



Palliser
Regional Library

2018

Craik Community Needs Assessment



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Wikipedia Page

**Craik Public Library Board &
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Craik and District Overview

The Craik and District community consists of the Town of Craik, the Village of Aylesbury, and the Rural Municipality of Craik No. 222. The Town of Craik provides the RCMP detachment for the area, as well as the volunteer fire department. EMS and ambulance services come either from Davidson or Moose Jaw. Craik also provides the community with commercial services and educational opportunities in the form of a K-12 school, the Praxis Institute, and the public library. Recreational facilities include skating and curling facilities and a golf club.

Craik and District Statistical Information

As reported to/recorded by the Statistics Canada Census of 2011 & 2016

Statistical Overview					
Community	Census Data 2016	Census Data 2011	% Change	Private Dwellings	Median Income
Craik	392	453	-13.5	217	\$38,427
Aylesbury	40	42	-4.8	30	-
Craik No. 222	259	276	-6.2	137	-
Total	691	771	-11.6	384	\$38,427
Saskatchewan	1,098,352	1,033,381	6.3	432,622	\$33,684
Canada	35,151,728	33,476,688	5.0	14,072,079	\$47,487

Population Age Distribution						
Community	Mean Age	0-4 years	5-19 years	20-39 years	40-64 years	65+ years
Craik	49.0	2.6%	15.4%	14.1%	37.2%	28.2%
Aylesbury	49.9	12.5%	0.0%	12.5%	37.5%	25.0%
Craik No. 222	47.3	3.8%	13.5%	17.3%	46.2%	23.1%
Average	48.7	6.3%	9.6%	14.6%	40.3%	25.4%
Saskatchewan	39.1	6.7%	25.8%	27.0%	31.7%	15.5%
Canada	41.0	5.4%	17.0%	26.0%	34.7%	16.9%

Ethnicity			
Community	Aboriginal or Métis	French Only	Immigrants 2006-2011
Craik	15	0	-
Aylesbury	0	0	0
Craik No. 222	-	0	-
Total	15	0	0
Saskatchewan	177,355	125,810	72,305
Canada	2,130,520	4,144,685	2,268,170

Education Level			
Community	No High School	High School	Post-Secondary
Craik	85	80	105
Aylesbury	-	-	-
Craik No. 222	60	75	110
Total	145	155	215
Saskatchewan	177,210	261,210	418,880
Canada	5,239,575	7,576,400	15,827,040

Occupational Statistics – 2016 Census	Craik	Craik No. 222
Management	45	110
Business/Finance/Administration	15	10
Natural/Applied Sciences	0	0
Health Occupations	10	0
Education/Law/Social and Government Services	15	10
Art/Culture/Recreation/Sport	0	0
Sales and Service	30	20
Trades/Transport/ Equipment Operators	25	0
Natural Resources/Agriculture	20	25
Manufacturing/Utilities	0	0
Total Labour Force	155	185

Saskatchewan Statistical Information

Saskatchewan Literacy Statistics		
Statistic	Saskatchewan	Canada
Reading		
Proportion of Students Reading at Level 1	16.0%	12.0%
Proportion of Students Reading at Level 2 (expected level of reading)	74.0%	74.0%
Proportion of Students Reading at Level 3	9.0%	14.0%
Mathematics and Science		
Overall Mean Score in Mathematics	80.5%	85.2%
Males	81.3%	85.3%
Females	79.7%	85.3%
Overall Mean Score in Science	81.8%	84.7%
Males	81.8%	84.2%
Females	82.0%	85.2%

Source: Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) 2016 Literacy Study

Crime Rate		
Statistic	RCMP Data 2016	RCMP Data 2015
Crime Rate per 100,000 Population	5,904.5	5910.1
% Rate Increase from Previous Year	-0.09	2.3

