6 Meetings with Indigenous Communities Statutory Public Meeting (New Official Plan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final New Official Plan Council Adoption Submit Final New Official Plan to MMAH for Approval
Phase 6	Final Comprehensive Zoning By-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with Indigenous Communities Statutory Public Meeting (Zoning By-law) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Zoning By-law Council Adoption

1.5 COMMUNITY BACKGROUND REPORT OVERVIEW

This Community Background Report has been prepared to direct the Town of Fort Frances New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review and includes the current community profile and identifies policies and provisions that may be missing or require updating. The planning horizon for the Official Plan must conform to the 25-year planning horizon set out in the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

This Community Background Report is organized as follows:

- **Section 2** of this report provides a **community overview of the Town of Fort Frances** and its land use characteristics;
- **Section 3** describes the **regulatory planning framework** applicable to the Town of Fort Frances, including recent revisions to the PPS, 2020, and other key provincial legislation and regional policies;
- **Section 4** provides an overview of the **local municipal planning context**, including a summary of the existing Official Plan and Zoning By-law, as well as other municipal documents that must be considered when updating the Town of Fort Frances Official Plan and Zoning By-law;
- **Section 5** provides an **overview of key planning issues** to be addressed through the Review; and
- **Section 6** provides a **conclusion** to the Community Background Report.

Appendix A contains a detailed analysis of the policy issues to be addressed in the Town of Fort Frances New Official Plan, based on a review of the PPS, 2020. **Appendix B** contains WSP's Community Engagement Strategy (July 22, 2022).

1.6 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INTEREST GROUPS, INDIGENOUS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A Community Engagement Strategy was prepared by WSP on July 22, 2022 and is included as **Appendix B** to this report. The Community Engagement Strategy elaborates the approach, methods, and specific tools to undertake a comprehensive review of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for the Town, including:

- Indigenous Community Engagement;
- Project Branding;

- Project Webpage, Email, and Mailing List;
- Project Awareness Campaign;
- Technical Advisory Committee;
- Community Dialogue;
- Managing Comments;
- Individual Property Owner Consultation;
- Accessibility and an Age-Friendly Approach; and
- Online Public Engagement.

The project process and key community engagement events are illustrated in **Figure 1-1**.

2 COMMUNITY CONTEXT

2.1 BACKGROUND

The Town of Fort Frances is in the Rainy River District in Northwestern Ontario, between the Ontario-Manitoba border and Thunder Bay. As shown **Figure 2-2**, the Town is situated on the northern shoreline of Rainy River and is connected by the Fort Frances-International Falls International Bridge to the City of International Falls, Minnesota, marking it as the main gateway to Northwestern Ontario from the United States. Fort Frances has a land area of approximately 7.29 km² (790 hectares) and is the fourth largest municipality in the region after Thunder Bay, Kenora, and Dryden (2021 Census).

First settled by Europeans in 1731 in connection with the fur trade, Fort Frances was established through the commissioning of Fort Saint Pierre, which was used as a fur trade post. The current Canada-United States border was defined following the War of 1812 and shortly after, the North West Company built a new fort in the area called Fort Lac La Pluie. In 1821, the North West Company merged with the Hudson's Bay Company and Fort Lac La Pluie became a trading post for the Hudson's Bay Company. It was later renamed Fort Frances in 1830, in honour of Frances Ramsay Simpson, the wife of the Hudson's Bay Company Governor at the time.

On April 11, 1903, the Town of Fort Frances was incorporated. The Fort Frances pulp and paper mill, as shown in **Figure 2-1**, which was formerly owned and operated by Resolute Forest Products until its closure 2014, was opened in the early 1900s.

Figure 2-1: Former Fort Frances Pulp and Paper Mill (Image Source: Northern Ontario Business)



Figure 2-2: Town of Fort Frances Key Map (WSP, 2022)



2.2 POPULATION

Fort Frances has experienced some decline in population and household growth over the years. The Statistics Canada 2021 Census lists the population of the Town of Fort Frances as approximately 7,470. This represents a decrease of 3.5% from the previous census in 2016; a decreasing trend that has been ongoing since at least 1996, at which time the Town's population was approximately 8,790 (1996 Census).

The 2021 Census reports the following age distribution in Fort Frances: 15% of residents are 9-14 years; 61% of residents are aged 15- 64 years; and 23% of residents are aged 65 years and older. Of the 23% aged 65 years and older, 17% are aged 85 years and older. This growing cohort of older adults has specific needs that must be met to ensure that they can continue to fully engage and participate in the community, including the provision of services and infrastructure that cater to all ages and mobilities.

In the 2021 Census, 94.2% of Fort Frances residents (6,600) identified English, 0.01% (75) identified French, and 4% (255) identified a non-official language as their mother tongue. Non-official languages were identified as the mother tongue of 255 residents and included German, Ukrainian, Cantonese, Italian, Spanish, and other languages. The Indigenous languages of Ojibway and Swampy Cree were identified as the mother tongue of approximately 60 residents.

Approximately 530 people in Fort Frances identified as Indigenous in 2016, with 435 residents identifying as First Nations single identity and 90 people identifying as Métis single identity. There are 375 residents who identified as being immigrants to Canada.

2.3 HOUSING

The 2021 Census documented approximately 3,315 households within the Town of Fort Frances. Of these, approximately 76% of these were single-detached dwellings (2,525) 22% (720) were attached dwellings (i.e., semi-detached, row house, apartment in a duplex, or apartment in a building that has fewer than five storeys), and 0.01% (30) were movable dwellings.



With respect to tenure, according to the 2021 Census, 72% of households in Fort Frances are homeowners and 28% are rental. Of 3,330 occupied private dwellings in 2016, only 125 dwellings were built in the period from 2001 to 2016. Approximately half of all dwellings were constructed before 1960.

2.4 LAND USE

The Town has largely developed along the northern shoreline of Rainy River and east of Oakwood Road. Land use in Fort Frances is largely residential, with existing commercial, recreational, and institutional uses located throughout the Town. There are existing and former industrial and light industrial lands dispersed throughout the built-up area as well, including the former Fort Frances Paper and Pulp Mill (previously operated by Resolute Forest Products), former Shevlin Woodyard (both of which are discussed in Subsection 5.2.2 of this Report) and the Canadian National Railway Company Train Yard.

Residential development in Fort Frances is primarily low-rise, single-detached, and compact and is based on a traditional grid network of streets. There is little development in the rural area of the Town and limited farm operations.

2.5 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

There are a variety of recreation opportunities, picnic areas, green spaces, play structures, and public-access waterfront areas that are owned, or operated and maintained by the Town, including:

- Legion West End Park;
- Lillie Avenue Park;
- Logging Tug Hallett and Lookout Tower;
- McIrvine Rotary Park;
- Lion's Millenium Park and Fountain;
- Phair Avenue Park;
- Point Park, Seven Oaks;
- Royal Canadian Legion Park;
- St. Francis Sports Field;
- Nelson / Williams Green Space;
- Front Street Park;
- East End Rink;
- Rainy Lake Square (**Figure 2-3**); and
- Sorting Gap Marina (**Figure 2-4**).

Figure 2-3: Rainy Lake Square (Source: WSP, 2022)



Other community facilities include:

- Fort Frances Library and Technology Centre; and
- Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre;
- Memorial Sports Centre.

Figure 2-4: Sorting Gap Marina (Source: Town of Fort Frances)



Public and Catholic elementary and secondary schools within the Town include:

- Fort Frances High School;
- J.W. Walker School;
- Robert Moore School; and

- St. Mary School.

Post-secondary opportunities in Fort Frances include the Rainy River District Campus of Confederation College.

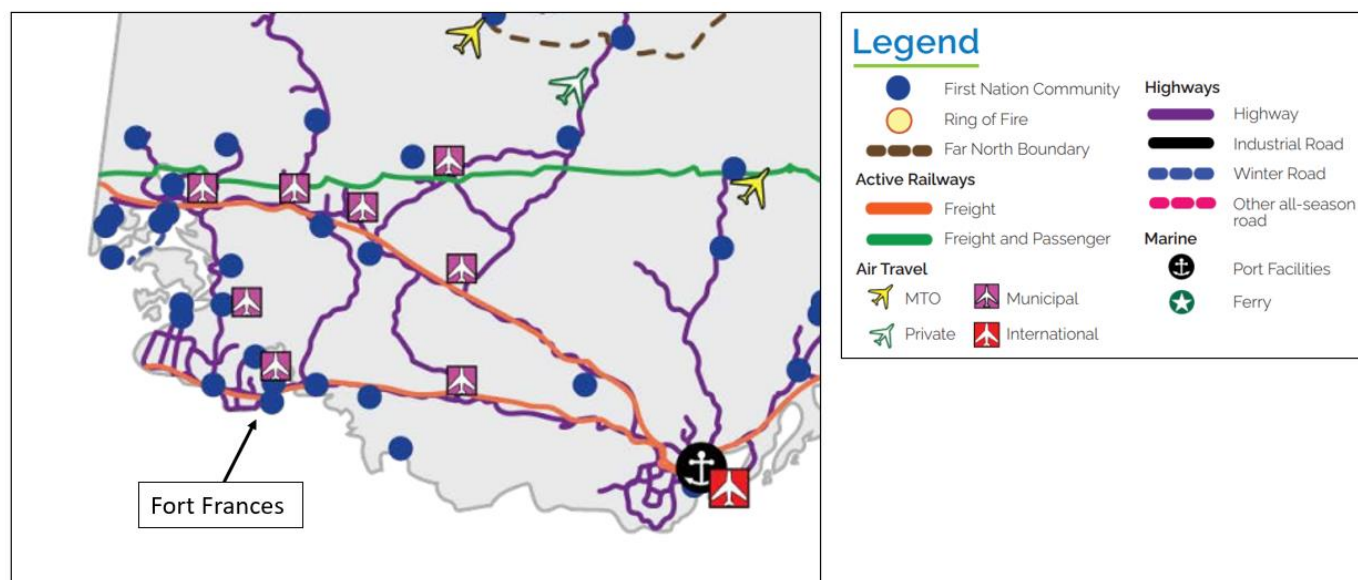
2.6 TRANSPORTATION

King's Highway 11, or Ontario Highway 11, and Ontario Highway 71 are the two major highways that run through Fort Frances, as shown in **Figure 2-5**. Both highways are part of the Trans-Canada Highway. Highway 71 connects Fort Frances to the City of Kenora in the north, and Highway 11 provides connections to Devlin, Emo, and Rainy River to the west and to Atikokan and Thunder Bay to the east.

The Fort Frances-International Falls International Bridge is a toll bridge that links the Town and the City of International Falls, Minnesota, south across the Rainy River.

Fort Frances and the surrounding area are also serviced by the Fort Frances Municipal Airport, which is located north of downtown. Fort Frances is also served by Fort Frances Handi-Van Transit, which is a provincially funded service operated by the Town.

Figure 2-5: Excerpt from Figure 1: Northern Ontario's Transportation Infrastructure (Connecting the North: A Draft Transportation Plan for Northern Ontario, December 2020)



As part of the Official Plan Review, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation Guidelines for Municipal Official Plan Preparation (April 2009) will be reviewed against the existing Town Official Plan policies for Provincial Highways (Subsection 3.3.2.2. of the current Official Plan).

2.7 ECONOMY

At the time of writing this Report, the 2021 Census data for labour was not available. In the 2016 Census, the Town of Fort Frances reported a labour force of 3,745 people, a labour participation rate of 61.5%, an employment rate of 93% (3,480), and an unemployment rate of 7% (265). According to 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) data from the 2016 Census, the employment sectors with the greatest proportion of the labour force include:

- Health care and social assistance (745 jobs);
- Retail trade (600 jobs);
- Educational services (375 jobs);
- Accommodation and food services (340 jobs);

Other sectors with less than 300 jobs include:

- Public administration (295 jobs);
- Construction (230 jobs);
- Transportation and warehousing (175 jobs);
- Other services (except public administration) (145 jobs);
- Manufacturing (125 jobs);
- Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (120 jobs); and
- Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction (115 jobs).

2.8 CULTURAL HERITAGE



Figure 2-6: Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre (Image Source: Destination Fort Frances)

The Town of Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre at 259 Scott Street was founded in 1978 and is in downtown Fort Frances (**Figure 2-6**). The property at 259 Scott Street was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act on February 28, 2000. The Museum is home to permanent galleries with a focus on local and regional history and maintains the Logging Tug Hallett and Lookout Tower, both of which are located on the waterfront.

The Town of Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee advises Town Council on policies and procedures related to the Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre. The Committee is also responsible for business development for the museum and provision of advice on acquisition, preservation, and exhibition of the museum's collection.

While the Town does not have a Municipal Heritage Register of designated properties or Committee that is mandated with advising on municipal heritage matters, Town Council adopted a Heritage Policy Statement in 2004. The Heritage Policy Statement states:

- The Town of Fort Frances recognizes the value of its cultural heritage to its own community and to visitors to the community;
- We recognize the value of maintaining, protecting, and presenting the legacy left by our predecessors for our children and in turn, their children;
- We recognize the value of presenting our story to visitors from both educational and entertainment perspectives to optimize tourism opportunities;
- The Town of Fort Frances is committed to maintaining, protecting, preserving, and promoting its cultural heritage.

2.9 NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES AND AREAS

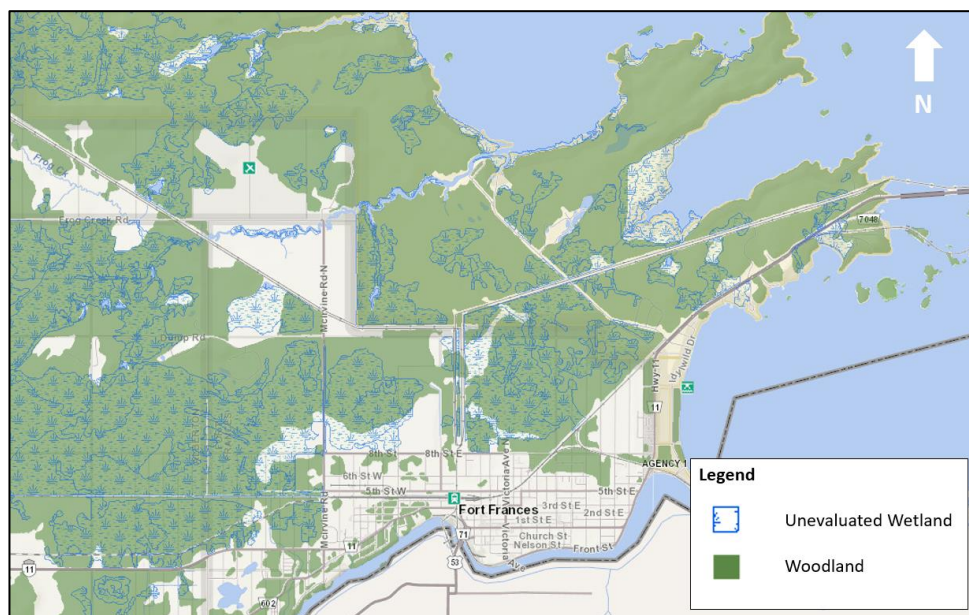
Fort Frances and the Rainy River District are characterized by a beautiful natural environment, in particular Rainy River, Rainy Lake and the Rainy Lake Islands, which is comprised of 2,200 islands; 2,000 of which are located on the Canadian side of the border. In the United States, Voyageurs National Park is southeast of Fort Frances in Minnesota.

According to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR) online Natural Heritage mapping, there are no Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs) in Fort Frances. However, there are unevaluated wetlands and woodlands within the Town's municipal boundary, as shown in **Figure 2-7**.

The Rainy Lake Islands Conservation Reserve was established on April 28, 2003 as part of the Province's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy that was released in July 1999. The Reserve is managed under the jurisdiction of the Rainy Lake Area Supervisor, Fort Frances District, MNDMNR, and is regulated under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006.

The Town of Fort Frances does not belong under the jurisdiction of a Conservation Authority. As per Section 3.1 of the current Official Plan, MNR, now MNDMNR, is responsible for reviewing and approving the delineation of significant wildlife habitat, mitigation measures, and species at risk screening.

Figure 2-7: Natural Heritage Areas - Fort Frances (Image Source: Online MNR Make a Map)



The Town of Fort Frances is located within Treaty 3 that was signed by the Saulteaux Tribe of the Ojibbeway Indians and the Government of Canada on October 3, 1873. Treaty 3 is also referred to as the North-West Angle Treaty. As shown in **Figure 2-8**, Treaty 3 lands span from west of Thunder Bay to north of Sioux Lookout, and west to the Manitoba border. It is made up 28 First Nation communities, with a total population of approximately 25,000. Grand Council Treaty #3 serves as the traditional government of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty 3, with one elected Grand Chief and several advising Councils, including the Elder's Council, Youth Executive Council, Women's Council, Men's Council, and 2SLGBTQIA+ Council.

**ANISHINAABE NATION
IN TREATY #3**

MANITOBA

ONTARIO

Red Lake

Sagkeeng

Wabauskang

Saugeen

Grassy Narrows

Wabaseemoong

Winnipeg

Kenora

Washagamis Bay

Niisaachewan

Wauzhushk Onigum

Lac Seul

Sioux Lookout

Eagle Lake

Dryden

Wabigoon

Wabigoon Lake

Iskatewizaagegan No. 39

Shoal Lake No. 40

Northwest Angle No. 33

Animakee Wa Zhing 37

Buffalo Point

Sioux Narrows

Naotkamegwanning

Northwest Angle No. 33

Animakee Wa Zhing 37

Onigaming

Upsala

Lac Des Mille Lacs

Naongashing

Mishkosiminiziibing

Naicatchewenin

Mitaanjigaming

Rainy River First Nations

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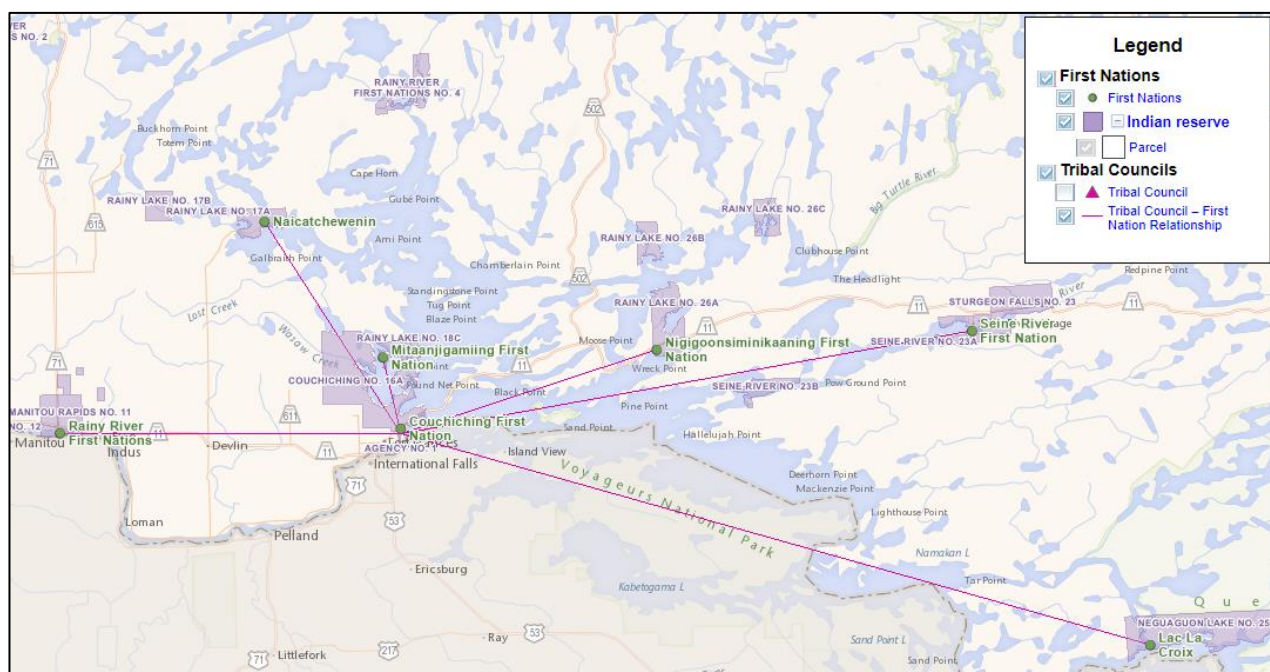
LEGEND

- Treaty #3 First Nations
- City or Town
- Treaty #3 Territory

**GRAND COUNCIL
TREATY #3**

As shown in **Figure 2-9**, Fort Frances is nearby to the Indigenous communities of Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nation, the Lac La Croix First Nation, and the Metis Nation of Ontario. The Agency One Reserve is shared by Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, and Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation.

Figure 2-9: First Nations and Indian Reserves close to Fort Frances (Image Source: First Nation Profiles Interactive Map)

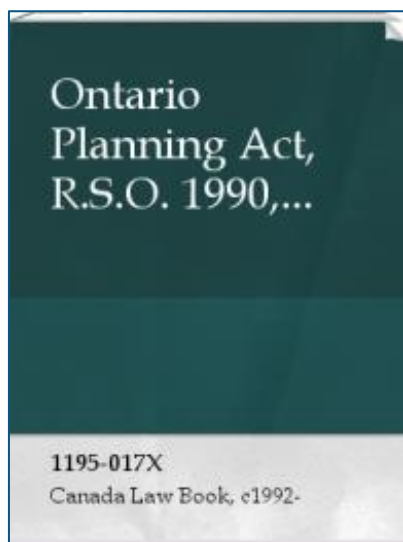


3 REGULATORY PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Planning at the municipal level is undertaken within a framework established by the Province of Ontario, specifically the Planning Act and the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). The Town of Fort Frances Official Plan enables several planning tools to be used to implement the policies of the Plan, including, but not limited to, community improvement plans, zoning by-laws, and site plan control.

Local land use policies are required to be consistent with the policies of the PPS and must reflect current provincial legislation. Therefore, it is the intent that the Official Plan Review set out the appropriate framework for land use planning in the Town. Furthermore, Zoning By-laws must conform to the Town's Official Plan in addition to Provincial policies. Other local studies may also include important issues and opportunities that can be addressed through the New Official Plan and Zoning By-law. This section describes the legislative and policy context under which the new Town of Fort Frances Official Plan and Zoning By-law is being prepared.

3.1 PLANNING ACT



The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, is the primary legislation that establishes how municipalities in Ontario may plan, manage, and regulate land use. It outlines matters of provincial interest and enables the Province to issue Policy Statements to provide direction to municipalities on these matters.

The Planning Act enables municipal Councils to pass a variety of tools to plan and regulate the use of land and the placement of buildings and structures on a lot. Under Section 16 of the Act, most municipalities, including the Town of Fort Frances, are required to prepare and adopt Official Plans in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Official Plans contain a vision, objectives, and policies

to guide decision making on land use planning matters. Municipal decisions, by-laws and public works are required to conform to the policies of the Official Plan (Section 24(1)).

The 20 matters of provincial interest that municipal councils “shall have regard to” when carrying out their responsibilities under Section 2 of the Act, including the preparation and adoption of an official plan, are as follows:

- 1) the protection of ecological systems, including natural areas, features and functions;
- 2) the protection of agricultural resources of the Province;
- 3) the conservation and management of natural resources and the mineral resource base;
- 4) the conservation of features of significant architectural, cultural, historical, archaeological or scientific interest;
- 5) the supply, efficient use and conservation of energy and water;
- 6) the adequate provision and efficient use of communication, transportation, sewage and water services and waste management systems;
- 7) the minimization of waste;
- 8) the orderly development of safe and healthy communities;
- 9) the accessibility for persons with disabilities to all facilities, services and matters to which this Act applies;
- 10) the adequate provision and distribution of educational, health, social, cultural and recreational facilities;
- 11) the adequate provision of a full range of housing, including affordable housing;
- 12) the adequate provision of employment opportunities;
- 13) the protection of the financial and economic well-being of the Province and its municipalities;
- 14) the co-ordination of planning activities of public bodies;
- 15) the resolution of planning conflicts involving public and private conflicts;
- 16) the protection of public health and safety;
- 17) the appropriate location of growth and development;
- 18) the promotion of development that is designed to be sustainable, to support public transit and to be pedestrian-oriented;

- 19) the promotion of built form that, a) is well designed b) encourages a sense of place, and c) provides for public spaces that are of high quality, safe, accessible, attractive, and vibrant; and
- 20) the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to a changing climate.

The matters of provincial interest are presented in no particular order, and, depending on the context, are not intended to indicate that provincial interests have varying levels of importance

Section 34 of the Planning Act enables Councils to pass Zoning By-laws to regulate the use of land and the location, height, bulk, size, floor area, spacing, character and use of buildings and structures, as well as parking and loading requirements, and lot requirements. Additionally, Zoning By-laws may be used to prohibit the use of land or erection of buildings and structures within:

- Significant wildlife habitat, wetlands, woodlands, ravines, valleys, or areas of natural and scientific interest;
- Significant corridors or shorelines of a lake, river, or stream;
- Significant natural corridors, features, or areas; and
- Sites of significant archaeological resources.

In accordance with Section 24(1), municipal decisions, by-laws (including Zoning By-laws), and public works must conform to the Official Plan and be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. Zoning By-laws are viewed as one of the primary tools to implement the policies of the Official Plan.

Zoning By-laws are legally enforceable documents with requirements to regulate development for each property in the municipality. A property owner is not entitled to obtain a building permit unless their proposed building, structure, or change in land or building use complies with the requirements of the Zoning By-law. Further, persons who have erected a building or structure, or changed the use of land or a building in a manner that does not comply with the Zoning By-law may be subject to penalties as outlined in the Planning Act.

If a person wishes to use their property or construct a building or structure in a manner that does not comply with the Zoning By-law, they may apply for a Minor Variance or a Zoning By-law Amendment.

Minor variances may be granted by a municipality's Committee of Adjustment, in accordance with Section 45(1) of the Planning Act, provided that the variance satisfies the four tests under the Act:

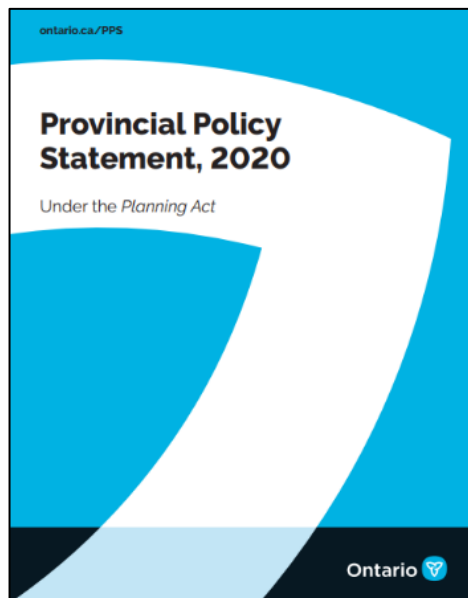
1. Is the application minor in nature?
2. Is it desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building, or structure?
3. Is it in keeping with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law?
4. Is it in keeping with the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan?

Major deviations from the requirements of the Zoning By-law, such as change of use to one that is not permitted in the applicable Zone, would require an amendment to the By-law.

Two Year Period - No Application for Amendments

Under Section 34(10.0.0.1) of the Planning Act, if Council carries out the requirements of subsection 26(9) by simultaneously repealing and replacing all the Zoning By-laws in effect in the municipality, no person or public body will be able to submit an application for an amendment to any of the by-laws before the second anniversary of the day on which Council repeals and replaces them. However, this does not apply if the Council has declared, by resolution, that such an application is permitted. Council may pass such a resolution on a site-specific basis for individual Zoning By-law Amendment applications, or a blanket resolution to permit all such applications within this two-year period.

3.2 PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT, 2020



The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) came into effect on May 1, 2020 and sets the policy foundation that guides Ontario's land use planning system. It provides for appropriate development while protecting resources of provincial interest, public health and safety, and quality of the natural environment. It focuses growth and development within urban and rural settlement areas, while supporting the viability of rural areas.

The PPS contains specific policies for the following: community development; employment areas; housing; public space; infrastructure; economic development; energy; resource management; agriculture; natural heritage; cultural heritage; and

public health and safety. It directs that settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development, and promotes their vitality and regeneration to ensure healthy, liveable, and safe communities are sustained (Policy 1.1.3.1). It empowers planning authorities to identify appropriate locations and opportunities where intensification and redevelopment can be accommodated (Policy 1.1.3.3) and directs that planning authorities shall establish and implement minimum targets for intensification and redevelopment within built-up areas, based on local conditions (Policy 1.1.3.5).

It is intended that Official Plans are the primary vehicle for implementation of the PPS (Policy 4.6). Zoning By-laws are also recognized as an important tool for implementing the PPS and must be kept up to date with the PPS and Official Plans (Preamble).

The PPS 2020 was prepared as part of the province's "More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan." The goal of the Action Plan is to increase the mix and supply of housing and to streamline the development approvals process. Key policies in the PPS which may have an impact on the Town's Official Plan land use policies and the Zoning By-law Review include:

Housing

- The new Provincial Policy Statement provides greater detail regarding the diversity of housing types and options (building types and living arrangements) that should be employed to facilitate residential intensification:
 - Planning authorities are encouraged to permit and facilitate a range of housing options, including new development as well as residential intensification, to respond to current and future needs (Part IV).
 - A new definition for “housing options” has been added: “a range of housing types such as, but not limited to single-detached, semi-detached, rowhouses, townhouses, stacked townhouses, multiplexes, additional residential units, tiny homes, multi-residential buildings. The term can also refer to a variety of housing arrangements and forms such as, but not limited to life lease housing, co-ownership housing, co-operative housing, community land trusts, land lease community homes, affordable housing, housing for people with special needs, and housing related to employment, institutional or educational uses.” (6.0 Definitions)
 - A revised definition for “residential intensification” is included: “intensification of a property, site or area which results in a net increase in residential units or accommodation and includes:
 - a) redevelopment, including the redevelopment of brownfield sites;
 - b) the development of vacant or underutilized lots within previously developed areas;
 - c) infill development;
 - d) development and introduction of new housing options within previously developed areas;
 - e) the conversion or expansion of existing industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings for residential use; and
 - f) the conversion or expansion of existing residential buildings to create new residential units or accommodation, including accessory apartments, additional residential units, rooming houses, and other housing options.” (6.0 Definitions)

- Planning authorities are required to provide adequate land for a 25-year planning horizon, rather than the 20-year horizon in the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (Policy 1.1.2).
- Planning authorities are also required to maintain at all times a minimum 15-year supply of lands which are designated and available for residential development (Policy 1.4.1 a), and land servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a three-year supply of residential units available through lands suitably zoned to facilitate residential intensification and redevelopment, and land in draft approved and registered plans (Policy 1.4.1 b). Upper-tier and single-tier municipalities may choose to maintain land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a five-year supply of residential units (Policy 1.4.1).
- Planning authorities shall provide for an appropriate range and mix of housing options and densities to meet projected market-based and affordable housing needs of current and future residents by permitting and facilitating “all housing options required to meet the social, health, economic and well-being requirements of current and future residents [...]”, and “all types of residential intensification, including additional residential units, and redevelopment [...]” (Policy 1.4.3).

Employment Lands

- Employment areas planned for industrial and manufacturing uses shall provide for separation or mitigation from sensitive land uses to maintain the long-term operational and economic viability of the planned uses and function of these areas (Policy 1.3.2.2).
- Employment areas planned for industrial, or manufacturing uses should include an appropriate transition to adjacent non-employment areas (Policy 1.3.2.3).

Consultation/Coordination

- An increased emphasis on the importance of Indigenous consultation, including direction that planning authorities “shall engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use matters” (Policy 1.2.2).

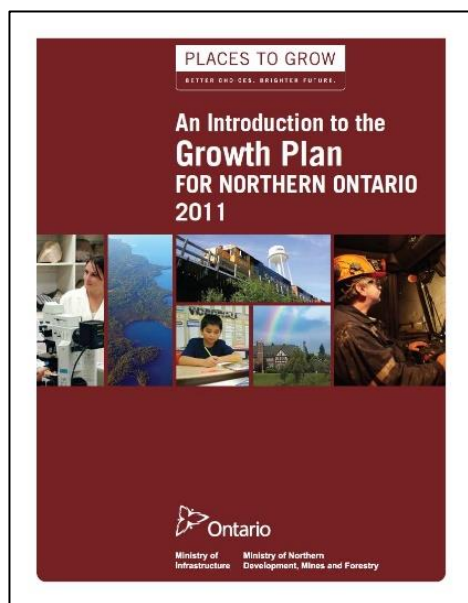
Implementation

- Zoning and development permit by-laws are recognized as important for implementing the Provincial Policy Statement, and planning authorities are

required to keep them up to date with their official plans and the Provincial Policy Statement.

A Conformity Review examining the current Town of Fort Frances Official Plan against the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 is included in **Appendix A** of this Report.

3.3 GROWTH PLAN FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO (2011)



The Growth Plan for Northern Ontario is a 25-year plan that came into effect in 2011. This Growth Plan was prepared under Ontario's Places to Grow Act (2005), which provides that the Province may identify and designate areas for which strategic growth plans can be developed. The Growth Plan focuses on attracting and sustaining growth in northern communities and is intended to be used as a strategic framework that will guide decision-making in Northern Ontario for the next 25 years.

The Growth Plan is structured around six key policy areas which contribute to the region's long-term sustainability and prosperity: Economy; People; Communities; Aboriginal Peoples; Infrastructure; and

Environment. The Growth Plan is focused on the following six key guiding principles:

- Creating a highly productive region, with a diverse, globally competitive economy that offers a range of career opportunities for all residents.
- Developing a highly educated and skilled workforce to support an evolving knowledge-based economy and excellence in the trades.
- Partnering with Aboriginal peoples to increase educational and employment opportunities.
- Delivering a complete network of transportation, energy, communications, social and learning infrastructure to support strong, vibrant communities. • Demonstrating leadership in sustainable growth and environmental management.
- Establishing innovative partnerships to maximize resources and ensure this Plan achieves its ambitious vision and is fiscally sustainable.

Economy

The Plan supports the development of a strong, resilient, and more diversified northern economy through policies which are intended to support growth and diversity in the region's traditional resource-based industries, as well as the development of new and emerging economic sectors that have the greatest potential to result in job growth and opportunities in the North. Economic development strategies will focus on existing and emerging priority sectors, including:

- Agriculture, mining and manufacturing;
- Exportable services (higher order education and health care, business services); and
- Tourism services (retail sales, accommodation, food, recreation, entertainment).

People

The Growth Plan identifies people as Northern Ontario's most important resource and focuses on supporting under-represented groups such as youth, displaced workers, Francophones, Aboriginal peoples, newcomers, and persons with disabilities. The policies of the Plan are intended to create new opportunities for all residents to contribute to their communities, including increased accessibility and relevance of education and training and access to health care services.

Communities

The policies of the Growth Plan support community planning that balances the priorities of human, economic, and environmental health. Official Plans, community economic plans and participating in community planning efforts are identified as effective tools to ensure the future economy and long-term sustainability of communities reflects the views of citizens and businesses. Municipalities are encouraged to align their Official Plans with strategies which focus on achieving the following objectives:

- Economic, social, and environmental sustainability;
- Accommodation of the diverse needs of all residents, now and in the future;
- Optimized use of existing infrastructure;
- A high quality of place; and

- A vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive community identity that builds on unique local features (Policy 4.2.1).

Indigenous Peoples

The Growth Plan recognizes the unique role of Indigenous peoples in the development of the region and seeks to involve Indigenous communities and organizations in economic development and to improve the capacity of these communities to participate in economic development planning. The Growth Plan encourages Indigenous participation and knowledge-sharing in existing land use planning and policy processes (Policy 7.5.1).

Infrastructure

The Growth Plan supports efficient and modern infrastructure as being critical to the future of Northern Ontario. The Plan requires that infrastructure planning, land use planning and infrastructure investments are coordinated (Policy 5.2.1), and emphasizes optimizing the transportation system, increasing access to education and training, investing in information and communications technology, maintaining the reliability of energy transmission and distribution systems, and accommodating renewable energy generation. The Plan also requires that infrastructure planning and investments contribute to a culture of conservation by utilizing approaches and technologies that reduce energy and water use, increase efficiencies, and promote intensification and brownfield site redevelopment, whenever feasible (Policy 5.2.4).

Environment

The Growth Plan supports the sustainable development of natural resources with a balanced approach to environment, social and economic health, and recognizes the need for climate change mitigation and adaptation, which is of particular importance to the North. The Plan also reflects the values and benefits that the natural environment in the North provides to people, the Northern economy and the province. Policies include protecting surface water features and groundwater features (Policy 6.3.2); incorporating climate change mitigation and adaptation considerations (Policy 6.3.3); protecting air quality, water quality and quantity, and natural heritage (Policy 6.3.4); and fostering a culture of conservation and demonstrating environmental leadership through the adopting of sustainability practices (Policy 6.4.1).

3.4 RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

The following section discusses recent legislative changes that may impact changes to the Town's New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

3.4.1 BILL 245 – ACCELERATING ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, 2021

On June 1, 2021, the Province of Ontario's Bill 245 (Accelerating Access to Justice Act, 2021) received Royal Assent. Through Bill 245, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, Environmental Review Tribunal, Board of Negotiation, Conservation Review Board, and the Mining and Land Tribunal were amalgamated into a new single tribunal, the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) through enactment of the Ontario Land Tribunal Act, 2021. The former Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2019 is now repealed. The City of Toronto Act, 2006 and the Municipal Act, 2001 have been amended to incorporate the provisions of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017 with regards to the jurisdiction of the OLT over municipal matters and public utilities.

Section 2 of the Ontario Tribunal Act, 2021 establishes the OLT, its jurisdiction and powers, and specifies the practices and procedures that apply with respect to matters before it.

3.4.2 BILL 108 – MORE HOUSING, MORE CHOICE ACT, 2019

The Province of Ontario's Bill 108 (More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019) received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019. The Bill amends 13 different pieces of legislation that impact municipalities and land use planning processes. These include, among others, the Planning Act, Development Charges Act, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act (now repealed), and Ontario Heritage Act.

Local Planning Decisions and Timelines

Bill 108 introduced an amendment to the Planning Act to expedite local planning decisions by establishing:

- A 120-day timeline for decisions on Official Plan Amendments (instead of 180 days);
- 90 days for Zoning By-law Amendments (instead of 150 days); and
- 120 days for Plans of Subdivision (instead of 210 days).

Additional Residential Units

Amendments to Planning Act provisions for additional residential units (formerly referred to as secondary units) are described in greater detail in **Section 5.2.1** of this Community Background Report.

Heritage Planning

Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act establish new, mandatory standards for designation by-laws and new time limits for confirming complete alteration and demolition applications, as well as designation decisions. Municipal decisions on designations and alterations are subject to appeals to the former Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (now Ontario Land Tribunal), whose decisions will be binding. The intent is to provide greater certainty when it comes to timelines and local decision-making.

3.4.3 BILL 109 – MORE HOMES FOR EVERYONE ACT

The Province of Ontario's Bill 109 (More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022) received royal assent on April 14, 2022. The Bill makes various changes to the Development Charges Act, 1997, the New Home Construction Licensing Act, 2017, the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act, and the Planning Act. The intent of this Bill is to hasten the planning process to build new housing and it accomplishes that by creating more authorities for the Minister, providing new tools for municipalities, and implementing penalties for failure to process applications quickly.

Minister's Authority Regarding Official Plans

Changes to Section 17 of the Planning Act give new discretionary authorities to the Minister to suspend the time period to make a decision on Official Plans and Amendments. In addition, the Minister may, before making a decision on an Official Plan or an amendment, refer all or parts of the Official Plan to the OLT for either a recommendation or a decision. Regarding the creation of the New Official Plan for the Town and the Official Plan Amendment Applications, this new authority should be acknowledged as a potential to introduce significant uncertainty in the conclusion of the project.

Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator

Changes to Section 34 of the Planning Act now permit municipalities to request a Minister's Zoning Order, subject to and conditional upon the Minister implementing

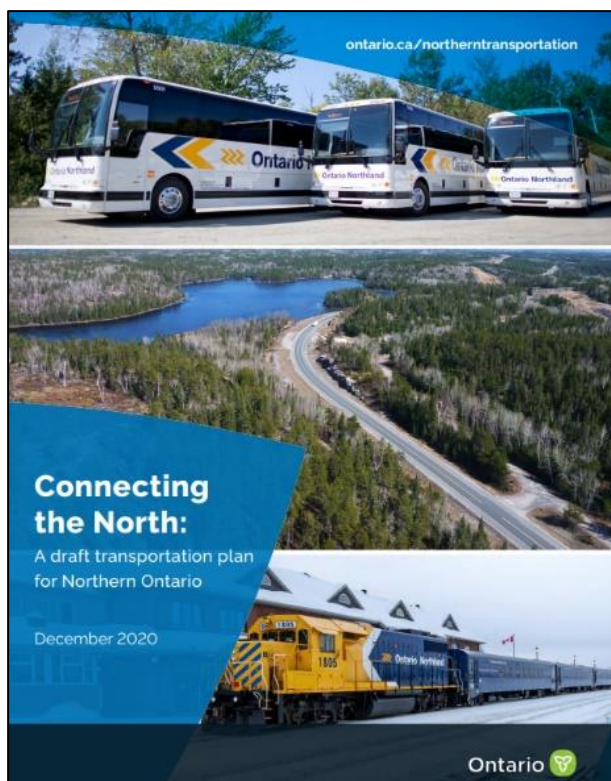
guidelines. As part of these changes, municipalities are permitted to pass a resolution to make a request. Municipalities are also empowered to determine the process and requirements for giving notice and for consulting. This new tool for municipalities might be considered an alternative approvals process, but it remains to be seen how the Minister will choose to implement it. The implementation of this tool may occur during this project.

Approvals Process and Fees Refund

Changes to Section 34 of the Planning Act now requires municipalities to refund development application fees for Official Plan amendments, Zoning By-law amendment and Site Plan applications that are not processed within the prescribed timelines. The required refunds increase from 50% to 100% over time, meaning that the longer the municipality takes to provide a decision on these applications, the more it will cost the municipality.

To address this, the Town should be very clear in defining the application process and what counts as a “complete application”, as the timeline until refunds are required starts when an application is “deemed complete”. To encourage certain kinds of development and avoid the risk of refunds, the changes also permit municipalities the power to define a class or classes of development which are exempt from site plan approvals.

3.5 CONNECTING THE NORTH: A DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO (DECEMBER 2020)



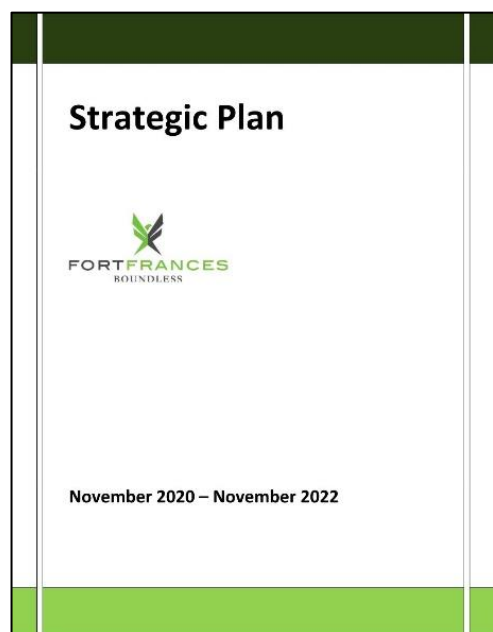
“Connecting the North: A Draft Transportation Plan for Northern Ontario” was developed by the Ministry of Transportation and released in 2020. The Draft Northern Ontario Transportation Plan is intended to serve as a guide for building a modern and sustainable transportation system in the North. The Plan identifies a vision and 67 actions, which include the widening of sections of Highway 69, 11/17, and 17, addition of new Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) bus routes between White River, Thunder Bay, and Winnipeg, investment in remote airports in the region, COVID-19 economic recovery supports, and advancing track audit work along the northeastern rail corridor that is serviced by ONTC and Algoma Central Railway.

4 EXISTING LOCAL MUNICIPAL PLANNING CONTEXT

In addition to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law, numerous documents prepared for, and by the Town of Fort Frances contain policy recommendations or conclusions that should be considered in the New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review. This section summarizes the structure of the current Official Plan, as well as the available documents listed below and identifies recommendations to be incorporated into Official Plan policies:

- Town of Fort Frances Community Improvement Plan (MAH Approved: With modifications September 8, 2003, Modified: December 22, 2008);
- 2018 Asset Management Plan for the Town of Fort Frances; and
- Town of Fort Frances Active Transportation Plan (December 2007).

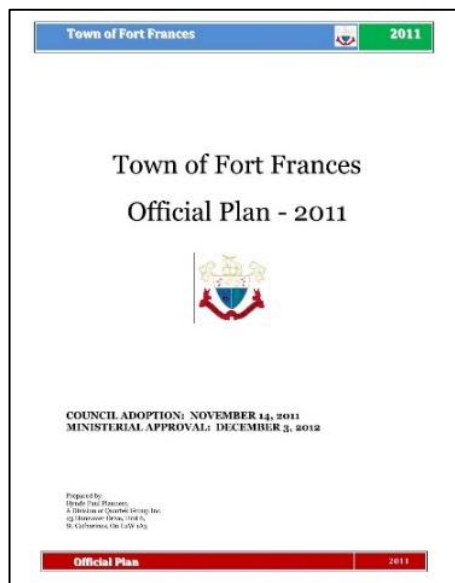
4.1 TOWN OF FORT FRANCES STRATEGIC PLAN (NOVEMBER 2020 – NOVEMBER 2022)



The Town of Fort Frances developed a November 2020-November 2022 Strategic Plan, which establishes a clear mission, vision, values, and key objectives, as well as a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis, review of competitive position, implementation, and measure of results to guide decision-making for the 2020-2022 period.

A new Strategic Plan will be prepared for the new term of Council, which commenced in late November 2022.

4.2 TOWN OF FORT FRANCES OFFICIAL PLAN – 2011 (MINISTERIAL APPROVAL: DECEMBER 3, 2012)



The existing Town of Fort Frances Official Plan - 2011 was adopted by Town Council on November 14, 2011 and approved by MMAH on December 3, 2012. The main purpose of the Official Plan is to provide a land use vision for future growth within the Town and a broad set of strategic community directions for regulating the development and use of land over a 20-year planning period, to the year 2031. The Official Plan states that it will achieve its long-term vision by implementing a range of local, district, and provincial policies, plans, and strategies. In accordance with the requirements of Section 26 under the Planning Act, the Official Plan will be revised every five years, but it may be amended by the Town at any time to reflect

changing circumstances or new priorities.

Section 2 of the Official Plan identifies a vision statement for the Town of Fort Frances, which was established from the Town's Community Based Strategic Plan (2008):

"The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances provides the leadership to deliver services in a responsible and efficient manner.

By working together, we are creating a safe, sustainable, and attractive community with a vibrant, growing economy that promotes economic growth, prosperity and improves our quality of life."

Section 2 further establishes a series of guiding principles in support of the vision statement for the community. These include policy statements and direction related to complete communities, sustainability, and safety, health, and accessibility in the Town.

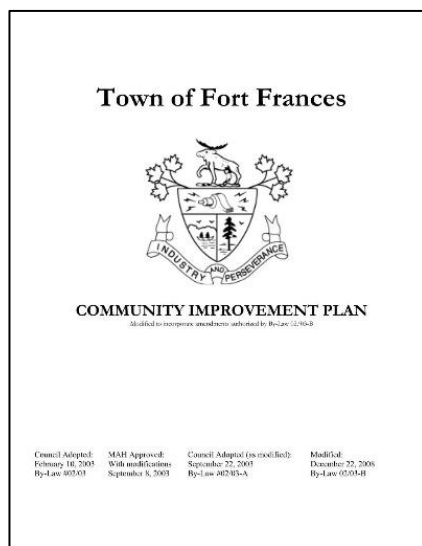
Section 3 of the Official Plan outlines overarching goals and policies that affect the Town more broadly. These goals and policies relate to topics such as: the environment, arts, culture, and heritage, transportation, infrastructure and utilities, gateway and urban design principles, and Special Study Areas.

Section 4 of the Official Plan establishes the land use designations in the Town of Fort Frances and associated policies. The land use designations in the Official Plan include:

- Living Areas;
- Employment Areas;
- Recreational Areas; and
- Resource Development Areas.

The land use designations and associated policies in the current Official Plan will be reviewed to determine what may be appropriate to carry forward in the New Official Plan, and what may need to be replaced or revised based on changes to the Planning Act, PPS, 2020, and other updates to legislation.

4.3 TOWN OF FORT FRANCES COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (MAH APPROVED: WITH MODIFICATIONS SEPTEMBER 8, 2003, MODIFIED: DECEMBER 22, 2008)



Under Section 28 of the Planning Act, municipalities that have enabling Official Plan policies in place may create Community Improvement Plans for a designated Community Improvement Project Area (which may include an entire municipality or a targeted area), where community improvements are needed to address “age, dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement, unsuitability of buildings or for any other environmental, social or community economic development reason.” Through a Community Improvement Plan, a Council may acquire land, rehabilitate, and improve buildings, sell or lease land and buildings, and make grants or loans to owners / tenants within a designated Community

Improvement Project Area.

The Town’s Community Improvement Plan (CIP) was adopted by Council on February 10, 2003 and was approved by MMAH with modifications on September 8, 2003. The CIP was last modified on December 22, 2008 to incorporate amendments authorized by By-law 02/03-B. As directed by Section 5.9 of the Town’s Official Plan, the Community Improvement Plan is intended to “provide incentive programs which stimulate redevelopment of lands as a means to maintain the vitality of the municipality”.

The Town's Community Improvement Plan applies to the Community Improvement Project Areas (C.I.P.A.) as illustrated in Figure 1 of the CIP. The lands within the C.I.P.A.s consist of lands part of the following designations per Schedule 'A' of the Town's Official Plan: Working, Resource Development, Recreation, Living Area, and Downtown Business Area. These lands are zoned as Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Resource Development as per Schedule 'A' of the Town's former Zoning By-law #8/98, which has since been repealed and is no longer in effect.

Section 2 sets out the objectives of the CIP:

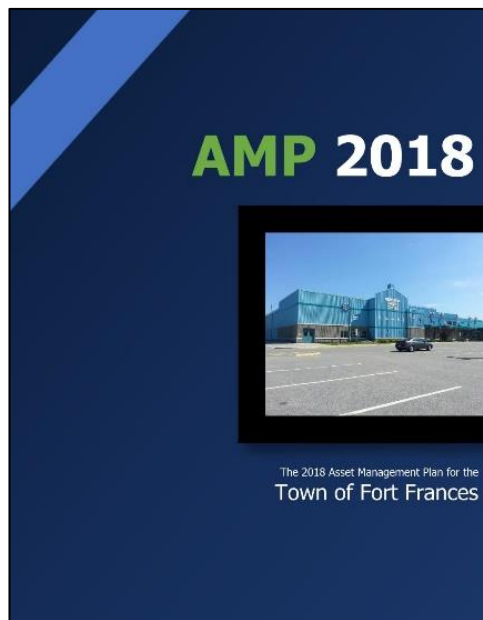
- Facilitate the efficient and orderly implementation of the community improvement policies of the Official Plan of the Town of Fort Frances;
- Identify and describe the Community Improvement Project Areas to which the CIP relates;
- Provide rationalization and the fundamental basis of the Community Improvement Project Areas;
- Confirm the commitment of the Town to encourage and support continued economic growth and investment in the community geared toward rehabilitation, renovation, and relocation through utilization of unprecedented and innovative means;
- Provide a brief and general outline of the Incentive Programs endorsed by the Town; and
- Provide sufficient flexibility to Council to make minor changes to the CIP without formal amendment.

Currently, there are four (4) programs available under the Town of Fort Frances Municipal Initiatives:

1. Store Front Loan Program;
2. Brownfield Grant;
3. Diversification Grant; and
4. Property Value Revitalization Grants.

The Official Plan policies for Community Improvement Plans will need to be updated to reflect changes made in Section 28 of the Planning Act.

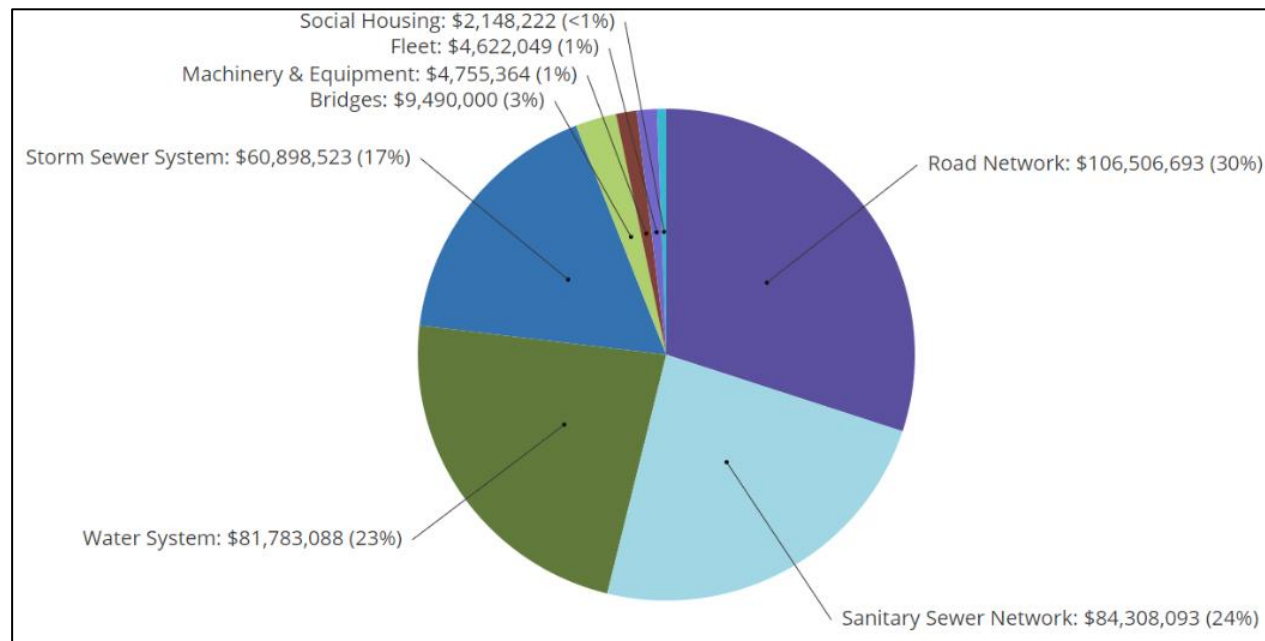
4.4 2018 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES



The 2018 Asset Management Plan for the Town of Fort Frances was prepared by Public Sector Digest (PSD) in 2018. The purpose of this Plan is to assist the Town of Fort Frances in managing their infrastructure needs while ensuring timely investments to minimize repair and rehabilitation costs and maintain municipal assets.

The Plan identifies a series of classes for the Town, which as shown in **Figure 4-1**, have a total asset valuation of \$355 million (2018), of which Road Networks comprised 30%, followed by the Sanitary Sewer Network (24%), and the Water System (23%).

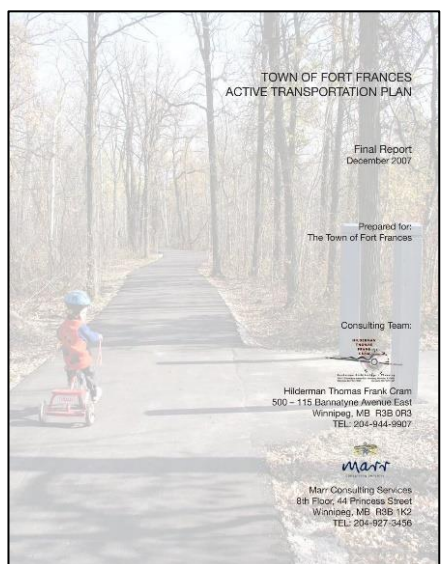
Figure 4-1: Asset Replacement Value – All Asset Categories



The Plan offers strategic recommendations for the continuous improvement of program activities and outputs. Those which are relevant to the New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law review include:

- Social Housing
- Climate Change
 - Develop policies that outline a commitment to consider the impact of climate change on existing infrastructure and future development.
 - Develop disaster mitigation plans in the event of infrastructure failure.

4.5 TOWN OF FORT FRANCES ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (DECEMBER 2007).



The Town of Fort Frances Active Transportation Plan (ATP) was prepared by HTFC Planning & Design and Marr Consulting Services in December 2007. The purpose of the ATP was to develop a plan for a continuous parkland and trail system in the community of Fort Frances, provide linkages between the waterfront park and the Town's west end and north end residential areas, and to identify needs for parkland development, as well as identify underutilized parks. The ATP included an overview of existing active transportation conditions in the Town, Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis, future needs analysis based on local demographics and current facilities use, vision, and recommended next steps.

The vision contained in the ATP is focused on the active transportation network, infrastructure, amenities, and legislation/policies, education and marketing, and funding. The items from the ATP that are relevant to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review are summarized:

Active Transportation Network

- Pathways should be developed to encourage use for recreation, sightseeing and routes to and from workplaces.

- Develop dedicated bike lanes on main streets.
 - Routes should enable cyclists to travel throughout Fort Frances; to be able to get from residential areas to workplaces, schools, parks, and recreation centres without interruption to these travel routes.
- Crosswalks and connections between path systems should be well marked, either with lighted signals, universal signage or safety barriers as required in each situation.

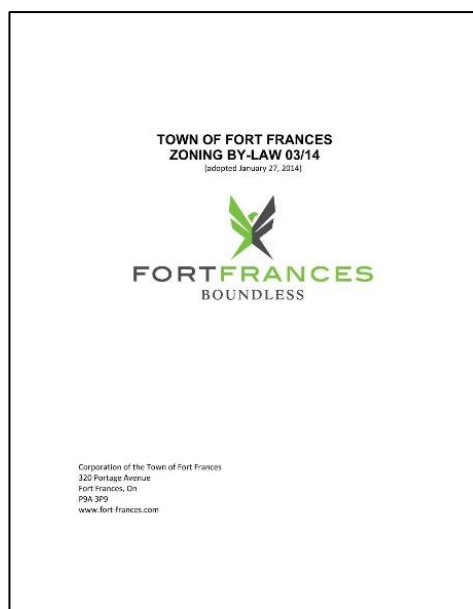
Infrastructure

- Active Transportation signs should be coordinated with existing signage, either as new signs or with AT information incorporated onto existing signage
- Safe storage of bicycles, cross-country skis, canoes, and other equipment should be considered.

Education and Marketing

- Encourage developers and businesses should be encouraged to remove barriers to AT and to build new facilities in the case of developers) or associated infrastructure (e.g., bike racks in front of businesses that include advertising opportunities)

4.6 TOWN OF FORT FRANCES ZONING BY-LAW 03/14 (ADOPTED JANUARY 27, 2014)



The current Town of Fort Frances Zoning By-law 03/14, as amended, was adopted on January 27, 2014 and consists of five (5) sections, which must be read and interpreted in their entirety to identify the applicable zoning provisions for a particular property. The Zoning By-law sections include:

- **Section 1 - Administration**, which establishes the title and scope of the Zoning By-law, as well as information related to the administration of the Zoning By-law, including establishment of the Zoning Schedules, penalties, and its effective date.

- **Section 2 – Definitions**, includes definitions applicable to all Zones, including key terms used in the Zoning By-laws and definitions of permitted uses.
- **Section 3 – General Provisions**, contains general provisions applicable to all Zones, specific use regulations which relate to matters such as accessory buildings structures, and uses, height exceptions, holding provisions, parking area and loading space regulations, setback provisions (which are in addition to setbacks identified under the individual Zones), non-conforming and non-complying uses, and provisions regarding specific uses.
- **Section 4 – Zones**, sets out the classification for the Zone categories, including: Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Open Space, and Resource Development. Section 4 also establishes performance standards (e.g., building and lot requirements, such as minimum yard dimensions and setbacks, maximum building heights, maximum lot occupancy); landscaping requirements. Some Zones contain special provisions for specific uses or lot and buildings requirements.
- **Section 5 - Exceptions**, contain the site-specific exceptions, exception zone provisions, and “notwithstanding” provisions which generally apply to specific properties and reflect where site-specific Zoning By-law Amendments have been approved.

Table 4-1 identifies the six (6) Zone categories, which are further divided into 14 operative Zones.

Table 4-1: Summary of Existing Zone Categories and Corresponding Zones

Residential	Commercial	Industrial
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Type One Zone (R1) • Residential Type Two Zone (R2) • Residential Mobile Home Zone (R3) • Seasonal Residential Zone (SR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Commercial Zone (C1) • General Commercial Zone (C2) • Enterprise Zone (E) • Tourist Commercial Zone (TC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Industrial Zone (M1) • Heavy Industrial Zone (M2) • Waste Disposal Industrial Zone (M3)
Open Space	Institutional	Resource Development

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Space Zone (OS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional Zone (I) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Development Zone (RD)
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The Town's current Zoning By-law 03/14 will be explored in further detail as part of the preparation of the Zoning By-law Discussion Paper in Phase 4 - Preparation of Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law, of the project.

5 KEY ISSUES AND TRENDS

The following section discusses key local issues, trends and opportunities for improvements to the current New Official Plan that have been identified, based on background review and initial consultation with Town staff. These issues, and others that may be identified over the course of the Official Plan Review process, will need to be addressed in preparing the New Official Plan.

5.1 DOCUMENT FORMAT AND STRUCTURE

While a primary objective of the Official Plan Review is to respond to recent Provincial policies, and the outcomes of current municipal plans and studies, there is also an opportunity to address other general and housekeeping updates. These might include any technical errors or omissions, grammatical errors, updating outdated terminology, and ensuring that the New Official Plan is user-friendly. Certain references throughout the Official Plan, such as the preambles for the different land use designations may require modification to reflect current conditions.

Preparing a New Official Plan also presents an opportunity to re-visit the overall structure of the Official Plan and consider changes to streamline interpretation and improve the overall readability of the document and interpretation by a broad audience, including Council, municipal staff, agencies, developers, and residents. As such, the following subsections describes changes and considerations that have been identified for further refinement and implementation in subsequent stages of the project.

5.1.1 ACCESSIBILITY

As a result of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, organizations are required to train workers for providing service to persons with disabilities, and to develop policies and procedures in this regard. Accessibility should be considered in the format and layout of the Official Plan and Schedules (maps).

The key potential barrier for accessibility regarding the Official Plan document is that people with disabilities may find it difficult to read. To help address this challenge, the template for the New Official Plan document should use fonts of a legible and consistent style and size, avoid the use of italics and excessive capitalization, and incorporate colours and images that provide high contrast and clarity. Images which illustrate certain zoning provisions to provide for better clarity when interpreting zoning

requirements are also a tool to achieve a more accessible document. Official Plan Schedules should similarly ensure legibility and clarity, to the extent possible; however, this is often constrained by the scale at which Official Plan Schedules must be produced.

5.1.2A USER-FRIENDLY DOCUMENT

The structure and format of the current Official Plan can be modernized and improved to create a more user-friendly document that is easy to navigate and interpret by residents, developers, and agencies, and to administer by Town staff. Formatting considerations for the New Official Plan include:

- Introduce coloured section dividers and icons to promote easier navigation and wayfinding through the document, as illustrated in **Figure 5-1**;

Figure 5-1: Use of coloured headers (City of Pembroke Zoning By-law, January 2020)

CITY OF PEMBROKE ZONING BY-LAW
SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

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For the purpose of this By-law, the definitions and interpretations given in this Section shall govern. Furthermore, in this By-law the word "shall" is mandatory and not directory. Unless otherwise specifically indicated, words in the singular include the plural and vice versa; words in the present tense include the future and vice versa; and the masculine includes the feminine and vice versa.

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ACCESSORY, when used to describe a use, building or structure, shall mean a use, a building or a structure that is normally incidental, subordinate and exclusively devoted to a main use, building or structure and located on the same lot therewith. For an accessory building or structure, it shall also be detached from the main building. Accessory buildings and structures shall be uninhabitable unless specifically stated otherwise.

ACCESSORY BUILDING – see **ACCESSORY**

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE – see **ACCESSORY**

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT PARLOUR shall mean any premises or part thereof in which is provided, in pursuance of a trade, calling, business, occupation, goods or services appealing to or designed to appeal to erotic or sexual appetites or inclinations.

ADVERSE EFFECTS shall mean, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, as amended, one or more of:

- Impairment of the quality of the natural environment for any use that can be made of it;
- Injury or damage to property or plant and animal life;
- Harm or material discomfort to any person;
- An adverse effect on the health of any person;
- Impairment of the safety of any person;
- Rendering any property or plant or animal life unfit for human use;
- Loss of enjoyment of normal use of property; and
- Interference with normal conduct of business.

AGGREGATE shall mean gravel, sand, clay, earth, shale, limestone, dolostone, sandstone, marble, granite, rock other than metallic ores, asbestos, graphite, bauxite, mica, nepheline syenite, salt, talc, wollastonite, mine tailings or other material prescribed under the Mining Act.

AGRICULTURAL USE shall mean the growing of crops, including nursery and horticultural crops; raising of livestock; raising of other animals for food, fur or fibre, including poultry and fish; aquaculture; apiculture; agro-forestry; maple syrup production; and associated on-farm buildings and structures.

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CITY OF PEMBROKE ZONING BY-LAW
SECTION 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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3.1 ACCESSORY USES

Accessory uses, buildings or structures that are customary to the main use on the lot and that are intended to aid and contribute to the main use to carry out the function of that main use shall be permitted in any Zone in accordance with the following provisions and any additional provisions included elsewhere in this By-law. This Section does not apply to fences, sign posts or retaining walls:

- Accessory uses, buildings and structure** shall be located on the same lot as the main use to which it is accessory to;
- Accessory buildings and structures** shall be setback from lot lines in accordance with the following minimum requirements:

LOT LINE	LOCATION	SETBACK REQUIREMENT
Front Lot Line	All Zones	Same as minimum front yard setback required in the Zone and if the minimum setback can be met, an accessory use, building or structure shall not be located closer to the front lot line than the actual setback of the main building on the lot (2015-16)
Exterior Side Lot Line	All Zones	Same as minimum exterior side yard setback required in the Zone
Rear Lot Line Not Abutting a Street	Residential Zones	1.2 m (4 ft)
	M1 and M2 Zones	Where a rear lot line abuts a Residential Zone 6.1 m (20 ft)
	All other cases	1.2 m (4 ft)
	All other Zones	Where a rear lot line abuts a Residential Zone 2.44 m (8 ft) All other cases 1.2 m (4 ft)
Rear Lot Line Abutting a Street	Where rear yard is screened by an opaque fence	1.2 m (4 ft)
	Where rear yard is not screened by an opaque fence	Same as minimum exterior side yard setback required in the zone
Interior Side Lot Line	Residential Zones	Shared private garages or carports erected on a common side lot line 0 m (0 ft)

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- Maintain the use of digital hyperlinks to sections of the document in the Table of Contents, for ease of navigation when the Official Plan is being viewed in a digital format;
- Number policies consistently throughout the document. Consideration should be given to renumbering policies under each section as follows: Section 1; 1. main policy; a) sub-policy; i) secondary sub-policy. This will allow for clear references to the Official Plan in other planning documents and development applications, such as “Section 1(1)(a)(i)”;
- Limit the number of policies which require the reader to jump between sections in the document;
- Each land use designation should include a preamble which describes the general purpose and intent of the designation;
- There is an opportunity to establish a consolidate section of ‘policies for specific uses’ which provides additional detailed policy guidance for certain types of land uses. For example, there are several instances of policies for home occupations for each land use designation that could be consolidated into one section to improve readability and streamline future Official Plan edits; and
- The mapping / Schedule template can be made consistent between the various Schedules and Figures.

5.2 LOCAL ISSUES

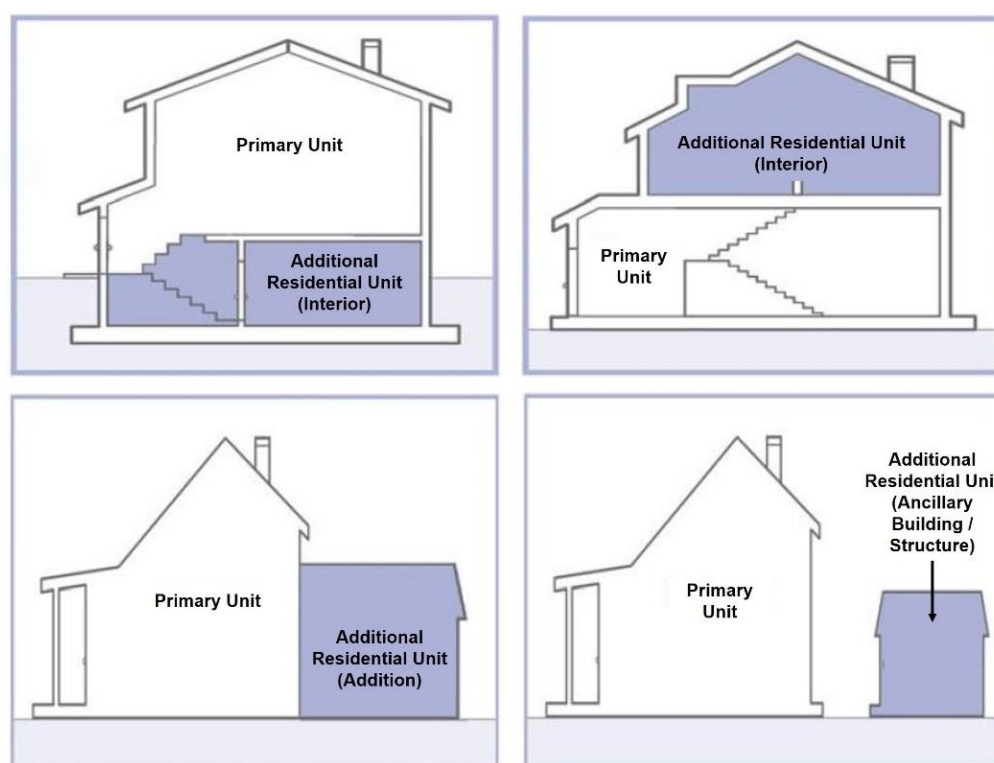
This section of the Community Background Report summarizes the planning issues to be addressed through the Official Plan Review as identified by Town staff and external agencies.

5.2.1 ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS

“Additional residential units” are self-contained residential units with a private kitchen, bathroom facilities, and sleeping areas, within dwellings or within structures ancillary to a dwelling (e.g., a garage), as illustrated in **Figure 5-2**. These units were previously referred to as “second units”, prior to Planning Act changes, and have commonly been referred to by other terms, such as “secondary dwelling units” and “accessory apartments”.

The Province is encouraging additional residential units to increase affordable housing options, provide independent living for a family member, and generate income for homeowners. Under the Planning Act, municipalities must authorize additional residential units in their Official Plans and Zoning By-laws. Additional residential units require a Building Permit, and must comply with the Ontario Building Code, Fire Code, municipal Zoning By-laws, and other municipal by-laws (e.g., Property Standards By-law).

Figure 5-2: Examples of additional residential unit locations (Adapted from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 2019)



The Strong Communities Through Affordable Housing Act, 2011, amended the Planning Act to require that municipalities authorize second units in their Official Plans and Zoning By-laws. The changes took effect on January 1, 2012.

As a result, Section 16(3) of the Planning Act required municipal Official Plans to authorize second units in detached, semi-detached and row houses if an ancillary building or structure does not contain a second unit, and in a building or structure ancillary to these housing types provided that the primary dwelling does not contain a second unit.

Under Bill 108 (More Homes, More Choices Act, 2019), the term “second units” was replaced with “additional residential units”. Permissions have been extended to authorize additional residential units in detached, semi-detached and row houses, in both the primary dwelling and ancillary buildings or structures (e.g., a coach house, above a laneway garage, or in-law suite). In effect, this permits a total of three (3) residential units: two (2) residential units in a detached, semi-detached or row house (e.g., the primary residential unit and a basement apartment), as well as one (1) additional residential unit in an ancillary building or structure (e.g., a detached garage).

The associated Regulations (Ontario Regulation 299/19) sets out requirements and standards to remove barriers to the establishment of additional residential units, as follows:

- If the primary residential unit requires a parking space, one (1) parking space for each of the additional residential units must be provided;
- A parking space for an additional residential unit may be provided through tandem parking;
- Where a Zoning By-law is passed that sets a parking standard lower than a standard of one (1) parking space for each of the additional residential units, the municipal Zoning By-law parking standard would prevail.

Currently, the Town’s Official Plan per Section 4.1.8(j), allows the development of second units (i.e., additional residential units) in detached, semi-detached or row houses and ancillary buildings and structures to a residential unit subject to the below conditions:

- One (1) second unit is permitted in the primary dwelling as long as there are no ancillary buildings or structures that contain residential units; and
- One (1) second unit in an ancillary building or structure is permitted provided the primary dwelling contains only one (1) residential unit.

The current Zoning By-law includes general provisions for “second units”, “second dwelling units”, and “secondary dwelling units” (i.e., additional residential units). Under Section 3.29, one (1) secondary dwelling unit is permitted per lot. The Zoning By-law also includes provisions related to maximum gross floor area, location of the dwelling, lot coverage for ancillary buildings, parking, servicing, and registration.

The New Official Plan and Zoning By-law for Fort Frances will need to be updated to conform to the recent legislative changes, subject to appropriate servicing and other relevant planning considerations.



Under the “More Homes, More Choice: Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan” (2019), the Province has also published a helpful resource to assist property owners who are considering adding an additional residential unit to their property, entitled “Adding a Second Unit in an Existing House: Ontario Building Code Information” (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 2019).

Example: City of Ottawa Coach Houses

For example, in accordance with the Planning Act requirements to permit additional residential units, the City of Ottawa introduced Official Plan policies and Zoning By-law provisions to permit the development of coach houses on residential lots

which contain a detached, semi-detached, duplex, or townhouse dwelling unit. In the Zoning By-law, coach houses are defined as “a separate dwelling unit that is subsidiary to and located on the same lot as an associated principal dwelling unit but is contained in its own building that may also contain uses accessory to the principal dwelling.”

5.2.2 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Historically, the economy of Fort Frances has been primarily rooted in traditional industries, most notably the former Resolute Pulp and Paper Mill. More recently, there have been new acquisitions by the Town such as the Shevlin Wood Yard lands, which offer the Town an opportunity to re-invent lands traditionally used for industry as a destination for residents and visitors, and to re-imagine the under-utilized waterfront

Fort Frances Mill Properties

The Fort Frances Mill properties are approximately 294 hectares (725 acres) in land area. As shown in **Figure 5-3**, Area No. 1 is the former site of the Resolute Pulp and Paper Mill, which closed in 2014, and is located west of downtown Fort Frances on the northern shoreline of the Rainy River. This property is approximately 25 hectares (61 acres) in size. Area No. 2 is located northwest of downtown and previously provided utility services to the Pulp and Paper Mill, including a sewage lagoon (203 hectares; 501 acres) and a landfill site (66 hectares; 163 acres).

Figure 5-3: Location Map (Former Fort Frances Mill Properties: Conceptual Land Use Plan - Final Report, May 20, 2022)



The Town of Fort Frances is part of an Advisory Committee to undertake strategic planning for the Mill lands. The Advisory Committee also has members from Aazhogan Renewal (a joint venture between BMI Group and the Rainy River First Nations (RRFN)), Ziibi Anishinaabe Investments Inc. (Ziibi Investments), and the Rainy River Future Development Corporation. Ziibi Investments is the operating entity that has been assigned by the RRFN to act on its behalf for the Mill property redevelopment project.

The Conceptual Land Use Plan for the Mill Properties – Final Report was released by the Mill Properties project team on May 20, 2022. The vision for the Mill properties is:

“The redevelopment of the former Mill site is a monumental project for Aazhogan Renewal, Fort Frances and the surrounding district. Ushering in a new, sustainable future for the region, the redevelopment should be a model for economic regeneration, urban revitalization, and inclusive community building that transforms the former Mill site and reopens the waterfront in particular. It should be a home for innovation, bold ideas, and experimentation in design and land use.”

Next steps for the redevelopment of the Mill properties may include the undertaking of the required technical engineering studies. The Final Report recommends that the Mill properties be identified as a Special Study Area as part of the Official Plan and Zoning

By-law Review. The current Town Official Plan identifies several Special Study Areas; however, it does not provide specific policy direction regarding future planning of these areas. The Final Report also notes that the vision for the Mill properties may be best implemented by way of a Secondary Plan. **Through the Official Plan Review, opportunities will be explored to include enabling policies to implement the preferred land use vision for the Mill properties.**

Shevlin Wood Yard and Gateway

The findings of the Land Use and Economic Development Feasibility Study for the Redevelopment of the Shevlin Wood Yard and Gateway to Fort Frances Report prepared by HTFC in February of 2021. The Report was endorsed by Council on February 8, 2021 and provides an implementation plan for the future development of these lands based on community engagement and financial considerations.

As shown in **Figure 5-4**, the study area is comprised of two (2) properties: the former Shevlin Wood Yard (9.2 hectares; 22.7 acres), which served as the wood storage area for the former Resolute Pulp and Paper Mill ; and the Gateway site (6 hectares; 15 acres), which is the area on the Fort Frances side of the Fort Frances-International Falls International Bridge.

Figure 5-4: Figure 1 – Study Area (Land Use and Economic Development Feasibility Study for the Redevelopment of the Shevlin Wood Yard and Gateway to Fort Frances Report, 2021)



Public feedback suggested that there is a place for these lands to provide a balanced range of amenities and to recognize the waterfront as an asset. The implementation plan in the Report specifically identifies a preference for the lands to be developed privately, and the Report details that Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments are necessary to bring the plan to fruition.

5.3 CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

As part of the Official Plan Review process, all Official Plan Amendments that have been adopted since the enactment of the current Official Plan will be consolidated and included in the New Official Plan.

5.4 SCHEDULE MAPPING UPDATES

Municipal Official Plans contain maps, typically referred to as Schedules, which illustrate the applicable land use designation for each property located in a municipality. The current Official Plan includes two (2) Schedules - Schedule A - which establishes the location of Zones throughout the municipality, and Schedule B - which illustrates environmental information layers in the Town. Schedule A and B are currently available on the Town of Fort Frances website as PDF documents along with the current Official Plan.

Updated Schedules A and B, and any other new Official Plan Schedules as a result of the Official Plan Review will be made available as a printable PDF formats. All efforts will be made to ensure legibility and clarity of the Schedules.

6 AS WE HEARD IT

This “As We Heard It” section presents a summary of the feedback received from the community through the first Public Open House and Visioning Survey conducted as part of the community engagement program for the Town of Fort Frances New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review process.

6.1 IN-PERSON PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #1

The purpose of the Public Open House was to:

- Provide an introduction and overview of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review process to the community;
 - Introduce and obtain feedback on the Draft Community Background Report (September 2022);
 - Identify other issues that the community would like to be considered; and
 - Launch the Visioning Survey.
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6.1.1 PARTICIPANTS AND APPROACH

The notice of Public Open House #1 was posted on the Town’s project webpage on September 29, 2022 and advertised through the Town’s Facebook page. Additionally, the notice was published in the Fort Frances Times on September 29, 2022 and October 6, 2022.

The agenda for the Public Open House included:

- A presentation by the Town’s consultant, WSP, which included: project team introductions; an overview of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review project, study process and timeline, the community engagement process and milestones to date; and an overview of the Draft Community Background Report (September 2022).
- An open and question and answer period where participants could ask questions and provide comments directly to the project team.
- An interactive display where participants were invited to provide their input on a vision statement for the New Official Plan and mapping exercises (**Figure 6-1**).

Figure 6-1: Public Open House held in Fort Frances on October 13, 2022 (WSP, 2022)



All presentation materials were made available in English. 11 people attended the Open House. Following the event, the presentation materials were posted to the Town's project webpage at <https://fortfrances.ca/town/planning-development/new-official-plan-and-zoning-by-law>:

- Presentation (included under **Appendix C** of this Report) at https://fortfrances.ca/sites/fortfrances.ca/files/final_town_of_fort_frances_new_op_zbl_review_poh_1_presentation_oct_13_2022.pdf;
- Display Boards at https://fortfrances.ca/sites/fortfrances.ca/files/final_town_of_fort_frances_new_op_zbl_review_poh_1_display_boards_oct_13_2022.pdf; and
- Online Visioning Survey – available from Friday October 14, 2022 through Sunday October 30, 2022, and subsequently relaunched to be available from Friday November 9, 2022 to Sunday November 20, 2022. The Online Visioning Survey was comprised of the same questions as the printed Visioning Survey that was distributed to Public Open House attendees.

6.1.2 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – SUMMARY OF INPUT RECEIVED

The purpose of the Public Open House was to introduce the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Review project to the community and gather input on the Draft Community Background Report. **Table 6-1** provides a summary of the input and comments received from the community at the Public Open House.

Table 6-1: Summary of Feedback Received at Public Open House #1 (October 13, 2022)

Theme	Comment
Development Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General interest in the development application process overall and the role of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law in guiding growth and development in the Town. Interest in receiving public notification for nearby development applications by mail or email.
Document Usability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for a new Official Plan and Zoning By-law document format and improved user friendliness.
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern that there is a lack of diverse housing options in the Town, including apartments, affordable housing and options for seniors to 'age in place'.

6.2 VISIONING SURVEY

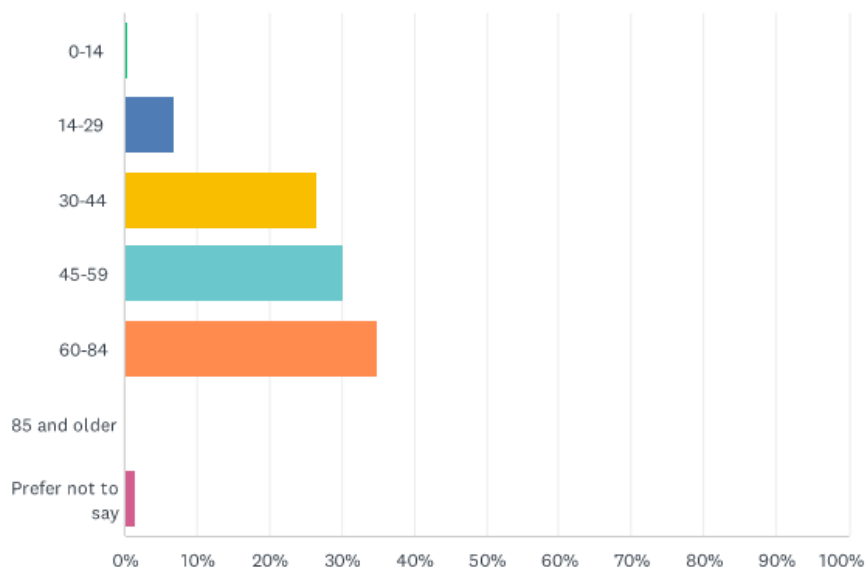
A Visioning Survey was available from October 14, 2022 to October 30, 2022 and then re-launched for a second response period from November 9, 2022 to November 25, 2022. The Survey was hosted through Survey Monkey and provided an opportunity for the community to provide input as part of Phase 2 of the project. Hard copies of the Survey were also made available at the Public Open House for attendees. The materials from the Public Open House were made available on the project webpage to provide additional information to help respondents complete the survey.

A total of 193 responses to the Survey were received. This section provides a summary analysis of responses received, and the detailed responses are provided in **Appendix D**.

The survey responses will help inform the draft Vision Statement for the New Official Plan and future policy and zoning recommendations for the New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review.

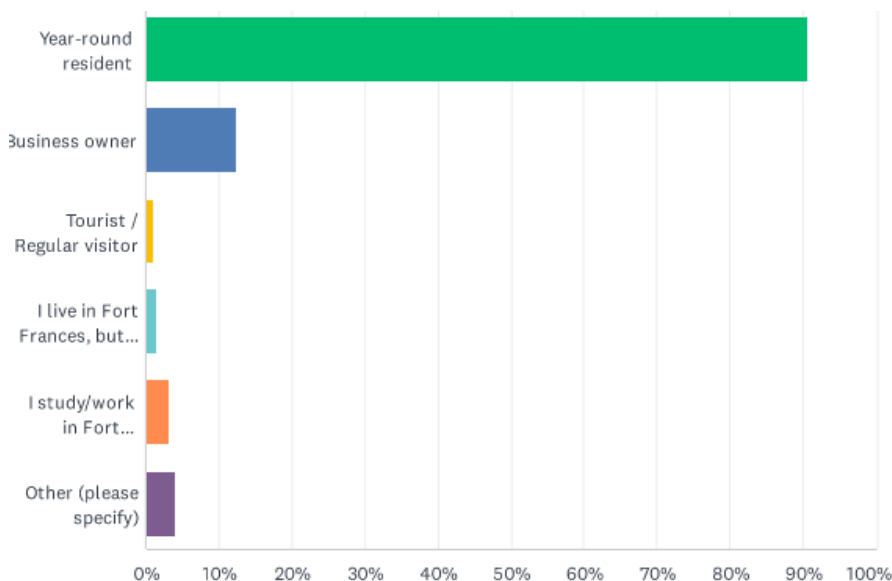
Question 1: How old are you?

Figure 6-2: Question 1 (Multiple Choice) - How old are you?



Question 2: Which of the statements below best describe you?

Figure 6-3: Question 2 (Multiple Choice) - Which of the statements below best describe you?



6.2.1A VISION FOR FORT FRANCES

Survey respondents were asked to provide one (1) to two (2) words regarding their current perception of the community of Fort Frances, and how they envision Fort Frances in 25 years. Word clouds have been generated, which represent the responses provided.

Question 3: What are 1 to 2 words that you would use to describe Fort Frances today?

Figure 6-4: Word Cloud from Visioning Survey Responses - Fort Frances Today



Question 4: What are 1 to 2 words that you would use to describe your vision for the Town of Fort Frances in 25 years?

Figure 6-5: Word Cloud from Visioning Survey Responses - Fort Frances in the Future



6.2.2 PLACEMAKING & COMMUNITY VALUE

Question 5: What places in Fort Frances are important to you and why?

Respondents indicated a strong connection to public facilities, including libraries, park and green spaces, the waterfront, and the recreation centre. Additional responses indicated the importance of programming at the Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre and support for local businesses in the downtown area.

A summary of response frequency and themes is shown in **Table 6-2**.

Table 6-2: Question 5 – Open-ended Responses

Question: What places in Fort Frances are important to you and why?	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Public Spaces (e.g., Library, Recreation Centre, Parks, Waterfront and Green Spaces)	135
Commercial and Downtown Opportunities	34
Health and Educational Facilities	10
Other (e.g., Fort Frances Volunteer Bureau, all of Fort Frances)	6
Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre, Other Heritage / Cultural Spaces	5
North / West End of Town	1

Question 6: In your opinion, do you think that Fort Frances is a Complete Community? Why or why not?

The majority of respondents highlighted that they feel Fort Frances is not a Complete Community (93%). Respondents expressed concerns about a lack of programming and lack of access to community services, and few places of entertainment in the Town as being the rationale for why they felt Fort Frances is not a Complete Community currently.

On the other hand, respondents who indicated that Fort Frances is a Complete Community (7%) stated that proper amenities and the ease of raising a family in the Town contribute to Fort Frances being a Complete Community.

A summary of response frequency and themes discussed is provided in **Table 6-3**.

Table 6-3: Question 6 – Open-ended Responses

Question: Do you think that Fort Frances is a Complete Community? Why or why not?	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Response: No, I don't think that Fort Frances is a Complete Community	
Deficient Programming, Services and Entertainment Opportunities	58
Economic Stagnation and Employment Decline	35
Limited Access to Healthcare and Lack of Supports for Mental Health and Addiction	26
Need for Inclusion/Accountability	20
Other and Requiring Clarification (e.g., answered 'No')	17
Insufficient Housing Options and Poor Infrastructure Quality	11
Opportunity for Improved Relations with local Indigenous Communities	4
Response: Yes, I think that Fort Frances is a Complete Community	
Plentiful Healthcare/Educational, Cultural and Recreational Opportunities and Services	7
Other (e.g., answered "Yes")	4
Great for Raising Children	2

6.2.3 SUSTAINABILITY, HEALTH, SAFETY AND ACCESS

Question 7: In your opinion, do you think that Fort Frances is a Sustainable Town? Why or why not?

The majority of respondents highlighted that they feel Fort Frances is not a Sustainable Town (83%). Respondents provided rationale for this response including a lack of economic diversity and function, social support, aging population and demographics, and a high cost of living within Fort Frances. A number of respondents remained concerned about the economic state of the community (47%).

Many respondents who stated that Fort Frances was a Sustainable Community provided additional commentary. For instance, respondents stated that the community was sustainable, but only if they "had a vision moving forward", or "managed resources

properly”. These responses are tracked in **Table 6-4**. It is worth noting that many ‘Yes’ responses did not reflect a clear indication that Fort Frances is currently sustainable, rather, the community has prospects and can work toward achieving sustainability in the future.

A summary of response frequency and themes discussed is provided in **Table 6-4**.

Table 6-4: Question 7 – Open-ended Responses

Question: Do you think that Fort Frances is a Sustainable Town?	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Response: No, I do not think Fort Frances is a Sustainable Town	
Lack of Economic Diversity and Employment	85
Other (e.g., answered “No”)	19
Insufficient Social Services and Supports	15
Aging Population and Lack of Demographic Prospects	12
Mismanagement of Natural Resources and Insufficient Recycling and Waste Management Systems	9
Need to be Progressive and Innovative	7
High Costs of Living	3
Response: Yes, I think Fort Frances is a Sustainable Town	
Yes (including ‘caveat’ – e.g., “With a vision (or) focus on tourism, new innovative ideas, a transition to more renewables, etc.”)	25
Other (e.g., answered “Yes”)	5

Question 8: In your opinion, do you think that Fort Frances is a Safe, Healthy and Accessible Community? Why or why not?

The majority of respondents indicated that they feel Fort Frances is not safe, healthy or accessible as a whole (84%), as shown in **Table 6-5**.

Survey respondents expressed concern regarding safety, mental health, addiction and homelessness in Fort Frances (50%). Accessibility and safety issues regarding lighting design and lack of streetscaping and street furniture were also noted in the responses (13%).

Table 6-5: Question 8 – Open-ended Responses

Question: Do you think that Fort Frances is a Safe, Healthy and Accessible Community?	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Response: No, I do not think Fort Frances is a Safe, Healthy and Accessible Community	
Issues of Addiction and Homelessness	93
Not Walkable, Lacking Street Infrastructure (e.g. Street Furniture, Lighting)	24
Other and Requiring Clarification (e.g., answered 'No')	19
Insufficient Services and Healthcare	16
High Degree of Theft and Crime	6
Response: Yes, I think Fort Frances is a Safe, Healthy and Accessible Community	
Yes (including 'caveat' – e.g., "Safe, but need to focus on homelessness")	26

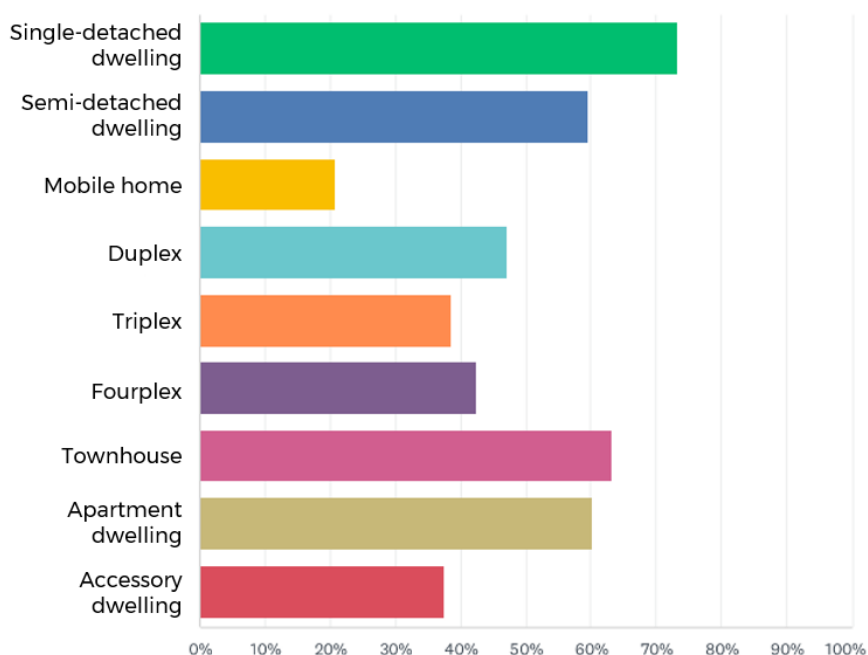
6.2.4 GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND HOUSING

Question 9: Of the types of residential intensification above, select all that would fit with the existing residential neighbourhoods in Fort Frances.

As shown in **Figure 6-6**, the majority of survey respondents were in support of new low-density residential uses in Fort Frances, including single-detached dwellings (73%). Other respondents felt townhouses (63%), apartment buildings (60%), and semi-detached (two dwelling units) (59%) would fit in with existing residential neighbourhood areas in the Town.

Other types of residential intensification, including mobile homes (20%) and accessory dwellings (37%) were supported by some respondents.

Figure 6-6: Question 9 (Multiple Choice) – Of the types of residential intensification shown above, select all that would fit with the existing residential neighbourhoods in Fort Frances.



Question 10: Where should residential intensification occur in town? Select all that apply.

The majority of survey respondents felt that residential intensification should take place in existing residential areas in the Town (66%). Subsequently, respondents were given the option to provide specific areas in Fort Frances where intensification might occur. This reflected (30%) of the responses. A summary of responses by theme is shown in **Table 6-6**.

Other Responses included 'Downtown Business Areas' reflecting (23%) of responses and other respondents were 'Not Sure' where intensification should occur (14%).

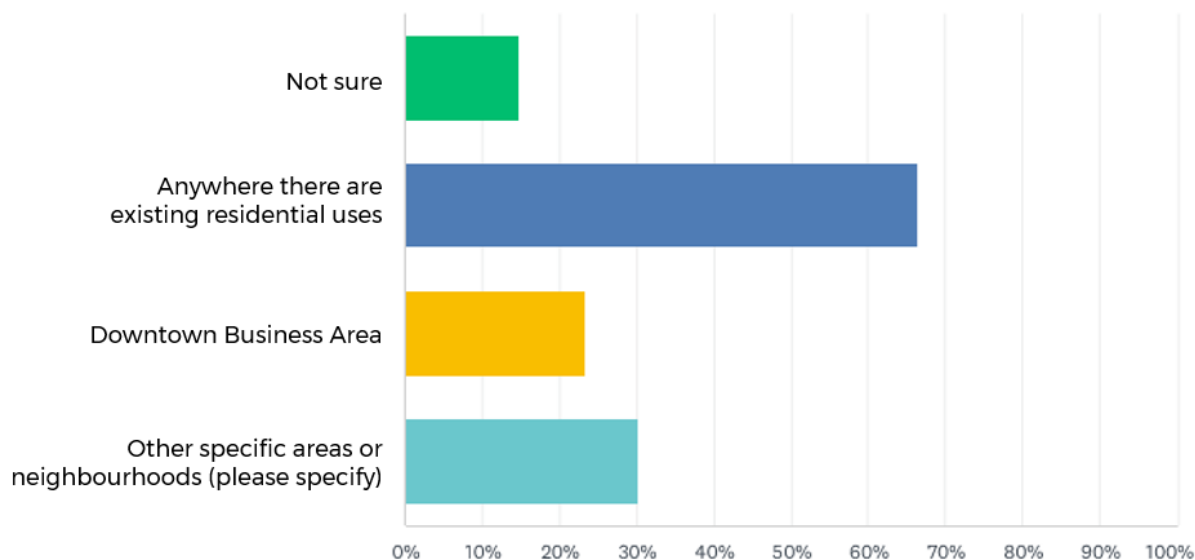
The total results of the responses can be seen in **Figure 6-6**.

Table 6-6: Question 10 – Open-ended Responses

Question: Specific Areas or Neighbourhoods - Describe the Location	
Location:	Number of Respondents:
Shevlin Woodyard	13

Question: Specific Areas or Neighbourhoods – Describe the Location	
Location:	Number of Respondents:
Other (e.g., Proximity to development or on vacant land)	18
Specific Streets (e.g. Scott, Portage Woodward, Sixth, Eighth, etc.)	9
Economic Gateway and Employment Areas	9
North End of Town	6

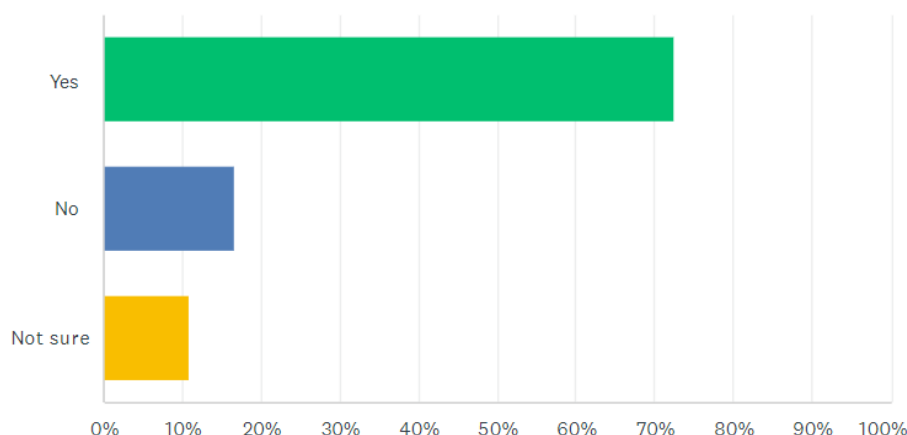
Figure 6-7: Question 10 (Multiple Choice) – Where should residential intensification occur in the Town?



Question 11: Do you think that a parking space should be required for an additional residential unit?

As shown in **Figure 6-8**, the majority of survey respondents (72.5%) were in favour of requiring a parking space for an additional residential unit.

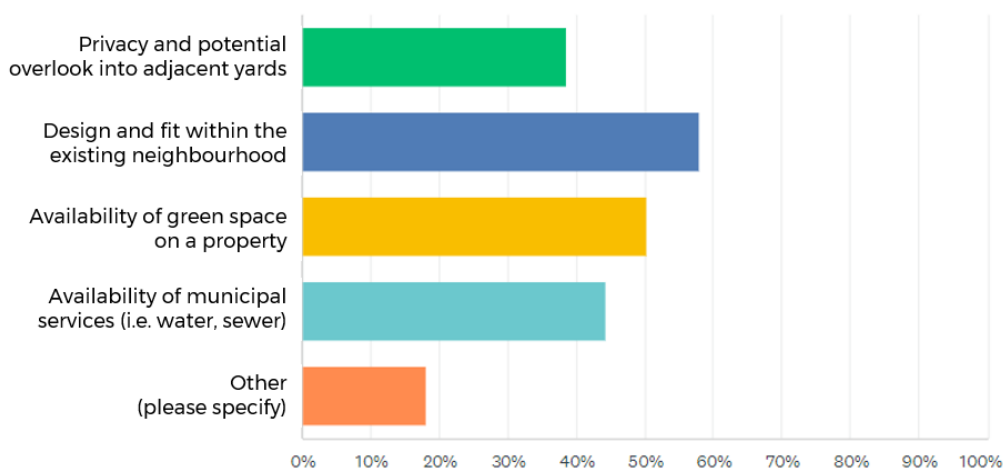
Figure 6-8: Question 11 (Multiple Choice) - Do you think that a parking space should be required for an additional residential unit?



Question 12: Do you have concerns about additional residential units? Please select all that apply.

Generally, survey respondents indicated concerns with permitting additional residential units in the Town. As shown in Respondents noted issues of compatibility with existing residential neighbourhoods (58%), access to green space / yard on existing properties, and servicing (44.5%).

Figure 6-9: Question 12 (Multiple Choice) - Do you have concerns about additional residential units? Please select all that apply.



Some survey respondents selected the “Other (please specify)” option, which allowed respondents to provide an open-ended response, as shown in **Table 6-7**.

Table 6-7: Question 12 - Open-ended Responses

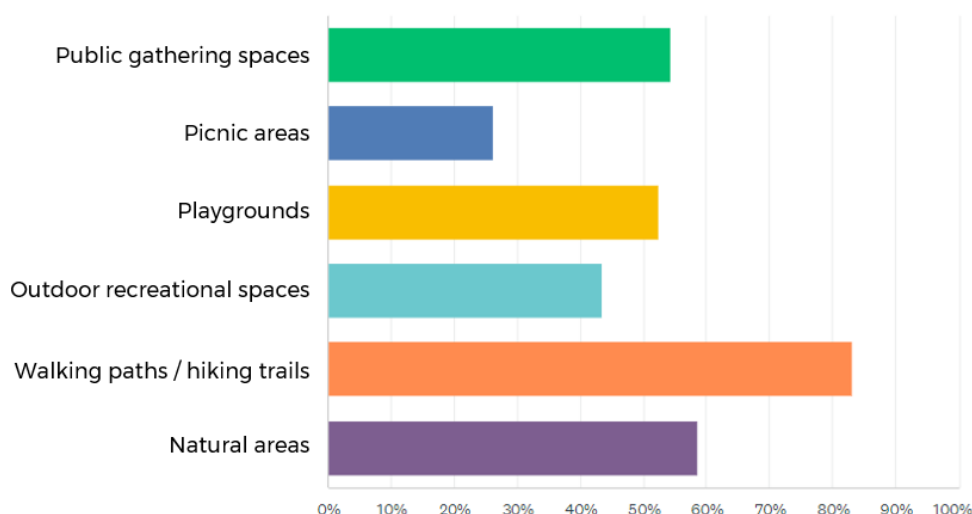
Question: Do you have concerns about additional residential units? Please select all that apply.	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Safety Concerns (e.g. Building Standards, Noise)	15
No Concerns	6
Support for Affordable Housing Options	5
Support for Housing Options to ‘Age in Place’	1
Traffic and Accessibility Concerns	1
Neighbourhood Compatibility	1

6.2.5 PARKS AND RECREATION

Question 13: What types of parks and open spaces do you use most often? Select all that apply.

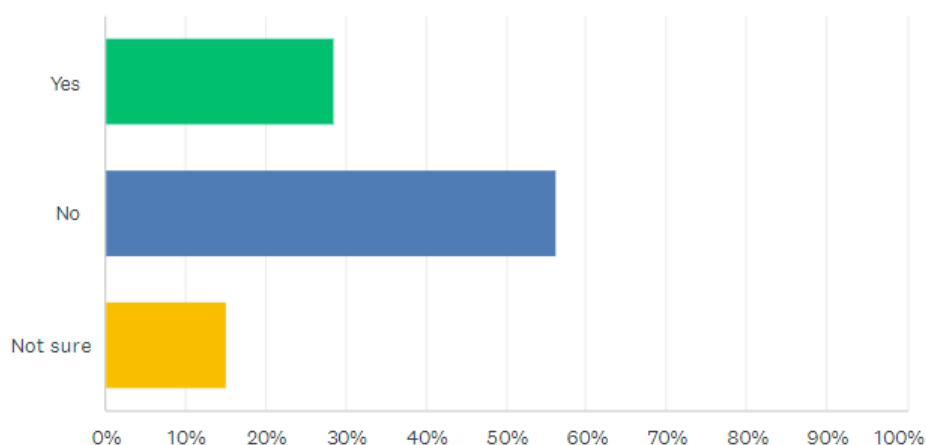
When asked about the types of parks and open spaces that survey respondents frequent the most, the majority indicated hiking paths / walking trails (83%).

Figure 6-10: Question 13 (Multiple Choice) - What types of parks and open spaces do you use most often? Select all that apply.



Question 14: Are there currently sufficient park and recreation facilities in the Town?

Figure 6-11: Question 14 (Multiple Choice) - Are there currently sufficient park and recreation facilities in the Town?



Question 15: If no, what type and where would you wish to see new parks and facilities be provided?

Generally, survey respondents noted the importance of upkeep and maintenance for existing parks and facilities in Fort Frances. For new parks and facilities, respondents were supportive of enhancement of the Town's waterfront and adding recreational features and uses, such as playgrounds, splash pads, trails, outdoor rinks, and a dog park. Survey respondents also identified specific sites for new parks or preservation of existing facilities, such as the Shevlin Woodyard, Mill Lands, and St. Michael's.

The responses are summarized in **Table 6-8**, with some respondents providing multiple suggestions.

Table 6-8: Question 15 - Open-ended Responses

Question: What type and where would you wish to see new parks and facilities be provided?	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Recreational Features (e.g. splash pad, dog park, playground, trails, outdoor rink)	40
Adequate Supply of Parks / Facilities; Support for Upgrades / Maintenance	27

Question: What type and where would you wish to see new parks and facilities be provided?

Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Waterfront / Sorting Gap Marina	18
Vacant Lands (e.g. Shevlin Woodyard, Mill Lands)	10
Support for Preservation of Park Space at St. Michael's School	6
North End of Town	2
West End of Town	1
Scott Street	1
Fifth Street	1

6.2.6 ENVIRONMENT

Question 16: What environmental features and areas in Fort Frances should be preserved and/or enhanced?

In response to the environmental features in areas in Fort Frances that should be preserved and/or enhanced, respondents agreed that the waterfront should be preserved and enhanced, as well as Point Park / Seven Oaks at west side of Rainy Lake.

Respondents were also supportive of preserving existing parks and recreational areas in the Town, including the Eighth Street Trails, and naturalized areas surrounding the Town such as Rainy Lake and the forested areas. The responses to Question 16 are summarized in **Table 6-9**.