RCMP Crime Statistics
 Constable Kim Audette, Crime Analyst – Burnaby detachment

Poverty Rates*			
Statistic	2010	2014	2015
Child Poverty Rates			
Overall Child Poverty Rate (SK)**	23.0%	24.6%	24.1%
First Nations Poverty Rate	50.0%		
Immigrant Poverty Rate	29.6%		
Canada Poverty Rate	17.4%		
Food Insecurity Rates			
Household Food Insecurity		10.6%	
Children in Food Insecure Households		19.0%	
Cost of Weekly Groceries for a family of 4	2009	2012	2015
Provincial Average	\$205.02	\$218.24	\$243.64
Large City (Southern SK)	\$184.91	\$193.69	\$215.20
Small City (Southern SK)	\$188.28	\$194.09	\$220.46
Town (Southern SK)	\$202.20	\$216.46	\$238.66
Rural (Southern SK)	\$206.94	\$223.60	\$246.65

Sources: Hunter & Sanchez, *Child and Family Poverty in Saskatchewan: November 2017*, PROOF: Food Insecurity Policy Research, Saskatchewan Food Costing Task Group's *The Cost of Healthy Eating in Saskatchewan*

*Based on Statistics Canada data Sanchez and Hunter found low income can be classed as \$18,213 annually for a single adult with no child, \$25,498 annually for a lone parent with one child, \$30,962 annually for a lone parent with two children, \$25,498 annually for a couple with no child, \$30,962 annually for a couple with one child, and \$36,000 for a couple with two children.

** Only Manitoba and Nunavut have higher child poverty rates than Saskatchewan (27.5% and 36.1% respectively).

Town of Craik

Size and Location

The Town of Craik is a community of 453 people located in the southcentral part of Saskatchewan.

- The land area of the Town of Craik is 3.02 square kilometers, and the population density is 150.0 people per square kilometer.
- Craik is strategically located along Provincial Highway 11 in the RM of Craik No. 222, 140 km southeast of Saskatoon and 117 km northwest of Regina.
- Craik is a vibrant, progressive, and friendly small town community located in the heart of the prairie grain belt. Agriculture remains the driving force to the town's economy but other industries are contributing as well.

Facts about Craik

- Craik began as a railway station along the railway line established between Regina and Saskatoon by 1890, with homesteading beginning in 1901. The route between the two main settlements was by foot and cart prior to this.
- Craik was incorporated as a village in 1903 and a town in 1907.
- The Craik Memorial Rink was opened in 1949. John Diefenbaker, soon-to-be Prime Minister of Canada, was a special guest speaker at the opening ceremonies in December of 1949.
- The Craik and District Eco-Centre opened in 2004 was promoted as a sustainable way to revitalize rural Saskatchewan. The centre burned to the ground in 2016.
- The 9-hole golf course on the Eco-Centre property and Craik Regional Park are popular places for residents and visitors to spend their time.
- Local news coverage is provided by the Craik Weekly News and the Davidson Leader.
- The assessment value for the Town of Craik is \$30,747,600.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Craik and District Statistical Summary.
- The town has had a Boil Water advisory since 2010. A new water plant started construction in 2018.

Local Government – Town of Craik Office

Box 60, Craik SK, S0G 0V0

Telephone: 306-734-2250

Fax: 306-734-2688

Email: townofcraik@craik.ca

Website: <http://www.craik.ca>

Town of Craik Council 2018

Mayor:	Ashdown	David
Councillor:	McRae	Lawrence
Councillor:	Gilbertson	Garry
Councillor:	Meshka	Cheryl
Councillor:	Klein	Cheryl
Councillor:	Johnson	Brad
Administrator:	Wells	Sarah

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Town of Craik Website

Village of Aylesbury

Size and Location

The Village of Aylesbury is a community of 40 located in south-central Saskatchewan, on Highway 11 between Regina and Saskatoon.

- It is situated 106 kilometers north of Regina within the Rural Municipality of Craik.
- The land area of the village is 1.3 square kilometers, and it has a population density of 31.3 people per square kilometer.