Table 6-9: Question 16 - Open-ended Responses

Question: What environmental features and areas in Fort Frances should be preserved and/or enhanced?	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Waterfront, including River Walk, Marina	44
Point Park /Seven Oaks	41
General Support for Preservation of Existing Parks	25
Mill Lands	16
Eighth Street Trails	12
Natural Areas, including Rainy Lake, Forests	9

Question: What environmental features and areas in Fort Frances should be preserved and/or enhanced?

Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Shevlin Woodyard	5
Other	4
Unsure	3
Oppose	1

6.2.7 TRANSPORTATION

Question 17: What would encourage you to use more active transportation, such as walking or cycling? Check all that apply.

When asked about what type of facilities would encourage increased use of active transportation modes such as walking cycling, survey respondents were generally in favour of separated multi-use pathways (63%), better and wider sidewalks (57%), and dedicated bike lanes our routes (53%). Some respondents shared other suggestions related to opportunities for active transportation, as presented in **Table 6-10**.

Table 6-10: Question 17 - Open-ended Responses

Question: What would encourage you to use more active transportation, such as walking or cycling? Check all that apply.

Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
More Sidewalks / Pedestrian Crossings, Improved Sidewalk Maintenance	16
Improved Multi-use Trails along the Waterfront	11
Improved Road Maintenance	10
More Cycling Routes	8
Extension of Eighth Street Trails	5
Other	5
Public Transit	3
Improved Safety	3
Unsure	2
Air Travel Options	1
Taxi Service	1

**Question: What would encourage you to use more active transportation, such as walking or cycling?
Check all that apply.**

Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Bike Repair Station / Business	1

Question 18: Where should new pedestrian / cycling routes and linkages be provided in Fort Frances?

Survey respondents were

The responses are summarized in **Table 6-11**, noting that some respondents provided multiple suggestions for new pedestrian and cycling linkages.

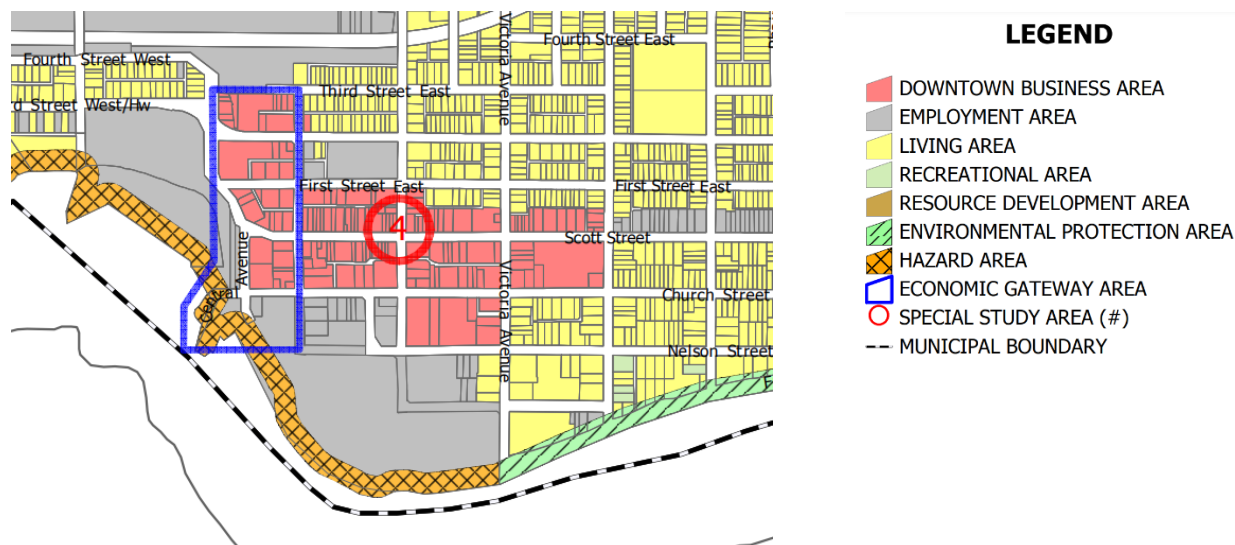
Table 6-11: Question 18 - Open-ended Responses

Question: Where should new pedestrian / cycling routes and linkages be provided in Fort Frances?	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Everywhere / No preference / East - West Connection	56
Extension of Waterfront Trail (i.e. River Walk)	32
Unsure	12
Maintenance of Roads and Sidewalks should be prioritized	9
Extension of Eighth Street Trails	8
West End of Town	8
Along CN Rail Corridor	5
Fifth Street	5
Second Street	5
Scott Street	4
Sunset Boulevard	4
Oppose / no change	2
Linkage to Emo	2
Third Street	1
Fourth Street	1

6.2.8 PARKING AND VEHICLES

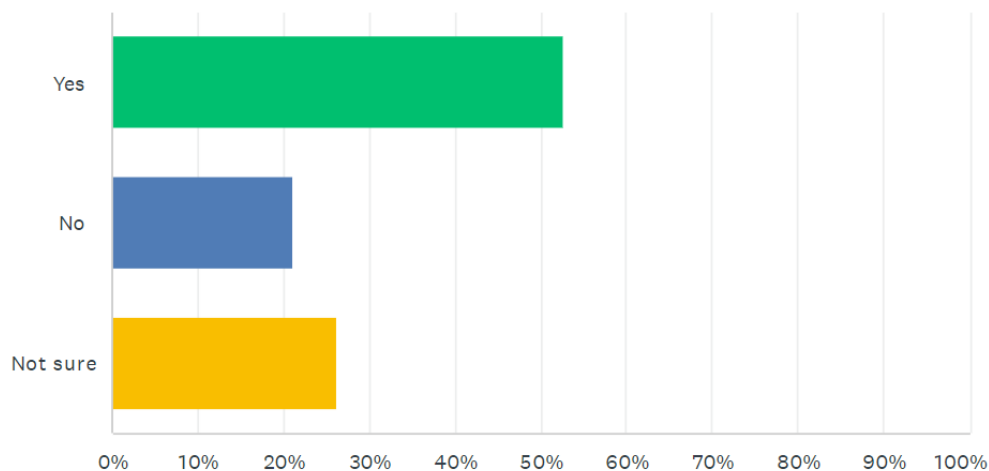
Question 19: Should new development within the Downtown Business Area (pink area shown on the image below) be required to provide private, off-street parking spaces? Please check one.

Official Plan Schedule A Excerpt (2011)



As shown in **Figure 6-12**, the majority of respondents (53%) supported required off-street parking for new development in the Downtown Business Area.

Figure 6-12: Question 19 (Multiple Choice) - Should new development within the Downtown Business Area be required to provide private, off-street parking?



Question 20: If yes, which types of new development should provide parking? Please select all that apply.

When asked about what types of new development should be required to provide private, off-street parking, survey respondents were generally in favour of all types requiring parking, including residential (60%), commercial (56%), recreational (49%), and institutional (44%) uses.

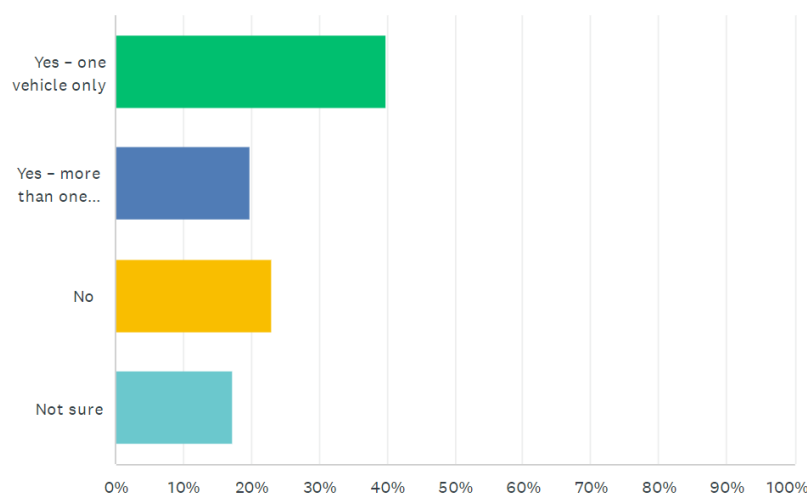
Some respondents shared other suggestions related to types of development that should require off-street parking, as presented by theme in **Table 6-12**.

Table 6-12: Question 20 - Open-ended Responses

Question: If yes, which types of new development should provide parking?	
Comment Theme:	Number of Respondents:
Support for Town-operated parking lots	6
General support for off-street parking	4
No change – Existing parking areas are underutilized	1
Office	1
Apartment Dwellings	1
No change – Oppose	1

Question 21: Do you think that recreational vehicles (e.g., mobile home, camper, trailer) should be permitted on residential lots?

Figure 6-13: Question 21 (Multiple Choice) - Do you think that recreational vehicles (e.g., mobile home, camper, trailer) should be permitted on residential lots?



7 CONCLUSION

This Community Background Report is intended to provide background information to guide the preparation of the New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law. The recommendations of the numerous completed studies that have identified in this report will be carried forward into the New Official Plan as policies, as appropriate. New and updated Official Plan policies will be implemented through the Zoning By-law Review, which will be undertaken concurrently with the Official Plan Review. In addition, other key provincial legislation and policy direction, including the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, will need to be reflected in the New Official Plan.

This Community Background Report will form the basis for preparing the Growth Management Study, which will include a lands needs analysis and population, housing, and employment forecasts for Fort Frances, as well as the Policy Options and Recommendations Report, which will delve deeper into specific policy issues, outline a series of recommendations for potential changes to the New Official Plan, and include a proposed document template. The Draft Policy Options and Recommendations Report will be reviewed by Town staff and the Technical Advisory Committee to receive feedback and input into the recommendations on zoning approaches. The Policy Options and Recommendations Report will then be finalized and posted on the project webpage for public review, and circulated to Indigenous communities, internal departments and committees, external agencies and interest groups for information. Together, the Community Background Report and the Policy Options and Recommendations Report will form the basis for preparing the New Official Plan.



Appendix A

Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 Review Table

Appendix A: Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 – Review Table

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) replaced the PPS, 2014 and came into effect on May 1, 2020. It is our understanding that the Town of Fort Frances Official Plan (OP) was adopted by Town Council in November 2011 and approved by MMAH in December 2012.

The following table summarizes new and/or revised PPS policies that are relevant to the Town and identifies applicable sections of the Town's in-effect Official Plan.

The **blue** text in the 'PPS, 2020 Section and Policy' column indicates significant new information added, as per the PPS, 2020 update. The ~~strikethrough~~ text notes text from the PPS, 2014 that has been removed, as per the PPS, 2020 update.

The 'Issues to be Addressed' column identifies PPS policy issues to be addressed through the Official Plan Review. The text in **red** are proposed policy issues to be addressed through the Official Plan Review.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
1.0 Building Strong Healthy Communities		
1.1 Managing and Directing Land Use to Achieve Efficient and Resilient Development and Land Use Patterns		
1.1.1 Healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by: b) accommodating an appropriate affordable and market-based range and mix of residential types (including single-detached, additional residential units, multi-unit housing , affordable housing and housing for older persons), employment (including industrial and commercial), institutional (including places of worship, cemeteries and long-term care homes), recreation, park and open space, and other uses to meet long-term needs; [...]	2.0 Vision & Guiding Principles 4.1 Living Areas 4.3 Recreational Areas	<p>Update Vision and Guiding Principles to reflect current realities.</p> <p>Review policies for the Living Area designation and Recreational Areas designation to support more housing options and better provision for recreational areas. Consider renaming the Living Area designation.</p> <p>Strengthen language for affordable and accessible housing.</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
e) promoting the integration of land use planning, growth management, transit supportive development, intensification, and infrastructure planning to achieve cost-effective development patterns, optimization of transit investments, and standards to minimize land consumption and servicing costs; [...]	2.0 Strategic Directions 4.1.8 Additional Residential Policies	Review the strategic directions in 2.1 and 2.2 and consider language that promotes intensification and the integration of facilities. Consider adding a mixed-use designation.
i) preparing for the regional and local impacts of a changing climate	2.3 A Sustainable Town 3.1 The Environment 3.1.6 General Environmental Policies 3.1.7 Air Quality and Climate Change Schedule B – Environmental Information Map	Review the Guiding Principles in Section 2 to more directly address changing climate. Review OP environmental and climate change policies mapping for opportunities to strengthen approach to preparing for a changing climate.
1.1.2 Sufficient land shall be made available to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of land uses to meet projected needs for a time horizon of up to 25 years, informed by provincial guidelines. However, where an alternate time period has been established for specific areas of the Province as a result of a provincial planning exercise or a provincial plan, that time frame may be used for municipalities within the area.	1.1 Purpose of the Official Plan	Update language to reflect 25-year planning horizon.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>Within settlement areas, sufficient land shall be made available through intensification and redevelopment and, if necessary, designated growth areas.</p> <p>Nothing in policy 1.1.2 limits the planning for infrastructure, public service facilities and employment areas beyond a 25-year time horizon</p>		
<p>1.1.3.2 Land use patterns within settlement areas shall be based on densities and a mix of land uses which:</p> <p>d) prepare for the impacts of a changing climate; e) Support Active Transportation;</p> <p>Land use patterns within settlement areas shall also be based on a range of uses and opportunities for intensification and redevelopment in accordance with the criteria in policy 1.1.3.3, where this can be accommodated.</p>	<p>3.1.7 Air Quality and Climate Change 3.3.2 Transportation Policies</p>	<p>Consider including policies to reduce or minimize the adverse impacts associated with climate change.</p> <p>Review transportation policies to reflect the recommendations of the Town's Active Transportation Plan. Consider strengthening policies to support active transportation.</p>
<p>1.1.3.3 Planning authorities shall identify appropriate locations and promote opportunities for transit-supportive development, accommodating a significant supply and range of housing options through intensification and redevelopment</p>	<p>4.1 Living Areas 4.3 Employment Areas</p>	<p>Consider including enabling policies to encourage intensification. Consider creating a “mixed-use” designation.</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>where this can be accommodated taking into account existing building stock or areas, including brownfield sites, and the availability of suitable existing or planned infrastructure and public service facilities required to accommodate projected needs.</p> <p>Intensification and redevelopment shall be directed in accordance with the policies of Section 2: Wise Use and Management of Resources and Section 3: Protecting Public Health and Safety.</p>		
<p>1.1.3.8 A planning authority may identify a settlement area or allow the expansion of a settlement area boundary only at the time of a comprehensive review and only where it has been demonstrated that:</p> <p>a) sufficient opportunities to accommodate growth and to satisfy market demand are not available through intensification, redevelopment and designated growth areas to accommodate the projected needs over the identified planning horizon;</p> <p>In determining the most appropriate direction for expansions to the boundaries of settlement areas or the identification of a settlement area by a planning authority, a planning authority shall apply the policies of Section 2: Wise Use and Management of</p>		<p>OP does not identify growth projections. Include Growth Projections and details for the undertaking of a comprehensive review and settlement area boundary changes.</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>Resources and Section 3: Protecting Public Health and Safety:</p> <p>In undertaking a comprehensive review, the level of detail of the assessment should correspond with the complexity and scale of the settlement boundary expansion or development proposal.</p>		
<p>1.1.3.9</p> <p>Notwithstanding policy 1.1.3.8, municipalities may permit adjustments of settlement area boundaries outside a comprehensive review provided:</p> <p>a) there would be no net increase in land within the settlement areas; b) the adjustment would support the municipality's ability to meet intensification and redevelopment targets established by the municipality;</p> <p>c) prime agricultural areas are addressed in accordance with 1.1.3.8 (c), (d) and (e); and</p> <p>d) the settlement area to which lands would be added is appropriately serviced and there is sufficient reserve infrastructure capacity to service the lands</p>	Schedule A – Land Use Plan	<p>OP has no policy for settlement area. Include policies that lay out direction for settlement area and servicing requirements. Update Schedule A to reflect new settlement area policies.</p>
<p>1.1.5.2</p> <p>On rural lands located in municipalities, permitted uses are:</p> <p>a) the management or use of resources;</p> <p>b) resource-based recreational uses (including recreational dwellings);</p>	<p>4.4 Resource Development</p> <p>Schedule A – Land Use Plan</p>	<p>Review the policies of the Resource Development areas and update to be consistent with PPS.</p> <p>Review the undesignated lands within the Municipal boundary. .</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
c) residential development, including lot creation, that is locally appropriate; d) agricultural uses, agriculture-related uses, on-farm diversified uses and normal farm practices, in accordance with provincial standards; e) home occupations and home industries; f) cemeteries; and g) other rural land uses.		
1.2 Coordination		
1.2.1 A coordinated, integrated and comprehensive approach should be used when dealing with planning matters within municipalities, across lower, single and/or upper-tier municipal boundaries, and with other orders of government, agencies and boards including: a) managing and/or promoting growth and development that is integrated with infrastructure planning; h) addressing housing needs in accordance with provincial policy statements such as the Policy Statement: Service Manager Housing and Homelessness Plans.	Various	No change required
1.2.2 Planning authorities shall engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use planning matters.	5.15 Requirements to Consult	Add policies directing engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>1.2.6 Land Use Compatibility</p> <p>1.2.6.1 Major facilities and sensitive land uses shall be planned and developed to avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate any potential adverse effects from odour, noise and other contaminants, minimize risk to public health and safety, and to ensure the long-term operational and economic viability of major facilities in accordance with provincial guidelines, standards and procedures.</p> <p>1.2.6.2 Where avoidance is not possible in accordance with policy 1.2.6.1, planning authorities shall protect the long-term viability of existing or planned industrial, manufacturing or other uses that are vulnerable to encroachment by ensuring that the planning and development of proposed adjacent sensitive land uses are only permitted if the following are demonstrated in accordance with provincial guidelines, standards and procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) there is an identified need for the proposed use; b) alternative locations for the proposed use have been evaluated and there are no reasonable alternative locations; c) adverse effects to the proposed sensitive land use are minimized and mitigated; and 	<p>3.3.2.5 Railways</p> <p>4.2.3 industrial uses</p> <p>5.10.9 Noise and/or vibration study</p>	<p>OP must include policies that reflect the policies of the PPS regarding land use compatibility and the priority to avoid conflicts.</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
d) potential impacts to industrial, manufacturing or other uses are minimized and mitigated.		
1.3 Employment		
<p>1.3.1 Planning authorities shall promote economic development and competitiveness by:</p> <p>a) providing for an appropriate mix and range of employment, institutional, and broader mixed uses to meet long-term needs;</p> <p>c) facilitating the conditions for economic investment by identifying strategic sites for investment, monitoring the availability and suitability of employment sites, including market-ready sites, and seeking to address potential barriers to investment;</p> <p>d) encouraging compact, mixed-use development that incorporates compatible employment uses to support liveable and resilient communities, with consideration of housing policy 1.4; [...]</p>	<p>3.5 Gateway Policies</p> <p>3.6.1 Special Study Area 1: Downtown Area</p> <p>3.6.2 Special Study Area 2: Shevlin Woodyard</p> <p>4.2 Employment Areas</p>	<p>Review the policies for Gateway and Employment Areas to ensure that the availability and suitability of employment lands is monitored.</p> <p>Create policies for the Downtown Area and Shevlin Woodyards that considers a mix of uses.</p>
<p>1.3.2.2 At the time of the official plan review or update, planning authorities should assess employment areas identified in local official plans to ensure that this designation is appropriate to the planned function of the employment area.</p>	<p>4.2 Employment Areas</p> <p>4.4 Resource Development</p>	<p>Section 4.4 recognizes the need to separate some uses from sensitive land uses. Employment Areas do not and permit industrial uses adjacent to residential uses.</p> <p>Review Employment Policies for the inclusion of land use conflict mitigation policies. Consider the inclusion of a</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
Employment areas planned for industrial and manufacturing uses shall provide for separation or mitigation from sensitive land uses to maintain the long-term operational and economic viability of the planned uses and function of these areas.		commercial designation or buffering policies within the employment area policies to reduce conflicts.
1.3.2.3 Within employment areas planned for industrial or manufacturing uses, planning authorities shall prohibit residential uses and prohibit or limit other sensitive land uses that are not ancillary to the primary employment uses in order to maintain land use compatibility. Employment areas planned for industrial or manufacturing uses should include an appropriate transition to adjacent non employment areas.	4.2 Employment Areas 4.4 Resource Development	Section 4.2 contains recommendations to separate industrial uses from residential and sensitive land uses. Review and update sections 4.2 and 4.4 to include specific direction for prohibiting residential uses and other sensitive land uses within employment or manufacturing areas. Include direction for an appropriate transition from employment to non-employment uses.
1.3.2.4 Planning authorities may permit conversion of lands within employment areas to non-employment uses through a comprehensive review, only where it has been demonstrated that the land is not required for employment purposes over the long term and that there is a need for the conversion. 1.3.2.5 Notwithstanding policy 1.3.2.4, and until the official plan review or update in policy 1.3.2.4 is undertaken and completed, lands	4.2 Employment Area 4.4 Resource Development	Strengthen direction on conversions of employment areas and the metrics provided by the PPS for instances in which conversion shall be permitted.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>within existing employment areas may be converted to a designation that permits non-employment uses provided the area has not been identified as provincially significant through a provincial plan exercise or as regionally significant by a regional economic development corporation working together with affected upper and single-tier municipalities and subject to the following:</p> <p>a) there is an identified need for the conversion and the land is not required for employment purposes over the long term;</p> <p>b) the proposed uses would not adversely affect the overall viability of the employment area; and</p> <p>c) existing or planned infrastructure and public service facilities are available to accommodate the proposed uses.</p>		
<p>1.3.2.7 Planning authorities may plan beyond 2025 years for the long-term protection of employment areas provided lands are not designated beyond the planning horizon identified in policy 1.1.2.</p>	1.1 Purpose of the Official Plan	Update language to reflect 25-year planning horizon.
1.4 Housing		
<p>1.4.1 To provide for an appropriate range and mix of housing options and densities required to meet projected requirements of</p>	4.1 Living Areas	There is no policy detailing growth forecasts, or available land.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>current and future residents of the regional market area, planning authorities shall:</p> <p>a) maintain at all times the ability to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of 15 years through residential intensification and redevelopment and, if necessary, lands which are designated and available for residential development; and</p> <p>b) maintain at all times where new development is to occur, land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a three-year supply of residential units available through lands suitably zoned to facilitate residential intensification and redevelopment, and land in draft approved and registered plans.</p> <p>Upper-tier and single-tier municipalities may choose to maintain land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a five year supply of residential units available through lands suitably zoned to facilitate residential intensification and redevelopment, and land in draft approved and registered plans.</p>		<p>Include policy and language for land supply to be provided for the period specified in the PPS.</p>
<p>1.4.3 Planning authorities shall provide for an appropriate range and mix of housing options and densities to meet projected market-based and affordable housing needs</p>	<p>4.1.3 Residential Development</p>	<p>The policies call for new development to reflect a range of lot and housing sizes. Update the language to include a range of housing to address affordability and market-based housing needs.</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
of current and future residents of the regional market area by: a) establishing and implementing minimum targets for the provision of housing which is affordable to low and moderate income households and which aligns with applicable housing and homelessness plans.		
1.6 Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities		
1.6.4 Infrastructure and public service facilities should be strategically located to support the effective and efficient delivery of emergency management services, and to ensure the protection of public health and safety in accordance with the policies in Section 3.0: Protecting Public Health and Safety.	3.3 Transportation 3.4 Infrastructure and Utilities	Review policies of the OP for consistency with the PPS.
1.6.6.1 Planning for sewage and water services shall: a) accommodate forecasted growth in a manner that promotes the efficient use and optimization of existing: ... b) ensure that these systems are provided in a manner that: 1. can be sustained by the water resources upon which such services rely; 2. prepares for the impacts of a changing climate;	3.4 Infrastructure and Utilities	OP acknowledges forecasted growth. Include language concerning climate change, and include the language provided in the PPS pertaining to servicing options and conditions.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>3. is feasible and financially viable over their lifecycle; and ...</p> <p>e) be in accordance with the servicing hierarchy outlined through policies 1.6.6.2, 1.6.6.3, 1.6.6.4 and 1.6.6.5. For clarity, where municipal sewage services and municipal water services are not available, planned or feasible, planning authorities have the ability to consider the use of the servicing options set out through policies 1.6.6.3, 1.6.6.4, and 1.6.6.5 provided that the specified conditions are met.</p>		
<p>1.6.6.3</p> <p>Where municipal sewage services and municipal water services are not available, planned or feasible, private communal sewage services and private communal water services are the preferred form of servicing for multi-unit/lot development to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety.</p>	3.4.3 Water and Sanitary Sewerage	<p>OP includes policy for communal services. Review and update the OP policy for PPS consistency.</p>
<p>1.6.6.4</p> <p>Where municipal sewage services and municipal water services or private communal sewage services and private communal water services are not available, planned or feasible, individual on-site sewage services and individual on-site water services may be used provided that site conditions are suitable for the long-term</p>	3.4.3 Water and Sanitary Sewerage	<p>Review the policies of the OP to include the language used in the PPS.</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>provision of such services with no negative impacts. In settlement areas, individual on site sewage services and individual on-site water services may be used for infilling and minor rounding out of existing development.</p> <p>At the time of the official plan review or update, planning authorities should assess the long-term impacts of individual on-site sewage services and individual on-site water services on the environmental health and the character of rural settlement areas. Where planning is conducted by an upper tier municipality, the upper-tier municipality should work with lower-tier municipalities at the time of the official plan review or update to assess the long-term impacts of individual on-site sewage services and individual on-site water services on the environmental health and the desired character of rural settlement areas and the feasibility of other forms of servicing set out in policies 1.6.6.2 and 1.6.6.3</p>		
<p>1.6.6.5 [...] Where partial services have been provided to address failed services in accordance with subsection (a), infilling on existing lots of record in rural areas in municipalities may be permitted where this would represent a logical and financially viable</p>	3.4.3 Water and Sanitary Sewerage	<p>Include policy to address partial services being permitted where private services have failed.</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
connection to the existing partial service and provided that site conditions are suitable for the long term provision of such services with no negative impacts. In accordance with subsection (a), the extension of partial services into rural areas is only permitted to address failed individual on-site sewage and individual on-site water services for existing development.		
<p>1.6.6.7 Planning for stormwater management shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be integrated with planning for sewage and water services and ensure that systems are optimized, feasible and financially viable over the long term; b) minimize, or, where possible, prevent increases in contaminant loads; c) minimize erosion and changes in water balance, and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate through the effective management of stormwater, including the use of green infrastructure; d) mitigate risks to human health, safety, property and the environment; e) maximize the extent and function of vegetative and pervious surfaces; and f) promote stormwater management best practices, including stormwater attenuation and re-use, water conservation and efficiency, and low impact development. 	3.4.4 Stormwater	Update the OP policy to reflect the language and changes to the PPS.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
<p>1.6.8 Transportation and Infrastructure Corridors</p> <p>1.6.8.5 The co-location of linear infrastructure should be promoted, where appropriate.</p>	3.3 Transportation	Include an objective to promote the co-location of linear infrastructure.
<p>1.6.11 Energy Supply</p> <p>1.6.11.1 Planning authorities should provide opportunities for the development of energy supply including electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems, district energy, and renewable energy systems and alternative energy systems, to accommodate current and projected needs.</p>	<p>3.4.6 Power Generation Facilities and Green Energy</p> <p>3.4.7 Energy Conservation</p>	<p>OP language include support for District Heating and energy conservation.</p> <p>Include language to provide energy for projected needs.</p>
1.7 Long-term Economic Prosperity		
<p>1.7.1 Long-term economic prosperity should be supported by:</p> <p>...</p> <p>b) encouraging residential uses to respond to dynamic market-based needs and provide necessary housing supply and range of housing options for a diverse workforce;</p> <p>i) sustaining and enhancing the viability of the agricultural system through protecting agricultural resources, minimizing land use conflicts, providing opportunities to support</p>	<p>4.1 Living Areas</p> <p>3.1 The Environment</p> <p>4.4 Resource Development Schedule</p>	<p>The OP currently supports housing options. The language can be strengthened to clarify the required housing needs specified by the PPS.</p> <p>Include policies that speak to agricultural activities in Fort Frances and support agri-food network. This might include fishing, food storage, maple-syrup, and other horticultural crops, or livestock.</p>

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
local food, and maintaining and improving the agri-food network ; j) promoting energy conservation and providing opportunities for development of renewable increased energy systems and alternative energy systems, including district energy supply ;		
1.8 Energy Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change		
1.8.1 Planning authorities shall support energy conservation and efficiency, improved air quality, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate through land use and development patterns which: e) encourage transit-supportive development and intensification to improve the mix of employment and housing uses to shorten commute journeys and decrease transportation congestion f) promote design and orientation which maximizes energy efficiency and conservation, and considers the mitigating effects of vegetation and green infrastructure ; and	3.1.7 Air Quality and Climate Change 3.4.6 Power Generation Facilities 3.4.7 Energy Conservation 4.1 Living Areas	OP currently provides direction to support energy conservation and sustainable development. This policy could be strengthened. OP contains several policies directing around active transportation. The Living Areas designation also provides opportunities for a limited mix of uses and some direction for infill and intensification. Opportunity to strengthen intensification and mixed-use policies.
2.0 Wise Use and Management Resources		
2.2 Water		
2.2.1 Planning authorities shall protect, improve or restore the quality and quantity of water by:	3.1.6 General Environmental Policies Schedule B – Environmental Information Map	Include language in the OP to support the evaluation and preparing for changes to water resource systems at the watershed level due to Climate Change. Update the mapping in Schedule B.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
c) evaluating and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate to water resource systems at the watershed level;		
2.3 Agriculture		
2.3.2 Planning authorities are encouraged to use an agricultural system approach to maintain and enhance the geographic continuity of the agricultural land base and the functional and economic connections to the agri-food network.	4.4 Resource Development	Include policies supportive of agricultural system approach and support for the agri-food network.
2.3.3.3 New land uses in prime agricultural areas, including the creation of lots and new or expanding livestock facilities, shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae.	4.4 Resource Development	N/A. No prime agricultural areas.
2.5 Mineral Aggregate Resources		
2.5.2.4 Mineral aggregate operations shall be protected from development and activities that would preclude or hinder their expansion or continued use or which would be incompatible for reasons of public health, public safety or environmental impact. Existing mineral aggregate operations shall be permitted to continue without the need for official plan amendment, rezoning or development permit under the Planning Act. Where the Aggregate Resources Act applies, only	4.4 Resource Development	Language in the OP to be reviewed to reflect changes in the PPS.

PPS, 2020 Section and Policy	Relevant Existing OP Section	Issue to be Addressed
processes under the Aggregate Resources Act shall address the depth of extraction of new or existing mineral aggregate operations. When a license for extraction or operation ceases to exist, policy 2.5.2.5 continues to apply.		
2.6 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology		
2.6.5 Planning authorities shall engage with Indigenous communities and consider their interests when identifying, protecting and managing cultural heritage and archaeological resources.	3.2 Arts, Culture and Heritage	OP contains no requirement to engage with Indigenous communities. Create new policy requiring engagement with Indigenous community in matters pertaining to identifying, protecting and managing cultural heritage and archaeological resources.
3.0 Protecting Public Health and Safety		
3.2 Human-Made Hazards		
3.2.3 Planning authorities should support, where feasible, on-site and local re-use of excess soil through planning and development approvals while protecting human health and the environment	3.1.7 Air Quality and Climate Change	Create a new policy to support the local re-use of excess soil in developments.
4.0 Implementation and Interpretation		
Some policies have been removed/revised. However, no significant changes to notes	n/a	No change required.
5.0 Figure 1 Natural Heritage Protection Line		
n/a	n/a	n/a
6.0 Definitions		
Numerous definition changes.	7 Definitions	Ensure policies and definitions align with the new PPS definitions and that existing definitions are updated accordingly.

Appendix B

Community Engagement Strategy (July 22, 2022)



TO: Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official / Municipal Planner and Transportation Superintendent, Town of Fort Frances

FROM: Justyna Garbos, MCIP, RPP, Project Manager, WSP

SUBJECT: **Town of Fort Frances New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review – Final Community Engagement Strategy**

DATE: July 22, 2022

The Town of Fort Frances has initiated the development of a New Official Plan (OP) and Comprehensive Zoning By-law (ZBL) (the “Project”) and has retained WSP Canada Inc. (“WSP”) to undertake this work. In accordance with Task 1.1 and the approach described in Section 6.1 of WSP’s Proposal, this Community Engagement Strategy (the “Strategy”) has been prepared to elaborate on our proposed approach, methods, and specific tools to undertake community and Indigenous engagement as part of the development of the New Official Plan (“OP”) and Zoning By-law (“ZBL”) Review.

1 Introduction

This Community Engagement Strategy has been developed to identify a comprehensive, accessible, creative, and meaningful approach to consultation, engagement, and communication over the course of the Project.

The Strategy that has been developed for the Project is meant to be a living, flexible document; its contents and recommendations may change depending on how the technical work program progresses, the evolving impacts of COVID-19, as well as other engagement opportunities or challenges that emerge. The contents are not meant to be prescriptive but a point of reference during the Project, which will help to shape the outreach, promotion, communication, and engagement undertaken with various interest groups and audiences.

As identified in Task 1.2 of our Proposal, this Draft Engagement Strategy will be discussed at the Virtual Project Initiation Meeting with Town staff to confirm our proposed Strategy and assumptions. The Engagement Strategy will be finalized in Task 1.3 following the Project Initiation Meeting.

2 Indigenous Engagement

The Crown has a duty to consult with Indigenous communities on issues that may affect Section 35 Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada under the Constitution Act, 1982, and land claims. Although the Duty to Consult is ultimately the responsibility of the



Province, procedural aspects of this duty have been delegated to municipalities in land use planning matters where the use of land or natural resources could be impacted. The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 recognizes the importance of consulting with Indigenous communities on planning matters. Our approach to Indigenous Engagement follows a two-step process.

Step 1: Develop an Interim Indigenous Communities Contact List

WSP understands that a number of Indigenous communities are located in the Rainy River District will be engaged throughout the project, and that the Town will provide a contact list of other Indigenous communities in the area, if required. The Indigenous communities in the area would also be confirmed via pre-consultation with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in Task 1.5.

In accordance with Task 2.4A, we will reach out to the Indigenous communities and maintain a Record of Indigenous Engagement for the duration of the project. The Record will include details of when and how the communities were contacted, as well as a summary of any comments received.

The contact list of the Indigenous communities that are within the Rainy River District that we propose contacting, is listed in **Table 1**.

Step 2: Initiate Contact with Indigenous Communities

WSP will lead the Indigenous engagement and conduct outreach to inform Indigenous communities of the project initiation and seek their input on whether and how they would like to be engaged and consulted. Following the confirmation of the Engagement Strategy by the Town in Task 1.2, we will call each community confirmed by the Town and follow up with an email. In Task 2.4B, we could be available to attend one (1) in-person meeting on the land of an interested community, COVID-19 protocols permitting, to discuss the Project and to obtain feedback on the Draft Background Report. Should provincial health restrictions due to COVID-19 prohibit in-person meetings, we would also be available to hold this meeting in a virtual format.

Any additional meetings would be considered extra work outside the current scope of the work plan. As noted in our Proposal, should in-person meetings with Indigenous communities be required, we would hope to schedule these meetings to coincide with the in-person trips to Fort Frances to hold other engagement events, i.e., public open houses and meetings. We recognize that this may not always be possible due to the needs and seasonal activities of each community.

Step 3: Maintain Contact with Indigenous Communities

As deliverables are completed and made publicly available, and as consultation opportunities are scheduled, we will contact the Indigenous communities who have expressed an interest in being involved to keep them apprised of project progress and the opportunity to provide comments.



Table 1: Indigenous Communities Contact List

Indigenous Community	Contact Name / Title	Address	Phone	E-mail
Big Grassy River First Nation	Mr. Daryl Archie, Comprehensive Community Plan Coordinator	410 Anishinabe Way, Morson, ON P0W 1J0	(807) 488-5614 ext. 1002	ccpcoordinator@biggrassy.ca
Big Island First Nation (Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing)	Ms. Verna Big George, Lands Management	Box 335, Morson, ON P0W 1J0	(807) 488-5602	landsmanager@naongashiing.ca
Couchiching First Nation	Mr. Allan Yerxa, Lands & Resources Coordinator	RMB 2027, R.R. #2 Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M3	(807) 274-9013 ext. 202	allanyerxa@vianet.ca
Lac La Croix First Nation	Ms. Ariel Geyschick, Receptionist	104 Main Street, Neguaguon Lake IR 25D	(807) 485-2431 ext. 2221	reception@llcfn.ca
Métis Nation of Ontario	Lands, Resources & Consultations	66 Slater Street, Suite 100, 11th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 5H1	(613) 798-1488	consultations@metisnations.org
Mitaanjigaming First Nation	Mr. Chris Matheson, Consultation Coordinator	P.O. Box 609, Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M9	(807) 274-2188 ext. 301	nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Naicatchewenin First Nation	Ms. Connie Smith, Secretary and Receptionist	PO Box 15 RR 1, Devlin, ON P0W 1C0	(807) 486-3407 ext. 201	connie.smith@bellnet.ca
Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Band Office	P.O. Box 68, Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M5	(807) 481-2536	ea@nigig.ca
Objibways of Onegaming	Ms. Brenda Kelly, Secretary	703 Ketemiikana Drive, Nestor Falls, ON	(807) 484-2299 ext. 23	brenda.kelly@onigaming.ca
Rainy River First Nations	Ms. Kiley Shebagegit, Lands and Natural Resources Manager	Box 450, Emo, ON P0W 1E0	(807) 482-2479 ext. 237	k.shebagegit@rrfns.com
Seine River First Nation	Mr. Tony Marinaro, Director of Services	P.O. Box 124, Mine Centre, ON P0W 1H0	(807) 599-2224 ext. 2006	srfndos@bellnet.ca

3 Community Consultation Foundations

To enhance the overall process and with the intent of consensus building and buy-in in mind, we believe that the project would significantly benefit from the use of the process identified by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2), as referenced in our Proposal in the WSP White Paper on Online Public Engagement & Collaboration (April 2020). The IAP2 process recognizes that engagement should achieve project-specific objectives and also be tailored to the consultation and communication preferences of those who will be involved in the development of the project deliverables.

Not all interest groups and stakeholders may have the same level of involvement, commitment, interest, and decision-making ability and thus should be engaged at different points in the process in different ways. Throughout the Plan, the IAP2 “level” will be identified for both the audience group as well as the engagement tactics (**Figure 1**).

For example, in the case of the Fort Frances New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review, the decision maker is Town Council. Given this context, no other stakeholder group will be ‘empowered’ to make the ultimate decision. This reality in no way diminishes the importance of stakeholder engagement throughout this project but is intended to frame expectations and guide the selection of engagement tactics.

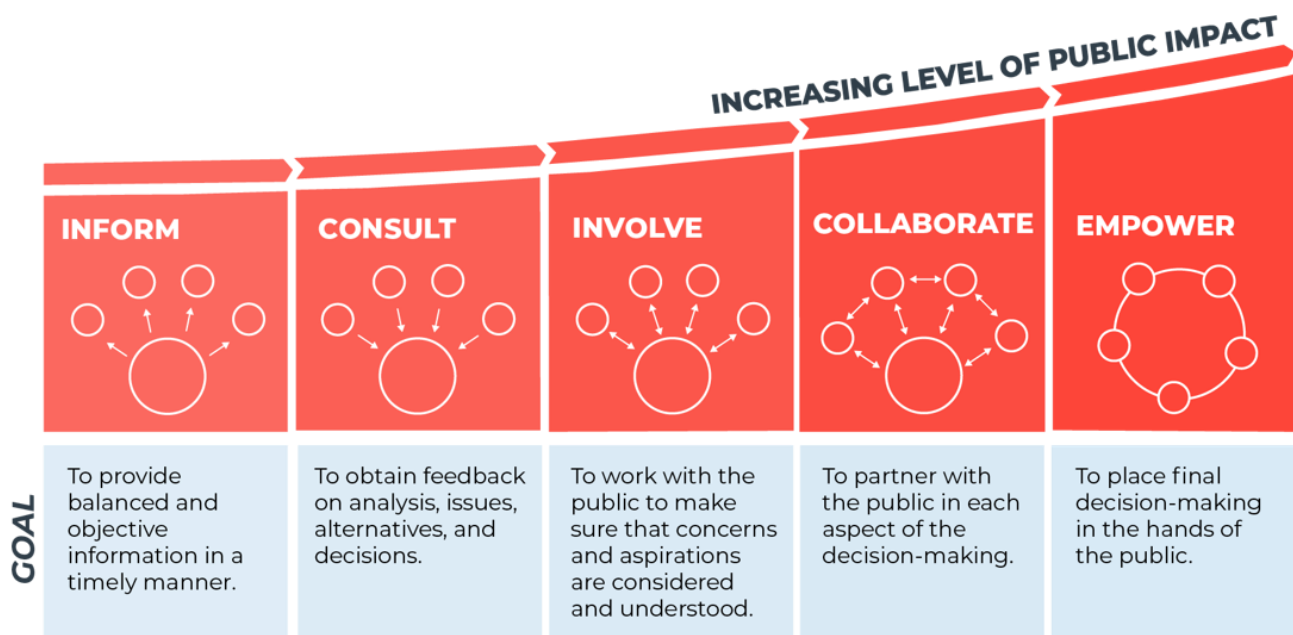


Figure 1 - IAP2 Spectrum of Participation

At a high level, the overall project will adhere to and aim to achieve the following objectives:

- **Foster collaboration** among Town departments, Indigenous communities, external agencies, and relevant organizations;
- **Build trust** between the Town, Indigenous communities, and the public;

- **Gain informed, meaningful input** by providing stakeholders with the information and tools they need;
- **Build awareness** of the importance of the Town's New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law and how it will affect the future development of the Town;
- Demonstrate that the Town is **committed to new engagement approaches and technologies**, while providing a range of engagement options to meet the needs of the community;
- Provide a **range of opportunities** for the community to be involved and engaged in a manner that is proactive, invested, and true to the project objectives;
- Fulfill the **statutory consultation requirements** under the Planning Act; and
- **Minimize risk of future appeals** of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

4 Project Branding and Awareness

WSP proposes to establish a consistent and easily recognizable project logo for the New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review project, which would be carried forward throughout all engagement events, the Town's website materials, and the OP and ZBL project documents. The project brand and logo will attract attention and contribute to building awareness of the project throughout the Town. The preparation of major deliverables will be consistent with the colours, fonts, and formatting chosen for project branding, subject to Town approval.

As shown in **Figure 2**, two (2) options are presented for consideration by Town staff and were developed to reflect the Town of Fort Frances branding and colours as identified in the Town of Fort Frances Brand Standards Guide (2014). At the project initiation meeting held on July 7, 2022, Option 1 was selected by Town staff as the preferred project logo option.

Figure 2: Project Logo Options



5 Online and In-Person Engagement and Consultation



Now more than ever, online public engagement is being considered as a positive and inclusive format of providing opportunities for community members to participate in public decision-making. While it has been commonly used to support or enhance in-person engagement processes for years, online public engagement was rarely seen as a standalone tool. Our new reality of physical and social distancing is shifting the way we think about public engagement, as we look to online tools for reaching a wide audience and continuing to move municipal projects forward.

Through some of our recent project work, we have found online public engagement to enhance our ability to reach a wider audience. It allows community members to choose where and when they want to engage. Where we might have seen 20 people attend an in-person Public Open House, we are now seeing 100+ people watch a video presentation and respond to an online survey. With a wider audience, projects benefit from more community voices being heard and informing decision-making.

As a result of provincial and municipal restrictions due to COVID-19, we have proposed meetings with Town Staff and relevant organizations take place via video conference calls throughout the project process. Per our Proposal and current lifting of health restrictions, we have also proposed in-person options for the two (2) Public Open Houses, Statutory Public Open House, and Statutory Public Meetings, which will allow us to be nimble in our community engagement approach. Meetings with Indigenous communities are to be conducted in-person, unless requested otherwise. Online engagement events and meetings will be held using virtual meeting platforms such as Microsoft Teams.

6 Technical Advisory Committee

In accordance with our Proposal, the project will involve the establishment of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) by the Town to help guide and inform the development of the New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

We anticipate that the TAC will be comprised of Town representatives from relevant committees (e.g., Planning & Development Executive Committee), and departments (e.g., Planning & Development, Operations & Facilities, Community Services), as well as relevant external agencies. The TAC will be engaged to provide background information, identify key issues to be considered, review major deliverables and reports, and provide technical input and analysis at key project milestones. Teleconference meetings are proposed to obtain feedback from TAC members following circulation of deliverables and reports for their review.



WSP anticipates that the Town will be responsible for the identification and coordination of the TAC, establishment of a Chair (if required), and creation of a Terms of Reference (if required). These items will be confirmed at the virtual Project Initiation Meeting to be held on July 7, 2022 (Task 1.2).

7 Stakeholder Management Plan

Based on the requirements set out in the RFP, relevant internal/external stakeholder groups have been identified. It is our understanding that at the Virtual Project Initiation Meeting in Task 1.2, the Town will advise of other relevant groups to be engaged with and/or invited to participate in the project as part of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Table 2 provides an overview of each of the groups, a brief description including background/context regarding the group, and an overview of recommended individuals and/or organizations that would be contacted to participate in the project. The information contained within the table is meant to be a starting point from which WSP will work with Town staff to confirm the preferred contacts. Not all members of the groups identified in **Table 2** will be required to participate in every engagement opportunity. The specific contacts will be confirmed with the Town prior to notification.

Table 2 - Stakeholder Management Plan

Group & IAP2 Level	Description	Membership
Members of Fort Frances Council Up to Empower	Members of Council will be the final point of approval and will ultimately be responsible for the endorsement of the OP and ZBL. They have a detailed understanding of the politics and a high level of understanding of internal process, roles and responsibilities, priorities and budget impacts. They may be driven by the interests of their constituents and may not always have a cohesive or consistent perspective on community needs and priorities.	All members of Town Council (currently sitting) are considered part of this group.
Town Staff Project Team / Internal Department Stakeholders / TAC Up to Collaborate, and at times Empower	Town Staff Project Team members will be a decision maker and senior leadership sounding board / approval body and the liaison between the consultant team and Council. Project Team members and internal department stakeholders will be engaged to review deliverables and	Town Project Team: Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner and Transportation Superintendent Internal Department Stakeholders: Faisal Anwar, CAO



Group & IAP2 Level	Description	Membership
	provide guidance and direction. They understand the internal politics, technical issues and opportunities, the budget expectations and strategic directions that the Town wishes to go in.	Travis Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities Tyler Young, Recreation & Culture Manager (*Town Staff Project Team to circulate deliverables to other internal department stakeholders as required, for review and written comment. Internal department stakeholders may also join meetings with Town staff and WSP to review key deliverables, as needed.)
Members of the Public Primarily Inform & Consult	People who live, work and play within the Town of Fort Frances. They come from a wide range of socio-demographic and political backgrounds which means that their consultation preferences are varied.	Residents of the Town of Fort Frances
External Technical Agencies and Stakeholder Groups / TAC Up to Collaborate (Fort Frances Municipal Heritage Committee) Consult (Others)	Technical agencies and stakeholder groups may hold significant interest in the Project outcomes. The TAC will be a committee authorized by Council. In order to demonstrate transparency and support Project outcomes, this group should be notified by Town staff at key junctures to present recommendations and options and gain targeted feedback.	Planning & Development Executive Committee Community Services Executive Committee Economic Development Executive Committee Committee of Adjustment Rainy Lake Island Conservation Reserve Fort Frances Power Corporation Northwestern Health Unit Local Development Community

We recommend the Town develop and maintain a Project Contact List. It will serve as a resource for the circulation of Project notifications and the availability of key deliverables to members of the public and relevant organizations who have expressed interest in keeping informed about and participating in the Project. The contact list will build upon the information contained within this document to identify:

- Key stakeholder contact information (name, email, phone number, address);
- Any stakeholder-specific requirements (preferred means of contact); and



- Stakeholder-specific interests in the project.

Town staff will be the primary contact with the public and relevant organizations and will provide acknowledgement of comments received. WSP will manage a comments matrix to organize input and comments received from the various stakeholder groups on a thematic basis. If required, we will work with the Town to prepare written responses to comments.

8 Engagement Approach

The following section outlines the Engagement Approach for the project, which ties in with the Stakeholder Management Plan to identify the high-level objectives and outcomes for each phase of the Project.

8.1 Overview of Consultation Milestones

As shown in **Table 3**, the specific elements of the Engagement Approach have been informed by the requirements and expectations of the Town (as detailed in the RFP), alignment with critical decision-making points, technical task expectations and required inputs.

Table 3 - Engagement Approach

Project Phase	Consultation Objectives	Consultation Tactics
Phase 1: Project Initiation	<p>To prepare the Engagement Strategy and prepare for the launch of engagement.</p> <p>To brief Council on the project and field any questions.</p> <p>To conduct pre-consultation with the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).</p>	<p>1 Start-up Meeting with Town Staff</p> <p>2 Virtual Meeting with Council</p> <p>3 Email to MMAH for Pre-Consultation</p> <p>4 Project Website Launch</p>
Phase 2: Pre-consultation and Community Exploration	<p>To establish relationships with stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public, and to introduce the project and information about future opportunities to engage and provide feedback.</p> <p>To engage in dialogue with stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public to inform and produce the Background Report.</p> <p>To identify social, political, geographic, and cultural context relevant to the OP and ZBL processes.</p>	<p>5 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #1</p> <p>6 Preliminary Outreach to Indigenous Communities</p> <p>7 In-person Meetings with Indigenous Communities</p> <p>8 In-person Public Open House #1</p> <p>9 Online Survey</p> <p>10 Project Website Updates</p>



Project Phase	Consultation Objectives	Consultation Tactics
Phase 3: Technical Review, Research, and Issues (OP)	<p>To focus engagement and feedback to issues that apply to the Official Plan process.</p> <p>To engage in dialogue with stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public to inform and produce a Policy Directions and Recommendations Report.</p> <p>To present and obtain feedback on the Policy Directions and Recommendations Report.</p> <p>To satisfy Provincial requirements under Section 26(3) of the Planning Act.</p>	<p>11 Project Website Updates</p> <p>12 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #2</p> <p>13 In-Person Meetings #2 with Indigenous Communities</p> <p>14 In-Person Public Open House #2</p> <p>15 Virtual Special Meeting of Council</p>
Phase 4: Draft OP and ZBL	<p>To solicit feedback on the Draft OP and the Draft ZBL.</p> <p>To solicit feedback on Draft Planning Application Forms.</p>	<p>16 Project Website Updates</p> <p>17 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #3</p> <p>18 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #4</p> <p>19 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #5</p> <p>20 In-Person Meetings with Indigenous Communities</p> <p>21 In-Person Combined Statutory Public Open House for the Draft OP and Draft ZBL</p>
Phase 5: Final Official Plan	<p>To address comments on the Draft OP.</p> <p>To educate stakeholders and Indigenous communities about the requirements and limitations of the planning process.</p> <p>To guide Council through the process of adopting the Final OP, satisfying the requirements of the Planning Act.</p>	<p>22 Project Website Updates</p> <p>23 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #6</p> <p>24 In-Person Meetings with Indigenous Communities</p> <p>25 In-Person Statutory Public Meeting for Final Draft OP</p> <p>26 Virtual Council Meeting for the Adoption of the Final OP</p> <p>27 Submit Final OP to MMAH for Approval</p>

Project Phase	Consultation Objectives	Consultation Tactics
Phase 6: Final Zoning By-law	<p>To address comments in the Final ZBL.</p> <p>To educate stakeholders and Indigenous communities about the requirements and limitations of the planning process.</p> <p>To guide Council through the process of adopting the Final ZBL, satisfying the requirements of the Planning Act.</p>	<p>28 Project Website Updates</p> <p>29 In-Person Meetings with Indigenous Communities</p> <p>30 In-Person Statutory Public Meeting for Final Draft ZBL</p> <p>31 Virtual Council Meeting for the Adoption of the Zoning By-law</p>

8.1.1 Public Open Houses, Public Meetings, and Council Meetings

Public Open Houses, Statutory Public Meetings, and check-ins with Town Council will be undertaken throughout the project process as follows:

- **Virtual Council Briefing (OP / ZBL):** A presentation to Council to introduce the project and confirm any specific Council priorities for the New OP and ZBL.
- **In-Person Public Open House #1 (OP / ZBL):** A Public Open House to that will serve as the first public touchpoint of the project, and will include an overview of the OP / ZBL Review, timelines, findings of the background review, and how to stay involved throughout the process. This is also an opportunity to receive direct feedback from the public on the project, advertise the Online Survey, and to inform the Final Community Background Report.
- **In-Person Public Open House #2 (OP):** A Public Open House to present the Draft Policy Directions and Recommendations Report to the public and solicit feedback and comments. Part of this introduction will be explaining the role of the Policy Directions and Recommendations Report in the drafting of the Official Plan, and the limitations of this process.
- **Virtual Special Meeting of Council (OP):** A meeting with Council to introduce the project and satisfy the requirements of Section 26(3) of the Planning Act.
- **In-Person Combined Statutory Public Open House (OP / ZBL):** A Combined Statutory Public Open House to introduce and describe the changes in the drafts of the OP and ZBL to Council and the public, and to give them an opportunity to ask questions and respond. This is also to satisfy the requirements of Sections 17(16) and 34(12)(b) of the Planning Act.
- **In-Person Official Plan Statutory Public Meeting:** A Statutory Public Meeting to present the Final Draft OP to Council and satisfy the requirements of the Planning Act. It is an opportunity for Council to ask questions and receive clarification on aspects of the Final Draft OP.



- **In-Person Zoning By-law Statutory Public Meeting:** A Statutory Public Meeting to present the Final Draft ZBL to Council and satisfy the requirements of the Planning Act. It is an opportunity for Council to ask questions and receive clarification on aspects of the Final Draft ZBL.

8.1.2 Online Survey

The Online Survey will be used as a tool to inform the Final Background Report and Draft Policy Directions and Recommendations Report. It will be in addition to the In-Person Public Open House #1 and will provide an opportunity for those who cannot attend in person to provide their feedback. It will be accompanied by a PDF of the slideshow used for the Public Open House. It will also provide a more open-ended way to provide feedback, where participants can identify issues that may not be raised in the presentation.

8.2 Detailed Consultation Tactics & Tools

The previous section identified, at a high level, the major consultation and communication milestones that will inform the Project process. This Section details the specific consultation tools and tactics that could be used to facilitate conversation, solicit input, communicate key messages and establish buy-in to the various Project components. **Table 4** details the suggested consultation tools and facilitation tactics that are proposed to be considered / used for the various consultation milestones.

WSP is experienced in in-person and virtual consultation practices and protocols and is committed to working with the Town to identify tools that align with community preferences, level of technology comfort, and existing tools in use by the Town.

In addition to the core/primary meeting platforms and the Town's website, there is an opportunity to use other digital engagement tools based on the objectives and desired outcomes of the session. WSP has corporate subscriptions to these platforms, which are identified in **Table 4**.

Table 4 – Proposed Engagement Tools and Tactics

Engagement Tactics & Lead	Purpose	Milestone-Specific Tools
1 Start-up Meeting with Town Staff (Town)	To introduce the Project Team and confirm the Engagement Strategy and project schedule.	Microsoft Teams
2 Virtual Meeting with Council (Town)	To brief Council on the project and field questions	Microsoft Teams
3 Virtual Meeting with the Ontario Government (Town / WSP)	To perform Pre-Consultation	Email, Microsoft Teams



Engagement Tactics & Lead	Purpose	Milestone-Specific Tools
4 Project Website Launch (Town)	To develop project awareness and a public-facing information board for documents, engagement opportunities and contact information.	Town Website
5 Virtual Staff and TAC meeting #1 (Town / WSP)	To initiate the Technical Advisory Committee and explore background context, discuss the Draft Background Report	Presentation, Microsoft Teams, Menti (An online polling tool: www.menti.com)
6 Preliminary Outreach to Indigenous Communities (Town / WSP)	To inform of project initiation and establish relationship. To inform of future engagement opportunities and to seek input on any issues of interest for consideration in the Background Report.	Calls to be placed by WSP, with follow-up email if required
7 In-Person Meetings with Indigenous Communities (Town / WSP)	To establish a relationship. To inform of project initiation, project purpose, scope, and opportunities to participate and seek input on any issues of interest for consideration in the Research and Background Paper.	Per Indigenous community meeting protocol
8 In-Person Public Open House #1 (Town / WSP)	To inform and educate the public about the project and to solicit feedback on issues and priorities for the Background Report.	Presentation, display boards, comment response forms (printed)
9 Online Survey (Town / WSP)	Solicit further feedback and comments to inform the Background Report	Bang the Table or Survey Monkey.
10 Project Website Updates (Town)	To make the Background Report available, update on the progress of the project, and announce opportunities for engagement.	Town Website



Engagement Tactics & Lead	Purpose	Milestone-Specific Tools
11 Project Website Updates (Town)	To make the draft Policy Directions and Recommendations Report available, update on the progress of the project, and announce opportunities for engagement.	Town Website
12 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #2 (Town / WSP)	To review the Draft Policy Directions and Recommendations Report.	Presentation, Microsoft Teams
13 In-Person Meeting with Indigenous Communities (Town / WSP)	To introduce the Project and seek feedback on the Draft Research and Background Paper.	Per Indigenous community meeting protocol
14 In-Person Public Open House #2 (Town / WSP)	To introduce the Project and seek feedback on the Draft Policy Directions and Recommendations Report	Presentation, display boards, comment response forms (printed)
15 Virtual Special Meeting of Council (in accordance with Section 26(3) of the Planning Act)	To receive endorsement of the Final Policy Directions and Recommendations Report	Presentation, Microsoft Teams
16 Project Website Updates (Town)	To make the draft OP and ZBL available, update on the progress of the project, and announce opportunities for engagement.	Town Website
17 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #3 (Town)	To review the Draft OP.	Presentation, Microsoft Teams
18 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #4 (Town)	To review the Draft ZBL.	Presentation, Microsoft Teams
19 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #5 (Town)	To review the Draft Planning Application Forms.	Presentation, Microsoft Teams
20 In-Person Meeting with Indigenous Communities (Town / WSP)	To seek feedback on the Draft OP and Draft ZBL and provide information on the process.	Per Indigenous Community Meeting Protocol



Engagement Tactics & Lead	Purpose	Milestone-Specific Tools
21 In-Person Combined Statutory Public Open House for the Draft OP and Draft ZBL (Town / WSP) (in accordance with Section 17(16) and 34(12)(b) of the Planning Act)	To satisfy the requirements of the Planning Act, to solicit feedback from Council on the Draft OP and Draft ZBL.	Presentation, display boards
22 Project Website Updates (Town)	To make the Final Draft OP available, update on the progress of the project, and announce opportunities for engagement.	Town Website
23 Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #6 (Town)	To review the Draft OP and provide direction for the Final Draft OP.	Presentation, Microsoft Teams
24 In-Person Meeting with Indigenous Communities (Town / WSP)	To present the Final Draft Official Plan and seek feedback.	Per Indigenous Community Meeting Protocol
25 In-Person Statutory Public Meeting (Town / WSP)	To present the Final Draft Official Plan, seek feedback, and satisfy the requirements of the Planning Act.	Presentation, Display Boards
26 Virtual Council Presentation (Town / WSP)	To present the Final OP to Council for adoption.	Per Town Virtual Council meeting protocol *Town staff to upload documentation to Town Website
27 Project Website Updates (Town)	To update the Town website after the Council Meeting.	Town Website
28 In-Person Meeting with Indigenous Communities (Town / WSP)	To present the Final Draft ZBL and seek feedback.	Per Indigenous community meeting protocol
29 In-Person Statutory Public Meeting (Town / WSP)	To present the Final Draft ZBL, seek feedback, and satisfy the requirements of the Planning Act.	Presentation, display boards



Engagement Tactics & Lead	Purpose	Milestone-Specific Tools
30 Virtual Council Presentation (Town / WSP)	To present the Final OP and ZBL to Council for adoption.	Per Town Virtual Council meeting protocol *Town staff to upload documentation to Town Website

9 Communication Plan

Communication is a core component of the project. Ensuring that the information provided is clear, consistent, and engaging can be a challenge. This Communication Plan is intended to be undertaken concurrently with the Engagement Approach developed in **Section 8** and meant to drive interest in the Project and engagement activities.

9.1 Communications Tactics

There are many potential communication tactics that can be adopted, both on an ongoing or milestone-specific basis, to widely promote, inform, and educate the target audiences. The following sections provide an overview of the tactics that will be used throughout this Project (**ongoing tactics**) and those leveraged ahead of a phase of consultation (**milestone-specific tactics**).

On-going Communication Tactics

1 Project Website – Municipal Website

A project website hosted on the Town's website will be launched shortly after project initiation and will be used to:

- > Allow members of the public to sign up for email notifications of project updates and next steps;
- > Provide information and project updates that outlines the project timeline;
- > Provide contact information of key contacts at the Town and with WSP;
- > Advertise all community engagement activities and post notices of Public Open Houses;
- > Provide documents, including draft and final versions of the Background Report, Policy Directions and Recommendations Report, Official Plan, Zoning By-law Discussion Paper, Zoning By-law, and Planning Application Forms. Documents should be available in a digital format for public download and review; and
- > Host online engagement tools such as online surveys.

The Town will also direct that written comments on this project be submitted at a dedicated Town project email address at OPZBLReview@FortFrances.ca. The Town project email address will also be listed publicly on the Town's project website.

If required, the Consultant Team will work with the Town to develop webpage content and regular updates at key project milestones, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

2 Social Media



We anticipate that the Town will encourage project awareness of the OP and Comprehensive ZBL project through the Town's website and existing social media platforms (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube) to advertise all community consultation activities, including public open houses, as well as key milestones and the available project documents.

The intent of any Town-led social media posts on Facebook will be to provide recurring “blasts” out into the community to promote the project, available deliverables for public review, and online engagement opportunities. Social media messages should be kept short with a thought-provoking image; they will not be used as an engagement tool, but rather for information sharing. Social media messages should be posted in line with key Project milestones to advertise engagement events and opportunities, and to inform the public of deliverables for public review. WSP can assist Town staff in drafting concise social media posts in conjunction with consultation milestones.

Milestone Specific Tactics

1 Project Contact List

The Project Contact List, managed by the Town, will catalogue the names and contact information for potential invitees and stakeholders, and serve as a record of those who attended consultation events. This list will include those who have signed up for updates through the project website.

2 Indigenous Engagement Record and Contact List

The Indigenous Communities Contact and Interest List, managed by WSP, will catalogue the communities contacted by the project and their preferred methods for engagement. It will include information of the point of contact with the community, a record of contact, their preferred method of engagement, and how they would like to be kept apprised of the process. This will inform and be a record of which communities we meet with, at which stages of the project, and in what method. A copy will be provided to the Town and MMAH upon project completion.



3 Public Notices

WSP assumes that public consultation events, including Public Open Houses, will also be advertised by the Town and will include local print and/or online news outlets, mailout flyers (e.g., with tax bills), notices in community or place of worship bulletins and at key community facilities (libraries, post offices). WSP will be responsible for preparing notices (i.e., Public Open House) in an accessible and age-friendly manner with simple language, clear headings, large type face, and high contrast. The Town will be responsible for the circulation of notices.

Notices and other advertisements for submission to the local newspapers will be submitted three (3) days in advance of the intended publication date. WSP will submit any draft notice or text for submission to a local paper to Town staff for review at least one (1) week in advance of the submission deadline.

Notices of the Public Open Houses would generally be published and transmitted electronically two (2) weeks in advance, with detailed instructions on how to register and participate in-person or virtually, as required.

4 Local Media

Traditional media plays a strong role in the Town – many community members rely on, and trust, these sources. There is potential to create more positive opportunities through strong relationships with the media to provide general promotional messages to the public through their respective avenues.

For example, Town representatives can be interviewed on popular radio show(s) to discuss the Project and an upcoming round of public consultation.

Should any media requests be received during the Project, WSP shall follow a strict media protocol, which defers any requests to the Town's Project Manager, Cody Vangel, for review and response.

5 Notifications & Newsletters

Using its existing channels of communication, the Town may wish to include information in local publications or outreach to key groups regarding specific outreach activities that are being undertaken using the source audience contact list. This could include an insert in property tax or similar municipal notices, or other Town mail/email circulations, such as newsletters.

These would be developed by Town staff with input from the WSP, as required.

6 Town Communications

The tactics identified above are only some of the options that are typically utilized. We understand that the Town's communications staff may have other avenues and opportunities to explore for wider communication and outreach. WSP is committed to working with staff to provide appropriate materials and messaging as needed to support those communication tools.



9.2 Communications Protocols

Communications protocols refer to who and how communication will be undertaken over the course of the project. Communication will occur in two ways – internally – between Town staff, members of the Consultant Team and key decision makers to appropriately manage and monitor the project, and externally – between WSP, Town and other stakeholder groups to inform the project process. A recommended approach and roles and responsibilities have been identified for internal and external communication below.

Internal

Ongoing communication and coordination are needed to ensure that the Project is efficiently and effectively undertaken. Should communication challenges, technical issues or opportunities for additional consultation / engagement arise over the course of the Project, there should be a clear process to determine the most appropriate course of action. Action can be identified by articulating the roles and responsibilities for critical staff including the Consultant Team's project manager, Town's project manager, and other staff members including:

- **Day to Day Coordination** | The Consultant Team has identified Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official / Municipal Planner and Transportation Superintendent, as the Town's primary day-to-day contact for all correspondence between the Town and WSP. This would include all matters related to project management, billing, project schedule, and other matters. WSP's Project Manager and Town staff will participate in informal monthly status calls to report on Project progress. An agenda for these meetings will be issued by WSP's Project Management one (1) week in advance. This call will be summarized in a follow-up email.
- **Deliverable Submission & Review** | WSP will generally issue deliverables to the Town via email five (5) business days in advance of virtual review meetings with the Town's project team and other staff, as required. The Town's Project Manager will consolidate comments received and send them to the Consultant Team.
- **Contact Management** | The Town's Project Manager (or staff delegate) will maintain a contact list throughout the Project and updated with contact information received through the Project Website and consultation events.
- **Comment Management** | Town staff and WSP will work closely to manage comments. Town staff will be the primary contact for all communications and will forward written correspondence and records of phone calls to the Consultant Team. Comments will be directed to the Town project email address at OPZBLReview@FortFrances.ca and will serve as a central point of contact. WSP will be responsible for maintaining comment documentation. As input is received, it will be compiled into a comment-response matrix and organized by theme. At the end of the Project (or at key milestones), the full database of input received and associated responses (where appropriate) would be provided to the Town's Project Manager for public release as a record of consultation.



External

The Town and WSP should work together to develop a transparent communications process and communications material. The communications tactics listed in **Table 5** will be led by the Town, with content input from WSP unless otherwise noted in the table. Town staff will manage registration for events; however, platforms such as Zoom allow for automatic registration, which can be used for engagement events to manage registration.

Table 5 - Communications Tactics

Consultation Tactics (Section 6.1)		Public Communications	Other Communications
1	Start-up Meeting with Town Staff	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 1 week prior (WSP)
2	Virtual Meeting with Council	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 1 week prior (WSP)
3	Pre-Consultation with the Ontario Government	N/A	Email of the commencement of the project to the Province (WSP to draft / Town to send)
4	Project Website Launch	Social Media Blasts (Town) Town Website Update (Town)	N/A
5	Virtual Staff and TAC Meeting #1	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 2-3 days prior (WSP or Town to send externally)
6	Preliminary Outreach to Indigenous Communities (Town / WSP)	N/A	Introductory Call (WSP to call; and follow up with email if required)
7	In-Person meetings with Indigenous Communities.	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 1 week prior (WSP)
8	In-Person Public Open House #1	Project Website (Town) Social Media Blasts (WSP to prepare content / Town to post) Notice of Public Open House (WSP)	Local Media (Town) Newsletters & Notifications (Town) Town Communications (Town)



**Consultation Tactics
(Section 6.1)**

Public Communications

Other Communications

9 Online Survey	Project Website (Town) Social Media Blasts (WSP to prepare content / Town to post)	N/A
10 Project Website Updates	Project Website (Town)	N/A
11 Project Website Updates	Project Website (Town)	N/A
12 Virtual Staff and TAC meeting #1	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 2-3 days prior (WSP or Town to send externally)
13 In-Person meetings with Indigenous Communities.	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 1 week prior (WSP)
14 In-Person Public Open House #1	Project Website (Town) Social Media Blasts (WSP to prepare content / Town to post) Notice of Public Open House (WSP)	Local Media (Town) Newsletters & Notifications (Town) Town Communications (Town)
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16 Project Website Updates	Project Website (Town)	N/A
17 Virtual Staff and TAC meeting #3	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 2-3 days prior (WSP or Town to send externally)
18 Virtual Staff and TAC meeting #4	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 2-3 days prior (WSP or Town to send externally)
19 Virtual Staff and TAC meeting #5	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 2-3 days prior (WSP or Town to send externally)



**Consultation Tactics
(Section 6.1)**

Public Communications

Other Communications

20 In-Person meetings with Indigenous Communities.	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 1 week prior (WSP)
21 In-Person Statutory Meeting for the Draft OP and Draft ZBL	Project Website (Town) Social Media Blasts (WSP to prepare content / Town to post) Notice of Statutory Public Meeting (WSP to prepare / Town to post)	Local Media (Town) Newsletters & Notifications (Town) Town Communications (Town)
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23 Virtual Staff and TAC meeting #6	N/A	Schedule Meeting and Issue Agenda 2-3 days prior (WSP or Town to send externally)
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27 Project Website Updates	Project Website (Town)	N/A
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Consultation Tactics (Section 6.1)

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10 Roles and Responsibilities

We assume that the development of the New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law will be a significant initiative for the Town. Over the course of the project, it is vital to understand roles and responsibilities for consultation between WSP and the Town. Specifically, we anticipate that Town involvement will include the following items:

Internal and External Communications

- The Town's Project Manager, Cody Vangel, will be the primary contact for this Project via the dedicated Project email.
- The Town will manage day-to-day liaison between the public, Council, internal departments, and external agencies.
- Town staff will forward comments to WSP for tracking. The Town will also send acknowledgement emails to comments received. WSP can provide input into more detailed written responses, as required. WSP will track all comments.
- Any communications with the public and stakeholders should be forwarded to the WSP's Project Manager.
- WSP will be responsible for preparing engagement material. Town staff can post materials online.
- The Town will maintain the Project Contact List. Email will be primary method of contact.



Development of Materials

- WSP will be responsible for preparing all engagement materials including presentations, notices, and interactive activities. The Town may wish to supplement this with additional materials (e.g., tax mailout inserts), which would be prepared by the Town with inputs from the WSP, as required.
- WSP will share draft engagement materials with the Town for review and comment at least one week in advance of publication timelines.
- WSP will revise materials for final circulation and/or posting.
- The Town will circulate materials to invitees as needed.
- Town staff will prepare staff reports to Council, which introduce project deliverables (e.g., Draft Official Plan and Draft Zoning By-law) and WSP will prepare a presentation if required.

Coordination and Facilitation of Events

- WSP and the Town will work together to determine the preferred date and time for all engagement events.
- Town staff will coordinate the requirements for in-person (e.g., booking a venue, set-up) and virtual events (e.g., setting up virtual platform and a registration page, if required).
- The Town will manage registration for events, including the distribution of invitations, based on the Project Contact List.
- Town staff will issue public engagement notices, including those prepared by WSP.
- WSP will facilitate and lead meetings and public open houses.
- WSP will be responsible for attending all engagement events.
- Town staff will attend and participate in engagement events.

Documentation of Outcomes

- WSP will prepare meeting minutes for meetings with Town staff included in the Work Plan. Action items arising from monthly project check-in meetings will be confirmed by email.
- WSP will prepare an “As We Heard” section in the Final Background Report (Task 2.7) to summarize all input received on the Draft Background Report.
- WSP will integrate engagement summaries within other deliverables (e.g., the Policy Directions and Recommendations Report) as appropriate.



If you have any questions regarding our Community Engagement Strategy, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 690-7463 or Justyna.Garbos@wsp.com.

Sincerely,

WSP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Garbos'.

Justyna Garbos, MCIP, RPP
Project Manager

Appendix C

Public Open House #1 Presentation (October 13, 2022)



TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review

Public Open House #1

Thursday October 13, 2022, 6 - 8 pm, La Place Rendez-Vous

Presenters:

Matt Alexander, MCIP, RPP – WSP, Senior Planner

Jill MacDonald, MCIP, RPP – WSP, Project Planner

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- 1. Project Team Introductions**
- 2. Project Overview**
 1. Ontario Planning Hierarchy
 2. What is an Official Plan and Zoning By-law?
 3. Need for New Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law
 4. Project Timeline
 5. Community Engagement Program
 6. Official Plan Tasks
- 3. Key Policy Topics and Visioning**
- 4. Next Steps**
- 5. Q & A**

PROJECT TEAM INTRODUCTIONS



Town of Fort Frances

Key Role:

- Project oversight and coordination of Consultant team
- Review of project deliverables
- Organization of public engagement activities

WSP

Key Role:

- Project management
- Preparation of project deliverables
- Delivery of public engagement activities

Municipal Staff

Cody Vangel – Transportation Superintendent

Consultant Team

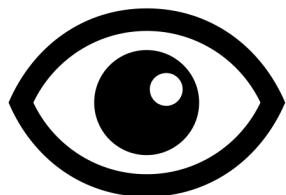
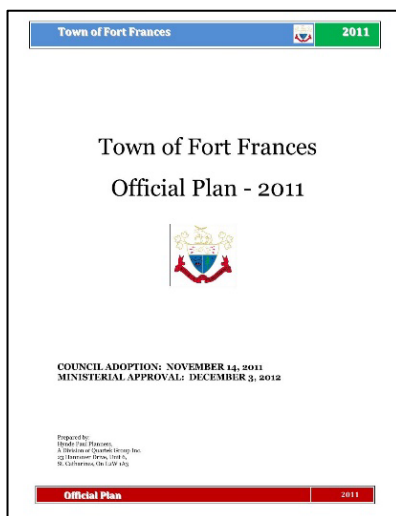
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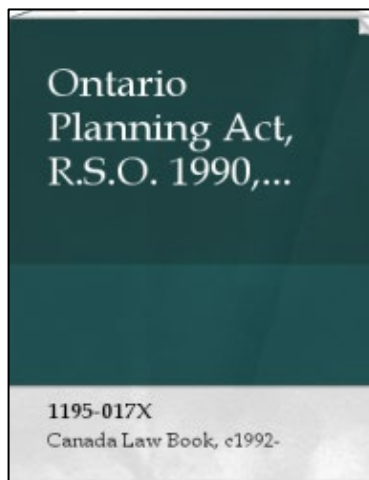
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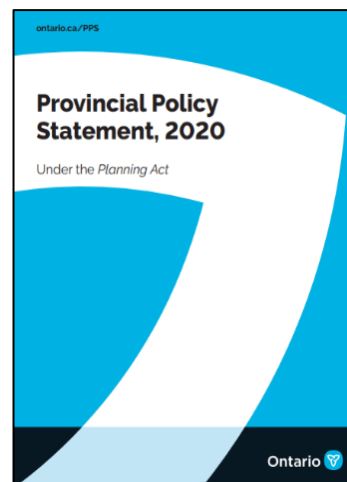
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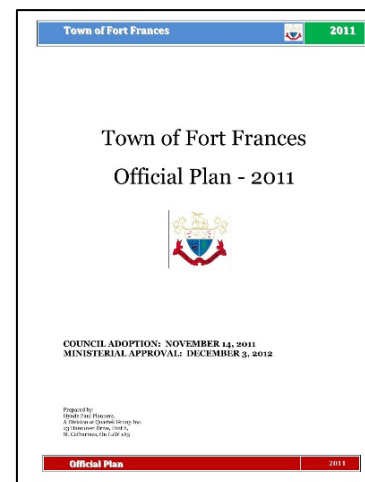
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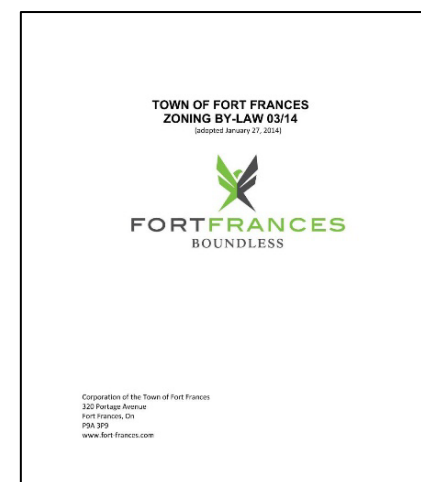
Planning Act
Provincial legislation that sets ground rules for land use planning in Ontario.



Provincial Policy Statement, 2020
Provides policies for matters of provincial interest, that all municipalities must be consistent with.



Town of Fort Frances Official Plan
Establishes a long-term vision, objectives, land use designations, and policies to manage growth and development.



Town of Fort Frances Zoning By-law
Implements the Official Plan, and sets out permitted uses and performance standards (e.g. setbacks, building heights) for each Zone.

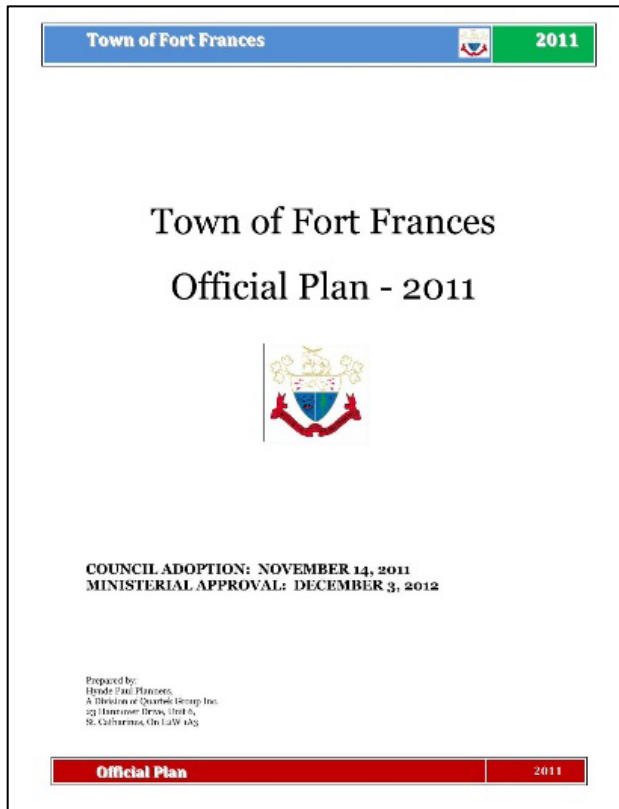
WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?



An Official Plan is a planning policy document that:

- Vision for growth and development
- Details strategic objectives to implement the vision
- Guides where land uses (e.g. residential, retail, office, industrial, parks) should be located
- Directs what natural and cultural heritage features should be protected and/or enhanced
- Identifies future roads and new infrastructure
- Reflects Provincial and local interests and values

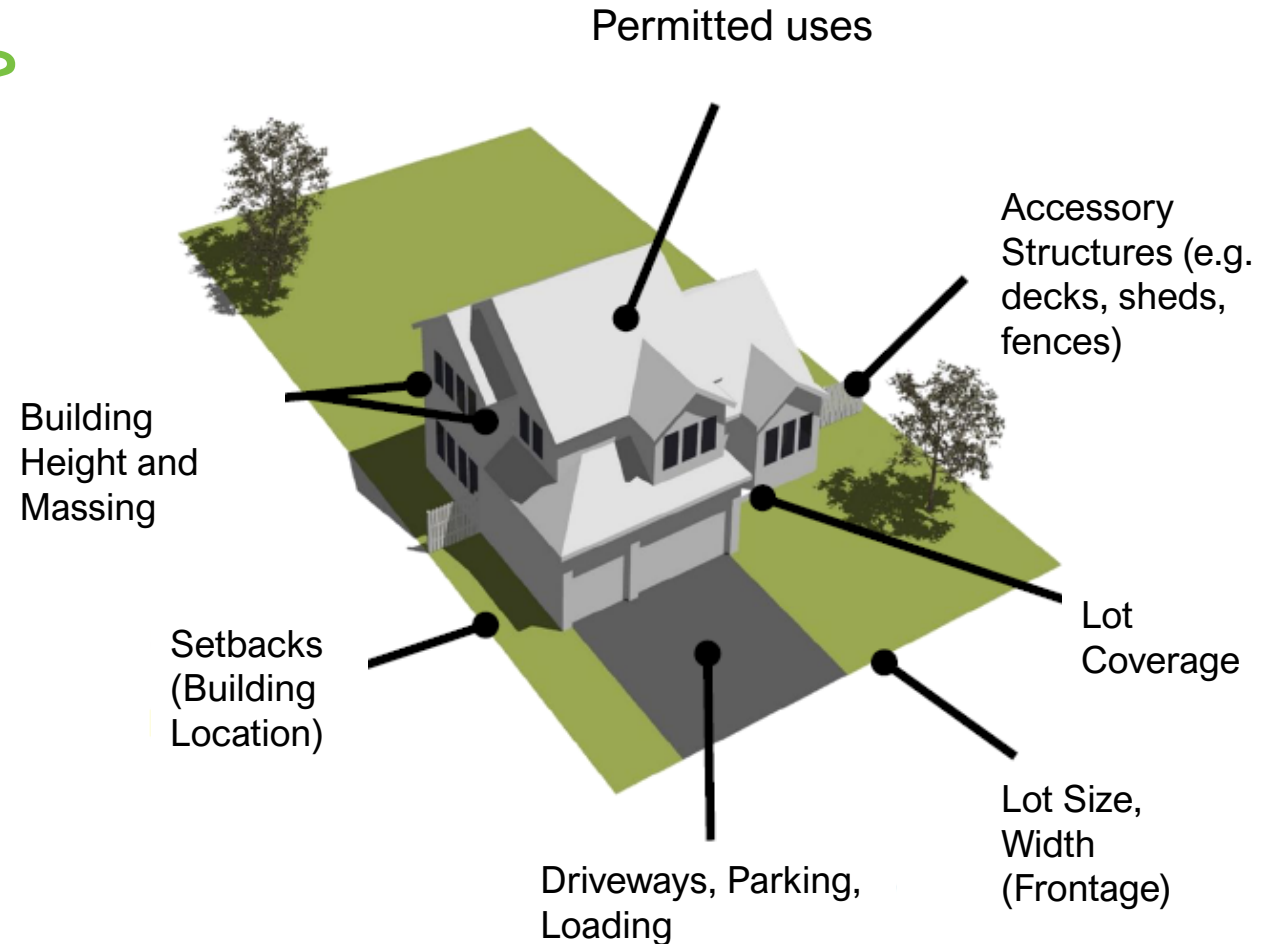
WHAT IS AN OFFICIAL PLAN?



- The Official Plan will be developed in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, with engagement and input from the municipality, technical agencies, Indigenous communities, and local community.
- The Town's current Official Plan was adopted by Council in 2011 and received Ministerial Approval on December 3, 2012.

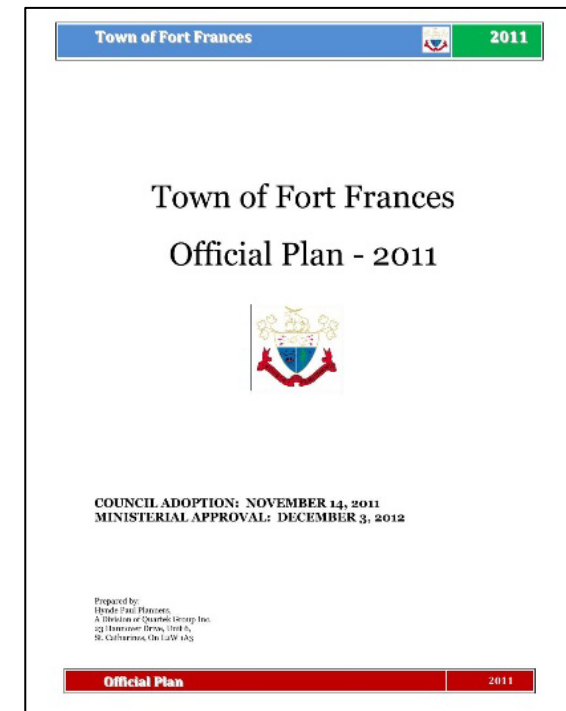
WHAT IS A ZONING BY-LAW?

- A legal document that regulates the use of land and built form.
- Implements the land use objectives and policies of a community's Official Plan and helps manage potential conflicts between land uses.
- Provides detailed standards for how a property may be developed.



NEED FOR NEW OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW

- Comprehensive review / update in accordance with Section 26 of the Planning Act and the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).
- Comprehensive review will involve ensuring consistency with in-effect Provincial legislation and policy.
- Community Engagement and External Agency Process.
- After Town Council adoption, the New Official Plan will be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for approval.
- New Official Plan would not need to be reviewed for 10 years.



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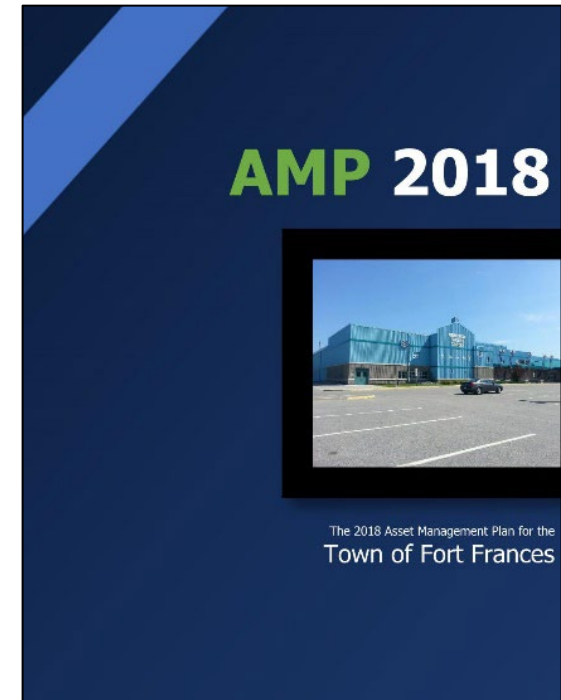
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WORK PLAN

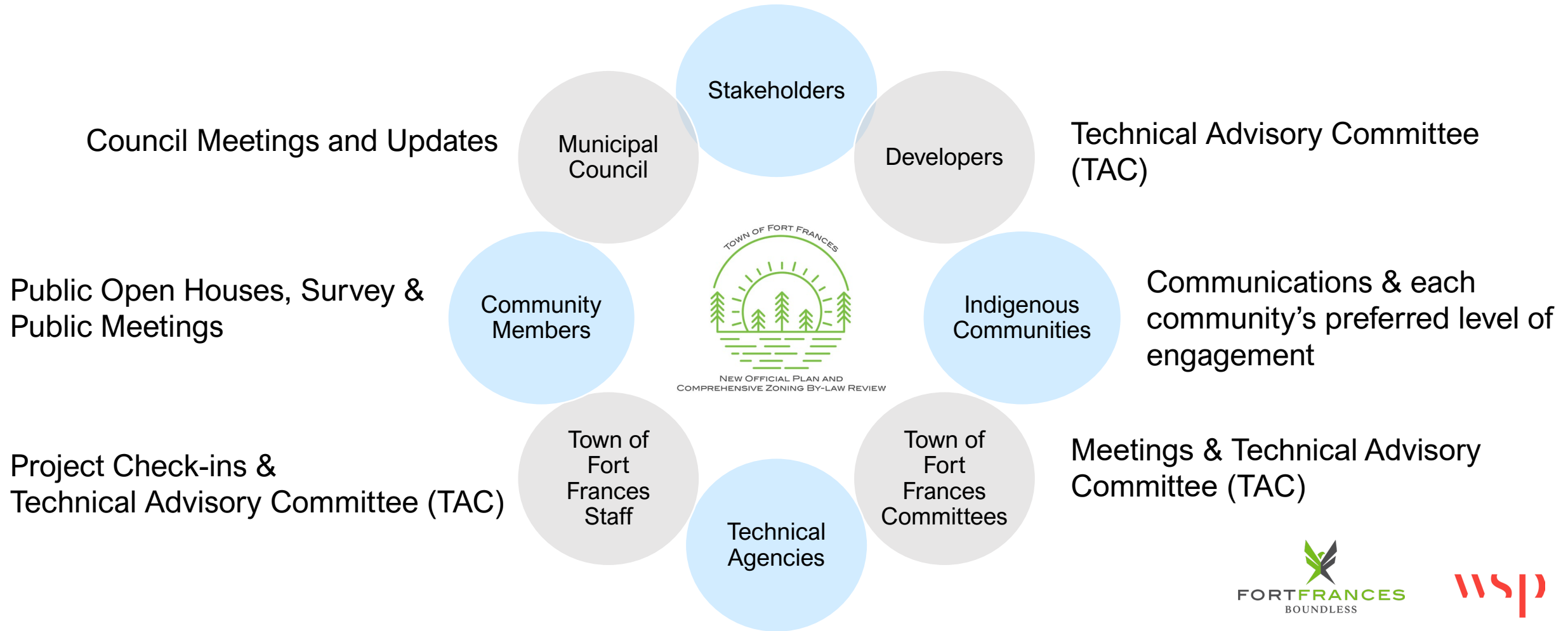
Phase	Engagement Milestone	Project Deliverables
Phase 1 Project Initiation: Background Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Council Briefing Town Project Webpage Launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement Strategy (submitted to Town for approval) Pre-Consultation with MMAH (August 17, 2022)
Phase 2 Community Exploration & Initial Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Staff / TAC Meeting #1 In-Person Public Open House #1 and Online Survey Meetings with Indigenous Communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Background Report
Phase 3 Technical Review, Research & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Staff / TAC Meeting #2 In-Person Public Open House #2 Meetings with Indigenous Communities Special Meeting of Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Directions and Recommendations Report
Phase 4 Draft New Official Plan & Zoning By-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Staff / TAC Meetings #3, 4, 5 In-Person Public Open House #3 Meetings with Indigenous Communities Special Meeting of Council Combined Statutory Public Open House 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft New Official Plan 90-day MMAH Review Zoning By-law Discussion Paper Draft Zoning By-law
Phase 5 Final New Official Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Staff / TAC Meeting #6 Meetings with Indigenous Communities Statutory Public Meeting (New Official Plan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final New Official Plan Council Adoption Submit Final New Official Plan to MMAH for Approval
Phase 6 Final Comprehensive Zoning By-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with Indigenous Communities Statutory Public Meeting (Zoning By-law) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Zoning By-law Council Adoption

OFFICIAL PLAN TASKS

- Community Background Report (November 2022)
- Draft Policy and Recommendations Report (Late November 2022)
- New and updated policies to reflect, integrate, and/or consider:
 - Town's Asset Management Plan (2018)
 - Policy and Recommendations Report findings
 - Input received from Town staff, external technical agencies, Indigenous communities, and the public



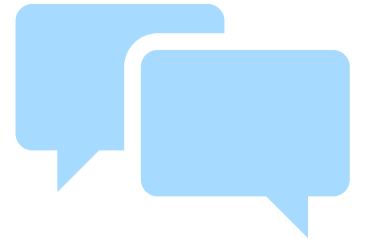
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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

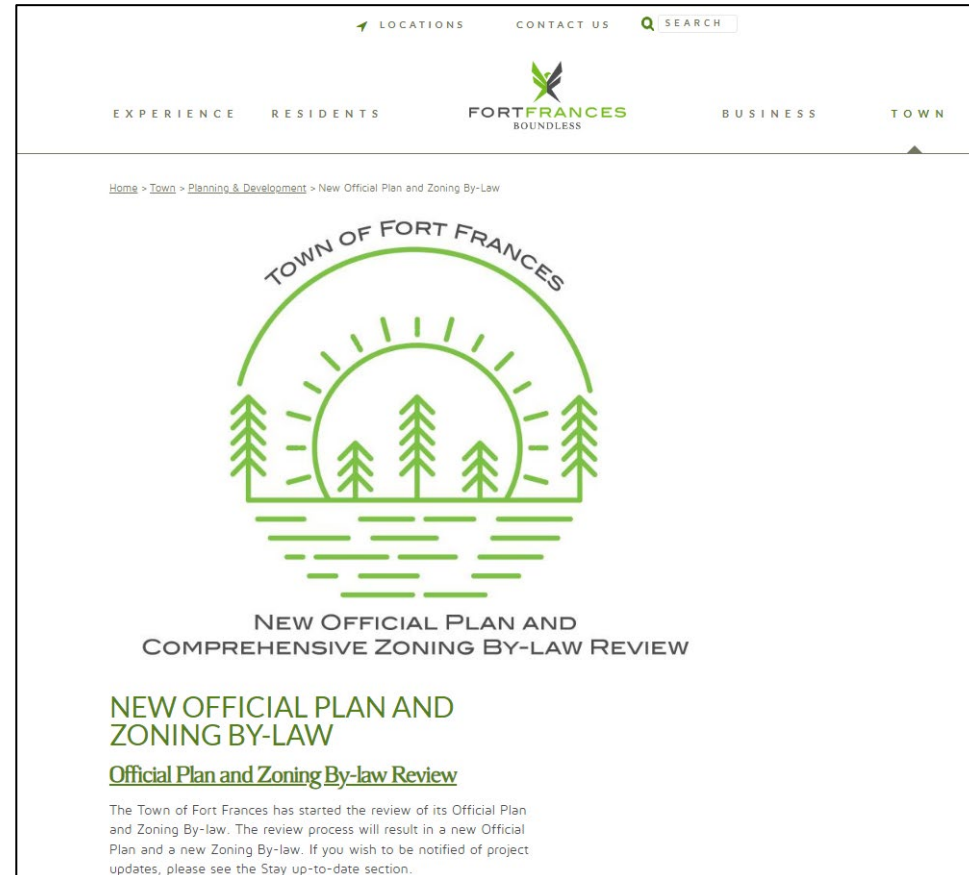
- Committee and Terms of Reference be established by Town Council.
- TAC will be engaged to provide background information, provide technical input at key milestones, and attend feedback meetings.
- TAC will be comprised of the following:
 - Town representatives from relevant Town committees
 - Town departments
 - External technical agencies
 - Local developers



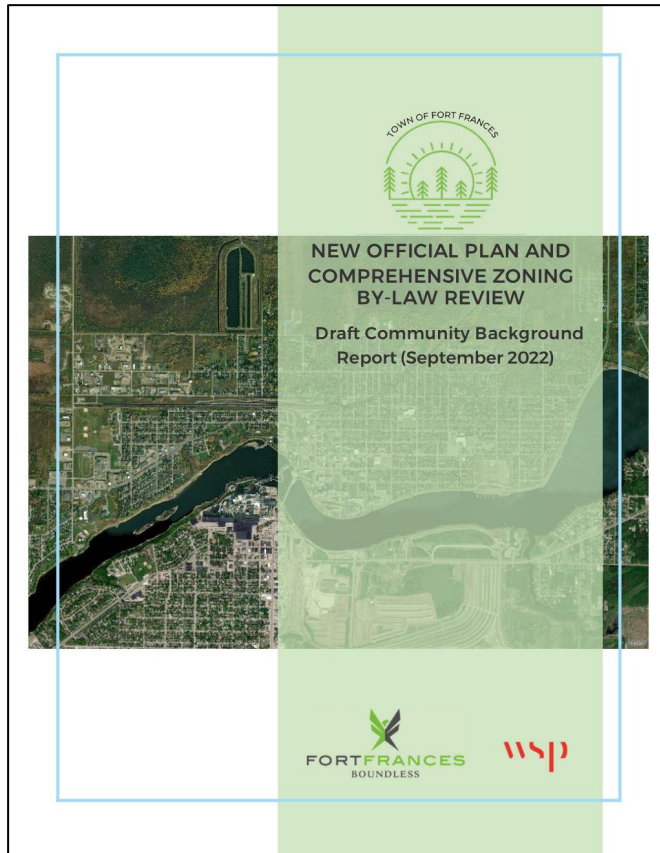
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Additional Methods of Participation

- Online and hard copy Visioning survey
- Project webpage, dedicated email, and mailing list (maintained by Town)
- Indigenous Duty to Consult
- Project branding
- Future Public Open Houses and Public Meetings



DRAFT COMMUNITY BACKGROUND REPORT



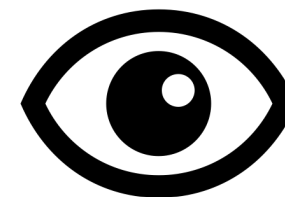
Key Topics:

1. Community Context
2. Planning Framework (Provincial and Municipal)
3. Engagement and Indigenous Engagement
4. Key Issues and Trends in Fort Frances
5. Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 Conformity Review

DEVELOPING A VISION FOR FORT FRANCES

The current Official Plan's three vision statements are related to:

1. Complete Community
2. A Sustainable Town
3. A Safe, Healthy and Accessible Community



**Consider how you see
Fort Frances, today and
in the future...**

Complete the Visioning Survey tonight or online at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fortfrancesvision>

KEY POLICY TOPICS



Cultural Heritage



Economic Development



Environment



Housing



Infrastructure



Natural Resources



Parks and Recreation



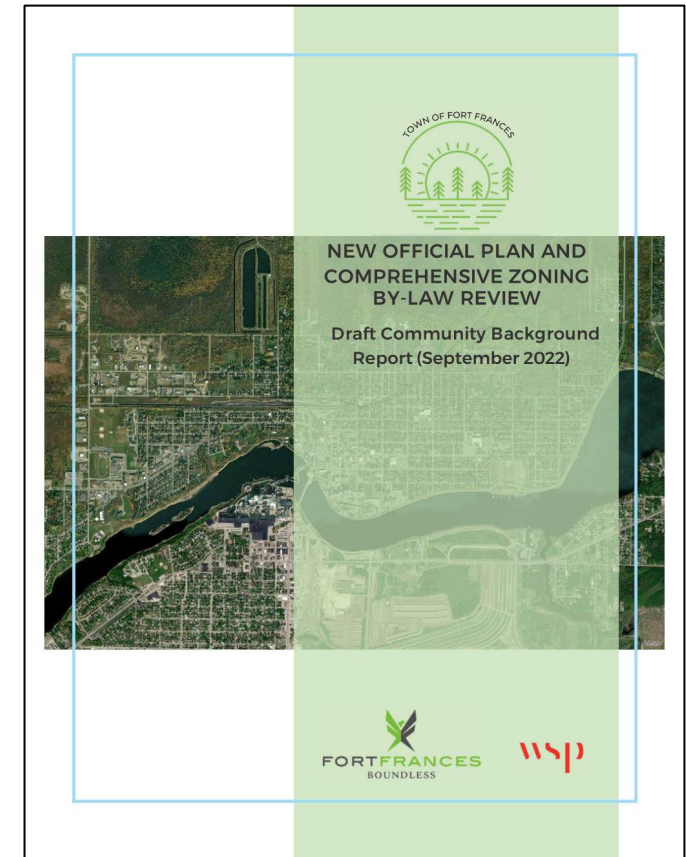
Transportation



Urban Design

NEXT STEPS

- Final Community Background Report and survey findings (Early November 2022)
- Draft Policy and Recommendations Report (Late November 2022)
- Draft New Official Plan (Winter 2023)



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?



NEW OFFICIAL PLAN AND
COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW

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Town of Fort Frances

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For more information, check out the project webpage at:

<https://fortfrances.ca/town/planning-development/new-official-plan-and-zoning-by-law>

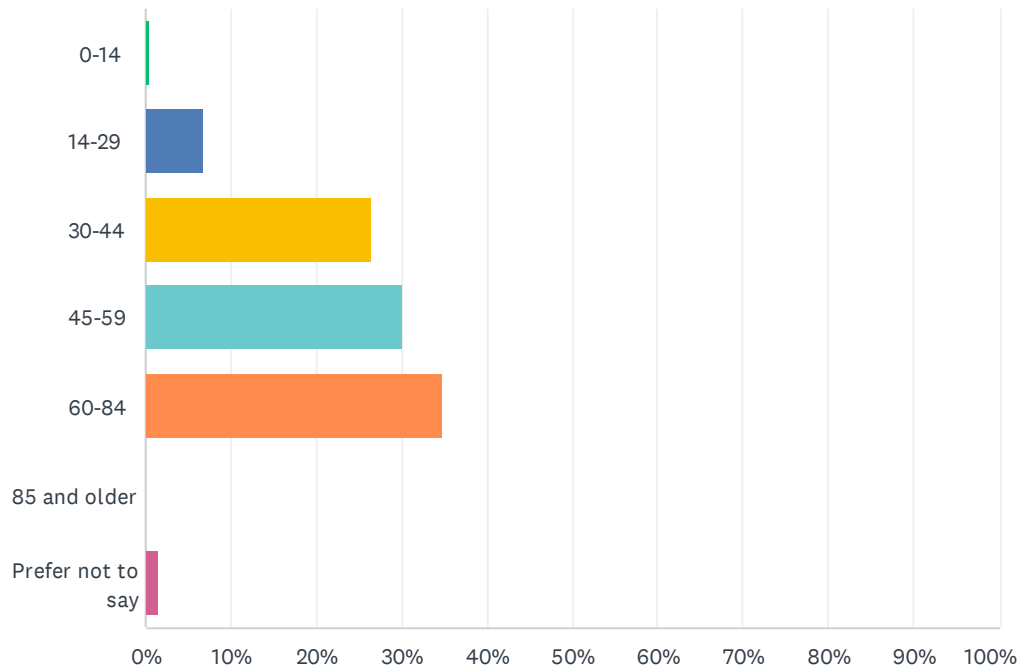
Be sure to check back for updates!

Appendix D

Detailed Summary of Responses – Visioning Survey

Q1 How old are you?

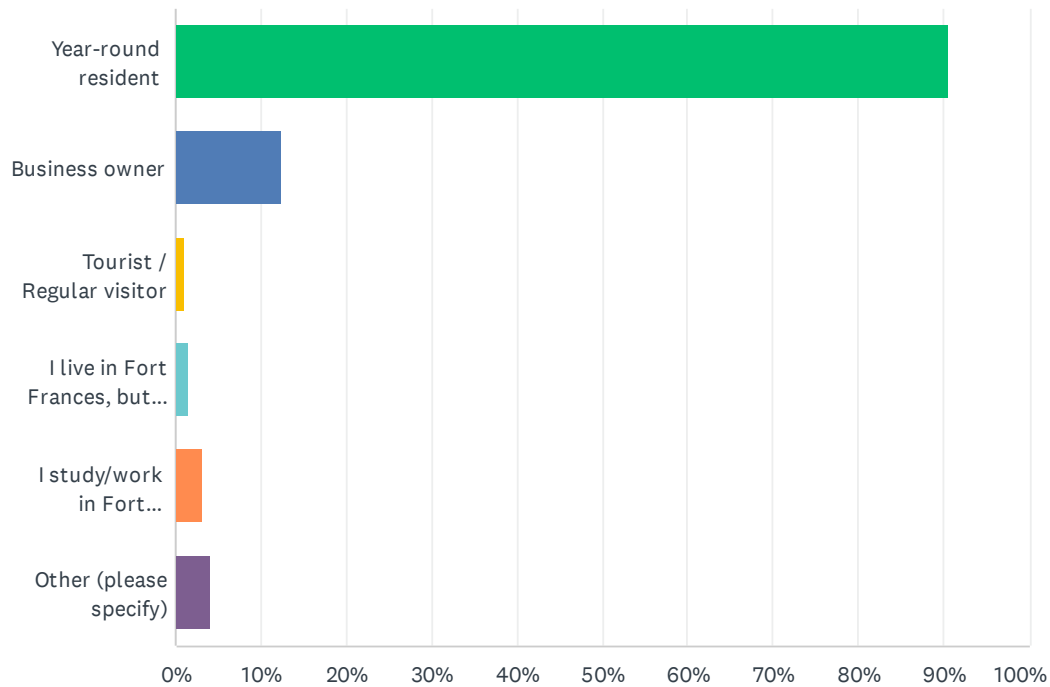
Answered: 193 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-14	0.52%	1
14-29	6.74%	13
30-44	26.42%	51
45-59	30.05%	58
60-84	34.72%	67
85 and older	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	1.55%	3
TOTAL		193

Q2 Which of the statements below best describe you? Select all that apply.