Facts about Aylesbury

- Aylesbury was incorporated as a village in 1910.
- The local economy has always been largely based around the agricultural industry.
- The community hall is a busy place hosting events year 'round from tea parties to dances.
- The Aylesbury Hotel is the Home of the Elephant Bar – the can't miss spot for Rider Fans coming down Highway 11 by car or game bus on "Game Days". The 5 months of football basically keep the bar afloat during the slower months.¹
- The Don Forsyth Campground is a lovely spot to spend a quiet evening after a long day on the road. The campground is located right on the edge of the village limits and boasts electrical sites and indoor showers and bathrooms.
- Aylesbury has an independent postal outlet located in the Aylesbury Hotel. The mail is delivered and sent through Canada Post but the outlet is independently operated.
- Saskatchewan based grain company, Mobil Grain along with the Last Mountain Rail railway have begun to, once again, clean and ship grain out of Aylesbury!
- The assessment value for the Village of Aylesbury is \$2,496,200.

¹ Regina Leader Post, May 19, 2017 "Waiting for Football, remembering an icon at Aylesbury's Elephant Bar by Austin M Davis

- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Craik and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – Village of Aylesbury Office

Box 151, Aylesbury SK, S0G 0B0

Telephone: 306-734-2250

Fax: 306-734-2257

Email: town.craik@sasktel.net

Village of Aylesbury Council 2018

Mayor:	Watt	Doug
Councillor:	Murray	Gary
Councillor:	Watkins	Matt
Administrator:	Wells	Sarah

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Aylesbury Page on the Town of Craik Website

RM of Craik No. 222

Size and Location

The Rural Municipality of Craik is an area with 259 residents located in south-central Saskatchewan, in the heart of Agriculture Country.

- It is situated between the three major cities of Saskatchewan: Regina, Saskatoon, and Moose Jaw.
- The RM has a land area of 885.4 square kilometers, and a population density of 0.3 people per square kilometer.
- The Town of Craik and Village of Aylesbury lie within the boundaries of the RM.
- Highway 11, or *Louis Riel Trail* runs through the RM, allowing easy and safe access to the north and south.

Facts about the RM of Craik

- The R.M. of Craik No. 222 was formed in 1912, with James Parks serving as the first Reeve. To this day, many members of the Parks family remain members of the community.
- In conjunction with the Town of Craik, the RM and the entire community have become involved in the areas of environmental sustainability. This commitment to being "ecologically friendly" led to the building of the "Craik Eco-Centre," a marvel in the area of conservation and sustainability.
- The RM council is progressive and proactive in exploring all options for economical development within the RM and the town of Craik. This has led to a joint venture with the

town of Craik which has seen "Titan Clean Energy Projects Corporation" bring a new ecologically friendly business to Craik. Titan is a new company that is involved in the areas of producing fuel and energy from agriculture and forestry by-products and waste.

- Gensource Potash is looking at developing within the Vanguard Potash deposit, a more environmentally friendly “selective solution mine” in the RM near the Town of Craik. It is currently believed that the plans on hold until potash industry recovers from slump
- The assessment value for the RM of Craik is \$288,285,000.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Craik and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – RM of Craik Office

Box 420, Craik SK, S0G 0V0

Telephone: 306-734-2242

Fax: 306-734-2257

Email: rm222@sasktel.net

RM of Craik Council 2018

Reeve:	Dolman	Neil
Councillor:	Werdal	Darrel
Councillor:	Sperling	Lloyd
Councillor:	Chaplin	Trewett
Councillor:	Boyd	Jason
Councillor:	Ackland	Brian
Councillor:	Obrigewitsch	Rodney
Administrator:	Yates	JoAnne

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, RM of Craik Page on the Town of Craik Website

Craik Community Programs and Services Directory:

Programs

Education Based Programs

Schools

Craik School (K-12) – Prairie South School Division # 210

Box 180, Craik SK, S0G 0V0

Ferguson Street, Craik SK

Telephone: 306-734-2404

Fax: 306-734-2328

Colleges

Praxis International Institute

Education in Environmental Sustainability & Entrepreneurship

#12 Ecovillage, Craik SK, S0G 0V0

Telephone: 306-664-0500

Email: elainem@globalinfobrokers.ca

Library and Library Programs

Craik Public Library

611 1st Avenue, Craik SK

Box 339, Craik SK, S0G 0V0

Telephone: 306-734-2388

Email: craik@palliserlibrary.ca

Website:

<https://www.palliserlibrary.ca/spm/branches>

Librarian: Jo McAlpine

Hours: Tues. 10:00 – 12:00, 1:30 – 5:00,
6:30 – 8:30

Wed. 1:30 – 5:00

Thurs. 1:30 – 5:00

Fri. 10:00 – 1:30

Community Based Organizations

Prairie Wool Weavers

Meet 1st Monday of the month, 10 am

Telephone: 306-734-2249

Email: priariewoodweavers@gmail.com

Craik Community Archives & Oral History Society

Craik Senior Citizens

Craik and District Regional Park Board

Craik, SK

Telephone: 306-734-5102

Website: saskregionalparks.ca

Churches

Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

430 Ferguson Street, Craik SK

Telephone: 306-734-2883

Craik United Church

440 1st Street, Craik SK

Telephone: 306-734-2844

Sports, Culture & Recreation

Sports

Craik Minor Sports

Contact: Jason Kemp

Telephone: 306-734-2891

Email: jasonletnes@yahoo.com

Facebook: @MossbankMinorHockey

Craik Curling Club

Contact: Keith Owen

Telephone: 306-734-2223

Craik Walking Club

Trails End Guest Ranch

Offers trail rides

Telephone: 306-734-2967 or

1-866-885-0775

Email: trailsend@sasktel.net

Culture

Prairie Pioneer Museum

541 Parks Road, Craik SK

Telephone: 306-734-5125

Or 306-734-5125

Buffalo Hunter

Community Symbol

At the main Craik entrance Hwy 11

Historic Dugout House

Located in the Regional Park

Walking Trails

Craik's Original Town Hall

611 1st Avenue, Craik SK (see library)

Box 339, Craik SK, S0G 0V0

Telephone: 306-734-2388

Craik War Memorial

In front of Craik Legion Hall

Craik Memorial Graveyard

At north entry to Craik

Recreation Groups & Clubs

Craik & District Golf Club

1.5 km northeast of Craik
Club House: 306-734-2364
Or 306-734-2242

Summer Camps

Blackstrap Youth Camp

Dundurn, SK
Telephone: 306-934-1838
Website: blackstrapyouthcamp.org

Parks & Playgrounds

Craik & District Regional Park

1.6 km north east of Craik
Telephone: 306-734-5102
Email: craikpark@craik.ca

Three Rivers Trail Association

Hiking, biking & horse trails
Tours available through Pelican Tours
Telephone: 309-734-2250

RobArt Park

Craik School Playground

Craik Dam

Arm River Reservoir
Fishing and Recreational Boating

East Side Playground

Craik Fair Grounds

Ball diamonds and concession stands

Recreation Facilities

Craik Memorial Rink

Skating & Curling Facility
201 4th Street, Craik SK
Telephone: 306-734-2204

Craik Skating Rink

Telephone: 306-734-2765
Cellular: 306-567-7910

Craik Curling Rink

Telephone: 306-734-2444
Or 306-734-2223

Craik & District Golf Club

1.5 km northeast of Craik
Club House: 306-734-2364
Or 306-734-2242

Service Clubs & Societies

Royal Canadian Legion Craik Branch # 10

Contact: Gwen Eyre

Telephone: 306-734-2285

**Women's Aglow
Craik & District Lions Club**

Contact: Kati Ball

Telephone: 306-734-2741

Website: www.lions.org

Services

Health & Well-Being

Craik Community Health Centre

The Centre is equipped to handle minor emergencies, out-patient care, long term care, respite care, and other necessities.

620 Mary Street, Craik SK
Box 208, Craik SK, S0G 0V0
Telephone: 306-734-2233
Fax: 306-734-2248

- Physiotherapy: 306-734-2288
- Well Baby Clinic: 306-734-2288
- Community Health: 306-691-6400
- Meals on Wheels: 800-205-2273

Spiritual Care Services

Contact: David Howick

Telephone: 306-694-0214

Email: dhow@fhhr.ca

Website: www.fhhr.ca/spiritual

Mel's Pharmacy

Telephone: 306-734-2215

Reflexology by Joyce

Telephone: 306-734-5157

Riverstone Studios

Natural skin and body care makers
#4 Eco Village Road, Craik SK
Box 506, Craik SK, S0G 0V0
Contact: Kelly and Audrey Taylor-Faye
Telephone: 306-203-9606
Email: info@riverstonestudios.ca
Website: www.riverstonestudios.ca

Friendly Findings Salon

Family hair care by Lana Maier
306-734-7533

Commercial Services

Retail

Co-op Service Station

Regular, Diesel, Propane, Cardlock service,
bulk fuels

Telephone: 306-734-2622

Slips and Bloomers

Bedding plants
Telephone: 306-734-5106

J & B Ackland Auto Service
Regular and diesel, auto repair,
confectionary, movie rentals, lottery tickets
Highway 11, Craik SK
Telephone: 306-734-2246

Palliser Plains Co-op Food Store
Telephone: 306-734-2612
Office telephone: 306-734-2606

Financial Services/Real Estate/Law

Royal Bank of Canada
201 3rd Street, Craik SK
Telephone: 306-734-2672
Website: www.royalbank.com

Long Lake Insurance
Telephone: 306-734-2213
Email: mengel@sasktel.net
Website: www.longlakeinsurance.ca

Tourism/Events

C & T Motel
Highway 11, Craik SK
Telephone: 306-734-2476

Media

Davidson Leader
Custom printing, advertising, floral
arrangements
Telephone: 306-567-2047
Email: theleaderonline@gmail.com
Website: www.leaderonline.ca

Craik Chronicles (monthly)

Restaurants

Aylesbury Hotel (Elephant Bar)
Aylesbury, SK
Telephone: 306-734-2928

The Village Orchard
“Organic” Saskatoon berries, cherries,
apples, and raspberries, you-we pick
Aylesbury, SK
Telephone: 306-734-5147

CJ Photography
Contact Crystal Judd
306-734-2825

Municipal Hail Insurance
RM of Craik No. 222 office
Telephone: 306-734-2242

William Lewis Agency
Income tax and accounting
Telephone: 1-800-667-8911
Or 306-963-2022

Craik Farmers Market
Located at the Old Town Hall
Fridays (Summer – Fall) 9:00am – 2:00pm

Internet Services:
Access Communications
SaskTel Internet Service
1-800-727-5835
Shaw) – 885-285-1105

Flo’s Bar and Grill
Main Street, Craik SK

Telephone: 306-734-2355

Public Transportation

None

Industrial Services

Auto Express Tire Services LTD

Wes or Jarrett Skinner
Telephone 306-734-7584

Boyd Sanden Trucking

Custom livestock hauling
Telephone: 306-734-5170

C&D Developments

Grain vac repair, machining/lathe work,
welding, hydraulic repair
Telephone: 306-734-2728

Co-op Lumber Yard and Hardware

Telephone: 306-734-2616

Craik Pro Hardware

Telephone: 306-567-7899

Erlandson Towing

Automotive lock and towing
Cell: 306-561-7212 Or 306-734-7786
Office: 306-488-4415

Todd Ehman Bobcat Services

Telephone: 306-734-2255

Harvest Services

Combine accessories, concaves, sieves, and
more, machine manufacturing
Telephone: 306-734-2601
Email: harvestservices@sasktel.net
Website: www.harvestservicesltd.com

Luther Livestock

Licensed order buyer, livestock dealer, custom
livestock hauler
Aylesbury, SK
Telephone: 306-734-5106
Cellular: 306-567-7114

Luther's Trucking

Custom gravel hauling
Telephone: 306-737-1522

McAlpine Trucking

Custom grain hauling
Telephone: 306-734-2910

McRae's Farm Service

Telephone: 306-734-2641

Alliance Pulse Producers (AGT Food Canada)