Answered: 193 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Year-round resident	90.67%	175
Business owner	12.44%	24
Tourist / Regular visitor	1.04%	2
I live in Fort Frances, but study/work elsewhere	1.55%	3
I study/work in Fort Frances, but live elsewhere	3.11%	6
Other (please specify)	4.15%	8
Total Respondents: 193		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Live in Winnipeg, was raised in Fort Frances.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
2	Born and Raised in Fort Frances, Regular Visitor	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
3	Just moved	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
4	Lived there for 76 years. Moved to closer to family	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
5	Lived there for 76 years. Moved to closer to family	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
6	F	10/27/2022 10:40 PM
7	Just moved to town and retired nurse	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
8	former resident	10/27/2022 4:13 PM

Q3 What are 1 to 2 words that you would use to describe the Town of Fort Frances today?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Needs help	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	mediocre	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	In decline.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	Schadenfreude	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	No inclusion Lack imagination Boring	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	Potential	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	Outdated, uninventive.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
8	Fading	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
9	Messy Inconvenient	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
10	Discouraged	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
11	Scary, boring	11/15/2022 9:39 PM
12	IN CHAOS: Taxes are too high, town council focus on projects such as the skate park or water park to support only a small specific group or population of the town. I feel that a better focus needs to be on providing a good quality of life with low taxes to keep and attract new residents. Housing prices are high but the taxes are even higher. Focus on people and the resources that we ALREADY HAVE before spending more money (any money, from any source) to attempt these huge new projects.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
13	Boring Stale	11/15/2022 2:43 PM
14	In Trouble	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
15	Small Functional	11/15/2022 1:03 PM
16	Declining	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
17	Citizen unfriendly	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
18	Struggling	11/15/2022 10:46 AM
19	Not maintained Unkept	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
20	Sad	11/14/2022 6:02 PM
21	transitional	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
22	Stagnant	11/14/2022 11:59 AM
23	Tired. Unkept	11/14/2022 10:57 AM
24	Unsafe, expensive	11/13/2022 2:27 PM
25	Old school.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
26	Dirty, drug ridden	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
27	Scary and Disappointing	11/13/2022 8:30 AM
28	Potential	11/13/2022 12:32 AM
29	Dead Milltown	11/12/2022 11:39 PM

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30	Dying,	11/12/2022 8:49 PM
31	Friendly	11/12/2022 5:49 PM
32	Tired and stalled out.	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
33	Stagnate Stuck	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
34	Stagnate Stuck	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
35	Tired	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
36	Ok	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
37	Aging	11/12/2022 10:41 AM
38	Beautiful and quiet.	11/12/2022 10:40 AM
39	Boring	11/12/2022 10:33 AM
40	embarrassing getting worse	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
41	Frustrating	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
42	Aging and Stagnant	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
43	Unwelcoming	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
44	Aged, underwhelming	11/11/2022 7:58 AM
45	Aging, declining	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
46	Poorly planned	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
47	No comment	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
48	Poor management	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
49	Depressed & aging	11/10/2022 5:31 PM
50	In transition	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
51	sketchy, surviving	11/10/2022 8:19 AM
52	Transitioning	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
53	Divided and disorganized	11/8/2022 6:00 PM
54	Pathetic	11/8/2022 5:43 PM
55	Beautiful area	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
56	Dismal	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
57	In transition	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
58	Not quite	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
59	Failing	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
60	Not exciting	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
61	no industry	11/7/2022 5:05 PM
62	Aging. Friendly.	11/7/2022 4:42 PM
63	Potential, behind	11/7/2022 3:58 PM
64	Stale, Unhappy	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
65	Friendly and community	11/7/2022 3:23 PM
66	poorly managed	11/7/2022 3:19 PM
67	Transition	11/7/2022 3:06 PM

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68	Declining population	11/7/2022 2:56 PM
69	Boring	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
70	boarder, rural	11/7/2022 2:49 PM
71	Outdated	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
72	lacking leadership	11/7/2022 2:27 PM
73	Welcoming	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
74	Old. Short-staffed.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
75	old boys club.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
76	Stagnant	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
77	dorment	11/4/2022 8:04 PM
78	misdirected	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
79	misdirected	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
80	stagnant, possibility	11/4/2022 11:51 AM
81	Aging	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
82	Pivotal, transition	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
83	failing. shrinking	10/31/2022 9:40 AM
84	Unkept Dying	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
85	Beautiful,	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
86	Great	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
87	Sad state. Nothing to do or see only homeless on our streets	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
88	Sad state. Nothing to do or see only homeless on our streets	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
89	Boring Un-environmental Expensive	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
90	Struggling	10/29/2022 10:10 PM
91	Declining	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
92	Unsafe, regressive	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
93	Lacking vision	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
94	potential	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
95	Beautiful Location	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
96	Beautiful Location	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
97	Limited and in transition	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
98	Old & Expensive.	10/28/2022 5:20 PM
99	dismal uninviting	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
100	Unsafe, regressive	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
101	Divisive, stagnant	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
102	Shortage of restaurants and shortage of accommodation for visitors	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
103	Stagnant	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
104	Poorly managed	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
105	Racist, Retirement, disrepair	10/28/2022 9:35 AM

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106	Lacking	10/28/2022 9:02 AM
107	Broken	10/28/2022 7:10 AM
108	Shortage of restaurants and shortage of accommodation for visitors	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
109	Sad	10/27/2022 11:48 PM
110	Underutilized/untapped potential	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
111	Boring, stalled	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
112	Stagnant	10/27/2022 10:49 PM
113	Depressed unkept noisy	10/27/2022 10:40 PM
114	GHOST TOWN	10/27/2022 9:49 PM
115	post industrial	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
116	In Limbo	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
117	Beautiful town noticed they very kids oriented which awesome but notice lacking with transportation for elderly especially most don't drive and hard to get around and lacking taxi service which never answer the phone especially busy hours .. young have to walk work . I get this girl who work with daughter constantly looking for a ride .. lives an hour walk we're she works.. don't mind giving her a ride when daughter working but not on her days off .. feel bad she even offered me money but I retired and want to sleep in retired 68 yr old	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
118	somewhat stagnant	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
119	affordable housing	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
120	In a rutt	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
121	Quiet	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
122	Very unattractive	10/27/2022 6:34 PM
123	Lack industry	10/27/2022 6:32 PM
124	Sad, struggling, unstable	10/27/2022 6:22 PM
125	Population decrease	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
126	aging population	10/27/2022 5:55 PM
127	Sad.	10/27/2022 5:25 PM
128	Stuck in 1970	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
129	Falling behind	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
130	Dying	10/27/2022 2:34 PM
131	Acts reactively instead of proactively	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
132	Stagnant, insecure	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
133	Slowly dying	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
134	Small, homey.	10/27/2022 8:34 AM
135	Dial a ride bring it back	10/27/2022 3:17 AM
136	Need help	10/26/2022 8:50 PM
137	Self-serving, pathetic	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
138	Boring, bad	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
139	Dead	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
140	stagnant	10/26/2022 3:28 PM

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141	New opportunities	10/26/2022 3:05 PM
142	Sedentary	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
143	Tired Nothing new and fun	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
144	Boring Outdated	10/26/2022 6:51 AM
145	Stuck, boring	10/26/2022 1:06 AM
146	Lost, undefined	10/26/2022 12:59 AM
147	Stuck	10/25/2022 11:04 PM
148	Failing	10/25/2022 10:41 PM
149	Dumpy Debilitated	10/25/2022 8:54 PM
150	In CRISIS !	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
151	Old and tired	10/25/2022 8:23 PM
152	Dormant	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
153	Connected, a community that works together	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
154	Ok	10/25/2022 7:24 PM
155	In transition	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
156	Lacking recreational leisure and entertainment for youth and Retail to keep Economy in Fort. We need more summer sports in Fort organized for kids or summer camps. Not everyone has a cabin.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
157	Boring , rough roads	10/25/2022 5:08 PM
158	Hurting	10/25/2022 1:55 PM
159	Living in the past.	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
160	In crisis	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
161	Defeated Dark	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
162	Aging Stagnant	10/25/2022 9:12 AM
163	Hurting / miscommunication	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
164	dying	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
165	tired	10/25/2022 1:17 AM
166	Beautiful	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
167	Boring and not safe	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
168	Changing	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
169	Down hill	10/24/2022 10:28 PM
170	Stuck	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
171	Floundering	10/24/2022 10:07 PM
172	Stagnant Behind the times	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
173	Rundown and dying	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
174	Steeped with opportunity	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
175	Friendly but not as safe as could be	10/21/2022 1:19 PM
176	Regressive	10/20/2022 7:58 PM
177	Insufficient; Under-Developed	10/20/2022 7:26 PM

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178	stagnant crime	10/20/2022 4:38 PM
179	Home. (haven't called anyplace home in many years so it's a big deal) Earnest.	10/20/2022 12:20 PM
180	small, cozy	10/19/2022 2:39 PM
181	antiquated, unsafe, expensive, boring	10/19/2022 2:38 PM
182	Declining, Stagnant	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
183	Infrastructure improvements.	10/19/2022 12:10 PM
184	Lacking; Fixer-Upper	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
185	dying	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
186	learning, restructuring	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
187	Declining visually	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
188	Struggling	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
189	Stagnant	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
190	Potential	10/14/2022 8:39 PM
191	Quiet	10/14/2022 5:26 PM
192	Run down	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q4 What are 1 to 2 words that you would use to describe your vision for the Town of Fort Frances in 25 years?

Answered: 188 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Safe place	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	needs improvement.	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	Beautiful location.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	Neighbourly	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	Tourist destination Eventful Inclusive	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	Affordable self-sufficient.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	Welcoming, young.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
8	Retirement community	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
9	Lovely Conveniences Welcoming Services Attractive	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
10	Energetic. Established	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
11	Fun, opportunities	11/15/2022 9:39 PM
12	I really -sadly- think that with the mill and gold mine gone in 25 years, the town will be quite unattractive to new residents and will most likely be an area for seniors or others who do not have the resources or ability to move away.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
13	Interesting Fresh	11/15/2022 2:43 PM
14	Gateway Hub	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
15	Bigger Jobs	11/15/2022 1:03 PM
16	Economic Expansion	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
17	More greenspace	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
18	Prospering	11/15/2022 10:46 AM
19	Plan for our residence starting with little people	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
20	Tourism attractions	11/14/2022 6:02 PM
21	community stability	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
22	Seniors community	11/14/2022 11:59 AM
23	Hub.	11/14/2022 10:57 AM
24	Busy, prosperous	11/13/2022 2:27 PM
25	Ecotourism	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
26	Safe, clean for grandchildren	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
27	Welcoming and lively	11/13/2022 8:30 AM
28	Growth, diversify.	11/13/2022 12:32 AM
29	Destination	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
30	Thriving, professional hub	11/12/2022 8:49 PM

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31	Enterprising	11/12/2022 5:49 PM
32	Thriving with fresh ideas and approaches to business and economics.	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
33	Revamped Regenerated	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
34	Revamped Regenerated	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
35	Family Friendly	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
36	Not sure	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
37	It's hard to say as I feel the town isn't doing anything to prepare for when the mine shuts down. So many people are going to have to leave because there's not as many opportunities here. This in turn will cause businesses to lose business and have to shut down.	11/12/2022 10:41 AM
38	Tourist destination.	11/12/2022 10:40 AM
39	Excitment	11/12/2022 10:33 AM
40	bustling tourist town unique experience	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
41	Resident friendly	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
42	Growth and Stability	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
43	Tourist destination	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
44	Family-oriented, developed (wood yard, mill, updated downtown)	11/11/2022 7:58 AM
45	Growing , vibrant	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
46	Better run	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
47	Proper planing	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
48	Enforced management	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
49	Prosperous	11/10/2022 5:31 PM
50	Welcoming, vibrant	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
51	striving	11/10/2022 8:19 AM
52	Expanding	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
53	Safe and welcoming	11/8/2022 6:00 PM
54	We need things to keep tourists in town	11/8/2022 5:43 PM
55	Open mindedness	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
56	All encompassing	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
57	Safe and prosperous	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
58	Friendly Safe	11/7/2022 8:02 PM
59	Equitable and desirable	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
60	Equitable and desirable	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
61	Fun and friendly	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
62	less industry	11/7/2022 5:05 PM
63	Growing. Flourishing	11/7/2022 4:42 PM
64	Healthy, supportive	11/7/2022 3:58 PM
65	Upbeat, alive	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
66	Thriving and growth	11/7/2022 3:23 PM
67	not measurable	11/7/2022 3:19 PM

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68	Vibrant Growing	11/7/2022 3:06 PM
69	Thriving,	11/7/2022 2:56 PM
70	Family community	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
71	industry, community	11/7/2022 2:49 PM
72	promising	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
73	Diverse	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
74	Family-friendly. Tourism hub.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
75	proactive positive thinking	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
76	Vibrant	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
77	clean/ welcoming	11/4/2022 8:04 PM
78	potential	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
79	potential	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
80	thriving, diverse	11/4/2022 11:51 AM
81	Hub	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
82	Openly driven	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
83	small tourist town	10/31/2022 9:40 AM
84	Vibrant Prosperous	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
85	Youthful, safe	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
86	The same	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
87	Elder care.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
88	Elder care.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
89	Vibrant Affordable	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
90	Thriving friendly	10/29/2022 10:10 PM
91	Hopefully improving	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
92	Progressive, financially viable, inclusive of all cultures	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
93	Frustrated	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
94	Great Place	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
95	Welcoming and busy	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
96	Welcoming and busy	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
97	Transformed and thriving	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
98	Hopefull with strong leadership.	10/28/2022 5:20 PM
99	vibrant innovative	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
100	Progressive, financially viable, inclusive of all cultures	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
101	Revived, safe	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
102	Better shopping better jobs	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
103	Prosperous	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
104	More industry	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
105	Young, Exciting	10/28/2022 9:35 AM

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106	Energizing	10/28/2022 9:02 AM
107	Tourism, family friendly	10/28/2022 7:10 AM
108	Better shopping better jobs	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
109	Optimistic	10/27/2022 11:48 PM
110	Hub for tourism/recreation, welcoming	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
111	Bustling, growing	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
112	Adaptable	10/27/2022 10:49 PM
113	Booming clean and well maintained	10/27/2022 10:40 PM
114	UNPREDICTABLE	10/27/2022 9:49 PM
115	Tourist Destination	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
116	Modern,Vibrant,	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
117	More plants and places u can visit have a community garden be nice or have box on front yard for vegetable fruit etc and share products give a product or produce and receive something u need like a share care idea No money involvedalso need town bus to transportation for people who have no car mostly young and elderly most don't drive .. also this way they can get shop most don't get their basic needs which is abuse in a way .. they need socialize get to pool and library and social events .. a bus would help which goes around town .. Walmart and downtown and most of the streets and need start early 8 am for young people who work or elderly seniors etc	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
118	transparency essential	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
119	Bustling inclusive community	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
120	Housing	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
121	Bustling	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
122	Revitalized	10/27/2022 6:34 PM
123	Self sustaining	10/27/2022 6:32 PM
124	Prosper, healthy	10/27/2022 6:22 PM
125	Jobs,industry	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
126	Attempt to make us a safe retirement community	10/27/2022 5:55 PM
127	less crime and house the homeless	10/27/2022 5:25 PM
128	Vibrant, welcoming, inclusive	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
129	hope	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
130	Small village	10/27/2022 2:34 PM
131	Family friendly	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
132	Encourage growth	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
133	Fun, adventure.	10/27/2022 8:34 AM
134	More affordable housing	10/27/2022 3:17 AM
135	Tourist town	10/26/2022 8:50 PM
136	Energetic, vibrant	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
137	Fun, exciting	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
138	Thriving	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
139	employment opportunities	10/26/2022 3:28 PM

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140	Growth	10/26/2022 3:05 PM
141	Tourism hub	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
142	Productive Lots of options	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
143	Profitable Inviting	10/26/2022 6:51 AM
144	Vibrant, modern	10/26/2022 1:06 AM
145	Discovery. Tourism	10/26/2022 12:59 AM
146	Prospering	10/25/2022 11:04 PM
147	Thriving	10/25/2022 10:41 PM
148	If things don't change and improve, I see nothing more than a senior citizen ghost town.	10/25/2022 8:54 PM
149	Two major manufacturers.	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
150	Rejuvenate and prosperous	10/25/2022 8:23 PM
151	Inspiring and Invigorated	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
152	A progressive place with healthy and active community members. A thriving tourist attraction again.	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
153	Kidfriendly, entertaining	10/25/2022 7:24 PM
154	More businesses	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
155	Themed parks for families, more food options. Daily markets, bigger community Gardens, sidewalks, roads that are safe to drive on, mini golf, waterpark, just more lively.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
156	Safe, prosperous	10/25/2022 1:55 PM
157	Dynamic forward thinking.	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
158	Heathy ,vital	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
159	Persevere Destination	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
160	Flourishing	10/25/2022 9:12 AM
161	Growth / upgrades	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
162	stability	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
163	still here	10/25/2022 1:17 AM
164	Quaint	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
165	Fun and safe	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
166	Great potential	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
167	Fresh eyes	10/24/2022 10:28 PM
168	Diverse	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
169	Vibrant	10/24/2022 10:07 PM
170	Thriving Advancing	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
171	Industry and renewal	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
172	Evolve transition	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
173	more people equals more businesses	10/21/2022 1:19 PM
174	Forward thinking, strategic	10/20/2022 7:58 PM
175	Recreation; Vibrant	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
176	prosperous booming	10/20/2022 4:38 PM

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177	Thriving. Stable.	10/20/2022 12:20 PM
178	modern, safe, friendly, welcoming, affordable	10/19/2022 2:38 PM
179	Vibrant, Engaged, Transparent	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
180	Solid tax base.	10/19/2022 12:10 PM
181	Northwestern Hub; Destination	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
182	determined, hopeful	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
183	inclusive, welcoming, diverse	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
184	Productive jewel	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
185	Succeeding	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
186	retirement town	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
187	Multicultural	10/14/2022 5:26 PM
188	Lots of potential	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q5 What places in Fort Frances are important to you and why?

Answered: 191 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Library, rec facilities- health and social activity places	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	water front because it is very beautiful and I enjoy walking along it in warmer months	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	Rainy Lake. Pither's Point. Anywhere along the Rainy River. Historical locations. Former Paper Mill sites. Former Shevlin Clarke lands. Sorting Gap. Bridge to International Falls. Armit Avenue. Second Street.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	*Waterfront spots such as the River Walk and Point Park - because I feel a strong connection to the water. *Our educational institutions - because they play a huge role in growing the minds of our future generations. *Our community service locations (Memorial Sports Centre, Museum, Library, Seniors Centre) - because they play key roles in contributing to community connectedness and wellness. *8th Street Walking/Ski Trails - because they offer simple access to the outdoors and feel like a hidden gem. *Social Service Organizations (NCDS, VALA, UNFC, CLFFD, RRDSSAB, etc.) - because they offer life-changing programs and services for our citizens.	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	Parks - for family recreation The arena - recreation Library - programming Museum - programming	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	Small businesses Services Each person deserves to be able to have their visions realized and help benefit the town.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	Schools, for educating the next generation. The library for it's programming for all ages. Parks - free outdoor recreation. Recreation spaces for all ages - provides things to do. Local businesses- so money stays in the community.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
8	Water front Community facilities- sports plex, library, curling club, churches , train station. History and preservation	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
9	The riverfront walk The trails at 8th 7 Oaks and the Point Downtown	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
10	Library - social and educational Business sector - empowerment Arena/pool/ recreation areas - kids justice prevention Senior center - elders need something	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
11	Grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants	11/15/2022 9:39 PM
12	Parks, natural resource areas, walk ways, year round sports facilities, arts centre, anything that can be used by EVERYONE to enjoy.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
13	Pool great exercise	11/15/2022 2:43 PM
14	The Point Park because its the historic waterfront, Downtown because its the hub of activity, The old Mill Grounds because its a new found resource, the Dawson Canal because its another link between east and west	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
15	Pharmacy Safeway Shopping and picking up my Medications.	11/15/2022 1:03 PM
16	Sportsplex - Activity & socialization Library Riverfront walk - activity & socialization	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
17	Grenspaces	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
18	Riverfront - beautiful place to walk/bike and show visitors Library, museum, rec centre, theatre -provides opportunities for culture ,fitness and entertainment 8th st trail system- easy access to forest walking and cross country skiing within town Curling club- great winter sport for all ages	11/15/2022 10:46 AM
19	Arena library competitive shopping	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
20	Waterfront development	11/14/2022 6:02 PM

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21	River front, which is enjoyable to be on. Scott street, where we can be brought together as a community, If we don't have a retail core, what brings us to 1 palace or a sense of belonging.	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
22	The Point. Place to spend time with family. 2. Splash park. Something for the children.	11/14/2022 11:59 AM
23	Arena. Library. Scott street. Arena and library provide many activities. Scott street used to be a vital art of our community. It could be again	11/14/2022 10:57 AM
24	Senior Centre, sportsplex	11/13/2022 2:27 PM
25	The River because it's the life force of this town.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
26	Museum to preserve our history. Health care and LTC	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
27	Downtown area for shopping at local businesses and the water front for walking and taking in the water view.	11/13/2022 8:30 AM
28	Pitcher's Point, it's a place that can be enjoyed by all ages and income levels.	11/13/2022 12:32 AM
29	Hospital as we are remote Rainycrest...no other option	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
30	Arena, downtown	11/12/2022 8:49 PM
31	Downtown shopping. Very important to keep stores open to encourage people to come downtown	11/12/2022 5:49 PM
32	River walk Downtown area Water access All for obvious reasons.	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
33	Waterfront, seven oaks, the point - beautiful areas that need to be maintained and enhanced	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
34	Waterfront, seven oaks, the point - beautiful areas that need to be maintained and enhanced	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
35	Parks, library, Memorial Sports Centre, schools: as a parent with small children, they are our future and having safe, fun and positive community areas to enjoy is vitally important to creating a sense of community and pride.	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
36	I live here	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
37	Local businesses - keep town running Restaurants - as there is nothing else for young people to do to go out/have fun which makes it difficult for young people to stay.	11/12/2022 10:41 AM
38	Rainy lake is a beautiful water way that should be further developed as a tourism destination in both winter and summer.	11/12/2022 10:40 AM
39	The waterfront, restaurants, shopping	11/12/2022 10:33 AM
40	the lake- because it is beautiful and can be used almost all year round and offers so many recreational opportunities downtown- because it could have a lot of potential for bustling business river- very unique that it borders USA also Sunny cove- there is so much potential there	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
41	Point park because kids need a place to go and play and swim	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
42	Places of historical significance, ie the museum, the fire tower and the Hallet. You cant know where you are going unless you know where you have been. Having places like these (and the old Fort that was left to rot and fall into disrepair[from an outside perspective this unique structure and education stop was given up on far too early]) are unique items to our history. Yes neighbouring communities have similar items for tourism but with our strong relationship with Indigenous communities we could present a different part on history. Although these are not items that will draw tourism alone, if we were to lean into them and promote the uniqueness of the area, (ie snow machine/ATV trails, outdoor tourism) the Rainy River District could become a force to be reckoned with.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
43	Lake access, library and parks. All locations for family friendly events	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
44	The downtown core including expansion within old mill site because it should be the heart of the town with shop, food, tourism and family options. It should provide our community with local options of entertainment and shopping as well as draw Tourists in, instead of only driving through. Our waterfront- it is one of the only things we have going for us, we need to invest in making it better and a place To see and go.	11/11/2022 7:58 AM
45	Sports Centre, Library, Point Park, Museum, Downtown. These are places where the	11/10/2022 10:18 PM

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	community can gather and help to define our unique sense of place.	
46	Green spaces, entertainment	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
47	North end.North West end has been neglected since I moved here over 40 years ago.	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
48	Clean neighbors regarding low rentals by Huffman court. Management of the town need to do their jobs we are losing the beauty	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
49	Downtown - for growth. Hospital and clinic for proper health care. Green space for recreation. Roads, for safe travel.	11/10/2022 5:31 PM
50	Point Park and Waterfront - encourages family recreation and adds beauty to our community Main Street - would like to keep historical facades of buildings on Main Street to add character. Gateway and entrances - with Mill gone, would love to see a focus on making the entrances to our community welcoming and attractive. 8th Street Trails - beautiful area that incorporates the natural beauty of our area. Great way to encourage active living for all members of the family.	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
51	Rainy lake is by far the most important thing fort has to offer, for tourism , and residents its our best asset	11/10/2022 8:19 AM
52	All places are important and each one holds a different value for every person. We need to place importance on places for children and adults that are recreational as well as learning based.	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
53	Parks and Recreational grounds	11/8/2022 6:00 PM
54	Lakes	11/8/2022 5:43 PM
55	River walk, point park	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
56	Point park has potential. Business community as it holds our future	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
57	The downtown core. I want to shop locally and support our businesses. The Point Park and the Sorting Gap. I want places to relax with family and enjoy the outdoors. Our auditorium. I want to experience arts and culture. Confederation College. I think it is important for residents to be able to stay in their community to pursue and expand on their education. Our hospital. I think it is vital that residents access progressive health care in their community.	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
58	Library and Arena. Activities for children & adults.	11/7/2022 8:02 PM
59	Public spaces	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
60	Public spaces. They're places where the community can come together and exist free of charge	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
61	Waterfront because it allows residents and tourists to appreciate our river and for exercise/visiting, memorial sports centre because of programming/pool/gym/squash courts able to join a community within and meet new people, the point although very sad and forgotten about is important to me because it reminds me of what could be at the town and endless possibilities for vibrancy and community events	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
62	Airport museum library	11/7/2022 5:05 PM
63	MSC. Point park. The MSC for recreation and fitness. The point park for citizen enjoyment.	11/7/2022 4:42 PM
64	Programming & activities (all ages) because it is a small town and items like this help to provide morale and boosters for citizens living in the area, and increase the likelihood of people remaining in the town if they are able to be a part of the community	11/7/2022 3:58 PM
65	the waterfront and pithers point park-its iconic to the beginning of Fort Frances, Visitors to the area comment on the beauty but there is so much more we could do to give more to offer our residents and visitors.	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
66	The library, they do so many activities for the kids during the school year and throughout summer. The Sports centre, it's the main sporting hub of town and is so important for both kids and adults. And the parks and playgrounds.	11/7/2022 3:23 PM
67	the arena the highschool i study there has	11/7/2022 3:19 PM
68	*Memorial Sports Centre—offers variety of recreational opportunities for all ages and backgrounds. *Public library—a safe, inclusive place to promote educational and cultural	11/7/2022 3:06 PM

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opportunities. *Museum—preserves our past for future generations to learn and value.
 *Townshend Theatre—wonderful venue to promote arts and cultural opportunities for all ages and backgrounds. *La Verendrye Hospital—offers health care close to home.

69	Library, waterfront, parks, sportsplex, point park They provide quality of life to the community.	11/7/2022 2:56 PM
70	The point park - really great part of Fort Frances , it's important to me because of what it used to bring to the area ..	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
71	The river and parks to allow our kids to play and the MSC as it is the largest facility that offers our community a great place to play and exercise.	11/7/2022 2:49 PM
72	downtown core & anything that can potentially drive tourism	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
73	Downtown, water front, memorial sports center, ball diamonds: brings in tourism, new families, sense of community	11/7/2022 2:27 PM
74	Riverfront - Excellent recreation space. Gateway to the Lake Point Park - Could be an amazing extension to the riverfront McIrvine Park - the park in my neighborhood. Has something for all age groups and a skating rink for the winter.	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
75	Rainy Lake. A beautiful natural feature for locals and visitors to enjoy.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
76	All places in Fort Frances are important to everyone in one way or another. we need to be able to retain what we already have and build new to expand to attract new development and grow our community.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
77	Marina - as a recreational boater this is a central location and important feature for the Town. This has the ability to draw regular users and tourists if marketed and developed correctly. Parks - as someone raising a new/young family parks are important assets for children to get outside and enjoy. Roads - as critical infrastructure connecting the Town these are important as they are necessary on a daily basis to carry on life	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
78	parks/ safe green spaces without them in our community there is no community. Residential areas need them,for our kids an grandkids .Families will not move hear without.	11/4/2022 8:04 PM
79	Green spaces that are welcoming and safe for people of all ages. Green spaces provide stress relief, community gatherings, engagement in a variety of activities and make our town inviting to new comers.	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
80	Green spaces that are welcoming and safe for people of all ages. Green spaces provide stress relief, community gatherings, engagement in a variety of activities and make our town inviting to new comers.	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
81	Town Square, waterfront boardwalk - shared public space is vital for community Scott Street commercial area - promotes pedestrian life	11/4/2022 11:51 AM
82	1. Waterfront properties - unique feature to our town. 2. Arena - hockey town; biggest community gathering 3. Downtown - where services are located	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
83	Memorial Sports Centre - it is our recreational hub. Gojijing and Baawitigoonsing Neyasshiing as it is our only maintained swimming area.	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
84	Rainy Lake for its year round enjoyment	10/31/2022 9:40 AM
85	Rainy Lake - boating, fishing, fun, friends Townshend Theatre - enjoy a variety of the arts Parks/Sports Centre - play and sport important for everyone, especially youth LV Parkway - enjoy walking the riverfront Seven Oaks - it's my serenity spot Church - fellowship, community	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
86	Places that are important to me and my family/ friends are parks and green space where my children and their friends can play.	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
87	Green spaces ,St Michaels park, the sorting gap boat launch,	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
88	Downtown and waterfront. They are all we have for providing community pride.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
89	Downtown and waterfront. They are all we have for providing community pride.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
90	Non- chain restaurants (for variety)	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
91	East end rink we barely have outdoor rinks left and that's the one I grew up on	10/29/2022 10:10 PM

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92	Sports plex, Jail, worked at both.	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
93	Library, sportsplex, parks and green space, marina area	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
94	Old wood lot. It could be used for a year round recreation and gathering area park	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
95	Waterfront. 3 seasons of feel good walking, cycling, beauty, restful especially during full moon rising.	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
96	Pitchers point park beautiful place with much potential to draw people to visit the area the downtown is also important because it should be the first place people should be visiting in our area it should be welcoming to everyone	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
97	Pitchers point park beautiful place with much potential to draw people to visit the area the downtown is also important because it should be the first place people should be visiting in our area it should be welcoming to everyone	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
98	Community places for experiences and connections. Shopping for variety. Education for quality of life. Business and industry for families and children's futures. Lakes rivers and forests for health and wellness. Conservation parks trails wildlife	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
99	Grocery Stores, Restaurants, Entertainment, Athletics.	10/28/2022 5:20 PM
100	La Verendrye Parkway walking and biking paths provide a friendly, safe, and relaxing way to get outdoors, get exercise and connect with people. The Public Library is a great hub for the community and provides innovative opportunities to connect with the public and expand personal growth. The Sportsplex is also a hub for exercise, recreation, a place where you can do things with a friend. Townshend Theatre is a great venue for bringing in entertainment for a variety of personal tastes. It is also a space that is well used by the high school for drama and musical venues that are also enjoyed by the community. These are wonderful assets of the town. I also am a first-time user of the community garden. This is a wonderful endeavor. There is plenty of room for expansion of plot spaces available.	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
101	Library, sportsplex, parks and green space, marina area	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
102	Outdoor rinks provide hours of winter fun for all ages. The McIrvine rink is in dire need of repairs. We are falling behind communities like Alberton & Barwick. Volunteers have been told their not allowed to do any repairs, that the Union will do them. NOTHING has been done. Proposals have been put forward but to no avail. This is one free activity for the community.	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
103	River walk. Rainy lake	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
104	Sports centre, curling club and library. Vital to all age groups for physical and mental well being.	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
105	Commercial property to provide jobs.	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
106	The museum. It's the only cultural institution we have.	10/28/2022 9:35 AM
107	Arena - really the only place to be active year round	10/28/2022 9:02 AM
108	The point-it gas potential to be an amazing spot for tourism	10/28/2022 7:10 AM
109	River walk. Rainy lake	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
110	Agency 1 .. I miss heading to the beach.. not too safe anymore..:(10/27/2022 11:48 PM
111	Recreational/green spaces because they give our family a space to spend quality time together outside, indoor public spaces such as the library and the Memorial Sports Center because they offer many amenities	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
112	The Point because I don't own a cabin or boat. The Townshend Theatre because I enjoy live music. The Arena & Curling Club for sporting events as well as weddings, concerts & trade shows. 8th St. Trails The Laverendrye Parkway Sunny Cove	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
113	The Point - we are a lakefront Community.	10/27/2022 10:49 PM
114	Parks. Arena ,church , library Business , Grocery stores restaurants hospital	10/27/2022 10:40 PM
115	SAFEWAY CLINIC HOSPITAL RAINY LAKE	10/27/2022 9:49 PM
116	Sports Centre: indoor recreational opportunities in the building and opportunities to develop	10/27/2022 9:19 PM

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outdoor recreation programs. Previous managers have dropped the ball on outdoor recreation. The Health Unit where town is located has the highest rate of diabetes in the province. The TOFF Recreation Department needs to be fully staffed and do MORE programming.

117	The Downtown Core, Should be vibrant and appealing.	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
118	Pool , library and need quilting activities club etc for the women and men club etc	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
119	-parks, recreation facilities, health care (hospital is doing good but a modern proper Doctors clinic is so badly needed but recent Council's have been a negative force on any improvement; sewer/water/roads infrastructure are somewhat being attended to.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
120	Schools- they are where our next generations are being formedp	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
121	The Fort Frances Volunteer Bureau, because they care about the town's vulnerable	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
122	Parks, waterfront walkway, the point, market square, towsend theatre, shops down town,	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
123	All health care facilities. Health is a basic necessity! Stores and restaurants Theatre for cultural and social stimulation	10/27/2022 6:34 PM
124	Church n business	10/27/2022 6:32 PM
125	The town town are is important to me as it's our community gathering place however the shopping and limited businesses are a truly look at how are community it going. The walkway is another important place for me however over the last year or two it is not maintained and there's garbage under benches and it's not looked after as it once was. There doesn't seem to be any pride in the community any longer. No customer service that includes with the town employees.	10/27/2022 6:22 PM
126	Sports centre,which is the heartbeat of the community.The Ice for Kids committee led by Dave Egan Sr. and Les Baker should go down in history for recommending and working towards such a facility.It is the pride of Fort Frances and has economic spin offs.	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
127	Library - museum - sports plex - parks - walking/bike path along the river	10/27/2022 5:55 PM
128	the parks and beach	10/27/2022 5:25 PM
129	Townshend Theatre, waterfront	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
130	Arena complex. Kids need such places.	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
131	River, lake access. Visually and physically Desirable. Peaceful (as long Falls mill not letting off steam).	10/27/2022 2:34 PM
132	Library-very few "free things" n Fort Frances for families Point Park-beautiful spot my kids love to swim at	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
133	Point Park - this place is such a sacred and beautiful aspect to our town. It also has the potential to be a wonderful partnership with local Indigenous nations; whereby a new beginning can be forged for the benefit of all. Please follow through on co-development of this area. Waterfront - Continue to maintain and update the infrastructure along the waterfront. It is a beautiful walkway and attraction for people who live here, and ones who visit. I would like to see the industrial hammocks like they have on the waterfront in Halifax - look them up - just an additional plus to our waterfront. Border Crossing - It is the gateway to our town and our region. It is lacking signage, it totally industrialized, and disheveled. Work with Aazhogan and follow through on woodyard plans to improve the border crossing experience for traveller we want to attract to Fort Frances Shevlin Wood Yard - Follow through on development of this critical asset. There needs to be a draw to have people stay and play on the water in Fort Frances. (not only Rendez-vous)	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
134	Commercial and industrial expansion	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
135	The arena, many opportunities for different activities. The library, has so much to do and they also have something going on for the community.	10/27/2022 8:34 AM
136	Boardwalk, peaceful feeling when walking n seeing water..	10/27/2022 3:17 AM
137	The marina Woodward. Need to build a hotel and restaurant and make this a tourist town with bike, kayak and other rentals. Fix up the point and make it a place to come to.	10/26/2022 8:50 PM

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138	Sportsplex, Townsend Theatre, Marina	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
139	Beaches in the summer. Parks, quite taking our green spaces!	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
140	Walmart - can access goods	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
141	Hospital and enough medical staff to help the people who come there. Police Station and enough officers to control our growing crime rate.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
142	A flourishing small to medium small business environment. Market square- diverse events. River front and completion of wood yard. Hospital and Clinic - enlarged health care	10/26/2022 3:05 PM
143	7 oaks Riverwalk love the water	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
144	Library Seniors centre Both cater to my age group	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
145	Arena, library are family based and accessible safe places for us to go.	10/26/2022 6:51 AM
146	International bridge to extra sources of entertainment and food venues Highschool to educate my child OPP to feel safe and protected	10/26/2022 1:06 AM
147	Lake, farmland Important for growth and business	10/26/2022 12:59 AM
148	The point the waterfront and Scott street	10/25/2022 11:04 PM
149	Sports plex, parks, waterfront	10/25/2022 10:41 PM
150	Point Park Sorting Gap Marina (Embrace our natural beauty but also requires investment in infrastructure and business opportunities to see these areas thrive to their real potential)	10/25/2022 8:54 PM
151	Grocery outlets and love of arts. (ie) Museum, art outlets and Townsend Theatre.	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
152	Water and downtown core. Water is what we are known for but there is capitalization of it. The downtown core has an abundance of history and potential but no vision	10/25/2022 8:23 PM
153	The waterfront. It is the reason I moved here two years ago, to live, work and play.	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
154	-Parks for children to play -Scenic water front and trails for exercise and healthy lifestyles - historic sites for education and awareness -surrounding lakes and rivers for fishing and hunting (wilderness based lifestyles and hobbies)	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
155	Local shops and restaurants	10/25/2022 7:24 PM
156	Parks, mostly. Green space and activity areas, including the RLSquare	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
157	The market square. Supporting local and giving local businesses opportunity to thrive. The library. They are always organizing events for the children and fun activities to do. Would like to see more go on at the skate park. Maybe a summer camp. The community garden is important. It teaches families how to grow their own food and show our children and the importance of it and also healthy eating. Outdoors and digging in the dirt.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
158	Main street as it sets the standard for the town. The river walk and point area as it shows our connection to the lake and river.	10/25/2022 1:55 PM
159	Downtown business core. Central gathering place driven by local business people that locals and outsiders see as the health of a community. A vibrant dynamic core will encourage local and tourist participation in the economic growth of the community.	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
160	Museum, Library, Sports plex, point park, RainyLake Square, Business District, sorting gap marina , tree line streets	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
161	Recreational facilities. They are a crucial part of gathering and ideas for the future.	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
162	.	10/25/2022 9:12 AM
163	Hospital/ mental health	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
164	the lake, waterfront, downtown	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
165	The lake	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
166	If we still had a bowling alley that would be an important place because that gives young people and older people something to do other than hockey are getting into trouble.	10/24/2022 11:16 PM

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Confederation College because it gives me an education grocery stores because they give me food. A mall would be perfect for Fort Frances with clothing stores like Old Navy torrid Nike because they carry plus sizes unlike some stores in Fort Frances so I have to order clothes online and not shop local like I would like

167	The water front. I have a lot of great memories as a child at the point. I would love to see us utilize our waterfront properties better.	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
168	Shopping and dinning and the lack of it. Also lack of things for children to do.	10/24/2022 10:28 PM
169	The water front - peaceful and prosperous Downtown- dynamic Rainy lake square - community	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
170	Rec facilities health and attracts new residents Employment need to diversify tax base and provide good jobs Point Park beauty and history should be shared responsibility with Agency One for all	10/24/2022 10:07 PM
171	Waterfront and Point Park - places to gather and be outside, source of community pride. Memorial Sports plex with library and skate park - nice and central to town, great facilities which provide extracurricular activities for all ages Seniors centre - so important to keeping our seniors engaged and interacting. Struchan Gilson sports fields - a testament to pillar of our community - great area for soccer, baseball and tennis for all ages.	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
172	Point park and waterfront. Our main access to water and tourist attractions. They need to be treated as such.	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
173	My home Downtown and waterfront	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
174	Library books and activities Senior Centre for companionship	10/21/2022 1:19 PM
175	Up to date Health facilities/medical-professional staff - reasons are obvious Need a vibrant downtown core Library	10/20/2022 7:58 PM
176	Riverfront - opportunity to redevelop mill site and woodyard	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
177	Parks because they are fun for the whole family Shopping because the more amenities we have the more choices there are	10/20/2022 4:38 PM
178	The Library - our community hub. Everyone is welcome and the staff tries to offer something for everyone. The waterfront pathway - wonderful place to walk. More could be done with it. Rainy Lake Square - Nice to have a gathering place in the heart of downtown.	10/20/2022 12:20 PM
179	Front street walking path - use it all year around Schools - where I send my children Library - use it all year around Sports centre - use it all year around	10/19/2022 2:39 PM
180	all recreational facilities, parks, waterfront, Pither's Point park, downtown core	10/19/2022 2:38 PM
181	Green spaces, bike trails - anything that will allow me to get outside and be active. I enjoy physical activity.	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
182	Businesses - diverse options so as to encourage local shopping, allow for job opportunities to keep population stable. Housing - maintenance of current houses and building opportunities. This would also include the improvement/maintenance of the infrastructure.	10/19/2022 12:10 PM
183	The Point is important to me, and I hope to see this area used/developed to become a real destination within Town.	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
184	downtown, it's the hub, waterfront as an attraction	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
185	gathering places, both indoor & outdoor	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
186	River walk, Pither's Point, 7 Oaks, Rainy River. Water assess and calming place.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
187	Parks, recreation, hospitals, education, retail, social. All places that make a person want to live here.	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
188	river walk, library, recreational facilities because they bring people together	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
189	Waterfront	10/14/2022 8:39 PM
190	Waterfront - Natural feature of the town	10/14/2022 5:26 PM
191	Waterfront, downtown and walking trails	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q6 In your opinion, do you think that Fort Frances is a Complete Community? Why or why not?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No- lack of access to family physicians	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	No, I think this town needs more activities going on for kids, so they can stay busy and stay out of trouble.	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	There is little or no coordination between Couchiching FN and Fort Frances. Also little coordination with International Falls, MN. Sadly, it's one population base, but three communities.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	I would not consider Fort Frances a Complete Community because I don't believe it fulfills its other values of Sustainability and Safety/Health/Accessibility.	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	No. We are no where near where we should be. We strongly lack inclusivity and a sense of community. We are to one set minded and believe we are a "mill town" when we should focus on bring in attractions to encourage people to visit and stay in Fort Frances.	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	No, we lack many businesses and opportunities, amenities for regular people. (Barely any recreation for the general public). Only way to use our area to its fullest is to have a boat and a cottage and you cant really rent either. Nothing in town is a tourist or local destination in and of its self. Nothing separates us from our surrounding communities and we rely heavily on these areas.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	No. We can barely keep doctors. There's not enough local businesses, restaurants or recreation opportunities to keep people engaged and wanting to stay. People leave because the community is incomplete. If Fort Frances was a complete community people wouldn't have to travel out for goods and services.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
8	No - the Nugget is a town disgrace. The fact that you can't shop at Safeway without seeing shoplifting- just drives the prices up for the honest	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
9	Somewhat. Missing some important services/expected options: public washrooms, a movie theatre, gas, food and essentials at a marina open late, downtown stores open late, hardware store and lumber store open hours that a regular person can access (after 4, on weekends)	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
10	No. It is not senior friendly for services. Costs are to high for kids activities so you eliminate a whole socio-economic group	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
11	No because it is not safe. That is not on the police it's the courts. We need a mill or something that will bring in revenue for the town and residents.	11/15/2022 9:39 PM
12	Yes, I think that FF is a complete community. We are very fortunate to have great medical facilities, library, larger stores, and a variety of restaurants etc. We also have good recreational facilities, entertainment venues, as well as many activities throughout the year.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
13	Old facilities	11/15/2022 2:43 PM
14	No. People need to leave to get access to healthcare, access to many goods, access to education, access to careers. The town has lost green spaces, there is a lack of connections, walkability is minimal only because the town itself is small. Public transportation doesn't exist.	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
15	No I don't. Too much is going on.	11/15/2022 1:03 PM
16	We lack economic development.	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
17	NO. It does not consider the needs of the residents, it focuses more on the needs of businesses and development for homelessness and social services.	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
18	No. The town needs a major industry to support it's tax base	11/15/2022 10:46 AM

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19	No because you will not let our community grow. Help get Dr's here open a walk-in Clinic lower taxes make thing more affordable	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
20	No, I think we need more people, people who can work at jobs that pay sustainable wages. People A wider diversity of ages.	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
21	To an extent.	11/14/2022 11:59 AM
22	No. Limited shopping, high prices, housing	11/13/2022 2:27 PM
23	I would say that Fort Frances is about 55-65% complete.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
24	No..next to none assisted living units No public transit No reliable transportation to out of town dr appointments if you have no family to rely on	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
25	I'm not sure - may need some work to get to complete?	11/13/2022 8:30 AM
26	No, this area is in a pandemic when it comes to drugs use and our suicide rate.	11/13/2022 12:32 AM
27	No divided by first nation rights over all citizens	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
28	No, lack of jobs means limited opportunities	11/12/2022 8:49 PM
29	No its not! Fort Frances needs a industry to replace the pulp mills closure. We need to keep our young people here to work, raise families and retire	11/12/2022 5:49 PM
30	Define complete community	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
31	I think we are lacking in a lot of areas. We need to regenerate things to entice our youth to come back here.	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
32	I think we are lacking in a lot of areas. We need to regenerate things to entice our youth to come back here.	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
33	No I don't feel it is complete. I feel that our demographics are heavy in some areas and light in others. Without investing in families and providing more opportunities for activities we will continue to see the mass exodus of our young people. We need people to return and invest in our community. Without the ability to retain and grow we cannot be complete.	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
34	Yes	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
35	We need more jobs for youth in this town to stay and raise a family.	11/12/2022 10:40 AM
36	There is nothing for the youth to do in this town	11/12/2022 10:33 AM
37	not a complete community, we are lacking a bussing system, many sporting opportunities and tourism. Lacking a public beach and entertainment venue	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
38	NO I don't think Fort Frances is business friendly	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
39	I dont believe that we are a Complete Community, the last 2 years of lock-downs have proven it. Can we get by alone yes, but how many staples of a community of our size have been locked across the border? We are currently missing basic shopping options, and when looking at our downtown core it is a shell of its former self. On top of that there are many streets (luckily ones most visitors dont need to traverse) that are in such disrepair, it feels like your teeth are rattling themselves loose.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
40	No. It needs to focus on family services and opportunities for kids. Not just hockey.	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
41	No, I don't believe there are efficient services, programs and options for all ages (kids, families and young adults are lacking things to do within the town) The town is also very divided	11/11/2022 7:58 AM
42	Yes. Our community offers many amenities and most critical services.	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
43	No, one horse town everything to expensive	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
44	Not at all. HouSing developments that other parts of town do not want have been relegated to the North end.	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
45	Noway, I want to retire and sell my home there are no senior apartments 95% are full of kids druggies and alcoholics and 55plus	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
46	No. We are none of the above, but should be.	11/10/2022 5:31 PM

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47	I think the value is too broad to know what it really means. If you said "full-service community " I would agree with that.	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
48	No, not yet. We require affordable housing and a full time homeless facility, the warming centre is amazing as are the transition beds but it does not address many of the issues. We need to look towards children's activities that are educational and interesting as the Museum held this summer. Summer camps are a great example.	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
49	No, it lacks inclusion and accountability	11/8/2022 6:00 PM
50	Not at all	11/8/2022 5:43 PM
51	Temporarily, the town needs more of a business tax base	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
52	No...it is no longer a complete community as council only thinks about their money and not investing in development or safety	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
53	I don't think it is a complete community right now. I believe we are in transition. We have a mental health/ drug/homeless problem that we haven't experienced before. We have a shortage of affordable housing. We lack variety in our retail stores in order to offer comparable prices and products that cities offer. We have a shortage of doctors. Many people do not have a family doctor. We are sadly lacking mental health services.	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
54	No, many resources are missing on a recreational level, affordability level and essential services level. At risk members of the community are not accepted and don't have resources. Lack of doctors, clinics and mental health resources. There's a housing crisis. Rental market is outrageous.	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
55	No. Essential services are lacking, limited recreational activities, the housing market is overrun with rental units, driving up the cost to potential home buyers, marginalized groups are lacking resources, no public transit	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
56	I do not think the town is a complete community. There is a lack of sustainability both economically and extracurricular. I believe everyone in the town loves this town and wants better, but there is a lack of togetherness in making those plans and implementing action to make fort Frances complete.	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
57	not complete. We currently are without a local industry to provide good jobs. The mine that is the current saving grace is temporary and the OSB mill does not provide enough employment.	11/7/2022 5:05 PM
58	Not. We need more stable economic development, expanded health care and youth opportunities	11/7/2022 4:42 PM
59	No. There are individuals who need help on our streets and as someone who recently moved here from Thunder Bay, there is a lack of supports to help these individuals. Particularly those utilizing substances. There needs to be safe usage areas to decrease dirty needles and supplies, and more detox to prevent those who are detoxing from wandering around the city without support.	11/7/2022 3:58 PM
60	No I don't think so. We have 1 main grocery store that is very hit and miss with inventory and overpriced, 2 gas stations, not much to offer tourists that visit our area, restaurants are varying and shopping is very limited.	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
61	I do. The town offers something for everyone. Yes, some areas need improvement, but overall it's a great place that's located in a wonderful area, surrounded by beauty and nature.	11/7/2022 3:23 PM
62	yes it is almost welcome to everyone crack heads old people rich people middle class	11/7/2022 3:19 PM
63	Yes because it offers a range of housing options, access to health-care services close to home, and access to a wide variety of educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities.	11/7/2022 3:06 PM
64	Yes, it has all the necessities for quality living	11/7/2022 2:56 PM
65	No , I feel like it only caters to the 60+ community	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
66	No, we are lacking private sector jobs needed to maintain a strong workforce that strengthens our local economy and builds a stronger community	11/7/2022 2:49 PM
67	no, It is geared toward mill supporters of yesteryears & seniors only.	11/7/2022 2:39 PM

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68	No, small businesses are not supported, roads need a lot of work, lack of leadership	11/7/2022 2:27 PM
69	yes. Everything that you NEED is here. There are numerous programs for families and seniors.	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
70	No. We lack some basic amenities and services to be complete, including transportation and housing needs. A new industry with new jobs to welcome families is needed along with family friendly amenities.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
71	No, we can always do better and improve upon what we already have. The old boys club way of thinking needs to be left in the past.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
72	No - we are missing key industry and continue to battle our indigenous neighbors over Point Park which could be a flourishing attraction if we just worked together versus against each other	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
73	No. Focus needs to be on hearing the voices of the people who already live here and how to make this a place they want to stay in.	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
74	No. Focus needs to be on hearing the voices of the people who already live here and how to make this a place they want to stay in.	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
75	I don't think Fort Frances is a complete community. - Underlying tension between indigenous communities and Fort Frances - Fort Frances lacks public space that will engage pedestrian life and commercial activity -	11/4/2022 11:51 AM
76	No, because it doesn't have mass appeal to all generations. We also lack common services/recreation that other towns enjoy.	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
77	No, we are lacking family amenities, entry-level housing, public transit, industrial driver, night life and entertainment, multi-purpose community centre for events, evening childcare, additional assisted living and more housing for seniors.	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
78	No. Lack of quality jobs available	10/31/2022 9:40 AM
79	No, it's lacking business/industry, no transitional housing for our elderly, no vision	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
80	No, the vision needs to have young families in mind and their needs. More activities and safe areas for kids to play in safe roads.	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
81	Yes. There is everything you need in fort frances	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
82	No. No elder housing or activities/transportation. Homelessness/mental health seems to be the only importance we see with huge funding for same to boot.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
83	No. No elder housing or activities/transportation. Homelessness/mental health seems to be the only importance we see with huge funding for same to boot.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
84	Not really; we lack variety, culture-based activities, and the downtown core closes early.	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
85	I think we used to be much more of a community I think we have a major problem right now and trusting even your neighbours is hard	10/29/2022 10:10 PM
86	No, to much crime and drug use.	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
87	No - just listen to the news and crime reports. Pretty obvious.	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
88	No. There are no central parks and recreation areas	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
89	It is complete with great facilities but seems to have a lack of volunteers and audience participation compared to other communities. Perhaps it is a lack of pride but we should be proud of what we have. Townsend Theatre, Memorial Sports Centre, Tennis Courts, Curling Rink, Golf Courses and Library	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
90	No it is not a complete community there are many businesses lacking in the town and no encouragement for others to open..... taxes are too high	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
91	No it is not a complete community there are many businesses lacking in the town and no encouragement for others to open..... taxes are too high	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
92	No it is striving to become a safe healthy accessible community.	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
93	Absolutely Not. Poor leadership/management over many decades has left FF in a terrible	10/28/2022 5:20 PM

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	mess.	
94	Not really. A community is for all sectors of the population. There are sectors that are not adequately represented.	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
95	No - just listen to the news and crime reports. Pretty obvious.	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
96	No.	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
97	Shortage of health care. Have to drive too far to see doctors	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
98	Yes but degrading at a steady pace.	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
99	No. Not enough direction towards replacing our mill	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
100	Not unless you're a retiree. There is nothing here for young people.	10/28/2022 9:35 AM
101	No many areas of life are missing from the town for all age groups	10/28/2022 9:02 AM
102	No	10/28/2022 7:10 AM
103	Shortage of health care. Have to drive too far to see doctors	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
104	I'd like to think it is..but unfortunately there aren't enough services	10/27/2022 11:48 PM
105	No. The town is severely lacking in activities/recreation for young adults (18-30 years) and families with children. From an economic development perspective, the town is also lacking job opportunities that would provide employees with higher wages and benefits.	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
106	We have most of what we need professionally but nothing much of interest to tourists.	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
107	No due to lack of housing.	10/27/2022 10:49 PM
108	No not a complete community , very little nice senior housing , poor assisted living . No public transportation Lack of facilities for young people eg . Movie theatre bowling alley teen centre , unsafe due to drug and homeless problem , Noisy and unsafe with big trucks allowed to drive down the Main Street of Fort Frances (a danger to everyone especially seniors and children and certainly unappealing to visitors	10/27/2022 10:40 PM
109	INCOMPLETE WITHOUT MAJOR BUSINESSES THAT PAY TAXES AND THAT EXIST WITHIN TOWN BOUNDARIES	10/27/2022 9:49 PM
110	No. How about a permanent structure in the Shevlin Woodyard like Kenora has on their water front? Farmers Markets, cultural performances, and a gathering place for the community.	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
111	I am not sure. I think that as a Complete Community Residents are terrific in pulling together and proud to live in Fort Frances. Community support for each other is great,	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
112	No .. I find there is no family doctors here for people who moved here .. have to have nurse practitioner which they can't do what dr do and prescribe medication u need they are limited to their scope of practice..so we don't get the best health care as required and hard to go to different person each visit and explain your history and start all over again. Especially if u on pain medication which every person is different and every person has different pain tolerance and nurse practitioners won't give pt their narcotics meds cause most not familiar with the whole situation and not as caring and not as much empathy noted with the nurse practitioner and not as knowledgeable as a dr so u get second level of care ... get rid of the nurse practitioner and hire a real Doctor it's worth the money to pay for a real dr and will have less complaints and better health services for all who don't have a dr ... nurse practitioners can only do their scope of practice we NEED A DOCTOR .. town will be a lot happier .. heard so many complaints since I moved here people not happy with nurse practitioners ... please pay for a DR ASAP thanks kindly	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
113	No, as said in item 5.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
114	Only if you are white middle class otherwise you get looked down upon and made to feel less than.	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
115	No, the town needs a safe place for women and children, like Atikokan does.	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
116	Need more to engage people other than just fishing and hunting. More hiking trails would be nice!	10/27/2022 8:01 PM

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117	No. Depends how "complete" is defined. There are few opportunities for young professional or other jobs to retain youth in the community. There are no assisted living facilities to allow seniors to remain in town should the need basic assistance	10/27/2022 6:34 PM
118	It lacks industry which creates spin off jobs, and a good tax base	10/27/2022 6:32 PM
119	There doesn't appear to be any pride initiative or any commitment to the community like there once was. The community is not looked after like it once was including the parks the walkway or even the roads. This is something you hear from many residents including visitors	10/27/2022 6:22 PM
120	Fort Frances is presently unsafe. Like all communities illegal drugs, guns, knives and other weaponry are all too common in F.F. Police and ambulance paramedics are maxed to the limit dealing with mental health issues. Burnout in these careers are becoming far too common.	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
121	agree 1)shopping 2)recreation 3)schools	10/27/2022 5:55 PM
122	not sure	10/27/2022 5:25 PM
123	No. Fort Frances is stuck in the 60's, with the old guard holding too much sway and completely uninterested in new ways of thinking. The development model is outdated, the town is not friendly enough to new businesses, and completely unmotivated to take on difficult challenges. All of the best pieces of community infrastructure - the theatre, library, ice for kids arena, skate park, etc etc, came about as a result of fundraising citizens. None of these were championed or led by the Town. The old guard is not welcoming to diverse populations, does not get the importance of reconciliation and working with our indigenous neighbours, and is more worried about looking good than making the right decisions.	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
124	No. It is lacking.	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
125	No. Services that we used to have are no more. Transportation into and out of (bus). Hospital-Dr's that could perform multiple illnesses/injuries. Tourism is non existent (why)?	10/27/2022 2:34 PM
126	No. Decision makers in this town are reactive and not proactive. Our roads are a prime example of this. Balancing the budget this year was difficult due to "salaries and wages" - time to make hard decisions and "cut the fat"	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
127	No, we have been forced to piecemeal our long-term existence to boom-bust industries (pulp/paper, no mining). We need to diversify and solidify our foundation.	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
128	No. Need more opportunities for economic expansion.	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
129	In order to be a "complete" community it would need to have more attractions.	10/27/2022 8:34 AM
130	Not enough affordable housing, Need dial a ride back, or something like it	10/27/2022 3:17 AM
131	Partly but we need to improve.	10/26/2022 8:50 PM
132	No. Dollars need to be spent wisely but seem to be spent on the "bleeding hearts", those who whine the most.	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
133	No. There's things for kids and things for seniors but nothing for the in between.	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
134	NO - lacks reasonably priced shopping, recreational resources, competitive market	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
135	No it is not complete. The mill was not fought hard enough for, and now we are depending on the mine for jobs. No new industry. And little hope of anything that can sustain the need for jobs	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
136	No lack of affordable housing. Lack of opportunities for high skilled jobs.	10/26/2022 3:05 PM
137	No. Distinct division in the haves and havenots	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
138	No Nothing to entice our kids to come back to. Other than our cabin	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
139	Nothing for families to do	10/26/2022 6:51 AM
140	I feel Fort Frances lacks in amenities for teenagers and young adults. I further feel Fort Frances lacks in night life/entertainment	10/26/2022 1:06 AM
141	No, No large business to move us forward	10/26/2022 12:59 AM
142	No. There is nothing for residents and nothing to keep tourists.	10/25/2022 10:41 PM

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143	No - we are not currently a complete community. We have to travel to cities to have access to things like shopping and entertainment (even something as simple as a movie theatre). We have one major grocery store in town. The population of this town and surrounding area combined is approximately 10,000 people which should allow for more than one major grocery store. This lack of competition results in price gouging and no choice in selection. This is hardly what I would call "complete".	10/25/2022 8:54 PM
144	Not enough activities for young professionals and their families	10/25/2022 8:41 PM
145	No. I am well into my senior years and still no sign of assisted living. Shame on you Fort Frances.	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
146	No, we are not an inclusive community and divided in very way	10/25/2022 8:23 PM
147	No. Extremely poor health services for all ages and conditions. No Economic Development commitment or progress. Not coming across as open to new ideas. Seniors project this town as a retirement community and I see this mindset as a dead community. We need to inspire, to motivate and encourage young people and families to move here and have programs initiated to interact the young with the Seniors. Suggestions of such, which I have made to the Seniors Centre have been met with a tepid response and no signs of action.	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
148	No we are certainly not there yet at all. Economically our tourist industry was greatly impacted by COVID and has not rebuilt itself. There is not enough encouragement and support for families and children to maintain a healthy lifestyle (we need more parks and unique areas to explore)	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
149	No. I think we can do better for our children. There is not enough for them to do in all seasons.	10/25/2022 7:24 PM
150	No. We have "holes" in businesses, housing, and community member commitment.	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
151	We lack so much. As much as the community comes together, more needs to be done.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
152	No , what is meant by complete community? Empty words. The town hasn't invested in its citizens.	10/25/2022 1:55 PM
153	No. The town relied on the forest industry too heavily for too many years. There does not appear to have been any thinking of what or where the town could be outside of this base. There is no reason for an educated younger person to return to the town.	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
154	No. We do not encourage people of all ages to live here. There is no provision for affordable graduated living for seniors.	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
155	No. There is too much divide and decisions made on an individual basis, not a team basis.	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
156	We need more for young professionals.	10/25/2022 9:12 AM
157	No but what town does? We need understanding and help (housing)	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
158	no, there is no economic base	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
159	I don't think our community is very healthy considering the drug problem	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
160	No because nothing to really do it less you play sports for teens and young adults. The town needs to do something about the homeless and drug population and mental health	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
161	I do not. I feel that the town could use more amenities for the younger population.	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
162	Fort Frances is not a complete community. Nothing here to pull the town together to make it complete.	10/24/2022 10:28 PM
163	No. We have been a one trick pony - the mill. Time to move on. Stop saving all the artifacts from it. The hallet. The whistle. The ownaden. Sink them all.	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
164	Not sustainable at present no major long term employer Lots of safety concerns drugs property crime homelessness Need to continue to invest in docs and recreation	10/24/2022 10:07 PM
165	No. I don't think we are doing enough to attract new businesses and families to live here. There are also a number of gaps in our community:- we lack variety in dining establishments we lack a building that could house winter activities such as indoor soccer, a running track, lacrosse along with other community events such as trade show etc. Instead we rely on school boards to allow outside users with limitation of available time. We lack cultural events at various times	10/24/2022 2:20 PM

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of the year especially winter when we need to encourage people to brave the cold and leave their homes.

166	No, everything is senior centered and a retirement community and council reflects this.	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
167	Yes	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
168	pretty much nice if we had more shopping options	10/21/2022 1:19 PM
169	No - the values noted above are incomplete in FF - we certainly are not a sustainable community with the loss of the mill, and crime (drugs) appears to have increased thereby not making it a safe community.	10/20/2022 7:58 PM
170	No. Poor recreational amenities for young families. Poor access to nature, despite marketing as an outdoor destination. Limited hospitality businesses. No housing availability to address labour shortage. Not walkable. Poor transit.	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
171	No because many people order a lot on line as they cannot get it here.	10/20/2022 4:38 PM
172	Yes. All stages of life can be lived in Fort Frances.	10/20/2022 12:20 PM
173	Yes! I love Fort Frances. People who hate or are hard on "this town" are often people who do not step forward to try to make it a better place. It is a great place to raise a family. Contrary to what most people think, there is tons to do here. I hate when people say there is nothing for people or kids to do here - as if it is the town's job to entertain your children!	10/19/2022 2:39 PM
174	Not really. Fort Frances lacks many services. One major grocery store. Two gas stations. Little to do for young adults.	10/19/2022 2:38 PM
175	No, not at all. I think that there are many gaps in service in the town, and as a result, I would hesitate to use the word complete.	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
176	At this time we are dependent on New Gold Mine for job opportunities. Should the mine close, we need to have an employer(s) in place to sustain our economic base.	10/19/2022 12:10 PM
177	No. While there are big box stores (WalMart, Safeway, Canadian Tire), there seems to be a lack of local services (bakery, coffee shop, etc.) - with more small local businesses, I feel that Fort Frances could become a tourist destination.	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
178	no, it has no firm tax base	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
179	multiple services including library, sportsplex, medical clinics (PT, chiropractic, physician, diabetic, etc), beach, outdoor skate rink, United Native Friendship Centre, museum, parks, sidewalks....	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
180	No. Needs to be more inclusive re homeless. More welcoming re US visitors. Roads sidewalks need to be fixed.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
181	Yes, but with limitations. WE can not compare our little town with a city for amenities, but we do ok.	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
182	not really, health care, homelessness, crumbling infrastructure.	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
183	No	10/14/2022 5:26 PM
184	No, not yet. We don't have much to offer families here It's also not safe anymore	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q7 In your opinion, do you think that Fort Frances is a Sustainable Town? Why or why not?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yea- mine benefits	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	No, I think there needs to be more businesses and place where residents can recycle.	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	No, because the industries sustaining the generation of local spending and taxes are either in decline (logging), or out-dated (most tourist operations in the area), or based on government subsidies (health-care.) The area needs some "future-oriented" industries.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	I see Fort Frances as a community of citizens looking out for themselves as opposed to considering the greater good. For this reason, taking on projects so often feel like an uphill battle with constant adversity to ideas and red tape. Moreover, our dependence on natural resources in pulp/paper and minerals has an end date which challenges both economic and environmental sustainability. The introduction of a Sustainable Economic Development Officer position (which the Town seems to be struggling to fill) speaks to the lack of consideration that planning for sustainability has gone into existing administrative and Council roles, policies and processes of the past.	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	It could be but members lack the intelligence on support our local economy	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	No. One of the biggest benefits of Fort is that its on the boarder. We dont have a proper hardware store. We dont have enough small business or recreation. Very little self sustainable jobs. Barely any infrastructure such as public transit.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	No. I think there is not enough industry to sustain the people here.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
8	Yes - tourism - make us a destination not a travel through town	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
9	Yes. The mill closed but we're still here!	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
10	What industry do we have?	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
11	It's lacking sustainability. We need more so people will stay.	11/15/2022 9:39 PM
12	I am concerned about sustainability especially at the increasing and very high residential tax rates. It most likely will be detrimental to attracting new residents. I think that everyone can find entertainment, things to do in our beautiful northern town, but home ownership is not easy and the cost of taxes is exhorbitant.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
13	No	11/15/2022 2:43 PM
14	Fort Frances has always made its way on the abundant natural resources that are available to it. And it has done so in ways that carefully manage those resources. that's sustainable. Mining Bitcoin on the towns most valuable land is not sustainable.	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
15	No - lack of economic development	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
16	Focusing on social services and homelessness housing does not make a sustainable town. It needs to focus on bringing in a large employer.	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
17	No. Young people often do not stay or move to the town. Employment opportunities and medical services are lacking. There aren't enough housing and care facilities available for the elderly.	11/15/2022 10:46 AM
18	No There is No industry here you as council do not let our community grow and the homeless. Do not count in what I am saying	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
19	No, residential taxes increases are extreme, nothing to show for taxes, roads are crap, too much council time and money wasted on people still working at home, too much council travel.	11/14/2022 6:02 PM

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	Quit spending.	
20	Not sure, As our source of revenue changes Closing of mill, length of mine operation, we need to look to areas that can provide good income potential and room for growth.	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
21	We need a sustainable long lasting industry.	11/14/2022 11:59 AM
22	Unsure. No major business to promote jobs and provide to keep young adults in the community	11/13/2022 2:27 PM
23	No. Sustainability to me is; renewable energy and renewable resources. I don't see Fort Frances diversifying either of those areas much.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
24	Yes if cleaned up and made a destination and safe place to raise a family	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
25	Again not sure?	11/13/2022 8:30 AM
26	No, we need sustainable industry.	11/13/2022 12:32 AM
27	Could be with beautifying entances into town and waterfront build up...restaurants, etc removal of decrepit buildings..white pin houses on kings hwy across from Walmart near Daniel ave...eye sore	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
28	No, not enough industry,	11/12/2022 8:49 PM
29	Not unless we can continue to support small business ventures.	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
30	Yes, but we need to change things up and try new and innovative ideas to grow and develop our town.	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
31	Yes, but we need to change things up and try new and innovative ideas to grow and develop our town.	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
32	I think we do a fair job on recycling and garbage disposal. I am happy to see such projects as the food cyler program to further reduce waste.	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
33	Yesyes	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
34	No.	11/12/2022 10:41 AM
35	Yes I think it's sustainable currently but we need to plan for the future.	11/12/2022 10:40 AM
36	yes, I believe it is. we have resources like water, forest and mining	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
37	NO we don't have a long term business	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
38	In our current model, no. We have had more than 10 years of transition, as we lost our main industry (forestry), we were saved by the incoming gold mine but (from my knowledge) this was something that came to us not we approached them. There are examples of what to do and what not to do all around us as towns have either thrived or died, yes they still exist but as tiny shells of their former self's. We need to use the resources that make us 'Boundless' (ie the natural beauty that surrounds us) and use it to guide our future, and by that I don't mean selling everything off but turning large swaths of our area into an attractive destination and ensuring Fort Frances isnt just a place for groceries before the lake, but a place tourists want to spend some time...and therefore money, strengthening our economy.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
39	Not at all. Lack of recycling and composting services.	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
40	It could have the potential to be but right now is not. We don't have anything within the town that is driving economy. Without the mine there are limited opportunities for people to continue to live here if it were to close.	11/11/2022 7:58 AM
41	Not at present. With an aging population and declining workforce it's hard to imagine the community can maintain its size and services.	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
42	Maybe	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
43	No .Our mill was not fought for strongly enough. The biomass pplant could have brought in manufacturing with cheap power.	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
44	No maybe suitable for low life that's all u see	11/10/2022 6:12 PM

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45	No. Limited products and services. Too much has to be gotten on line.	11/10/2022 5:31 PM
46	No. With the mill gone, we are fortunate that the mine was operational shortly after the mill closed. We need to work harder to attract more industry; maybe not as large as the former mill but multiple small to medium sized enterprises would work the best (I believe).	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
47	yes, fort has everything required for day to day living. more work then we can supply workers for, and lots of oppertunity	11/10/2022 8:19 AM
48	Absolutely, we have access to both east and west as well as USA, we have a high use railroad and many trucking companies. We are a town that has amazing entrepreneurs that are providing us with so many diverse products and we draw in from the district to provide access to them.	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
49	No, it's not progressive	11/8/2022 6:00 PM
50	Possibly	11/8/2022 5:43 PM
51	Yes if we can increase businesses or industry	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
52	In its present condition it is not sustainable. Focus needs to be on helping new businesses get established in town. Focus on big business development	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
53	It's a difficult question to answer. It depends on the definition of sustainable. I think we need government funding. Yes we have our Indigenous Community members investing in our town and this is very hopeful. We have a rich forest and an abundance of water. Our tourism needs to be revitalized to advertise our community and surrounding areas to Americans and Canadians alike.	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
54	Somewhat, it could be. Folks look elsewhere for products and resources, so money is made in our district but spent elsewhere. No industry, no tourist attractions.	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
55	No. There is no industry and no apparent development of industry. There is little to know incentive for business development and the areas available for food/retail buildings is limited and old	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
56	I do not think it is sustainable. We do not have a large, lasting economy to sustain the town's failing population. We outsource instead of looking from within.	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
57	Once the mine is exhausted, there will be little 'career' class employment available near the community	11/7/2022 5:05 PM
58	Yes	11/7/2022 4:42 PM
59	No. Unfortunately unless more tangible health supports are created to support all populations, FF will not be sustainable. People will leave the town.	11/7/2022 3:58 PM
60	Once upon a time we where.....then the mill shut down and our wood was taken from us without much of a fight by our district community leaders. If it wasn't for the area mine, its hard to say were Fort Frances would be today	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
61	I do. The town's mostly young and middle age population is a great opportunity to act on growth opportunities regarding businesses. The proximity to bigger cities of Winnipeg and Thunder Bay also allows for sustainable growth and opportunities from these places. There's also so much room for demographic growth by attracting more businesses and families to the area.	11/7/2022 3:23 PM
62	no	11/7/2022 3:19 PM
63	At present, no, because of the lack of an industry/industries that creates jobs to stabilize/grow our population and broadens the tax base so we can invest in the infrastructure, services and amenities necessary for us to thrive in the 21st century.	11/7/2022 3:06 PM
64	No, population is aging and declining	11/7/2022 2:56 PM
65	I'm not sure	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
66	Not really, we have a large infrastructure deficit, declining population and a dying pulp and paper industry. We need large industry to return to Fort Frances which will provide strong employment opportunities for our skilled labour force and give young families a reason to stay.	11/7/2022 2:49 PM

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67	I think it can be, If its focus changes to a realistic economy for the future. Right now its focus seems to be on a mill that is gone and seniors who will no longer be contributing to the economy. Young people are moving along with their children. Look at the amount of school aged children now vs 10 years ago.	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
68	No: young families are looking to leave, lack of extracurricular activities, lack of entertainment, bars, restaurants, grocery stores, shopping	11/7/2022 2:27 PM
69	maybe. I think the town is at a tipping point right now and depending on which way we go in the coming years (2-5) it can become that, but it can also go the other way.	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
70	No. Businesses don't have a recycling program. We do have enough green initiatives. We rely heavily on the mine and US fishermen as our main industries, which doesn't represent enough economic sustainability.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
71	We need to take advantage of the current state of the Community and begin really having the tough conversations on how and what we are going to do and be long term to ensure our sustainability.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
72	No - I feel the we are missing a long term industry that would assist to drive economic prosperity in the region	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
73	yes we just need to funnel our funds in the right places.Prioritize our needs as a community, worry about the rest when time and funds are available	11/4/2022 8:04 PM
74	The mine will not last forever. Tourism is down because we don't have a lot to offer except hunting and fishing. What can we offer people to come here and to stay here?	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
75	The mine will not last forever. Tourism is down because we don't have a lot to offer except hunting and fishing. What can we offer people to come here and to stay here?	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
76	I don't think the town of Fort Frances is a sustainable town. It is very much a driving town. There is no public transportation, promotion of cycling, green bin collection.	11/4/2022 11:51 AM
77	I think it ultimately is a good location for survival, but can't say it's sustainable if huge employment is based on the mineing industry (which is volatile)	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
78	I do not think we presently are stable but I believe we can be through partnerships with the 10 first nations and with herp-focusing on small businesses.	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
79	No. Lack of quality jobs available	10/31/2022 9:40 AM
80	Yes, with a good vision and the grit to execute a plan	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
81	Yes, it's has potential to build up where	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
82	No but it will hold it's own. Have proven that either Mill closure	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
83	No but it will hold it's own. Have proven that either Mill closure	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
84	There are no public recycling receptacles. We have relied on non-sustainable industries for too long (paper mill, gold mine, etc)	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
85	Absolutely we have all kinds of resources at our finger tips	10/29/2022 10:10 PM
86	No mining will end.	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
87	Not currently	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
88	No. There is nothing to keep a tourist in fort Frances.	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
89	If we can get more doctors and more accessible housing we could become a retirement destination for seniors	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
90	No it is not a sustainable town we have no large industry or not enough larger businesses here	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
91	No it is not a sustainable town we have no large industry or not enough larger businesses here	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
92	Unsure about its sustainable now, it has taken years to clean up the mill and years of negotiating about the point park, these places could have possibly and more for potential work and development for people who live here and tourism.	10/28/2022 6:29 PM

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93	Not they way we are trending. Strong leadership/management with the focus on FF and not the nepotism that prevails today and in the past.	10/28/2022 5:20 PM
94	Not really. In order to be sustainable, we need to have more businesses to provide job opportunities. This will increase the tax base which will in turn provide funds to bring new families to the town as well as to provide the infrastructure that will make the town more of a drawing card.	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
95	Not currently	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
96	No. We need more businesses	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
97	It needs an industry	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
98	No, population will continue to decline, therefore tax base will be inadequate to maintain town assets. The town will always be here but less prosperous than in the past.	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
99	No. Not enough industry.	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
100	No, it's declining population combined with the aging population means it will eventually become a ghost town.	10/28/2022 9:35 AM
101	Sort of - most people leave and only a few come back	10/28/2022 9:02 AM
102	No	10/28/2022 7:10 AM
103	It needs an industry	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
104	Its still going..even with the mill gone..so I dunno	10/27/2022 11:48 PM
105	Somewhat from an environmental standpoint; We wish the town would expand its recycling initiatives beyond residential recycling to include businesses. From a sustainable future standpoint, we don't think the town is sustainable. In the past, the town has prioritized saving money while repairing crumbling infrastructure, instead of replacing it on a cycling rotation to ensure everything doesn't need to be replaced at once.	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
106	It could be. The Town of Fort Frances makes everything so difficult to change or grow--example-spending nearly a year (or more) discussing a road name change.	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
107	No we need industry to support growth.	10/27/2022 10:49 PM
108	NOT UNLESS LONG TERM PROFIT MAKING BUSINESSES EXIST WITHIN TOWN BOUNDARIES	10/27/2022 9:49 PM
109	It could be, but there is no current economic engine to make it sustainable. Re-inventing the town as a tourist destination could provide a sustainable economy.	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
110	In the 70,s and 80s was vibrant ,busy and inviting. I think it is sustainable but needs innovative thinking. Modern ideas, The Town is in an ideal location to invite Tourism but needs to be more appealing to the visitor to entice people to visit and stay in the area-not just drive through. The appearance of the Town is poor.All entries to the Town are not really inviting. Boundless needs to go. Gives a Sterile and uninviting look when entering the area. Just drive up to Kenora and look at the signage- it is terrific and inviting and gives a sense of where you are. Opening up new Businesses is a must, I-know it is difficult with Internet Shopping but you have to find appealing ideas.and be innovative. It can be done So yes I do believe Fort Frances is sustainable and look now you have a new Area to explore and plan for now that the Mill grounds are almost clear,	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
111	So far love the town but for lack of services for elderly senior and lack of proper health care need doctors please we want good service not second class .. if people want a nurse practitioner give them to which over and we the rest will gladly take their doctor ... who is willing to offer their doctor for switch to a nurse practitioner???I bet there will be a line up ? Really that's how we feel not having a doctor yes safe Healy no like I said WE ALL DESERVE A DOCTOR no nurse practitioner.. more compassion and empathy for others .. elderly senior most are struggling need help with transportation and social services and activities all important of daily living	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
112	No, most change is painfully reactionary only rather than progressively forward thinking.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
113	At least two more industries need to be encouraged to move to the area. We are only surviving as long as the mine does.	10/27/2022 9:04 PM

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114	It seems to have kept going so far	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
115	We have some really good small businesses, but we don't have quite enough to keep everyone coming. A coffee shop, high ropes or rock climbing would be a step in the right direction.	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
116	No. Unless there are more job opportunities when New Gold closes then Fort Frances will become a ghost town!	10/27/2022 6:34 PM
117	I don't think it is now, but certainly believe it could become	10/27/2022 6:32 PM
118	I think Fort Frances is and we should be very fortunate that we have the mind and the mail outside of Fort Frances that employs many of her residence. That being said I don't believe the town of Fort Frances is creative and trying to get people to Fort Frances offer and support activities	10/27/2022 6:22 PM
119	Fort Frances is not sustainable.All you have to do is look at the decrease in the population in recent years.q	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
120	sustainable only we get a major industry (s) to employ several hundred people and/or become a preferred a retirement community	10/27/2022 5:55 PM
121	No. The population is older than the median in Ontario, and it is aging faster. The focus is on seniors and their needs (which are important), with little to no energy or effort put into attracting (and retaining) young people or young families. As the population continues to age and continues to take up more and more public resources, Fort Frances will not maintain an adequate work force and tax base to maintain the bare minimum standard of living. To think that this model is sustainable is asinine.	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
122	The town needs to change its vision. Once the mine closes down the town will be crying for cash because the population will drop and so will the tax base.	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
123	Honestly no. Perhaps we should become a village and lower our expectations. Achievable.	10/27/2022 2:34 PM
124	Not at all! Environmental initiatives are non-existent. I'm hopeful the food waste recycling becomes a reality for all residents	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
125	Yes - no disposable plastics, renewable hydro electricity No - Long-term jobs, tourism draw locally, rent/ housing becoming unaffordable.	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
126	No. Require major growth to be sustainable. Tapping into Town financial reserves now will lead to major problems in the future.	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
127	50/50. Prices on everything are tough for small family's or single homes. Needing more accessible housing will help making more sustainable.	10/27/2022 8:34 AM
128	Yes	10/27/2022 3:17 AM
129	If we keep adding things and opening the door to having thing we will.	10/26/2022 8:50 PM
130	No. Most people think about what's best for them and not what is best for the Community.	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
131	No. Places pay little and rent is super high. I work 2 jobs just to pay rent.	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
132	YES - the polluting mill is gone	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
133	Not sustainable unless we get a town council that will actually do something about the numerous problems.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
134	I believe that within the next 10 years we will see a further drop in population because we do not retain young as they leave after education for job opportunities. We will be a community of retired citizens.	10/26/2022 3:05 PM
135	Marginally	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
136	No industry	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
137	Main industry is the mine which is projected to run only a few more years. Need more employment options to draw and retain skilled workers	10/26/2022 6:51 AM
138	No I do not. The school enrolment is declining, we cannot entice doctors and other	10/26/2022 1:06 AM

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	professionals to town to stay and there aren't competitive businesses to make life affordable.	
139	Yes, if council pushes tourism and job availability	10/26/2022 12:59 AM
140	Surviving on assets paid for in the past with no vision on how to move past the paper mill glory days	10/25/2022 11:04 PM
141	It could be but not as it is	10/25/2022 10:41 PM
142	No - I do not believe we are sustainable given our current economic realities. We must attract new businesses, citizens, and significant employment opportunities or we will most definitely continue our significant downward spiral.	10/25/2022 8:54 PM
143	A couple of our council members signed away our wood rights. We would have had a chance to offer this to an interested party if these council members had paid attention.	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
144	No there is no industry that wants to invest. Council gets lost in their own agendas and will not step up to do what's best for the town	10/25/2022 8:23 PM
145	Not at the present time. Small businesses, particularly in the retail sector, need a large employer in town, who will attract people to settle here. Those people, then having a source of income, would be shopping and doing business with these established local businesses.	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
146	No I do not think there is enough for our community to thrive in years to come and sustain what we have.	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
147	Semi. We still have longer term businesses, but we need another "anchor" to strengthen the community and give residents an uplifted feeling of hope.	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
148	Its a Border town so I guess. We have lots of improvement to do to bring Fort to its highest potential.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
149	Sustainable yes however Fort needs investment to build a tax base to improve the town	10/25/2022 1:55 PM
150	No. Not without change to reinvent the economic base and encourage people and businesses to locate inside of the town. Immigration is required to sustain and develop the town. The exodus of the youth to challenging positions outside of the town will have a undermining effect to the sustainability of the town.	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
151	No. We have no industry to employ residents. We need a variety of employment opportunities.	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
152	No. We have zero industry to keep current people here and to attract new people.	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
153	Need more for young families.	10/25/2022 9:12 AM
154	It's has been for generations but we new things to continue working towards	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
155	perhaps if we get the forest back to market	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
156	Depends on wether we get another industry in town	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
157	I don't know mixed emotions	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
158	I do. I believe that there are many people in our town will get involved in new initiatives and I feel that we need this in order for our community to grow.	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
159	No. We have little to no industry.	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
160	Status quo is not sustainable due to mill closure and no new long term employer	10/24/2022 10:07 PM
161	Not yet. The walking and bike paths in the east end on the waterfront need to extend into the west end in order to encourage walking, biking and less vehicular traffic. Our green spaces are adequate and will increase with the completion of the shuttered mill.	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
162	No, we have no major industry to sustain the town with good paying careers. When the mine closes that will be it and people will move away.	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
163	With evolution yes	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
164	yes it has all the necessities	10/21/2022 1:19 PM
165	No - as noted above. Also More infrastructure development is required.	10/20/2022 7:58 PM

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166	No. Too much focus on the needs of senior citizens and keeping taxes low and not enough prioritization of age groups and the demographics we need to attract and retain.	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
167	Yes	10/20/2022 4:38 PM
168	I moved here after the mill closed and the town seemed to make it through the closing and the pandemic in good shape. It's status as the capital of the Northwest will see the town survive.	10/20/2022 12:20 PM
169	I think we are trying our best to be. For the most part everyone has good intentions	10/19/2022 2:39 PM
170	I don't know.	10/19/2022 2:38 PM
171	No, I don't. In my personal opinion, I believe that the town is a state of decline. The closure of the mill is likely the key driver of this decline. Obviously, it had a huge impact on the community. For the town to be considered sustainable, I think that there would need to be an influx of new businesses, new people, new opportunities, a downtown core that is closed for most of the weekend, recreational opportunities available to residents, etc. We need sustainable economic drivers within the community, if the Town is to remain viable.	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
172	No - see point 6.	10/19/2022 12:10 PM
173	I haven't seen anything at this point that would suggest the Town is sustainable. I hope that programs such as the food recycler take-off, as this is a good first step.	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
174	no, we need an industry and good paying jobs	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
175	community gathering in times of need& for celebration is priceless	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
176	Not while we have young people moving away. Need jobs, upgraded pool. Life isn't always about hockey. Stop cutting down trees.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
177	I have hope for Fort Frances, that people will support and encourage the possibilities. A real need for diverse industries that will provide good standard of living is a must.	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
178	yes as a retirement town, area supply center	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
179	No, there aren't any major industries that continue to bring economic success to the town.	10/14/2022 5:26 PM
180	No not yet but hope we get there	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q8 In your opinion, do you think that Fort Frances is a Safe, Healthy and Accessible Community? Why or why not?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No- unsafe at night and lack of access to doctors	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	No, I used to feel safe years ago walking alone at night, in the past 5 years the feeling of living in a safe community has left, I would never go out walking alone now after the sun goes down.	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	Plans for Nuclear Waste storage in the watershed seem to pose a significant long-term risk.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	I consider safety, health and accessibility to be under the umbrella of wellness. However, I don't see our community as meeting these needs of wellness. Feeling safe in my own community is something I once took for granted - but now I take different precautions to protect my own safety in both my professional and personal lives. Racism toward Indigenous populations in our community is rampant and exists laterally between Indigenous communities. Access to local, timely mental health services is outrageously challenging. Our community, particularly in the winter time, is difficult to navigate for folks with disabilities and those with mobility issues. Further, access to public transportation is a real challenge.	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	No. There are many issues that need to be addressed. There is a serious substance abuse problem that the town had turned a blind eye too far to long	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	Yes besides places such as the nugget that are allowed to continue operations. Fort is mostly safe. Id like to see affordable housing and rehab opportunities for these people. But with no access to them unfortunately its not a possibility.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	No. Many streets do not have sidewalks and the ones that do, do not have side walks the entire length of the street . The recreational activities that are promoted are often incredibly expensive and require personal materials e.g. fishing (boats, bait, rods, tackle). We recognize that there is a drug/poverty issue yet do not have a safe injection site. The cost of vegetables and other foods is very high so it is difficult to eat healthy and participate in preventative health care.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
8	Walk Scott street at night - no not a chance.	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
9	Not accessible with no public washrooms for visitors.	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
10	No services for seniors	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
11	No because the courts keep letting people off or remanding their cases and we have drug dealers, drug addicts, murderers and rapists and thieves roaming the streets and stealing from our homes and community. We need another rehab facility in the community.	11/15/2022 9:39 PM
12	In my opinion, the downtown core of FF used to be a great area to be able to walk around at any time. Unfortunately, there are areas of the town that although they should feel safe, do not. Even the Rainy Lake Square feels unsafe at times. There is no police presence (or non that I have witnessed).	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
13	Not safe, not healthy Lack of medical care	11/15/2022 2:43 PM
14	People i know that still live there are fearful of crime, drug use is a problem. there is a lack of quality healthcare, assisted living facilities. Accessibility is not a priority	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
15	No.	11/15/2022 1:03 PM
16	I have always felt safe in the community. With the increase in homelessness and drug related issues I feel less safe at night.	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
17	It is a safe community. But if we start focusing on just social services and homeless housing it will not stay that way.	11/15/2022 12:36 PM

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18	Yes .We have a small but caring population	11/15/2022 10:46 AM
19	No it's not safe increase crime rate drugs human trafficking Do you feel safe?	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
20	This is a yes and no. Shortage of medical care and health care workers cause stress, but the ones we have are great. Growing mental health and addiction issues add to homeless problem, and no real solutions to this problem globally. So for some no, for most yes.	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
21	No. Too many drugs, and homeless people. Not safe to walk the streets. Drug paraphernalia lying all over	11/14/2022 11:59 AM
22	I don't feel safe going to bank in the evening or walking down scott street in the early morning or walking or biking at the point	11/14/2022 10:57 AM
23	No. Drug overdoses, homelessness, theft, shoplifting etc	11/13/2022 2:27 PM
24	No. The homelessness in Fort Frances is out of control. Petty crimes are out of control. I won't even let my kids go to the skate park or the point because it's unpredictable.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
25	No, too much crime, no real visible policing, moving police to west end major mistake in visability and response time for high crime areas in the core	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
26	I do not feel safe in Fort anymore. Happy I don't have young kids who walk home after dark or ride a bike. Lots of vandalism within the community and shady characters walking around. Safeway feels unsafe after dark!	11/13/2022 8:30 AM
27	No, we are very isolated and not everyone has access to needed treatments.	11/13/2022 12:32 AM
28	No not enough police presence, homeless and excessive crime, drugs	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
29	Not safe, we currently have a visible drug problem and the down town core is unsafe. Crime, teens and adults overuse drugs and alcohol and education is second rate.	11/12/2022 8:49 PM
30	Fory Frances had a huge homeless drug problem.	11/12/2022 5:49 PM
31	Yes. The drug problem and homelessness problem is is problem far greater than that of the town. It's systemic and a government funding problem in social services.	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
32	I don't think it is a safe community anymore with all the crime and drug problems.	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
33	I don't think it is a safe community anymore with all the crime and drug problems.	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
34	No I don't feel it is. Safety is an issue with discarded needles, theft and break ins. It would be nice to be able to go to parks in the area without worrying about these things. I feel that we would benefit greatly from a true walk in clinic such as those found in other northern communities to reduce the stress on our emergency services and encourage more people to seek care that they need before it becomes extreme. I feel that our area could also benefit from midwifery care and services to further reduce strain on our shortages of doctors. I feel that more can be done to make our community areas more accessible.	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
35	I wouldn't say it's a safe town, many issues downtown, don't feel safe to walk around at night as a young women like we used to just a few years ago.	11/12/2022 10:41 AM
36	The town is safe. However the drug epidemic is getting out of control and needs to be handled properly.	11/12/2022 10:40 AM
37	I don't feel it is safe in this town. There is too many drug addicts wondering around and breaking into places.	11/12/2022 10:33 AM
38	no, we are not safe ever since we allowed resources in for the homeless they have tripled their population. not accessible because of the no bussing and crappy taxi service	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
39	Not really we have a homeless drug addiction problem	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
40	Relatively yes, but we are in the midst of a huge opioid crisis that, with some (although dated) first hand knowledge is not being properly battled. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and our 'weak links' are being left to find their own way for the most part. In recent years several groups have attempted to help the disenfranchised but they still need more help. Unfortunately I do not have all the answers to this, but I believe actually finding out what the disenfranchised need instead of assuming would be a great starting point.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
41	Somewhat yes	11/11/2022 8:50 AM

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42	No, I think the town needs to look at ways of making it a safe community again. The town is also not accessible to all- there are not stores, etc. in many areas of the town- particularly the north end.	11/11/2022 7:58 AM
43	While generally safe and healthy, increasing social issues and declining health human resources make this challenging. The town has done the minimum amount required to comply with accessibility requirements but as a whole the community isn't a great place for persons with disabilities to live.	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
44	Too many junkies and homeless now	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
45	Definatly not Too much crime and too many homeless.	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
46	No there are thefts all the time what's going to happen next	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
47	No. Too many homeless and mental illness. To many drugs and overdoses. Not enough staff to adequately run ambulances. Not enough health care workers. Not enough doctors or nurses.	11/10/2022 5:31 PM
48	Yes, although I think things are changing - not for the better. Issues of homelessness and addiction have contributed to a sense of our community being less safe than it was before. Health services (Doctor shortage) is concerning. I do think that the Town has done a good job at addressing accessibility issues.	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
49	no, the down town area especially is not safe at any time of day and needs to be the first thing cleaned up.	11/10/2022 8:19 AM
50	For the most part yes, drug use, crime, homelessness, while they are not only Fort Frances problems, they are here. We have so much more to be proud of and promote.	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
51	No, there's a lot of division and ignorance and a lot of politics that disrupt the development of the town	11/8/2022 6:00 PM
52	No	11/8/2022 5:43 PM
53	Yes, but it needs to remain focused on Health Wellness and Inclusiveness	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
54	It is no longer a safe community. The town safety is degrading. For example. New street lights were changed to energy efficient lighting but these lights are dimmer and cover less space with light. It is a lot harder to see at night.	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
55	This is definitely an area that requires improvement. I think we are safe for the general population. But there is a percentage of people who are not safe. We are a healthy community to some but not everyone. There is definitely a oercentage if the population that is not healthy and requires mental health and medical services. I see us getting better at being accessible. There is always room for improvement.	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
56	No. It's not even wheelchair accessible everywhere. There is no public transit. There's a lack of community resources that make the town inaccessible. A limited community. No walk in clinic, suffering ambulance services, health care staff in crisis. Lack of mental health resources	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
57	No. Fort frances has limited or no response to the major health issues plaguing our area. Access to Healthcare is abysmal. No walk in clinic and less physicians then needed. No safe options for people suffering with addictions. The majority of retail spaces haven't been updated to be accessible to those with disabilities.	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
58	I believe overall fort frances is safe, it is overall clean, friendly, and not threatening. Fort Frances is far from accessible, by accessible I mean there is no clear source for accessing information about community events/groups/happenings it seems you have to "be in the know" when it comes to many community happenings. It seems people are hesitant to organize events because they are intimidated or concerned about barriers to accessing space or support from the town. (Prime example the issue of the bass tournament boat parade). There is no reason we cannot be as thriving as across the river, but we seem to be stuck and accessibility to me is a huge issue.	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
59	yes	11/7/2022 5:05 PM
60	Yes	11/7/2022 4:42 PM
61	I do not. I see a lot of preventable issues happening through my professional role, starting with	11/7/2022 3:58 PM

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the lack of resources for those living in poverty (especially those battling addiction and homelessness). Everyone feels the effects of this and until better supports are out in place, town will not feel safe for myself or my children.

62	Safe---HELL NO!!!! The drug problem/pandemic in our community is going crazy and it only seems people want to enable the problem by providing them with aids and make it more comfortable for them at the cost of the taxpayer. Residents in town voice concerns they don't feel safe going outside at night, increase in random violence seems to have escalated in the past few years. Healthy-----I heard once upon a time (not sure the truth) that Fort Frances has one of the higher rates of cancer in the Northwest???? Accessible---most areas and buisnesses have made efforts towards this.	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
63	Yes. I think it's a very community minded town and the people running it and in charge of amenities are doing a good job maintaining it. There's room for improvement, and I think things will start heading that way, on the back end of the covid pandemic.	11/7/2022 3:23 PM
64	no	11/7/2022 3:19 PM
65	Broadly speaking, yes, because of the variety of health-care services and programs close to home, coupled with efforts/partnerships to tackle such pressing social issues such as homelessness, addictions, and mental health struggles.	11/7/2022 3:06 PM
66	For the most part, but it can improve	11/7/2022 2:56 PM
67	No , the community doesn't even have enough staff to help our town as it is	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
68	No, our healthcare facilities are decrepit and on the verge of falling apart. We cannot find enough healthcare professionals to relocate to service the town and surrounding area. Access to healthcare is limited because of doctor shortages and emerges in NWO are continually having to shut down.	11/7/2022 2:49 PM
69	No secret the town has a drug crime and homelessness problem, and the town/council in the past has put up more roadblocks to organization who try to tackle those situations.	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
70	not safe at all, afraid to walk my dog after dark, drug houses in the north end, homelessness, theft, crime, drugs	11/7/2022 2:27 PM
71	Yes, however we are seeing an increase in homelessness issues as well as drug use. Not issues that are solely Fort Frances based but these are changing the safe dynamic.	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
72	I think we are safe. Recent crime and drug use and homelessness if definitely more apparent in recent years however. We are moderately healthy. Accessibility seems low-moderate.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
73	No, Fort Frances year by year is getting more unsafe. There are alot of factors that this attributes to (homelessness, lack of emergency services, infrastructure ageing, etc.). We are behind the times when it comes to providing a safe, healthy and attractive community.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
74	No - increased amounts of crime, homelessness and drug activity create an ever present unnerving feeling throughout	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
75	I think Fort Frances is safe and healthy. I don't think there is much infrastructure that support barrier free needs.	11/4/2022 11:51 AM
76	I'm not sure if it is any worse than any other place, but the drugs, homelessness and needles is a huge issue.	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
77	I do not think we are safe. We have a drug and opioid crisis like the rest of the country as well as an expanding mental health population. I do believe it is healthy but we have opportunities to improve when it comes to mental health and provisions in family medicine. I do not believe we are accessible, we have sidewalks to nowhere, no senior loading zones in the winter and no public transportation.	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
78	No. Lack of quality jobs available	10/31/2022 9:40 AM
79	There are global reasons why the Town feels unsafe - physician shortage, drug epidemic/homelessness. The pandemic, war, and economic uncertainty is taking a toll on the health of people and any sense of overall safety. **Lack of transitional housing for our elderly **Physician shortage	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
80	No. I don't trust my kids to go play at the park with the amount of needles and drugs around.	10/30/2022 6:04 PM

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81	It used to be safe. Now there is a lot of crime being committed by people who do not live in fort frances	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
82	No. Look at our streets daily and the drug overdosing that uses alot of the resources we have	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
83	No. Look at our streets daily and the drug overdosing that uses alot of the resources we have	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
84	There is a lot of crime for how small the population is. B&E, theft and vandalism needs to be brought under control. Drug trafficking and addiction add to the homeless situation. Having some form of public transit would make the town more accessible.	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
85	I think we need to make some changes but the problem is not just in fort Frances needle exchange programs need to be rebooted it would be nice to have more street lightibg	10/29/2022 10:10 PM
86	No. Again hi crime and substance abuse.	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
87	No, lack of health care professionals, higher crime and drug rates	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
88	No. Letting the drug addict congregate in one location. (Old train station) is a bad idea. There are no treatment centers here	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
89	Yes. Traffic is not bad. Most streets have accessible curbs. The Memorial Arena is a great place to walk in winter. There are gym facilities in town and swimming at the pool. Continued access to the Point Park is important.	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
90	I'm not sure if our town is safe I hear the ambulance and police car sirens often on a daily basis.I'm not sure if our town is healthy or not. The town is accessible to many people, crossing the border,it is out of the way since it's off the trans Canada hwy	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
91	I'm not sure if our town is safe I hear the ambulance and police car sirens often on a daily basis.I'm not sure if our town is healthy or not. The town is accessible to many people, crossing the border,it is out of the way since it's off the trans Canada hwy	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
92	It has many upgrades to accessibility and continues to increase in the community. Safety is important for all people that live here and a sense of safety, I think has been very challenging. People in different camps need to work more efficiently together to achieve the goals quickly and safely.	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
93	Somewhat. We have to few options when it comes to all three of the above-mentioned.	10/28/2022 5:20 PM
94	Not completely. We are lacking an adequate number of family physicians. We also have a large number of homeless people that are under-served. Although the drug problem only affects a smaller segment of the population, the results of these lifestyle choices and addictions has spin-off effects on quite a few people. For example, the parks are often places where drug paraphernalia is discarded. This makes it an unsafe and uninviting place for families to bring their children or let them go on their own. Local businesses are also affected by break-ins, and private individuals often experience break-ins and property vandalism. All this being said, I think the local doctors and police are doing a good job; it is just that the needs are greater than the ability of the limited resources.	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
95	No, lack of health care professionals, higher crime and drug rates	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
96	Not safe at all. Drug problem is out of control.	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
97	Shortage of medical services	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
98	Yes but growing concern because of increased crime rate due mostly from drug abuse.	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
99	No. Homeless and drug problems.	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
100	No, the homeless and drug problems are out of control.	10/28/2022 9:35 AM
101	No - housing/drug use and lack of services for certain populations	10/28/2022 9:02 AM
102	No	10/28/2022 7:10 AM
103	Shortage of medical services	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
104	It's getting rough..too many desperate people out there with no where to turn or go..sad	10/27/2022 11:48 PM
105	No. The community is dealing with a significant drug/violence problem. We avoid Scott Street and the surrounding streets after dark because of the high crime rate. We also wouldn't	10/27/2022 11:26 PM

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consider the town accessible to much of the community due to undermaintained/unplowed sidewalks. The town purports to have accessible amenities in community buildings, but many of these buildings aren't wheelchair/walker accessible, and while the pool at the Sports Center has a chair lift, it doesn't fit all body types/sizes.

106	As a homeowner in the north end of town, I very much dislike that the subway no longer has a sidewalk on both sides--if there is a questionable person lingering under the tracks, there is NO other way to go!!! I do not feel safe walking there alone after dark and good luck in the winter if you need to push a stroller! This was also an issue when my children were younger and wanted to walk to school, needing to cross Portage Ave 2X to access the sidewalk.	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
107	No. Drugs and homelessness are huge problems. Our town doesn't feel safe like it used to.	10/27/2022 10:49 PM
108	Not safe . Drug users and drugs a very real problem Streets are in very poor condition , very little for young people to do . Senior centre is a great place that offered seniors many opportunities to be out and mingle , Not safe with big trucks allowed to drive thru town (there should have been a bypass years ago	10/27/2022 10:40 PM
109	NO..... METHAMPHETAMINE	10/27/2022 9:49 PM
110	Not safe due to lack of low cost housing and drug addicts. NOT healthy: previous Manager of Recreation declined opportunities to develop outdoor recreation programs for children and adults. Previous managers have dropped the ball on outdoor recreation. The Health Unit where town is located has the highest rate of diabetes in the province. The TOFF Recreation Department needs to be fully staffed and do MORE programming. The new manager of Recreation has energy and ideas. The CAO needs to cease his obstructionism.	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
111	Yes I do.Fort Frances is a friendly inviting Community.It has a well established Police Force/Fire Department. Has many programs addressing Health from acute to secondary care. Needs a modern Clinic more user friendly. Needs to encourage more visiting Specialists, We seem to be lagging behind Dryden and Kenora in terms of this. maybe it is because of our Location?	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
112	Yes but need more services bus services and have pool and library open Sunday which be nice to go with family seeing most work during week and need weekends open	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
113	we certainly are not a shining example, at best are on par with many others, lots of room to expand; we are relatively safe, certainly not healthier than others, somewhat accessible - room for improvement, but it's not 'all' on the Town, each business and citizen, and senior governments has a role to participate for improvement.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
114	No, no and no. You can't go for a walk in the evening for fear of being accosted by scary people. Too much drug addiction so not healthy. Accessible...no. Many of us know we are looked at as being undesirables because of the color of our skin. Come for a walk in stores with us!! I've lived and worked in this community all my life and as a senior I get followed in certain stores in town. Unbelievable in this day and age!!	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
115	Not safe at all. No where for addicts to get clean/sober. Needles everywhere.	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
116	Mostly.	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
117	No. This town is only accessible if you drive a car. Air access is financially inhibited to most. There is a chronic shortage of physicians and surgeons and primary care health providers professionals. Illegal drug usage appears to be increasing which will no doubt cause more crime	10/27/2022 6:34 PM
118	Yes it is	10/27/2022 6:32 PM
119	Over the last few years the town has become very unhealthy with the homeless population the number of drug problems and issues we have on our streets as well as the crimes that are committed. Years ago the town was much more inclusive and much more vibrant than it is presently. It appears that people just don't care any longer	10/27/2022 6:22 PM
120	As I indicated in number 6 Fort Frances is very unsafe.Police and Ambulance paramedics need all the support they can get either financially,increased personnel,and support from the court system.	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
121	Health care facilities are top notch. increased illegal drug use and increasing homeless population and lack of respect for people and property make us less safe. We need more	10/27/2022 5:55 PM

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	public transport (bus and rail)	
122	I don't think it's safe. I would not walk anywhere around town after dark, let alone let my children.	10/27/2022 5:25 PM
123	No. There are rampant issues with homelessness and substance abuse, with not enough resources to deal with it. That means needles left in public spaces, tent cities, etc. The direct funding of services to combat this does not come from the municipal level, but leaders in FF need to be at the forefront sounding the alarm and getting their provincial and federal partners more involved.	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
124	Too many drugs. Even I know who some of the drug dealers in town are and where they live. People come to our town during the summer months from different areas in the district or from other districts to consume drugs. Perhaps we need bylaws that will make it illegal for the "summer" residents to stay here unless they have proper accommodations etc. So I guess one can say the town is accessible, but for all the wrong reasons.	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
125	No. Homelessness and drugs have changed the attitude of community. Healthy no. Mill was a great polluter entire life of it. Greed has left a lake of chemicals right within our town limits.	10/27/2022 2:34 PM
126	Not at all. Crime, drug use and homelessness are rampant here. ALL COMMUNITY ORGAINZATIONS NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE THIS.	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
127	No, drug and crime problems abound. Had someone try and enter my home in the middle of a winter night - first time ever. They weren't breaking anything, just standing there, high or having a mental health crisis. Was very unnerving. See similar occurrences around town everyday. I hope the town can develop a holistic approach to address these problems, involving all stakeholders in order to restore our town to a safe, healthy, and accessible one. 4-hour drive for affordable flights is not accessible either.	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
128	No. Existing homelessness and drug problems not being addressed sufficiently by the authorities.	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
129	No, not enough help for people who need it:	10/27/2022 8:34 AM
130	We need to get the drug problem under control	10/26/2022 8:50 PM
131	No. The drug-use issue is causing unpredictable behaviour.	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
132	Safe, No. healthy yes. Accessible no.	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
133	As safe as most these days. Unhealthy due to lack of affordable or free activities.	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
134	The problem of drugs and homelessness has made the town very unsafe.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
135	No, there is a ignored population that creates a lack of safety. There are limited number of services, that are understaffed and that have rules that prevent many from accessing the services that are available	10/26/2022 3:05 PM
136	Yes. We have services close to home but need more doctors.	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
137	Yes and No. i used to walk in the early morning but there are too many homeless people now and it frightens me to walk alone.	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
138	The entire downtown core has been taken over by folks who make many feel unsafe. I do not take my children downtown as we have been harassed by people there and my kids are afraid	10/26/2022 6:51 AM
139	I believe there are areas that are safe and others that are unsafe. Our downtown core is not as safe as it used to be due to drug use and loitering	10/26/2022 1:06 AM
140	Yes	10/26/2022 12:59 AM
141	Yes	10/25/2022 11:04 PM
142	No. The drug epidemic is changing the core of this town	10/25/2022 10:41 PM
143	No - the homeless and addiction problems that our community is experiencing has led to an increase in theft, vandalism and harassment. I would no longer consider our community safe. As far as healthy and accessible, I challenge you to climb a snowbank on the edge of Scott street with a walker just to try to access one the stores there, and let me know if you think we	10/25/2022 8:54 PM

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are accessible!! How about building a bike trail? Or putting in sidewalks where they are lacking??