306-525-4490

Shorlands Kitchen and Bath

Flooring, cabinets, marble spas, counter tops
Telephone: 306-734-5157

Stubby's Welding and Repair

Telephone: 306-734-7640

Government Services

Municipal Services

Town of Craik Office

600 Front Street, Craik SK

Box 60, Craik SK, S0G 0V0

Administrator: Sarah Wells

Telephone: 306-734-2250
Email: town.craik@sasktel.net
Website: www.townofcraik.ca

Rural Municipality of Craik No. 222

Box 420, Craik SK, S0G 0V0
Administrator: JoAnne Yates
Telephone: 306-734-2242
Email: rm222@sasktel.net

Emergency Services

Midwest Ambulance

Davidson, SK
Telephone: 306-567-2115

Davidson EMS

Contact: Adrian Schmiedge
Telephone: 306-567-2309

Moose Jaw EMS Services

Telephone: 306-694-2111

Government of Saskatchewan Services

SGI Motor License Issuer

Long Lake Insurance
212 3rd Street, Craik SK
Telephone: 306-734-2213
Email: llicraik@sasktel.net

Municipal Hail Insurance

Town of Craik Office
600 Front Street, Craik SK

Government of Canada Services

Canada Post

237 3rd Street, Craik SK
Telephone: 306-734-2290

MLA/MP

MLA

Greg Brkich
Box 1077 – 102 Washington Street

Village of Aylesbury Office

Box 151, Aylesbury SK
Administrator: Sarah Wells
Telephone: 306-734-2250

Craik & District Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief: Boyd Sanden
Telephone: 306-734-2250

RCMP Craik Detachment

530 Mary Street, Craik SK
Telephone: 306-734-5200

Crop Production Services

Farm inputs service depot, agricultural products
Telephone: 306-734-2244
Website: www.cpsagu.com

Davidson, SK

Telephone: 306-567-2843

Email: gregpbrkich@sasktel.net

Email: tom.lukiwski@parl.gc.ca

MP

Tom Lukiwski

Telephone: 306-691-3577

Sources: Greg Brkich Website, Tom Lukiwski Website, Town of Craik Website, Aylesbury Page on the Town of Craik Website, RM of Craik Page on the Town of Craik Website, Google Maps Business Directory, Hutterite Colony

Community Responses to Needs Assessment

Part One: Strengths, Present-Oriented

1. What makes this community a great place to live?

- Friendly people
- The proximity to major cities
- Great highway
- Good community spirit
- Small town atmosphere
- Everybody knows everybody
- Refurbishing of the fairgrounds
- Everybody comes together, plays their part, and volunteers their time
- I have lived here all of my life
- Activities and events in the community
- Safety
- Farm life
- Rebuilding and refurbishing

2. If you met someone who was new to town and they asked you what is there to do around here, what would you say? (What are the activities that are of the most interest to people in this community?)

- Library (children's events in the summer, craft programs)
- Store
- Gas station
- Volunteer opportunities
- Joining committees/boards
- Communities in Bloom
- Regional park (swimming lessons, camping, golf, miniature golf)
- Skating rink
- School
- Many community groups to participate in

- Golf course
- Rink
- Pharmacy
- Bank
- Co-op store
- Lumber yard
- Lovely park
- Boating at the dam
- Making up your own activities to do
- Playing ball
- Skate park (in the future)
- Ukulele lessons
- Pickle ball

Part Two: Weaknesses, Present-Oriented

3. What are the challenges about living in this community?

- Getting people to work
- Staffing at the hospital
- Keeping the library, gas station, and grocery store open
- Proximity to the major cities (local services struggle to compete)
- Difficulty of supplying potable water
- Financial struggles (small tax base)
- Losing the solar garden/Eco Center
- Declining healthcare (trouble getting and keeping a physician, no more homecare)
- No acute care capabilities
- Losing the STC service (elderly used it, and people used it for shipping)
- Feeling like an outsider
- Few activities and services
- Having to drive for services and shopping
- Not many attractions for young people
- Older folks struggle to look towards the future
- Few recreational teams

4. If you could change one thing about this community what would it be? (How is the way you envision your ideal community different from how you see things now?)