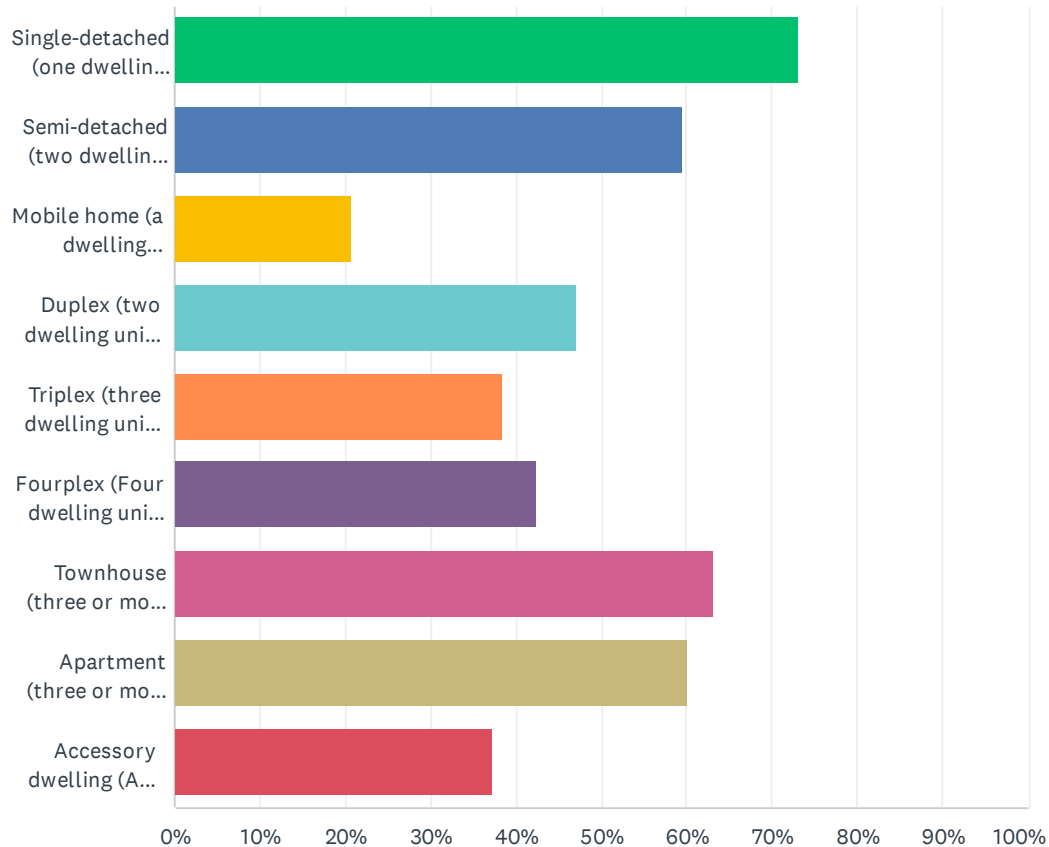
144	No comment.	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
145	No, no recruitment of professionals. Kids that have grown up here don't want to come back. The town is stagnant. We have zero transportation wiring town for people that make them independent.	10/25/2022 8:23 PM
146	No. Safe, has to be defined. All I hear is complaints about the drug addicts, but very little has been done, or done effectively, to bring in/set up Aftercare housing (following treatment), an Addiction Treatment Centre (do not consider OATC as such a thing) and other supports to encourage and support recovery and help build a network for those seeking recovery. The disability/wheelchair bus service is limited I'm scope of who they will service. Bus routes through town have been eliminated. Very short-sighted in this "retirement" community.	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
147	As mentioned in the complete community section we need more spaces and trails, areas and activities that encourage healthy living among community members and /or visitors.	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
148	It's seen better days that's for sure.	10/25/2022 7:24 PM
149	We have wonderful health care teams, but, like everyone, we must NOT stop recruiting. A review of services, without blame, should certainly document the areas in jeopardy.	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
150	I find needles everywhere. I hear a lot about women trafficking, and a lot of theft from the big chain stores. Damage personal property has been an issue. Small town always feel safer then the city. But Fort has a lot of unsafe things occur. Theft and needles being the biggest issue.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
151	Not it's not safe . Do many homes less people	10/25/2022 5:08 PM
152	Safe NO. The OPP need to step up as well as our bylaw inforcement. Fort needs to hold those breaking the law accountable. As a former police officer it's dumb founding the level of petty crime in this town.	10/25/2022 1:55 PM
153	No. Lack of quality health care.	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
154	I have concerns about safety due to the opioid epidemic, homelessness and human trafficking in our town.	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
155	No. The increased amount of drugs and overdoses, criminal activity has now made Fort Frances, like most communities a place where no one is 100% safe.	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
156	X	10/25/2022 9:12 AM
157	This town is deteriorating for sure , course system, housing, but there is NOT enough ppl to cover/ appt for jobs !	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
158	no, too much crime, drugs and litte accommodation	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
159	Not as safe as use to be. Just witness a women getting beat up. Our health is in jeopardy because lack of health care workers.Not accessible at all, we do not have any sort of public transit	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
160	No Fort Frances has a big drug and homeless and Mentalal health issues problem. The police need to be patrolling more you need to have either a better shelter for homeless and mental health people who are homeless or build a homeless people an apartment that has staff like nurses mental health people. This town needs more teenagers and young adult stuff to do like indoor laser tag arcade bowling alley.	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
161	I believe at times and in certain areas of our town that it is not safe.	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
162	Kids cannot even walk around safely without worrying about all the drug addicts wondering around doped out and all the dirty drug needles laying all over the town.	10/24/2022 10:28 PM
163	No. Homelessness crime and addiction are crippling our community. As with many others.	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
164	Physical accessibility issues in a lot of buildings Safety concerns drugs homelessness property crime	10/24/2022 10:07 PM
165	The homeless population needs more programming to help them access affordable housing and supports. Its a difficult topic but I believe the Town could do more to help.	10/24/2022 2:20 PM

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166	No, more crime and drugs than ever before. Constant break ins and theft. No accessible area at the pool or at parks. No playground equipment for special needs children.	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
167	Homeless needs addressing in a humane manner	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
168	fairly safe, but overall yes	10/21/2022 1:19 PM
169	No	10/20/2022 7:58 PM
170	Safe enough. But not healthy or accessible. Poor walking/cycling/active transportation links. Limited transit networks. Not walkable - especially west end and north end.	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
171	No, crime has risen and we see so many people wandering the streets drunk or high. These same people steal from residents and stores. It is difficult to get services for health care.	10/20/2022 4:38 PM
172	Yes. I am a woman living alone and I feel safe to answer the door and to be out after dark. Walking paths to promote a healthy lifestyle but a worry that some fitness classes are no longer available. Don't know about accessibility.	10/20/2022 12:20 PM
173	Yes I do. The issues affecting Fort Frances that might make people think otherwise are not	10/19/2022 2:39 PM
174	Nope. I used to feel safe out walking/running at night, but not anymore. People's houses and garages are broken into on the regular and stuff is stolen right from their doorsteps. Drugs are everywhere and paramedics spend most of their time reviving addicts. Criminals are let loose to repeat their crimes and there are no consequences.	10/19/2022 2:38 PM
175	No, I don't. In my opinion, the homeless population, the rampant drug use, the crime, lack of doctors for new residents - all of these factors prevent me from using the words 'safe' or 'healthy' to describe the community. I know that my family and I don't feel safe here, especially at night.	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
176	With homelessness and the drug epidemic increasing at a rapid pace we need to work together to address this. We being the social services entities, all levels of government and the general population. The provincial/federal government model of funding on a capita basis does not work in our area of Northwestern Ontario with our large land base and sparse population in comparison to the major centres in the province.	10/19/2022 12:10 PM
177	No. There is not enough being done to address the current crisis in town and the abundance of crime and drug use that has entered the community. Space such as the Rainy Lake Square are not safe after dark, when they should be a safe and family friendly centre year round.	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
178	not safe, too many drugs and crime that goes with	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
179	-Rainy River District Safe Communities committee meets in FF but requires more support from local agencies -We need safe consumption sites - Many side walks are slippery with ice in winter - Youth require support & encouragement from parents, caregivers & community to lead healthy safe lives -- volunteer activities, financially accessible fun meaningful stuff to occupy them	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
180	No. Too many break ins and kids walking around at night. Not safe to walk at night. Not enough doctors.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
181	Yes and no. for a majority of people housing, food and health care are attainable, but we have a growing mental health and addiction problem , which in turn, makes for a less healthy environment, and safety issues. This problem is not unique to our community.	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
182	not as safe as you'd want, too little resources for mental health, drug issues, homelessness and petty property crime.	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
183	No, lots of drug use and few support systems that work on rehabilitation	10/14/2022 5:26 PM
184	No but I hope it becomes Safe	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q9 Of the types of residential intensification shown above, select all that would fit with the existing residential neighbourhoods in Fort Frances.

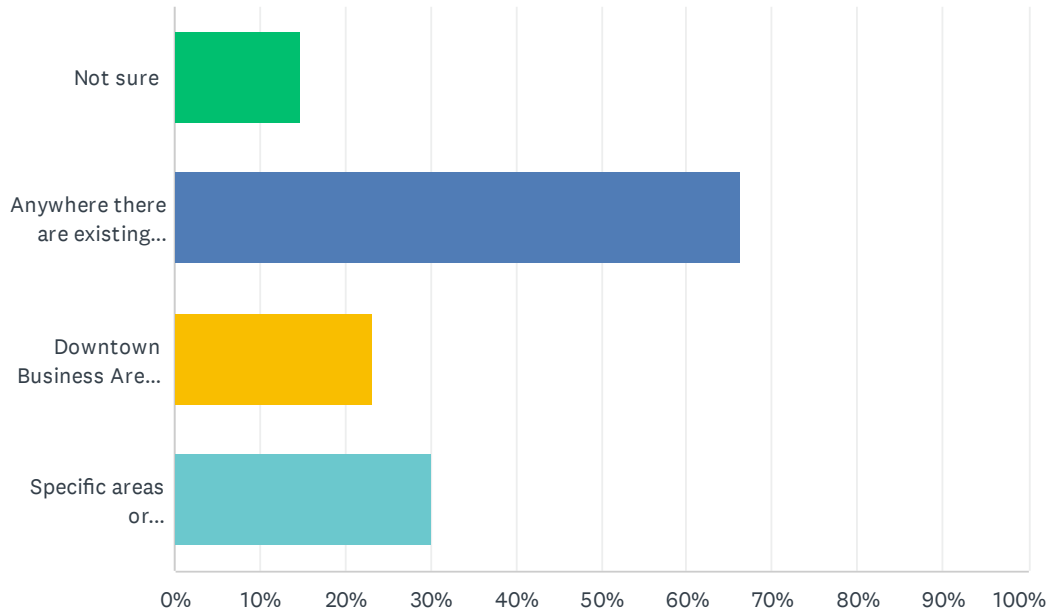
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-detached (one dwelling unit)	73.06%	141
Semi-detached (two dwelling units side-by-side)	59.59%	115
Mobile home (a dwelling designed to be mobile and a permanent residence but does not include a travel or tent trailer)	20.73%	40
Duplex (two dwelling units stacked one on the other)	47.15%	91
Triplex (three dwelling units stacked one on the other)	38.34%	74
Fourplex (Four dwelling units with each unit having direct access to the ground floor)	42.49%	82
Townhouse (three or more dwelling units side-by-side)	63.21%	122
Apartment (three or more dwelling units sharing a common corridor or stairwell)	60.10%	116
Accessory dwelling (A dwelling unit, separate building or structure located on the same lot as the main use, building or structure)	37.31%	72
Total Respondents: 193		

Q10 Where should residential intensification occur in town? Select all that apply.

Answered: 190 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not sure	14.74%	28
Anywhere there are existing residential uses (yellow area shown on the image below)	66.32%	126
Downtown Business Area (pink area shown on the image below)	23.16%	44
Specific areas or neighbourhoods. Describe the location(s):	30.00%	57
Total Respondents: 190		

#	SPECIFIC AREAS OR NEIGHBOURHOODS. DESCRIBE THE LOCATION(S):	DATE
1	Shevlin Clarke (Sorting Gap) site. Former paper mill site.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
2	Depending on the type of structure having affordable housing near businesses would help lower income people be able to access things or people who come here for work and study be capable of using the amenities without much hassle. Detached family homes should be in a neighborhood people don't move to Fort (myself included) because I want to live in a town house or apartment it's because of an affordable house with a yard and neighborhood to raise kids and a family. Older people and others who do not wish to take care of such a dwelling should have decent quality structures and access to businesses and services they need.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
3	Apartments and Townhouses at Shevlin Yard, Old Mill, West End, maybe River Front. Parts of the Point Park could have higher quality MF development if allowed. Single and Two family everywhere else. The Town doesn't need to intensify except where it will support business and be supported by walkability and recreation.	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
4	IN the 8th street area where more intense housing would be more suited.	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
5	Employment areas	11/15/2022 10:46 AM

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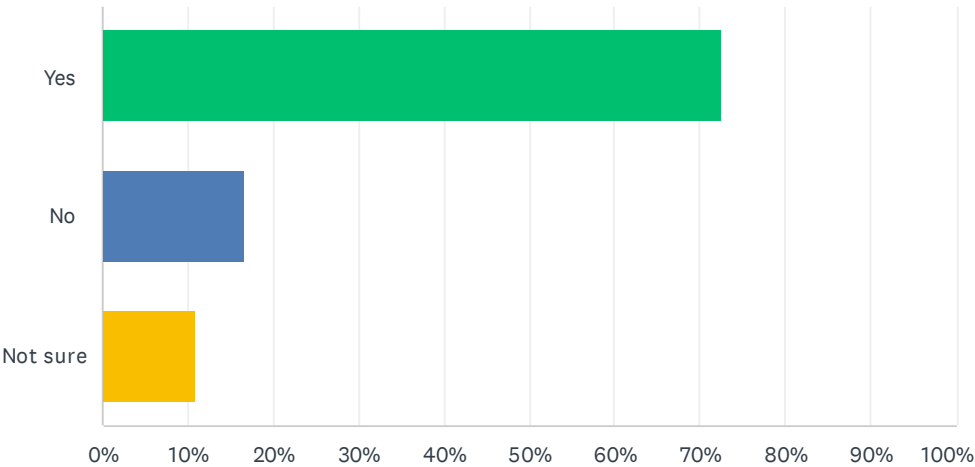
6	not recreation areas or parks, I think be open to ideas	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
7	All unoccupied school properties, 6th street school, Alexander Mckenzie, st Micheals	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
8	North end old school area, west end old school area across from the park	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
9	Central Ave area, sixth street school area	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
10	Areas with open areas within the residential district from reclaimed lots such as shuttered old school properties.	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
11	By schools and grocery stores ?	11/12/2022 10:41 AM
12	along the river and pointh b	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
13	The wood yard	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
14	Unfortunately our housing needs are not going to be fulfilled using what is currently here, we need to open up the oppritunity for people to build not only homes but lives, (and be able to do so affordably, not with cripplingly expensive, small square footage lots as the last 2 developments have been forcing people do decide between a yard or a fair sized home) we have all of this unused space in the north and east ends of town (neither of which are located on the below map). Could an apartment be used in the special study area? Yes but the rent must be reasonable otherwise we wind up with un-used urban living which is worse than not having housing at all.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
15	Shevlin yard.	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
16	The North end has more than our share.	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
17	Along Scott st only	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
18	The old wood yard. Six street and Portage 'empty school lot.	11/10/2022 5:31 PM
19	Portage Avenue between old Daycare and old 6th Street school.	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
20	Throughout not just localized integrated throughout our community	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
21	Elizabeth west, east end	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
22	North end	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
23	North end of town	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
24	North end where there is town property that's unused.	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
25	extend further into the north end	11/7/2022 5:05 PM
26	There are a number of large residential lots in the far west end. These are prime candidates for intensified residential uses.	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
27	Some of the grey out areas of the Community can be used for residential intensification. We have a number of industrial lots in the North end that have been vacant for a long time, these can be used to infill with housing similar to housing facilities already in the area.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
28	Shevlin Woodyard Development	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
29	Sixth street and Portage, 8th street, whitepine hotel and bowling alley	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
30	Sixth street and Portage, 8th street, whitepine hotel and bowling alley	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
31	1. 1231 King's Hwy (Walleye Trailer Parkland). 2. Nugget Motel. 3. Commercial property on Scott or Arena's block.	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
32	Best fit/suitable residence based on the neighborhood	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
33	Not existing green space/parks	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
34	Economic gateway area	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
35	Erin crescent, 6th Street E from Shevlin to Williams	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
36	Where there is vacant lots that the town has.	10/28/2022 6:29 PM

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37	There is a large parcel of property in the west end on the river. The town has made it so contractors are no longer building. A sub-station would be required, which if the town put it in, the tax base provided would be substantial for years to come.	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
38	Shevlin Woodyard	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
39	Mill area or Woodward area	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
40	economic gateway area; waterfront area was and is prime potential but in recent years Council made bad decisions on sale of sites immediately east of Riverwalk Condo building; land locked blocks have been totally ignored i.e. block surrounded by Shevlin Ave. on it's west, Fifth St. E. on it's north, Minnie Ave. on it's west, Third St. E. on it's South; site NE of Shevlin Ave./Sixth St.E. intersection; Wood Yard site north of Marina; to name a few, there are others of course.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
41	Only senior apartments at former st Michael school and k of c property not low rental. Develop low rentals at former Shevlin Woodyard	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
42	old bowling alley, white pine , a section of the wood yard	10/27/2022 5:55 PM
43	wood lot development, & economic gateway	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
44	Employment areas	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
45	On the grounds where are mill was destroyed.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
46	Woodyard	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
47	Just outside/around downtown areas for commuting and supplementing downtown business.	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
48	Leaving greenspaces available for a certain square footage of the building in the area.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
49	Intensification units should be located near business & employment areas	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
50	Apartment should go in the West End so confederation college could offer students from out of town housing	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
51	develop lands north of Eighth St, and west of Minnie Ave.	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
52	Green space in north end and along Scott street in the mill yard.	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
53	Woodyard	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
54	Proximate to services and core recreation - groceries, library, post office.	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
55	Any area that is currently an "employment area" that might be conducive to housing (i.e Mill Yard). Apartments in the businesses downtown.	10/19/2022 12:10 PM
56	Is there opportunity for development closer to the Airport? Larger lots/properties?	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
57	Woodward.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM

Q11 Do you think that a parking space should be required for an additional residential unit?

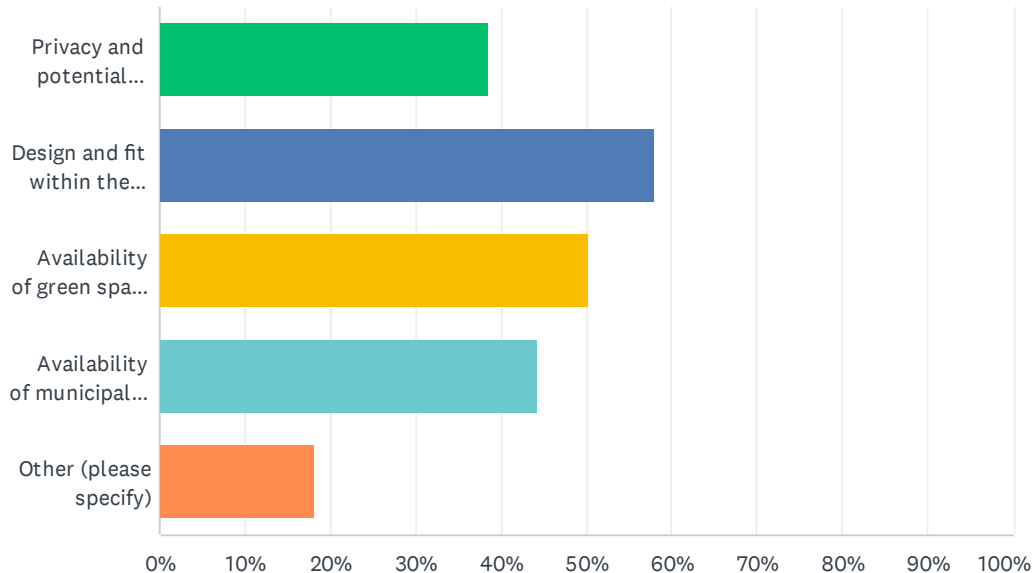
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		72.54%	140
No		16.58%	32
Not sure		10.88%	21
TOTAL			193

Q12 Do you have concerns about additional residential units? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 171 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Privacy and potential overlook into adjacent yards	38.60%	66
Design and fit within the existing neighbourhood	57.89%	99
Availability of green space on a property	50.29%	86
Availability of municipal services (i.e., water and sewer)	44.44%	76
Other (please specify)	18.13%	31
Total Respondents: 171		

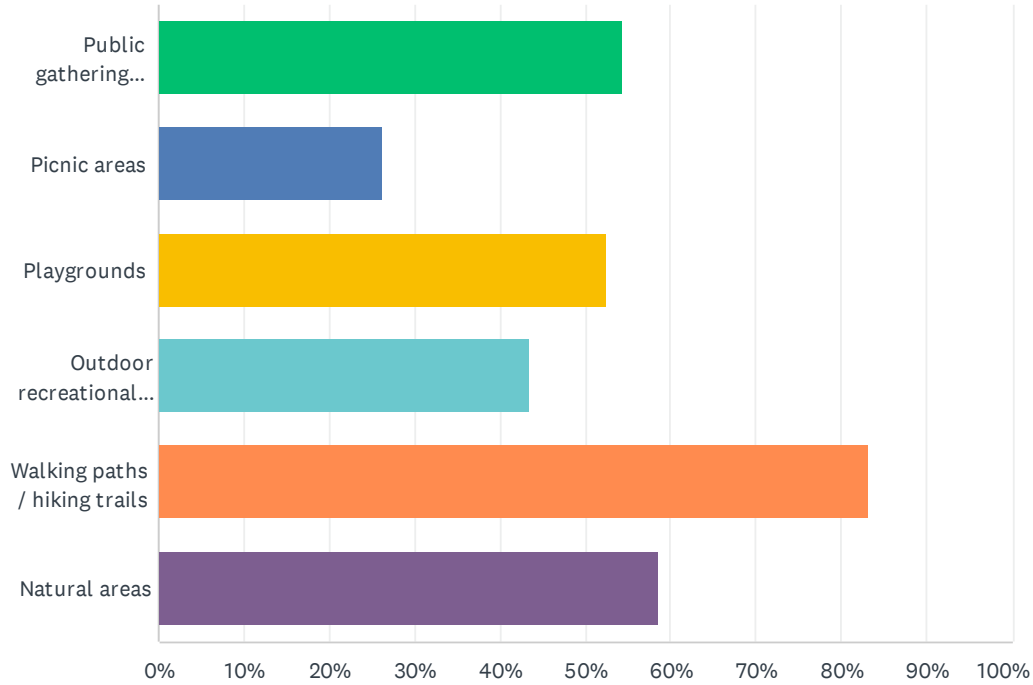
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Illegal and unsafe rentals, the crowded appearance of multiple homes on one property (such as on Idylwild Drive) is not necessary in our town.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
2	all of these are important standards to ensure the housing is dignified. But also include safety and affordability	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
3	Maintaining upkeep mandatory	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
4	Housing is needed for our against population who are looking at down-sizing, NOT low income. There is already lots! The town needs to think about the against population.	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
5	Housing is needed for our against population who are looking at down-sizing, NOT low income. There is already lots! The town needs to think about the against population.	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
6	no issues	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
7	Ensuring that the properties are usable for future owners and not making short sited changes, that will no longer have a use as home ownership changes.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM

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8	Drainage problems such as 8th street low rentals	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
9	No basement for me horrible	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
10	no , as long as they meet building code , if you are worried about "design and fit" maybe should worry about the rotten sheds, dead vehicles and tarp garages with ripped tarps. i believe that is the real design and fit issue not a small apartment some one wants to build for extra income	11/10/2022 8:19 AM
11	Rental property market is over run and unaffordable	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
12	Rental units are a parasitic drain on our housing market. Allowing property management companies to buy single family homes and retrofit them as income properties is one of the chief factors in the housing crisis affecting our area	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
13	As long as they meet applicable building and fire codes and are enforced	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
14	accessibility, rear lane congestion	11/7/2022 2:49 PM
15	Potential effects on waste management systems, with extra waste to be disposed of.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
16	to much clutter	11/4/2022 8:04 PM
17	I'm not opposed to it in principle but should fit neighbourhood.	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
18	We should not build on the parks and publigreen space that is already there. Once we do this, we can never get it back again as green space. The town should also consider developing the green space that is is under-developed presently. We also need to ensure that there are sidewalks available in any new developments.i	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
19	no	10/28/2022 9:35 AM
20	No concerns	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
21	strange question, those points should all be obvious.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
22	Affordable rent	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
23	No. This is needed. There aren't enough units for workers in Fort Frances	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
24	speculation and predation by those with means - driving up rental prices	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
25	Increased noise	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
26	None	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
27	Not sure this will ever happen	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
28	Lot size vs building coverage area (not too crowded)	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
29	None	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
30	My concern is NIMBYism and racism - specifically people attacking those who need these housing options.	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
31	No concerns	10/19/2022 1:32 PM

Q13 What types of parks and open spaces do you use most often? Select all that apply.

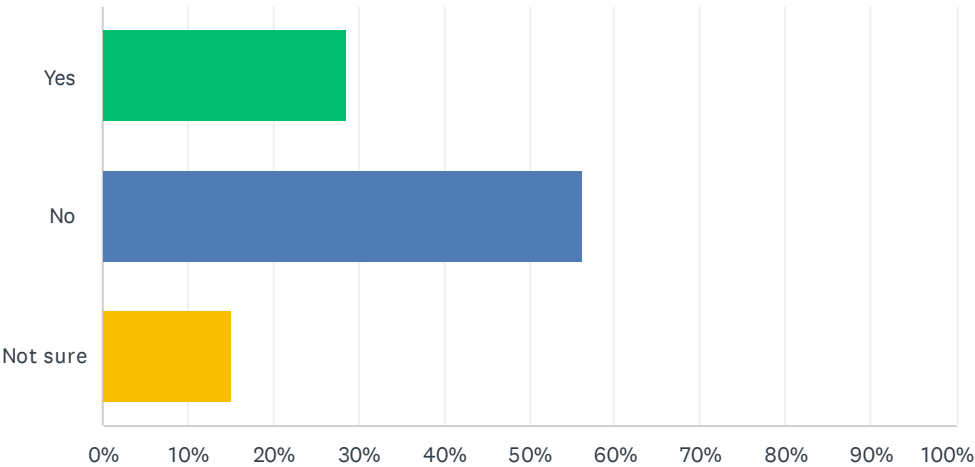
Answered: 191 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public gathering spaces	54.45%	104
Picnic areas	26.18%	50
Playgrounds	52.36%	100
Outdoor recreational spaces (e.g., tennis courts, pools, basketball courts)	43.46%	83
Walking paths / hiking trails	83.25%	159
Natural areas	58.64%	112
Total Respondents: 191		

Q14 Are there currently sufficient park and recreation facilities in the Town?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.65%	55
No	56.25%	108
Not sure	15.10%	29
TOTAL		192

Q15 If no, what type and where would you wish to see new parks and facilities be provided?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 75

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A new large park by sorting gap would be nice	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	I believe parks need to be cleaned up the fact that its dangerous for children to use parks due to used needles on the ground is very disappointing	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	Designated bike trails. Dock facilities on the Rainy River, just below the dam. Fix up Pither's Point Park.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	I believe we have a sufficient number of facilities which require more staff, attention, and appreciation from the Town and it's citizens.	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	Updated equipment. Accessible equipment for ALL children	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	There is enough play grounds for the most part though many could use updates they work fine. Having more recreation near the water front for adults, things such as boat, kyak, canoe rentals. Possibly a recreation park for wake boarding, biking etc. The point park could be better utilized in conjunction with couchiching cooperatively. Indoor basketball facilities in the rec centre or proper running track. Well maintained walking, hiking and bikinh trails on 8th street and Possibly the west-end that are useable in the spring, summer and fall because they are maintained with gravel and non gravel options. Roots maintained and not divots that cause people to twist an ankle.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	I would like to see the development of the water front for more recreational activities.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
8	Walking bike path on fifth street. More bike trails.	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
9	Would like to see them improved. Shelters, washrooms, trees, gardens, splash park, dog park.	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
10	Waterfront access for kids- beach front that is maintained	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
11	Keep and maintain all green spaces that we currently have.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
12	All people should be able to walk to a playground within 500m of their door. The Point Park needs to be well funded with new facilities, replenished forest, restored dock, clean swimming facilities with change rooms, rest rooms, canteen. Like 40 years ago. its a shame that all of that is gone. The town needs an East end Sport Complex with soccer and baseball fields for residents in that area. Build new major park facilities at Shevlin and the Old Mill Grounds	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
13	The point park requires better facilities for washrooms & changerooms for families to utilize the water front.	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
14	NO and the town should work hard at maintaining what it has existing.	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
15	You developed the water front. Try developing the west	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
16	Waterfront development, restaurant, casino	11/14/2022 6:02 PM
17	Waterfront should contain facilities for family entertainment.	11/14/2022 11:59 AM
18	Improve the st. Michaels park. Put a paved walking path around the perimeter so elderly have a safe place to get some exercise. Do not build more housing there. Build more housing at the phair ave park that is destroyed by addicts	11/14/2022 10:57 AM
19	I would like to see more official hiking trails within fort Frances. There could be trash cans, a bench or two and a restroom.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
20	Splash park near waterfront or McIrvine park	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
21	We have the facilities but we don't have adequate or enough trained personnel to run them or	11/12/2022 8:49 PM

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	offer a variety of recreational opportunities.	
22	Larger outdoor space for weddings, funerals, events. 7 oaks area, point are with a roof. Open air maybe?	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
23	Enhancements to the waterfront.	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
24	Enhancements to the waterfront.	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
25	I hope to see the splash park become a reality but then that park needs adequate parking options for vehicles too. All our playgrounds are either old and run down (some dangerously so) or are the same playground with the same equipment. Making playgrounds different and unique encourage more families to visit different parks and green spaces throughout the town.	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
26	DOG PARK - this town needs to implement a dog park. Or people can stop complaining when dogs go into the baseball diamonds.	11/12/2022 10:41 AM
27	There could be more maintained outdoor rinks	11/12/2022 10:33 AM
28	the point needs an upgrade need a splash park	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
29	There is a reasonable amount for children but as they become teenagers there is nothing of note left for them. Skatepark? Sure as long as it hasnt rained in the last week, and the current users have no idea where to start to make the needed repairs or have chosen to ignore the issues that have arisen over the years. Go swimming? Sure but our beach is so far away from anything else it can become more of an excursion rather than an activity. Yet again we need to be polling the intended populace directly instead of just shouting into the breeze and hoping the right people hear, and if need be help teach the intended populace so they can help make informed decisions.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
30	Splash park.	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
31	Would love to see more green space, especially to remediate mill property. Town lacks tax base and staff to make this feasible.	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
32	Mill property down by dam area	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
33	A playground was promised by Neil Kabel for the low rental apartments at town council years ago. The children now play in the retention ponds that has a very limited drain if any.	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
34	Scott st they put the jut out in the market square and stole parking. Try Angel parking in one side	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
35	Leave the ones that exist alone.	11/10/2022 5:31 PM
36	Splash park, revitalize Point Park, empty school areas can be used for recreational or green space.	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
37	More Beach volleyball courts	11/8/2022 6:00 PM
38	More walking trails in the bush	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
39	New residential areas require green space or a recreational area. More outside rinks are needed	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
40	Better walking paths, with boardwalks over swampy areas. More beach volleyball courts at high school or point.	11/7/2022 8:02 PM
41	Beach volleyball courts, nature walking/hiking/biking trails, dog parks, kayak/canoe rentals	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
42	Outdoor recreation areas. Hiking/walking/biking trails. Canoe/kayak access on the river. More playground/soccer fields/out door rinks.	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
43	Hiking trails!! Within town and on the outskirts. Biking paths beyond the water front.	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
44	Outdoor activity centres (volleyball, basketball etc), off-leash dog park, water/splash park	11/7/2022 3:58 PM
45	walking and biking trails accessible from one end of town to the other would be nice. Utilize our wooded areas to the north of town, continue water front development towards the point park and hopefully to the west in the future when the industrial remediation is complete	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
46	This is being addressed with the introduction of the Splash park	11/7/2022 3:23 PM

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47	Well there is only one walking path on 8th street and it's wet spring and fall ..unsure where more could go	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
48	I think the 2 remaining outdoor rinks could be revamped and better utilized. Concrete pads could allow for basket ball, tennis, ball hockey and so much more activities. They are well located but currently go unused in the spring.	11/7/2022 2:49 PM
49	Space isn't the problem its lack of maintenance & development.	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
50	Splash pad. Maintain existing parks, some are unsafe with low sand and rotten wooden perimeters. We need a tent and camper campground, ideally at Point Park. Amenities at Point Park (camp desk with camp warden, ice, snacks, drinks, rentable water toys). More options for winter activities, inside and out.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
51	more rec facilities are also beneficial to the community. Also, updates/upgrading/expansion to existing facilities and equipment needs to happen.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
52	within safe walking distance from family homes . like not having to cross busy streets like scott/second eg: columbus park/st Michaels	11/4/2022 8:04 PM
53	I would like to see the former Knights of Columbus park on the old St. Michaels/town property be restored to its glory. This park is in a perfect location and is used constantly by families from the whole of Fort Frances	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
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55	Yes to the number but quality could be better (like adding children's spray park).	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
56	I would like to see McIrvine with a roofed rink. I would like to see a 9-hole disc golf course at Legion Park. A toddler park (5 yrs and under). Multi-use facility for events. Youth drop-in centre.	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
57	1. Updated/Innovative parks with fun equipment and structures at current parks (eg Legion, Lion's, McIrvine) 2. Water Park/Splash Park as part of the Shevlin Wood Yard development 3. Dog Park at the Baseball Diamond at High School where many dog walkers currently go	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
58	-The old wood yard -St Michaels existing park - upkeep - the mill tear down site	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
59	There is a current plan to pave over the park at St Michaels playground. This should be stopped	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
60	I feel there are parks that need maintenance/updating (Legion park, McIrvine park, Front street park, 6th street E park). There is also no park in the north end (the old 6th street school would be a good place...something also needs to happen with that old building). A playground near the community garden would be nice too. The green space at St. Michael's should be kept as such; apartments / 8-plex/ townhouses would invade the privacy of those living on the cul de sacs and boulevards to the north. Bottle-filling stations would be a nice addition to parks (or at the marina).	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
61	I wish they would have left st micheals as the well used park it is	10/29/2022 10:10 PM
62	Designated town bike paths	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
63	Old Woodyard/ marina area, more walking/biking trails	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
64	Need a central large park with the spray park, a covered entertainment tent that can be converted to a skating rink in the winter and play structures all in the same vicinity	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
65	We need to make the point park a priority for all to enjoy!!! Or develop The Shevlin yard for green space and family enjoyment in my opinion this is where the splash park should be	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
66	We need to make the point park a priority for all to enjoy!!! Or develop The Shevlin yard for green space and family enjoyment in my opinion this is where the splash park should be	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
67	Need more Walking Paths, Hiking Trails and Bike Trails.	10/28/2022 5:20 PM
68	I would like to see that green space east of Central Avenue across from the mill yard to be developed, have trees of shrubs planted and benches available. I would also like to see the walking path along the river to be extended at least to the customs office. That would	10/28/2022 3:51 PM

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encourage cross border visitors on foot to experience our wonderful walkway and bike path. I would like to see the Shevlin Yard have inviting green space and enhance the existing river walk and Sorting Gap area.

69	Old Woodyard/ marina area, more walking/biking trails	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
70	The north end - anything better than we have now	10/28/2022 9:02 AM
71	Development of additional paved recreational paths for walking/biking/dog walking that don't run directly alongside a road (more trees/nature paths preferred).	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
72	The area east of Central Avenue needs parks. This area has lost the park where the hospital parking lot is located and the green space where the town developed Huffman Court. All the parks and outdoor recreational spaces big enough for a game of baseball is located west of Central Avenue.	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
73	More community for seniors.. quilting club and men club .. October fest be nice ...	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
74	community groups will always point out lack of thereof, it's always a changing need.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
75	Looking forward to seeing the spray park finished.	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
76	Park in the Northeast part of town where none exists	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
77	High ropes course, rock climbing, hiking trails,	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
78	Existing parks need to b maintained better, never mind spending money on new ones	10/27/2022 6:32 PM
79	Keep and maintain the k of c park at st Michael school property.it is used by a great number of people.A park should be developed in the former wood yard. A walking path should be installed along the perimeter of the property where Rainycrest Long Term Care Home is situated.Residents,families and citizens alike could use it.	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
80	There can always be more. There are a lot of parks, and a splash pad is coming, so that is good. But they aren't all accessible. Think about the low income housing in the north end that has no real public parks or green spaces closely accessible. The waterfront improvements have been good. There should be a continued effort to expand the waterfront trails, especially with the mill demo opening up a lot of real estate. Public art installations, historical markers, etc should be developed. The Point Park matter needs to be resolved between the Town and Agency 1 so that space can actually be used to it's potential for the betterment of everyone. Maybe stop suing for something the Town doesn't own?	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
81	There currently are areas located by the railway tracks that could be better utilized for hiking etc.	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
82	Would like to see the parks and playgrounds better maintained as well as the soccer fields	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
83	Improvement and further development to 8th st. trail systems. Staff canteens at soccer fields and point park. Fix and beautify bathroom facilities at point park. Add Dog park (fenced) to soccer field area (or elsewhere)	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
84	A dog park would be an interesting feature.	10/27/2022 8:34 AM
85	Splash park, dog park	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
86	Better washrooms at parks and beaches. Up to date equipment so all kids can play at every park.	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
87	Keep the green spaces that we have as they are. The water front could be expanded and the mill site used for more parks.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
88	Enlarge and maintain walking trails at eighth street. Cover and maintain mcirvine and east end skating rinks. If there is a skating rink at the old sixth street school maintain it too. In fact put cement inside snd the kids can use it in the summer	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
89	A splash pad would be great although my family a bit old for that now. Better maintenance of existing spaces	10/26/2022 6:51 AM
90	Spray park, inflatables seasonally available on the lake or river, more marina spots	10/26/2022 1:06 AM
91	Bike trail through town Spray park Go-carts or something similar - fun for older children Bouncy play equipment on the waterfront Take advantage of the Shevlin yard / point park/ waterfront	10/25/2022 8:54 PM

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	natural beauty	
92	The waterfront has so much untapped potential.	10/25/2022 8:41 PM
93	Where the old paper mill is coming down. Perhaps that area could include an outdoor swimming pool, a tennis court, a playground for young children, a garden area designed for strolling. A structural building to house a museum of the mill along with artisan businesses and home cooking and baking businesses would provide both locals and tourists of all ages with a desirable activity at a beautiful waterfront location. Having seen what the newspaper published about planned construction for that area, I object to the high rise office building. Really? Nuts!!	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
94	Spray park had better be happening, our children deserve and need this space. More walking trails and encouragement of active living are also needed.	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
95	Spray/water park	10/25/2022 7:24 PM
96	We need a summer splash park for the kids. I don't agree with the current plan at the cemetery because of TRS gasses from the mill. That's a health issue and the smell can be unbearable. We should not be putting kids in the path of that. But we do need the park. Somewhere not near busy traffic and maybe the waterfront. More outdoor thing to do with kids. A mini golf place or indoor playland with structures for the long winter months.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
97	Splash pad More clean parks around More activities for kids	10/25/2022 5:08 PM
98	Any vacante lands	10/25/2022 1:55 PM
99	Maintain as many play areas as possible within neighbourhoods.	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
100	I think upkeep of current parks and facilities is crucial. They are disgusting to bring children to, graffiti on most equipment pieces, never tilted, swings broken, bathrooms dirty...	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
101	expansion of sunny cove	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
102	The corner of Frennette and Fifth St E	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
103	Outdoor pool,	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
104	Old St Michael's School Nelson street green space Shevlin yard	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
105	More things for young families. More snow machine trails in town to get to main trails and restaurants. Parking areas for vehicles with snowmachine trailers.	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
106	Redevelopment of existing parks. Splash pad Pool reno	10/24/2022 10:07 PM
107	An indoor soccer complex that could house soccer, lacrosse, indoor walking/running track, tennis court, food services, and could also be used for a trade show or other community events. It can also serve as a evacuation site in the event it is required.	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
108	One for the east end. St Michaels is the closet and it will be torn down and I would hardly call phair Ave a park. Even with the proposed upgrades it still only has equipment for toddler aged kids. Not elementary. The rest of the parks in town are all run down and falling apart. The point needs to be revitalized- come to an agreement with agency one and put some money to invest in getting the point back to being a usable area for residents and surrounding community members/ tourist attraction.	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
109	Take existing spaces and improve them with apparatus climbing running jumping "things" etc	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
110	We need a trail/walking path system across the entire community and greenspace that reunites Fort Frances with its waterfront. Consider use of former mill lands, existing parkway, and CN rail adjacent lands. Look for links to Highway 602, Frog Creek Road, Seven Gens, and Ranier. We should also seek funding to complete the canal at the falls to attract cross country boat traffic.	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
111	I think we have enough facilities, but they could use some upgrading. For example, I would like to see non-disgusting bathrooms at Point Park.	10/19/2022 2:38 PM
112	Bike trails (road), walking trails, bike trails (single-track, trail), hiking trails, a new pool - these amenities should be available in town so that they are easily accessible.	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
113	More trails/walking paths - while 8th street trails are great, they are quite swampy in the summer, so there is no public trail availability within Town through the Spring/Summer	10/19/2022 11:18 AM

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114	splashpark more visible than area proposed, continuation of sunset drive walking path	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
115	-secure safe public washroom facilities for all ages encourages increased use of parks for picnics, family gatherings, youth activities - currently Lion's Park public washroom has been closed for years due to vandalism; boat launch outhouse near water treatment plant closed for years; McIrvine Park has never had washroom -look forward to new Splash water park - larger roof covered areas for outdoor activities such as picnics, Tai Chi, etc	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
116	A more up to date pool with saunas, changerooms, slide, big hot tub. Would help with mental health in the winter especially.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
117	I think we should always maintain good nature areas, If we are looking at more housing, using existing land, people will need a place for outdoors.	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
118	Williams and Elizabeth area	10/14/2022 5:26 PM
119	We need a dog park And more sidewalks. You just fished the highway going out of town but did not build any sidewalks? It would of been nice to have a sidewalk as that's a busy street	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q16 What environmental features and areas in Fort Frances should be preserved and/or enhanced?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 38

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More recycling depots	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	sun panels, and more recycling around the town.	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	Re-open the canal in the dam, to allow boat traffic to pass through from above to below, and back. Restore one of the sites of the old fur trade posts.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	Waterfront land of current mill site should be at least partly preserved for environmental enjoyment. Enhance river walk experience with permanent tent structure, interactive heritage signage and opportunities for swimming/canoe rentals/Sunset Water Sports.	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	Green space. More walking trails	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	Any green space we have should be mostly maintained. Nature is a feature of our area, without it our town would just be a small ugly concrete town. I want to drive down the street and see large trees on the shoulder or go for a walk with my kid and have them be able to touch a tree or see a river and lake.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	Water front Tower Parks Outdoor spaces High school track Soccer fields and ball diamond We need a dog park	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
8	The point. The old mill lots should have at least part of them become green space.	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
9	Clean it up! Fix the roads! Maintain the snow in the winter plow!	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
10	Water and forests.	11/15/2022 9:39 PM
11	All existing parks should be maintained.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
12	Once the Mill is demolished, people will be able to see the Falls again. Provide public access and views and make Park with housing and commercial. The Point Park has been undervalued and uncared for. the river walk can connect them both. the river itself should be a canoe route	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
13	River walk, point park and green spaces throughout town	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
14	Greenspaces and playgrounds.	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
15	8th St. trail system	11/15/2022 10:46 AM
16	Access to water, parks, walking trails, good sidewalks.	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
17	8th street trails. Set up the rink at 6 th street school	11/14/2022 10:57 AM
18	Eighth street trails, seven oaks and point park	11/13/2022 2:27 PM
19	The waterfall should be preserved/restored as much as possible.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
20	Waterfront more inviting....eating establishment or food trucks, dog park	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
21	Pithers Point, the River walk, downtown	11/13/2022 12:32 AM
22	Point patrolled and safe for all, now a drug homeless unsafe area, needles on the beach, glass	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
23	Waterfront, Point Park, outdoor rinks should be expanded.	11/12/2022 8:49 PM
24	River walk	11/12/2022 5:49 PM
25	Any current green spaces- leave them. Any derelict areas need to become greener spaces.	11/12/2022 5:23 PM
26	I would love to see the waterfront walking and bike path extend from the hospital to Canada customs. I would love to see the property at the end of Scott street and central Ave (old mill	11/12/2022 11:11 AM

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property) become a giant park and green space that goes down to the riverfront. A gathering place with a perhaps an actual Fort again and cultural centre for our local indigenous peoples. A place for kids summer programming and community events.

27	Water front	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
28	Hiking trails - monitored and taken care of and promoted to people know they are there for public use.	11/12/2022 10:41 AM
29	I'd like to see a proper waterfront in place of the paper mill that's being removed. Green space and areas for walking like the current upstream waterfront.	11/12/2022 10:40 AM
30	the river/the point where the mill is being torn down and we have to make our entrance from I Falls way more appealing, it is embarrassing	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
31	Point park	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
32	I believe, as previously stated our history and being a gateway to nature are our strongest resources, but to truly look after Fort Frances, I believe we need to work as a district and community, not just a town.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
33	More boat launches to increase lake access.	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
34	We need to enhance the amount of green space in this town.	11/11/2022 7:58 AM
35	Protect river and lake. Keep wetlands North of 8th street. Reduce development too close to river.	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
36	Mill property green space and area for new hospital/ clinic in one	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
37	No	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
38	Love the water fountain on 2nd street by Library. 8th Street Walking trails are wonderful. Keep and expand River front walking path. West end park (with planned SprayPark) will be awesome. Legion Park by library has excellent accessible equipment. McIrvine park is well used. Hair Avenue Park could be expanded.	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
39	Rainy Lake	11/10/2022 8:19 AM
40	Riverfront, Point Park, existing parks and rinks	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
41	More greenery	11/8/2022 6:00 PM
42	River walk and roadway recycling all green spaces	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
43	Point park. Marina and area. There are no others existing areas	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
44	I think the Waterfront should be preserved and enhanced where possible. I would like to see the old mill yard by the Sorting Gap developed for use by the community.	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
45	8th street walking paths.	11/7/2022 8:02 PM
46	Hiking/walking trails Water front	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
47	The water front. Front street is the only piece of waterfront property in Fort Frances. The shevlin wood lot is the last chance the town has to utilize the river as an attractive space within our town.	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
48	Trees, green space, waterfront walkway, the point, 8th st walking trails	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
49	Green spaces, the point park and the water front.	11/7/2022 4:42 PM
50	Waterfront, Point Park	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
51	walking trails	11/7/2022 3:23 PM
52	would say soemthung but there really isn't nice natural things in fort frances except by sitting gap that's probably the nicest environmental feature to preserve	11/7/2022 3:19 PM
53	Riverfront, particularly along the former mill property.	11/7/2022 3:06 PM
54	Parks	11/7/2022 2:56 PM

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55	Unsure	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
56	The river front	11/7/2022 2:49 PM
57	any water front space.	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
58	Point Park, St. Francis Fields, Water Front where mill was torn down, old wood yard	11/7/2022 2:27 PM
59	Riverfront walkway and point park	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
60	Point Park should be rejuvenated into a provincial park in partnership with the First Nations groups. This are should be preserved as a park and provide camping options for locals and visitors. Parks and campgrounds should be maintained and protected. An enhancement to the marina and old wood yard would be an opportunity.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
61	Waterfront, point park, 7 oaks areas need to be preserved, protected and better used by upgrading and implementing opportunities for better usage.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
62	Shoreline from Marina to Rendezvous	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
63	pitchers point/ seven oaks	11/4/2022 8:04 PM
64	green space, bike paths, Outdoor recreation areas	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
65	green space, bike paths, Outdoor recreation areas	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
66	Waterfront area should be enhanced to bring life and pedestrian/tourist traffic.	11/4/2022 11:51 AM
67	I can't think of any of any on the top of my head to be preserved, it'd have to be a case by case basis. However I think waterfront properties could be enhanced, including the greenspace, south of (Webster?) Avenue.	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
68	8th Street trails should be enhanced. Gojijing could be enhanced.	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
69	Some green space, trees, Community Garden,	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
70	St Michael's green space/ park	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
71	The River	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
72	Our waterfront. It's beenn neglected with no replacement of trees or docks.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
73	Our waterfront. It's beenn neglected with no replacement of trees or docks.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
74	Once the mill is gone, we should learn from Kenora what sort of businesses and stores would make a water-front area successful. Keeping some green space, but also creating an inviting boardwalk would make the entrance to Canada nicer, and would make tourists want to spend more time here. As mentioned, the green space at St. Michael's needs to be preserved. Have recycling bins beside every garbage can.	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
75	Riverfront	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
76	Waterfront needs more revitalization and development; truck route designation should be removed from Front street to ensure greater safety for pedestrian and other revitalization use - heavy truck traffic is a detriment to further development in this area.	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
77	We don't have any environment features only open space left if the old wood yard	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
78	Sugar Maples especially in the grave yards.for their colour and grandeur also, White Pine, Red Pine, White Spruce	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
79	Again Point Park	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
80	Again Point Park	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
81	All green spaces, water ways, beaches, walking trails and developing biking trails and rest stop areas, washrooms and sitting areas	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
82	The Point Park is disgraceful. More and better maintained outdoor ice rinks.	10/28/2022 5:20 PM
83	Shevlin Yard, most definitely!! Pithers Point Park could use upgraded washroom facilities. How can families be expected to enjoy the park if there is no washroom available, or a washroom that is decrepit and unsafe? There could be a summer student hired to man the office instead	10/28/2022 3:51 PM

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	of relying on camping visitors to use "the honor system" for camping fees. The worker would be available for ensuring that things run smoothly, fees are collected and the washrooms are maintained.	
84	Waterfront needs more revitalization and development; truck route designation should be removed from Front street to ensure greater safety for pedestrian and other revitalization use - heavy truck traffic is a detriment to further development in this area.	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
85	More trees	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
86	Point Park, riverfront walkway and existing parks and playgrounds	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
87	Mill property and point park	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
88	None, this area is surrounded by forest and lakes. Make the town more livable and leave the trees to the forest.	10/28/2022 9:35 AM
89	Recycling	10/28/2022 9:02 AM
90	The point park	10/28/2022 7:10 AM
91	More trees	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
92	Point park	10/27/2022 11:48 PM
93	Would be nice to see Point Park enhanced to offer washrooms/change rooms/drinking fountains at the swim area. We also greatly enjoy the hiking trails, and the Sorting Gap/waterfront areas.	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
94	The Point--quick fighting over, make a joint agreement and start doing more than the minimum upkeep. Of people aren't paying-get them out, this is not where the riff raff of town should be housed!!	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
95	Trees should be saved! Second Street is so uninviting now. It looks awful. We also need to enhance our access to the lake.	10/27/2022 10:49 PM
96	THE MILL SITE SHOULD EITHER A TAX PAYING BUSINESS OR A PARK	10/27/2022 9:49 PM
97	Noise pollution from the CN Rail line is a major problem. Building a berm along the line would improve the quality of the lives of many residents.	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
98	Love the parks	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
99	Waterfront - continuation of roadway/bicycle path/walking path/shoreline protection/lighting westerly from Victoria to the Int. Bridge, and continuing westerly along river bank/Central Ave/Third St.W. to the Fort Frances Cemetery. This was brought forward to the recent Council in June 2021, received consideration but not acted upon - it also included the forward concept of Bridge ownership possibilities but has since been purchased by other communities as Fort Frances itself had no appetite or interest. In addition it also included the concept of investigating the original mill site lands for possible re-acquisition of said lands if indeed they were granted to the mill developer originally to insure building of the plant - it's a normal concept, governments have a track record of assisting mega projects - but again, recent Council showed no appetite or interest in pursuing this possibility.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
100	An off leash dog park would be a way to keep dogs at a safe distance from families out enjoying parks and the pets would certainly love it.	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
101	With the mill gone, encourage developers to make more green space	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
102	Parks, the point, the walkway along the waterfront.	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
103	The River front and point park	10/27/2022 6:34 PM
104	The parks and the walkway need to be looked after better than they have been. Often the sidewalks are on safe uneven and there's always garbage underneath the benches and you see town employees simply walking by	10/27/2022 6:22 PM
105	The site of the former mill has to capitalized on.Economically if Fort Frances is going to move ahead there has to be serious enhancement of this site.	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
106	tree management. removal of buildings no longer in use. general cleanup once or twice/ year like we did years ago	10/27/2022 5:55 PM

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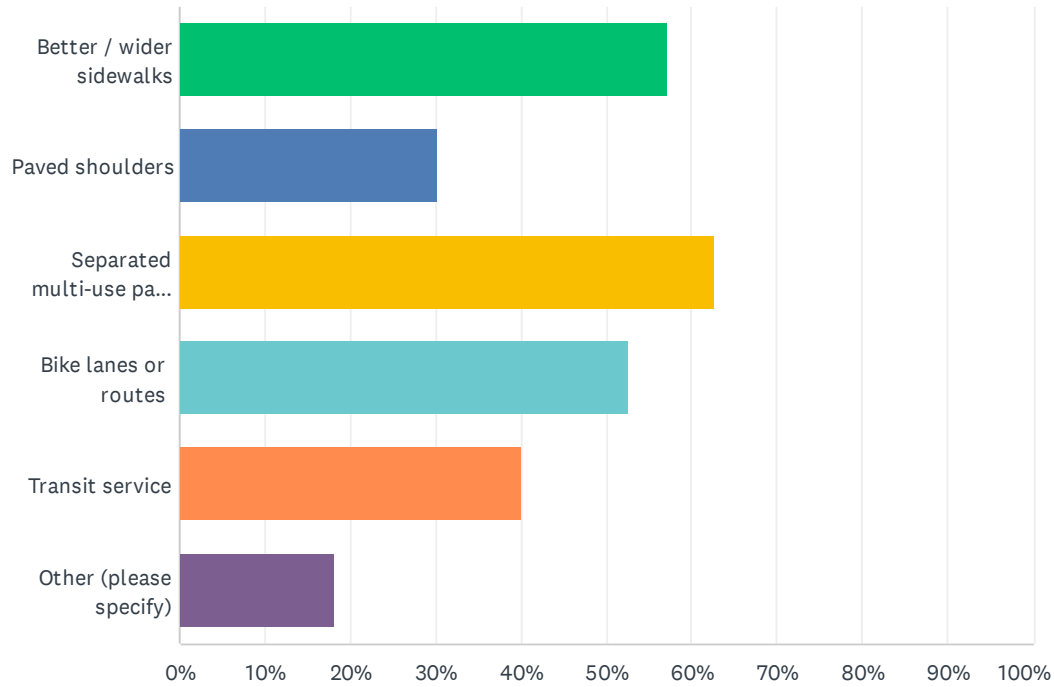
107	The best natural/environmental asset that the Town has is the waterfront and access to Rainy Lake and Rainy River. However, if one does not own their own boat/kayak/canoe, etc it is difficult to access. The Town needs to capitalize on the fact that a huge amount of waterfront property is going to become available, and it can absolutely transform the community so long as it is developed in a way that provides accessibility to this great natural feature. The waterfront as stands is good, but it is lacking in retail/restaurant/hotel opportunities which should be a focus of post-mill development. There is an opportunity for mixed-use development which is accounted for (thankfully) in the Shevlin Woodyard plan. One of the areas of focus should also be the development of a proper campground whether that be at the Point Park or as a new development post-mill. This type of quality outdoor space will bring tourists into the community for longer stretches of time. Right now it is difficult to find accommodations in Fort Frances in the summer because there are not enough hotels, and the only camping option (Point Park) is substandard, to put it mildly.	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
108	There appears to be no vision about Point Park. It is nothing like what it was 40 or more years ago.	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
109	Point park if possible. River walk	10/27/2022 2:34 PM
110	River walk, and point park need to be enhanced and better maintained	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
111	restore trees downtown - area looks drab. Individual improvements by businesses have helped, but the trees missing is sorely noticed.	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
112	Point beach area	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
113	The waterfront. It's beautiful.	10/27/2022 8:34 AM
114	Natural areas, mature trees	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
115	St Micheals park should be enhanced more.	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
116	Yard waste composting at Landfill site. Free drop off of yard waste and free pickup of compost.	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
117	The purity of Rainy Lake/Rainy River. Parks should be reseeded with trees. Green spaces should be maintained.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
118	Pithers Point	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
119	Eighth street trails. Get rid of the raised areas on the river walkway so people can walk without tripping. Increase the "workout equipment " on the river front and cover it so that it is still useable in the winter months.	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
120	Outdoor rinks and parks	10/26/2022 6:51 AM
121	Mature trees in town should be replaced or preserved	10/26/2022 1:06 AM
122	River front business	10/26/2022 12:59 AM
123	Riverfront 8th street trails Lower yard of paper Mill sturgeon spawning	10/25/2022 11:04 PM
124	Shevlin yard Sorting gap /waterfront Point park	10/25/2022 8:54 PM
125	Roadway is too close to river front. Shops on the water would be a great attraction.	10/25/2022 8:41 PM
126	The point. We have missed the mark for years fighting with the First Nation instead of embracing them in the development of the point.	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
127	Waterfront!!	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
128	Parks and historic sites	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
129	Heritage core buildings. Riverwalk trails.	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
130	More community Gardens. There is only one and its small. We should have one for each area in town. The St. Michaels green space. That oark and green space is loved by the east end families and they want to build on it which takes away such a beautiful greenspace and memorial plaque. Great place for a community garden for the east end and our elders that will be living in that buidling.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
131	River walk and point area. All parks need updating and a winter outdoor area in town.	10/25/2022 1:55 PM

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132	all areas along the water	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
133	Water access, trees -replace those removed and those that have died, point park needs to be revitalize as a safe gathering place as part of reconciliation.	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
134	Museum	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
135	mill property, sunny cove	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
136	The river walk	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
137	The waterfront the point	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
138	Not sure	10/24/2022 10:30 PM
139	?	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
140	Waterfront- get the truck route moved away from it to create a safer area. Truck route could go Eighth St by extending it.	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
141	Trails, green spaces, the waterfront and the point. Like bare minimum could paint the posts that the paint is peeling off of on the waterfront and clean up all the garbage under the benches that sits for weeks. Cut down the branches on boulevard trees that people can't walk by. Little things make a difference....	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
142	Trees I residential areas All existing parks	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
143	Marina area; development in wood yard area; seven oaks area	10/20/2022 7:58 PM
144	8th street trails are a disaster. Point Park is a dump. Waterfront in mill area offers an opportunity for parkland (as it did in the past).	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
145	Seven Oaks Point Park	10/19/2022 2:38 PM
146	Waterfront, Trail System north of the town.	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
147	Legion Park, Point Park, Nelson Street Park (700 Block), Waterfront Bike/Walking Path	10/19/2022 12:10 PM
148	The Point should be enhanced, and trails should be opened in forested areas to provide more recreational opportunities. If you cross the border there is an abundance of trails that are not found within Fort.	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
149	mill cleanup, lagoon cleanup	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
150	Riverview Cemetery needs new trees planted as none planted for years and multitude have been removed. Area is used by many as a walking path and would benefit from walking path on its periphery (some people have made snow shoe paths in this area in recent years)	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
151	Riverwalk. Pithers point. Beautify our area.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
152	Access to water, lots of green space, and choices for walking and biking and playing.	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
153	water front area	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
154	More walking and hiking trails	10/14/2022 8:39 PM
155	Waterfront, trees	10/14/2022 5:26 PM
156	Not sure	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q17 What would encourage you to use more active transportation, such as walking or cycling? Select all that apply.

Answered: 182 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Better / wider sidewalks	57.14%	104
Paved shoulders	30.22%	55
Separated multi-use paths for cycling, walking, etc.	62.64%	114
Bike lanes or routes	52.75%	96
Transit service	40.11%	73
Other (please specify)	18.13%	33
Total Respondents: 182		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Better, affordable air service into, out of, Fort Frances.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
2	Improve sidewalks. Clean in winter- so slippery and uneven it is dangerous	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
3	The 8th street trails	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
4	Take away homeless/drug users/transient folks first	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
5	Roads paved without potholes, fix what we have can't afford new	11/14/2022 6:02 PM
6	Sidewalks in many areas trip Hazzard	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
7	A safer community to walk in; my kids are scared to bike across town especially by train	11/12/2022 8:49 PM

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	tracks. Feel town is full of crack heads.	
8	Extend the walking path around the river to include 7 oaks	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
9	Extend the walking path around the river to include 7 oaks	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
10	The dial a ride program has been flawed from day 1, our sidewalks have become treachourous at all times of year (slick and messy in the winter and so uneven in the summer a single misplaced footstep can take someone to the ground), and unfortunately just stripping the natural beauty of our area is not the right answer (ie removing trees to help level the sidewalks). While cycle lanes are a neat idea they are still a danger for cyclists, with motorists who seem to not care (and cyclists who seem to ignore the giant hunks of steel on the road) we need to find a way to ensure respect for all road users.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
11	Roads in North end are a disgrace	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
12	Taxis that answer the phone	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
13	A transit service is absolutely necessary in a town this size where amenities are only available in a specific portion of town (clinic, library, grocery store, banks etc)	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
14	Better non-vehicular access to the north end	11/7/2022 5:05 PM
15	If I lived in Town limits.	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
16	None of the above	10/31/2022 9:40 AM
17	Bike paths around town	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
18	We should worry about our roads first	10/29/2022 10:10 PM
19	Note: Sidewalks are often in so poor of condition, we end up walking on the road as they are so uneven due to frost heaves or are flooded with water in the spring/fall. We would prefer using them to walking on the road if they were better maintained as they are safer from traffic!	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
20	Not sure,	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
21	Need bus service for seniors and young	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
22	waterfront continuation as detailed in item 16.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
23	A tram that takes you over the train tracks to the north end. We need another crossing in the middle somewhere.	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
24	All of the above. It is impossible to walk from the West End to downtown without having to cross the highway, and there are no crosswalks available.	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
25	It is difficult walking in this town or letting your kids walk alone. The homeless are often staggering down streets and approach you for money or whatever. Feels very unsafe.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
26	Someone knowledgeable who can repair bikes	10/26/2022 8:17 AM
27	Some areas don't even have sidewalks!	10/25/2022 8:54 PM
28	We need sidewalks in the east end. My 6 year old son doesnt even have a sidewalke to walk to his bus stop.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
29	Road work especially in much needed areas they have been ignored for way too long ! It pathetic and sad	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
30	Extend the waterfront paths into the west end or create a west end set of paths.	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
31	Paths should link with existing safe cycling routes, like 602 and trails from Intl Falls to Voyageurs National Park.	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
32	More pedestrian crossings	10/20/2022 12:20 PM
33	I already walk and cycle as much as possible	10/19/2022 2:39 PM

Q18 Where should new pedestrian / cycling routes and linkages be provided in Fort Frances?

Answered: 142 Skipped: 52

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Along west end four lane route	11/20/2022 3:27 PM
2	all along the water throughout town.	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
3	Especially at: old mill site; Pither's Point Park. Perhaps out to Frog Creek area?	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
4	Extension of river walk to mill property, trails alongside railway tracks, extension to 8th Street Walking Trails.	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
5	Along the river front where the mill is being removed. The potential to walk from one side of town to the other with much water front scenery	11/19/2022 3:33 PM
6	There should almost be a ring road style of walking paths and Cycling trails that you can exit at multiple parts of town. Where the whole town can be connected by these areas.	11/19/2022 3:18 PM
7	Downtown. By the waterfront, past the hospital. On King's Hwy to head out of town.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
8	Fifth street Out to walmart Frog creek rd	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
9	I like the idea of connecting the river walk to 8th street and the Library/ Arena	11/18/2022 2:30 PM
10	West end of town -- sadly the sidewalk simply ends on Sunset Drive at Armstrong Place. Why???	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
11	Start somewhere	11/15/2022 2:43 PM
12	East / West Routes: The River Front + 8th Street + The Tracks North South Routes: McIrvine Rd, Central Ave, Portage Ave, Shevlin Ave	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
13	There are currently neighbourhoods without sidewalks - every street should have a side walk on at least one side of the street. Second street should have a bike lane.	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
14	Connect the east and west parts of town.	11/15/2022 12:36 PM
15	Continue riverfront bike/walk routes to west end of town	11/15/2022 10:46 AM
16	Fix existing roads	11/14/2022 6:02 PM
17	side walk for the remaining km of Sunset Dr. Sidewalk on Keating that goes from J.W. Walker to 3rd St. A way to travel safely by bike from west end of Fort Frances to downtown area.	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
18	The town from one end to the other.	11/14/2022 11:59 AM
19	Access to west end of town or more places to go in the east end	11/13/2022 2:27 PM
20	Third St E or First St E would provide a perfect bike route on the East end of town, connecting at Fourth St W. turn at Wright Ave. Continue down the green space on the side of the highway all the way to Walmart.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
21	6th street, oakwood, sunset blvd	11/13/2022 11:06 AM
22	4th st west to oakwood	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
23	Downtown, bike rental?? Four lamer,	11/12/2022 8:49 PM
24	Through out the town on developed pathway	11/12/2022 5:49 PM
25	7 oaks, through the point, etc	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
26	7 oaks, through the point, etc	11/12/2022 11:20 AM

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27	From Canada customs to the hospital to link in with existing paths. This would also connect the downtown and our border with this path as well.	11/12/2022 11:11 AM
28	Water front though mill area to west end.	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
29	where the mill is being torn down and there should be a walking/biking trail through the whole town. in Warsaw they have bike paths everywhere and Bolt scooters and Bikes are available	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
30	Along the river	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
31	Do we need new or to take better care of existing infrastructure?	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
32	More sidewalks connecting west to east along kings highway	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
33	Along train tracks and down from eight street Rainycrest towards point park	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
34	Fifth street West Also York Ave N.	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
35	A over pass at point park	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
36	Not sure	11/10/2022 5:31 PM
37	From the West entrance down Oakwood drive to Sunset Drive, to Keating, south to Riverview Drive, to new expanded Walkway along the lower river which would link up with our existing walkway/bike path and continues to the East entrance to Town.	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
38	i personally think from over pass area to north end, maybe north end to west end	11/10/2022 8:19 AM
39	Riverfront	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
40	Throughout the town, trails to the causeway and rainy River would be wonderful	11/8/2022 11:37 AM
41	Pave the 8th street walking trails. Colonization road west need a bike path	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
42	Extend the water front bike and walking paths all around the Point Park. I'm aware that the town does not own it but possibly an agreement for use can be worked in.	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
43	Non accessible and essential services	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
44	8th street trails. Bike lanes down 2nd onto the highway.	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
45	From west end to east end including the "four laners", downtown	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
46	Linking the west and north areas of town to the water front.	11/7/2022 4:42 PM
47	Scott St and 2nd St	11/7/2022 3:58 PM
48	See #15	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
49	everywhere it would be way easier to travel if there was built i places where there is only cycling or bikes allowed	11/7/2022 3:19 PM
50	Along the east riverfront where the former mill property sits.	11/7/2022 3:06 PM
51	Along the waterfront	11/7/2022 2:56 PM
52	5th, 6th and 8th street	11/7/2022 2:50 PM
53	Anywhere that would allow a cyclist to go from the furthest east end of town to the furthest west of town without disrupting traffic.	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
54	along water front, eighth street, bike and walking bridge over CN tracks in center of town and west end	11/7/2022 2:27 PM
55	complete the east/west connection to the far west limits of town. Clean up some of the sidewalks to nowhere.	11/7/2022 2:19 PM
56	along water front area through mill property to the west end of Town to implement cross town accessibility.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
57	Unknown	11/7/2022 1:51 PM
58	not sure	11/4/2022 8:04 PM

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59	connect Emo to Fort Frances	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
60	connect Emo to Fort Frances	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
61	From Fort Frances High school to the east end of waterfront area.	11/4/2022 11:51 AM
62	Connect East to West fort Frances.	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
63	N/A	10/31/2022 1:44 PM
64	n/a	10/31/2022 9:40 AM
65	Down Scott Street or Second Street through to West perimeter Through Couchiching to the East	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
66	There needs to be a connection between the east and west end of town at central ave.	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
67	Between east and west . The area at central avenue	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
68	Throughout the entire town.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
69	Throughout the entire town.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
70	Once the mill is gone, extend the walking/bike path all along the river to the west end.	10/30/2022 11:22 AM
71	As much of town as possible	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
72	East end to west end	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
73	On all streets	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
74	Connect the Waterfront bike and walking trails through the mill property past the graveyard to the Legion Park or make a wider trail for multi purpose.	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
75	The east and western end ideally should be linked	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
76	The east and western end ideally should be linked	10/28/2022 6:33 PM
77	Walking trails 8th, and sidewalk design for cycling as well. Sunset Drive to frog creek rd, to 8th st.	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
78	All over town. These should be incorporated in all areas of town as well as paved shoulders to bike on west to Emo and East to Bears Pass.	10/28/2022 5:20 PM
79	Sixth Street West from Webster Avenue to Cornwall Avenue. There are many people living in the low-rental apartments who do not have a vehicle. Adults and children are often seen walking down the street to Portage Avenue. Even the children that are bussed to school have to walk down the street. This is not safe, especially in the winter when there is reduced sunlight and the streets are often snow-covered and icy.	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
80	East end to west end	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
81	North street trails	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
82	West end and McIrvine	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
83	Every where	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
84	Everywhere. More crossings over the train tracks.	10/28/2022 9:35 AM
85	N/A	10/28/2022 7:10 AM
86	Anywhere in the west end	10/27/2022 11:48 PM
87	Preferably linking the waterfront/Sorting Gap area and the downtown core (Scott Street) with other areas of town. Basically anywhere a safe, MTO-approved route could be constructed.	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
88	It would be nice to see the Parkway extended to the US Bridge.	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
89	From the hospital going west through the old mill property to the old cemetery and west of that if possible.	10/27/2022 9:19 PM
90	Not sure	10/27/2022 9:17 PM

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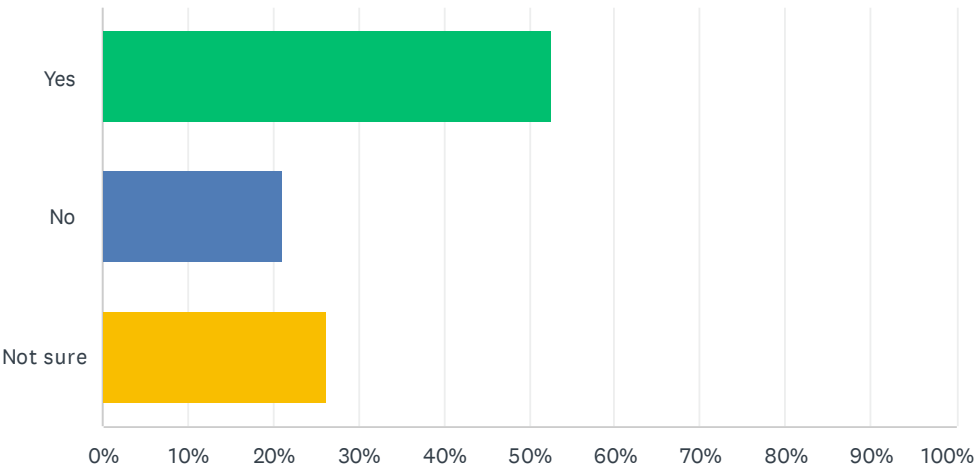
91	Seems ok	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
92	as detailed in item 16.	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
93	Second Street	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
94	Bike paths should be from one end of town to the other	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
95	Downtown, along the 4laners	10/27/2022 8:01 PM
96	there should be a cycling route at least coming from each end of Town and connecting to second st.east	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
97	bike path from central avenue to wal-mart. dedicated bike path on second street east (harbourage to central avenue	10/27/2022 5:55 PM
98	Literally everywhere.	10/27/2022 4:13 PM
99	along Kings Highway, and McIrvine Road.	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
100	Not sure	10/27/2022 2:34 PM
101	River walk, along Scott street	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
102	connect east/west/ north ends of town to waterfront cycling paths.	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
103	King's hwy, Second St to Seven Oaks and beach	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
104	Any n everywhere you have sidewalks etc.	10/27/2022 3:17 AM
105	Should be able to travel across town - sidewalk ends at cemetery?	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
106	All primary streets - Scott, Second, Portage, Church - bike lanes.	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
107	From the east end of town out to Walmart.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
108	On 3rd Street W on Highway 71 to Wal Mart	10/26/2022 3:05 PM
109	Furthered on sunset drive	10/26/2022 1:06 AM
110	No my needed	10/26/2022 12:59 AM
111	Hard to get from copper river to Scott street - 4 laners on bike safely	10/25/2022 11:04 PM
112	Anywhere there's room and it's safe and allows for access to businesses and attractions	10/25/2022 8:54 PM
113	Throughout the town where the people are. All places of interest.	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
114	I would have to give this more thought before I could comment.	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
115	Main roads 4 laners	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
116	Going from east to west through Central, there is no good bike path except 4th street. Create a "sidewalk and a half" to accommodate traffic and safety	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
117	East end. 5TH ave and wherever there isnt a sidewalk. So many kids and families and people drive 50k down that road.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
118	All threw out town	10/25/2022 5:08 PM
119	Main high traffic areas, roads	10/25/2022 1:55 PM
120	no	10/25/2022 1:47 PM
121	A link from the Laverendrye Parkway to the west end Sunset Drive	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
122	I'm not sure	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
123	there should be a connecting walking/ bike path all over town and finish sunset drive	10/25/2022 2:43 AM
124	Along the HWy around the point	10/24/2022 11:47 PM
125	Everywhere	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
126	Sunset Drive	10/24/2022 10:30 PM

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127	Water front. Loop around town. Designated, measured trails.	10/24/2022 10:18 PM
128	West End and North End	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
129	Connect waterfront to go west. Connect the north end to the east end. Walking bridge over the tracks would be nice instead of having people jump the fence in the east end area.	10/21/2022 6:47 PM
130	A main through fair utilizing woodyard and mill property	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
131	Access to downtown and to the waterfront	10/21/2022 1:19 PM
132	Continue the work from La Verendrye parkway both east and west.	10/20/2022 7:58 PM
133	Follow parkway west through mill property, then cemetery to Legion Park, bridges over creeks to Flinders Place and water tower.	10/20/2022 7:26 PM
134	crosswalk between the library and the lion's park	10/19/2022 2:39 PM
135	There should be a inter-connected trail system (pedestrian/cycling) that allow residents to move throughout the entire community on bike/foot. Calgary and Fredericton have world-class inter-city trail systems.	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
136	Off of truck routes for safety.	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
137	the whole town should be available to walking, fix existing as well	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
138	-safety of riding one's bicycle on any of the 4 lanes is absent -safety is missing for walking on 4 lanes of highway 11/71 West of the end of sidewalk at Walmart; weeds/grass not cut; especially unsafe in winter due to no sidewalks and snowbanks	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
139	From the end of Second St E to Walmart.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
140	A safe way to get from the west end to the east end of town. Sidewalks in areas where there are not any.	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
141	two lane street	10/15/2022 9:56 AM
142	Wear end of Fort Frances	10/14/2022 4:54 PM

Q19 Should new development within the Downtown Business Area (pink area shown on the image below) be required to provide private, off-street parking spaces? Please check one.

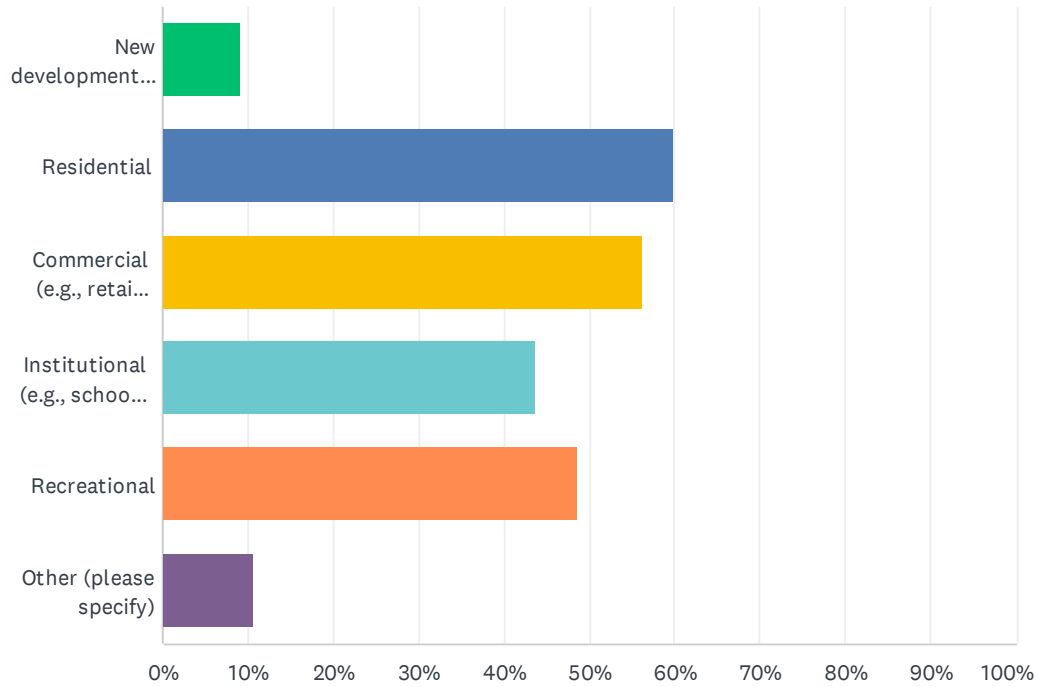
Answered: 190 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.63%	100
No	21.05%	40
Not sure	26.32%	50
TOTAL		190

Q20 If yes, which types of new development should provide parking? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 142 Skipped: 52



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
New development should not be required to provide parking.	9.15%	13
Residential	59.86%	85
Commercial (e.g., retail, office)	56.34%	80
Institutional (e.g., school, place of worship)	43.66%	62
Recreational	48.59%	69
Other (please specify)	10.56%	15
Total Respondents: 142		

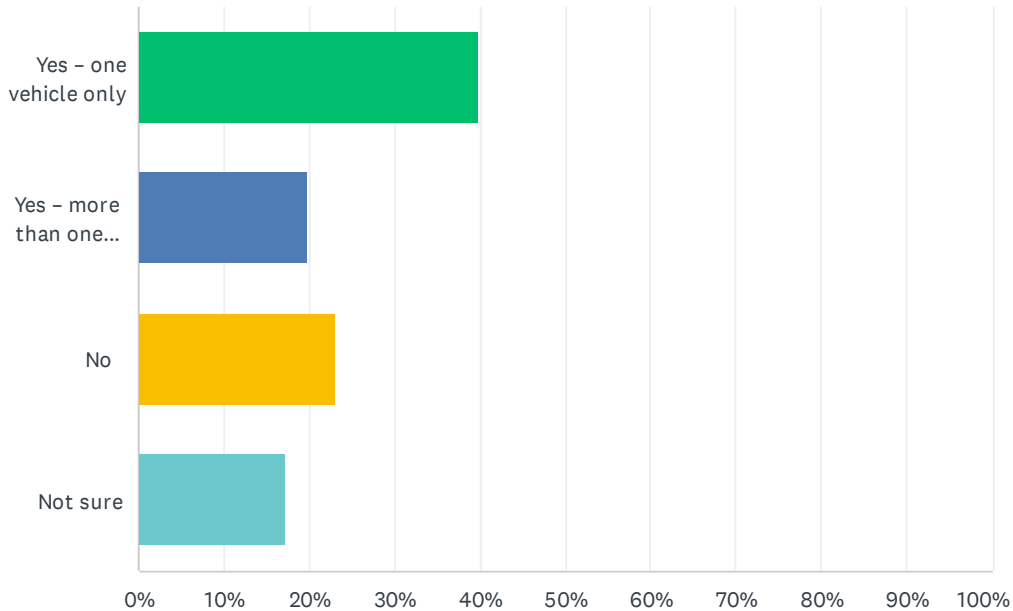
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	anything that isn't directly supporting business needs its own dedicated parking	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
2	With snow removal issues off-road parking is necessary	11/14/2022 6:02 PM
3	I think # of potential parking spaces needs to be determined, but in general, it should be a consideration for a build, as it affects current infrastructure	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
4	I think the town should be offering and create more parking spaces.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
5	Right now business owners and staff are taking up customer parking and deterring shoppers, they need to be ticketed	11/12/2022 11:39 PM

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6	Parks green space.	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
7	We need to get business owners/employees off of Scott St, there is ample parking for them on side streets or in lots nearby, I have witnessed the by-law officers doing their best, but with little or no overall effect. Yes the downtown would look empty but it would begin to show how busy our downtown is.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
8	If there is a development that would require a high number of person at any onetime, ie- apartment complex, office type building etc planning should incorporate off street parking for these areas. On Scott St, employees are forced to park on off streets due to the lack of parking available at their places of employment. Being a resident on 1st St E it is a pain in the a#@ when freinds or family come to visit during weekdays and they have to park way down the street.	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
9	Exisiting parking lots need to be acquired by the Town to facilitate this parking.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
10	Parking lots are under used and already exist down town	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
11	New development shouldn't necessarily be required to provide parking. It would might be nice for a business/the town to offer a monitored, fee-based parking garage to allow additional parking in the downtown business area as parking is currently extremely limited	10/27/2022 11:26 PM
12	It should be up to the town to provide area for the parking for any new businesses	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
13	The town should be supplying parking. Businesses have enough to deal with in this town.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
14	Utilize and repair what is existing	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
15	Town of Fort Frances	10/14/2022 5:26 PM

Q21 Do you think that recreational vehicles (e.g., mobile home, camper, trailer) should be permitted on residential lots?

Answered: 191 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes – one vehicle only	39.79%	76
Yes – more than one vehicle	19.90%	38
No	23.04%	44
Not sure	17.28%	33
TOTAL		191

Q22 Is there anything else that you would like to share with the project team?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 83

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This town has potential, however it needs a lot improvement there has to be more for kids. and residents to do around town, also fitness classes they don't exist here, and I wish they did.	11/20/2022 12:17 PM
2	Scott Street as the main shopping street seems dead, and beyond revitalization. Suggest planning to move the shopping area either to the old mill site, or near to the Sorting Gap.	11/20/2022 10:58 AM
3	No	11/19/2022 4:29 PM
4	There needs to be indoor recreational spaces for children that don't involve hockey. These spaces should be accessible to a variety of abilities, incomes and backgrounds. Many months of the year are spent inside due to the cold weather. Youth need a safe recreational space to participate in activities geared towards them.	11/19/2022 3:14 PM
5	Hire some locals who will stay in key positions - ones who want to be here and be engaged. The revolving door of providing experience for someone to leave wears hard on those engaged to volunteer work etc.	11/18/2022 8:22 PM
6	Clean it up! The town looks like garbage. People's yards are full of junk and it looks like we are in redneck country.	11/16/2022 10:30 AM
7	There needs to be more activities and carnival style things to do to celebrate and build our community. It feels like we are just a town, not a community. With more activities we will grow. Invite other communities to participate with us and put something together a few times a year. Let's grow this town and make it how it used to be; safe, fun and a community.	11/15/2022 9:39 PM
8	- Focus on Lowering Property Taxes - Let people do what they want on their property. If they have a boat and a trailer to store over winter, it shouldn't be a problem. - Focus on giving permission to diverse new businesses (did Pizza Hut really need to come back to Fort??) Also ensure that any new business would not directly compete or impact other local businesses.	11/15/2022 3:31 PM
9	Get planning	11/15/2022 2:43 PM
10	Question 21 is confusing. Permitted to be parked, yes. but not as a residence per se. these are recreational vehicles, there shouldn't be anyone living in them.	11/15/2022 1:16 PM
11	Economic development needs to be the primary focus in Fort Frances. Developing more housing will be pointless if we can't maintain the population. The population needs to work in order to grow this community, to attract young professionals with families so that we have a vibrant and healthy community.	11/15/2022 12:59 PM
12	Our town needs to be cleaned up the train station could be preserved before you start to enhance anything	11/14/2022 7:43 PM
13	Please fix existing infrastructure and take care of what we have. Waterfront development is good, but we can't afford to create other new development when it is always costed to the residential tax payers. Tax increases have been extreme the past few years.	11/14/2022 6:02 PM
14	Be open to new ways of doing things.	11/14/2022 12:50 PM
15	I think the town should invest in sensor traffic lights. I would help with the flow of traffic through town. Especially at the intersection of kings hwy and Keating ave. The other suggestion I have is creating a one way street on both Second St. And Scott St, with one street heading east and the other heading west. It would also offer more flow to the traffic and possibly make parking easier. It might also offer space along the sides of the roads to create a bike lane too.	11/13/2022 1:06 PM
16	Monitor parking on Scott Street...2 hour max.many scott Street employees and owners taking	11/13/2022 11:06 AM

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	up customer parking, sending them to Walmart or menards or online...	
17	Would love to see some development down by the water front. It's the best part of our town and a lot of us to go Rainer in the states to eat and enjoy their little community. Let's entice people to stay here and spend their money in Fort at home. Lots of little things can be done too - doesn't always have to be things.	11/13/2022 8:30 AM
18	The town appears dirty, needs to be cleaned up and safer for all including cameras everywhere and increased policing!	11/12/2022 11:39 PM
19	Opportunities for youth and young families, as well as aging population should be top of mind when planning.	11/12/2022 8:49 PM
20	Our town needs to be regenerated. There is currently nothing to entice people to return to Fort Frances. Kenora is booming, maybe use some of their ideas.	11/12/2022 11:37 AM
21	Our town needs to be regenerated. There is currently nothing to entice people to return to Fort Frances. Kenora is booming, maybe use some of their ideas.	11/12/2022 11:20 AM
22	If this is about the mill area keep it simple. Parking,bike and walking paths picnic area for tourists trees and grass. There are plenty of unused businesses on Scott street don't need anymore. Also there is a new residential development with not a lot sold. Also what happened to the development of the shevlin wood yard. Same there keep it simple parking grass trees paths and a permanent year round tent. How about huge illuminated letters when driving into Canada. Welcome to Canada.	11/12/2022 10:51 AM
23	I would like to see the bylaw removed that prevents recreational vehicles being used on town roads. Like Dryden, Kenora, Atikokan currently have in place.	11/12/2022 10:40 AM
24	There needs to be more one level homes for the aging population.	11/12/2022 10:33 AM
25	I hope to see us really have a vision for Fort Frances and follow through. There is no reason why we should not be a bustling tourist town with year round recreation. We need to add residential to downtown because people eat and play where they live. we also need to make sure sunny cove does not waste away and that the mill space is developed. we also need to make some sort of agreement for the point to be developed so that people can enjoy the beautiful lake and beach	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
26	I know you are facing an impossible task ahead, and I wish you the best of luck. But please as decisions are being made do NOT hide behind closed doors or announce large scale changes without communicating the reasoning. We were all taught the 5 Ws and H (Who, What, Where, When, Why and How) and if those are shared at the beginning, I am willing ot bet the community will not only be more helpful but may even throw their support behind some of these changes....communication is the biggest key to change.	11/11/2022 10:32 AM
27	Make this town a destination. Not just a place that tourists stop at briefly and carry on.	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
28	There will be a need to develop affordable housing. This should include multi residential units. Consideration needs to be given to climate change including flood mitigation.	11/10/2022 10:18 PM
29	Campers and mobile homes should not be allowed to sit on streets I. Residential areas for more than 24 if not in front of owners property. We shouldn't have neighbours blocking our property because they have too many cars and re relational vehicles	11/10/2022 8:04 PM
30	Proper zoning and follow up.Eight,houses were built on York Ave.N.on property that was zoned for four. This was changed when low rental apartments were built recently.	11/10/2022 6:58 PM
31	Stopping recreational vehichles boy such a law enforced town, you need to get the managers to do the job. Dough and deli hole someone will fall in. By law roachs house by mill yard 6 dead trucks, people with 3 " grass enforce Cody of public utilities or whatever to crack the whip on all the lazy workers he manages	11/10/2022 6:12 PM
32	With the extreme fire season in 2021, there was concern that if a fire started near the community, we may have some serious issues. Does our official plan contain a section on Wildland Fire Prevention? Maps are available at MNRF as well as a guide to help you do the assessment.	11/10/2022 4:55 PM
33	Best of luck with this planning and thank you for taking on such a huge project.	11/8/2022 6:08 PM
34	Plant trees downtown. Take advantage of our lakes and water to make it tourist friendly	11/8/2022 5:43 PM

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35	We need to dedicate land for a camp ground and encourage a company like a KOA to develop in the area	11/7/2022 11:55 PM
36	Fort Frances is my home and I am hopeful that it can continue to grow and prosper. I appreciate opportunities such as this survey for residents to be to give input and offer opinions. Thank you.	11/7/2022 8:17 PM
37	Fort Frances has so much potential and I think with the right communication with citizens and planning for the future this could be a thriving community that attracts young professions and is a great place to live and learn.	11/7/2022 7:30 PM
38	I've lived in this town my whole life and I've never felt like a town cared less about the future than Fort Frances. Future generations, even those entering their working years as we speak, have little to no positive outcome of staying here. Young families don't look to us as an opportunity and those that do come frequently leave as soon as they're able.	11/7/2022 7:28 PM
39	Don't complicate things. Use the basics, make logical decisions and have realistic ideas. I love fort Frances although I am continually disappointed by the decisions made that hinder prosperity and growth. Everyone should be welcome to come, stay, and visit and have reason to want to return.	11/7/2022 5:29 PM
40	The population is aging. Targeting activities and items to serve youth and younger adult families can help to sustain and grow the town. I recently moved here because of work, and it can be quite isolating living here as a younger family. More drop in things for kids and young adults would help foster a sense of community and encourage people to stay and invest in the town.	11/7/2022 3:58 PM
41	Go into this with eyes, ears, and minds open with common sense. Pretend its your own money your spending!!	11/7/2022 3:34 PM
42	fort frances can have a bright future ahead but it can also have a dark and quick end	11/7/2022 3:19 PM
43	Need for affordable housing	11/7/2022 2:56 PM
44	We should cater to all the business that drives right by our town. thousands of American's cross our borders to hunt, fish , boat, snowmachine in other municipalities. (kenora, sioux lookout dryden etc.) there was talk about snowmobile access through town, These are the types of things that we should focus on. Have them spend more of that money in Fort.	11/7/2022 2:39 PM
45	If considered, mobile home, camper, trailer and storage containers should be considered based on lot size / proximity to neighbours etc.	11/7/2022 2:06 PM
46	This is an opportunity for Fort Frances to take advantage of where we are currently at and implement new & exciting ways to incorporate fresh ideas and make the development process more user friendly to be able to attract new developer to our area.	11/7/2022 2:05 PM
47	plan for the future, no fast decisions,listen to the tax payers	11/4/2022 8:04 PM
48	SAVE THE PARK AND GREEN SPACE ON FIFTH STREET (former St. Michaels)	11/4/2022 6:17 PM
49	SAVE THE PARK AND GREEN SPACE ON FIFTH STREET (former St. Michaels)	11/4/2022 5:50 PM
50	I think the big things we want to focus on are: - attractive to young families / businesses - fix homelessness - eliminate needles - attract employers.	10/31/2022 1:55 PM
51	Good luck! Please keep the public updated.	10/31/2022 9:29 AM
52	Our community needs to attract the young families to move back or stay. Our community needs to provide activities for our youth to do safely. Parks, bike paths, splash parks, soccer fields, baseball fields etc. All of our green spaces are being taken away for infrastructure. If we want our youth to focus on mental health, then we need to allow them the space to do so. Not every inch of green space needs to have structures. Empty green space for pets or children to explore is very important.	10/30/2022 6:04 PM
53	I hope the town works with the owners of the park and playground to keep the only large greenspace in the east end of Fort Frances. Do not pave over the playground at St Michaels	10/30/2022 5:33 PM
54	Just hope that this expensive survey has some positive outcome. Last projection was a joke. Didn't do one thing listed/outlined in in for the elderly,.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM

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55	Just hope that this expensive survey has some positive outcome. Last projection was a joke. Didn't do one thing listed/outlined in in for the elderly,.	10/30/2022 4:36 PM
56	I have two recreational vehicles in my front yard I had to move them to my front yard after a drug addict let tried to pay me to have sex with my daughter so the camper moved from the back yard to the front so the kids had more room to play in the fenced in yard	10/29/2022 10:10 PM
57	Need additional industries.	10/29/2022 8:07 PM
58	Am a skeptic- will anything actually happen??	10/29/2022 4:18 PM
59	They need to rethink where the splash park is going to go. We have a Hugh empty canvas (the old wood lot) that can hold the spray park, an activity tent play grounds walking paths etc. We don't need to build houses and hotels there it would be a waste of our last free open space	10/29/2022 1:33 PM
60	Question 21 not complete. Do you mean people living in permanent campers as a residence? If the answer is yes, change number 21 to No.	10/28/2022 10:17 PM
61	I have lived in The Fort my entire life and love it here I really think it's a shame being such a beautiful area there really is limited access to our beautiful Rainy Lake people can't even rent a boat or canoe or kayak or paddle board or anything to enjoy our lake! I consider myself very fortunate to have a cabin on Rainy Lake to enjoy. Lots of people pass though here and don't even know the Causeway exists it is so beautiful and unique just to drive out and see it! I'm not sure why our town has so much difficulty promoting our area to get people to stop here it seems to me a lot of money has been misused in the past on big salaries with little benefit to our area. This is the perfect time to start over and promote our beautiful area I would love to help if the opportunity arises	10/28/2022 6:35 PM
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63	There are apartments RRFDSAB oversee that need to be improved upon fixed and utilized.	10/28/2022 6:29 PM
64	I think that Fort Frances has the potential to become a more resident and visitor-friendly community. We need to look for opportunities to increase the tax base to provide for these things. If people were aware of the ways any personal tax increase would enhance this community, I'm sure they would agree that it is worth it. Anything we can do to improve the looks and services of our community should be seen as planting seeds that will more than pay for itself down the road.	10/28/2022 3:51 PM
65	Am a skeptic- will anything actually happen??	10/28/2022 3:43 PM
66	With reference to question 21, are you referring to personal or rental campers, trailers. Rental no, personal, family, friends yes.	10/28/2022 2:11 PM
67	No.	10/28/2022 1:09 PM
68	Like to see pedestrian crosswalks in town locations where vehicle traffic is busiest such as east end of Second and Fifth St	10/28/2022 11:05 AM
69	Better uses of our resources to provide industry and jobs.	10/28/2022 9:43 AM
70	No.	10/28/2022 12:19 AM
71	Make things easier for people to start up new businesses or build new housing--don't blow the proposed development by Canadian Tire with too much red tape!!! Same goes for future development in the wood yard and other mill sites.	10/27/2022 11:00 PM
72	Good Luck . I really think we should have a project to clean up our town we have a beautiful waterfront but the entrances into town are very uninviting (especially the west end) I recently traveled to western Canada going thru many small towns and I felt bad that my own home town was one of the least attractive towns I visited , we have so much potential with our beautiful	10/27/2022 10:40 PM

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lake and river I hope that in the future we can become a more attractive , safe Progressive and welcoming community Thank you

73	Not at this time. What an enormous undertaking. Good luck.	10/27/2022 9:17 PM
74	Plant trees down middle of street .. home health care .service ... please a bus is what town needs a aDOCTOR 😊	10/27/2022 9:11 PM
75	Sorry I missed the public session on Oct. 13 - this summer has been extremely hectic for me - and others I am sure. I have no problem in putting my name to this submission - physically, we will be snowbirding in Arizona Oct. 28 through to early April. Bill Naturkach gambler21601@gmail.com	10/27/2022 9:10 PM
76	Stop the push to steal Agency One lands. That has been lost in court already and yet it is being pushed again. It is Native Land!!	10/27/2022 9:04 PM
77	Change the ridiculous bylaw only allowing one tent in your yard. How are my grandkids supposed to camp in my backyard	10/27/2022 8:11 PM
78	All entrances to the town need to be cleaned up and beautified in some way. We look like a third world country town when approaching from east, west and south! As well, the sterile Welcome to Fort Frances boundless sign needs significant improvement. Compare that to our neighbours across the river welcome sign.	10/27/2022 6:34 PM
79	We have been very fortunate in Fort Frances for a number of years with the industries that we've had and presently have in our area. This could change overnight and I don't think the town is prepared for it as there is no creativity innovation or commitment. I would've never said this 10 or 15 years ago but there certainly has been significant changes that are not favourable for our community. Hopefully something can be done and we can once again take pride in our community	10/27/2022 6:22 PM
80	Question 21 is vague.Did it mean an occupied lot or vacant lot.	10/27/2022 6:18 PM
81	it is great to have a plan - but where will the money come from to develop the plan the loss of the mill tax revenue will be a challenge for years to come	10/27/2022 5:55 PM
82	FF is at a crossroads. Rarely does an established community come upon the opportunity to develop such a massive amount of prime real estate. Doing this correctly will set the Town up for success for the next 50-100 years. The problem with FF is that it is too tied to the idea that the US fishermen that cross the border are a market that can be captured to spend time in FF. Frankly, they are not. They aren't interested in spending time in FF, they are interested in going fishing elsewhere. FF should do as much as possible to capture their dollars for the time that they are in town - hotel stays, restaurants/bars, and retail opportunities related to their trip (outdoors stores, tackle, apparel, etc). FF needs to look at attracting a new market of tourists - people interested in coming to a town to experience what it has to offer. These folks are generally younger, more diverse, and are interested in small business, and local options. They aren't interested in eating at Boston Pizza. They want local food options, local retail options, local local local. The Town needs to be more open to supporting small independent businesses. These days the most thriving small communities are rife with small, locally owned businesses. There needs to be somewhere for these people to stay. There are not enough hotel rooms in Fort Frances. Realistically, only the Vous, Super 8, Copper River, and Bayview are worth staying in. The others are poor quality.... the Nugget is an embarrassment and should be shut down. Investment in short term rentals is key. The hotels are happy now because they are full every single weekend of the year, but that is largely based on repeat clientele, or events such as hockey tournaments or conferences. They have grown too comfortable in what they have to offer and should be challenged in a more competitive marketplace. There are not enough apartments or other rentals available, and the cost to rent in FF is absurd given the size of the community. My employer hires people from across Canada who move to FF and despite having a very good income, have difficulty finding acceptable accommodations. Many employers are now hiring young people from all over who move to Fort Frances. But they aren't staying. They can't find quality housing. The social life is not welcoming or diverse enough. There are not enough restaurant and retail options, and they often find themselves unable to take advantage of the natural advantages of Fort Frances such as getting out onto the lake because there are such limited opportunities to do so unless you own your own boat or find a friend who does. The housing issue needs to be addressed. If even well-paid professionals can't find or can't afford rent in FF, god help those who are struggling. Even when there are low income rentals, they are often located far from the	10/27/2022 4:13 PM

downtown core. I used to live on Portage Avenue and would watch residents of those places have to walk through -40 weather just to get groceries because they can't afford anything closer and there is no transit available to them. Mixed use residential HAS to be a top priority to address both the lack of rental accommodations as well as the housing crisis. The Town should look at ensuring that a certain % of new residential units are rent geared to income or otherwise address lower income people in the community. The Town needs to become walkable. It mostly isn't, especially without linkages between east and west, or the north end being cut off by the railroad (an issue that will continue to get worse as CN continues to increase it's traffic through FF). FF needs to look at what other similar communities are doing in the NW that are successful. Kenora's downtown is thriving. Places like Goods & Co in Thunder Bay are popping up and are interesting, and innovative ideas to promote small and local businesses. Many towns and cities have dedicated sidewalk space and parking spaces to restaurants so that they can have patios (a result of COVID, but sticking around in many places). Thunder Bay is actually working this into it's development plan for downtown Port Arthur to make it a permanent fixture. Finally, there needs to be a truck bypass developed. A thriving, walkable, community CANNOT have commercial trucks rumbling down it's main street 24hrs a day. For those travelling through FF on an east-west route, there is absolutely 0 reason for them to have to travel into the Town proper. There are no truck stops, fuel stations, etc for them south of the tracks. It adds nothing to the town other than noise, danger, and additional wear and tear on the already bad roads. If they aren't stopping to fuel up or eat, there is no reason for them to be there. Get them out of Town Finally, stop being a bunch of old fogies who hate any type of change or new thinking. It's 2022. The mill is gone. Let's become the type of community that can thrive moving forward. What we are doing is not working, so it needs to change yesterday! Thank you

83	The town should make use of existing parking lots. The outdoor entertainment complex was a mistake. It takes up valuable parking on Scott Street. I think a far better amphitheatre could be built where the paper machines were and there would be plenty of space for parking. Developers or planners from outside our area have made suggestions on apartment complexes etc. The problem is those people don't realize that retired people in Fort Frances cannot afford to stay in the apartment complexes they suggest get built in town. I really feel we can get good advice from local businesses like Saulteaux Consulting & Engineering. We seem to hire out of town companies to do that sort of thing. The best examples I can give is the waterfront, sportsplex, library and the downtown outside entertainment area, plus the various companies who have been approached about developing the old wood yard. I really feel we need to get local companies involved rather than out of town "consultants. Even our town sighs at either end of the town were designed by a company located outside of Fort Frances/Fort Frances area. We wasted a lot of money on ideas from people who don't live here, and who really don't understand the community. The town will be far better off if it does things using local businesses and talent. For example we have art students at the high school, there is no reason a student(s) couldn't design a town logo.	10/27/2022 4:12 PM
84	Town needs to look at better maintenance of existing services and holding current property owners accountable for keeping their property maintained.	10/27/2022 1:38 PM
85	Be progressive, work to lower costs for residents, keep developing the enhancement of our border crossing access and traffic flow, don't delay on developing the wood lot.	10/27/2022 10:38 AM
86	No	10/27/2022 10:37 AM
87	Think about the Community as a whole, not individuals.	10/26/2022 8:31 PM
88	All parks should be accessible. The beach should be accessible.	10/26/2022 8:24 PM
89	Work out political/economic issues with relevant First Nations to develop campgrounds (rv, campers), and an entertainment venue at Point Park.	10/26/2022 7:09 PM
90	The four laners need another stop light to slow traffic down. Our streets are mostly all in total disrepair. Many houses in total disrepair and should be demolished. Perhaps these would be good lots to put up apartments etc. Crime problem has to be addressed as it is making the whole town unsafe. In spite of the problems love living here and hopefully Fort Frances can get back on track.	10/26/2022 3:28 PM
91	Fishing bridge at 7 Oaks	10/26/2022 2:16 PM
92	Don't overcomplicate parking. Some of the newer bylaws can adopt large parking counts that don't make sense for our town.	10/25/2022 11:04 PM

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93	How are other communities of similar size attracting so many more young professionals? I.e. Sioux lookout. Kenora. Dryden	10/25/2022 8:41 PM
94	We have been dormant for so many years, it is hard to get excited about any change being offered or planned for. I will be apart of the seniors who leave every year because our town never planned for us to live here and to continue to be part of the community in our last years.	10/25/2022 8:31 PM
95	Please look into a prudent way to mine and produce lithium for electric car batteries, all the while addressing the environmental issues of the process.	10/25/2022 7:55 PM
96	No thanks for allowing community members to have a voice through the survey!	10/25/2022 7:33 PM
97	Would like to see a developed entrance to town from the US, and the sidewalk in the 200 block south side reinstated at the RL Square	10/25/2022 7:05 PM
98	Please help bring Fort to its full potential. Fort is full of great opportunities if we just had the town willing to get things moving forward.	10/25/2022 6:59 PM
99	Please be realistic and encouraging to residents. We need to work together to make this a comfortable, inclusive, caring community. It used to be a quaint looking town filled with neighbours who took care of one another. We need to work to get that feeling back.	10/25/2022 1:43 PM
100	Pls help the people of fort Frances who badly needs the roads to be done ✓	10/25/2022 8:41 AM
101	I think a casino with a waterpark and arcade would benefit Fort Frances because it would a bring it to a wrist which would bring in more money for the town to people would have to travel if they want to go gambling. Also another bowling alley with arcade would benefit Fort Frances to because The young people and old people would have something to do other than get in trouble and do drugs	10/24/2022 11:16 PM
102	We need to provide options to people. The common complaint is "there is nothing to do" "we are just a hockey town" I believe we are much more than that. A Cineplex would be beneficial, more hotels, options for dining out, more options in the winter as they are the toughest months.	10/24/2022 2:20 PM
103	Community involvement vrs apathy and complaining is the key to our future	10/21/2022 2:25 PM
104	Need to make sure the plan is actually put into place - not a report that sits on a shelf somewhere	10/20/2022 7:58 PM
105	No, not at this time.	10/19/2022 1:32 PM
106	The Town has a lot of potential and opportunity. I hope that these goals are realized, as I would anticipate that the challenge to attract individual to relocate to Fort Frances will only get worse if immediate improvements and/or plans are not made.	10/19/2022 11:18 AM
107	the town has developed a whole new street, reduce the price or give the lots away for development, not to contractors or developers , build within one year and be happy with the taxes generated	10/19/2022 7:26 AM
108	multiple concerns: -future of Armstrong Pit - where is that contaminated water going to flow? current town plan lacking information -future of FF water supply when Atikokan's contaminated mine site/water rising starts to flow into Rainy Lake - potential of nuclear hazardous waste site being built near Ignace causing problem in future and contaminating the water supply to much of Treaty #3 area - aging tree canopy	10/18/2022 10:26 PM
109	Fort Frances could be a destination as it is so close to water access.	10/18/2022 4:30 PM
110	I am unclear as to what question 21 refers to,	10/17/2022 10:51 AM
111	I'm looking forward to see our town get cleaned up	10/14/2022 4:54 PM