- Centralize the school, gas station, and health center
- Have potable water
- More community involvement
- More entrepreneurship or investment

- More prosperity
- Population growth
- More events and activities
- The negativism
- Fix the roads
- Open the curling rink

5. What are the hot button issues of this community?

- Keeping the library and school open
- Keeping current amenities
- Getting potable water
- Old council lacking efficiency and transparency
- The grocery store is struggling
- Management issues
- Few activities and events
- Lack of employment opportunities
- The Co-op store moving to the other side of the highway
- Deciding who should run the golf course
- Few people using the rink

Part Three: Opportunities/Threats

6. How would you describe your ideal vision for the future of this community? (What do you want [this community] to be for the next generation?) (What kind of Community do you want to live in and why is that important to you?)

- Maintaining services and amenities
- More economical development
- More businesses in town
- Population growth
- Building new houses
- More young people coming into the community
- More attractions for potential residents
- Revitalized by young families moving in and staying
- More sports teams
- Having potable water
- We need to continue to grow
- Maintaining the way it is now
- Quiet/low key
- Good place to raise kids
- Keeping the drugs out

- Keeping the hospital and school open

7. What are some of the things that need to happen to create that kind of change?

- Keeping and increasing population
- Everybody coming together to finish the water project
- Increasing communication
- Making the community more welcoming and self-sufficient for young people
- More people here, to increase tax base
- Improving the economy in town
- Grants (like the 75 thousand dollar grant to refurbish the fairgrounds)
- Having more activities at the fairgrounds
- Continuing activities in the library, and continuing to include children in those activities
- Getting water running
- More stores
- More young people
- More employment opportunities

8. What type of educational opportunities/skills/knowledge is needed to make that vision become a reality?

- Keeping the high-quality school
- Community events to enhance the social aspect of the community and foster better communication
- Continue library events that help with education
- Better access to skilled health care professionals and acute care
- More funding so the library can do more programs (many people in the community could teach classes, like music)
- Paint nights
- Continuing the program at the EcoVillage for international students
- Children going to school in town, rather than going to Moose Jaw

9. What barriers do you see that might prevent the creation of your ideal community?

- Aging population
- Decentralization
- Larger farms
- Poor communication and misconceptions
- Difficulty in keeping services running, like meals on wheels
- Province switching to one big health region
- Economic difficulties
- Proximity to major centers (people do not spend as much time and money in town)
- Negative attitudes/unwillingness to try new things
- Lack of volunteers
- Lack of water

- Small population
- Uncertain future of the school
- Lack of jobs in the community

10. Do you see yourself leaving in this community long term? What would make you leave this community? What would make you stay?

- Reasons to leave:
 - o Health issues
 - o Moving to a care home
 - o Employment opportunity
 - o Distance from health care
 - o Lack of amenities
 - o Finding somewhere more exciting
 - o Moving closer to family
 - o Winning the lottery and moving down south
 - o If the town declined significantly
- Reasons to stay:
 - o Safe
 - o Low cost of living
 - o Opportunity to make a difference in the town
 - o Enjoyable environment
 - o Pleasant community

11. Any last thoughts?

- We used the library a lot when our kids were young, and my mom and dad use it five days a week. Now that we have Wi-Fi at our farm we are going to be using the eResources provided by the library more.
- Craik is a great community and I would love to see it keep growing.
- I still have hope that the community will survive.
- The old people aren't going to change things. We've done our part. We need young people.
- We were so happy when the government reinstated our library. Our library here serves as a lot more than just a library.
- The library is a very important place, not so much for me but for my wife especially. We were a little shocked when we heard that the funding was being pulled.
- I was terrified when I thought we might lose the library because there isn't one at the school, so it's the only one we have and I'm encouraged by seeing kids go to the library. We also have coffee row in the library.
- The librarian is doing an awesome job. I just can't speak highly enough about how valuable it is to have the library around.
- I think we could utilize the hall a little better.

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