



**Palliser**  
Regional Library

2018

# Rockglen Community Needs Assessment



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**Rockglen Public Library Board &  
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# Rockglen and District Overview

The Rockglen and District community consists of the Town of Rockglen, the Village of Fife Lake and the Rural Municipality of Poplar Valley No. 12. Rockglen provides Rockglen Agencies Ltd, Rockglen Killdeer Credit Union, Poplar Hills producers Co-op, Hotel & Bar, Grocery Store, Gas Station, Borderland Veterinary Clinic, Rink, K-12 School, Library, and Valley Farm & Ranch Supplies, the Burning Hills Café and the Rave Mini-mall.

## Rockglen and District Statistical Information

The following have been retrieved from Statistics Canada Census of 2011 & 2016

Statistical Overview					
Community	Census Data 2016	Census Data 2011	% Change	Private Dwellings	Median Income
Rockglen	441	400	10.3	237	\$30,272
Fife Lake	25	25	0.0	18	-
Poplar Valley No. 12	195	200	-2.5	97	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>\$30,272</b>
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
Rockglen	47.8	5.7%	13.6%	15.9%	36.4%	27.3%
Fife Lake	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poplar Valley No. 12	42.6	7.7%	20.5%	17.9%	38.5%	15.4%
<b>Average</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>21.4%</b>
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%

<b>Ethnicity</b>			
<b>Community</b>	<b>Aboriginal or Métis</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Immigrants 2006-2011</b>
Rockglen	85	0	10
Fife Lake	-	-	-
Poplar Valley No. 12	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
Saskatchewan	177,355	125,810	72,305
Canada	2,130,520	4,144,685	2,268,170

<b>Education Level</b>			
<b>Community</b>	<b>No High School</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Post-Secondary</b>
Rockglen	110	115	185
Fife Lake	-	-	-
Poplar Valley No. 12	45	30	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>255</b>
Saskatchewan	177,210	261,210	418,880
Canada	5,239,575	7,576,400	15,827,040

<b>Occupational Statistics</b>			
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Rockglen</b>	<b>Fife Lake</b>	<b>Poplar Valley No. 12</b>
Management	65	-	50
Business/Finance/ Administration	30	-	0
Natural/Applied Sciences	0	-	0
Health Occupations	15	-	0
Education/Law/Social and Government Services	30	-	10
Art/Culture/Recreation/Sport	10	-	0
Sales and Service	20	-	0
Trades/Transport/ Equipment Operators	20	-	10
Natural Resources/Agriculture	35	-	10
Manufacturing/Utilities	10	-	10
<b>Total Labour Force</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90</b>

## Saskatchewan Statistical Information

<b>Saskatchewan Literacy Statistics</b>		
<b>Statistic</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>Canada</b>
<b>Reading</b>		
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%
<b>Mathematics and Science</b>		
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: PCAP 2016 Literacy Study

<b>Crime Rate</b>		
<b>Statistic</b>	<b>RCMP Data 2016</b>	<b>RCMP Data 2015</b>
Crime Rate per 100,000 Population	5,904.5	5,910.1
% Rate Increase from Previous Year	-0.09	2.3

### RCMP Crime Statistics

Constable Kim Audette, Crime Analyst – Burnaby detachment

<b>Poverty Rates*</b>			
<b>Statistic</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Child Poverty Rates</b>			
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%		
<b>Food Insecurity Rates</b>			
Household Food Insecurity		10.6%	
Children in Food Insecure Households		19.0%	
<b>Cost of Weekly Groceries for a family of 4</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2015</b>
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 Rockglen

## Size and Location

Rockglen is a community of 441 nestled in the Burning Hills of the Wood Mountain Uplands, in southern Saskatchewan. The town is located along Highway 2, south of Rockglen, Highway 18 west of Coronach, and Highways 2 and 50 Kilometres northeast of the Canada – USA border crossing at Opheim MT / West Poplar River SK Port of Entry.

- The land area of Rockglen is 2.85 square kilometers, with a population density of 154.8 people per square kilometer.

## Facts about Rockglen

- Rockglen is the home of Tyler Lewis, who placed third on the fourth season of Canadian Idol.
- Because the area was not affected by the last glacial movement, fossils are often not buried by tons of overburden. Over the years these hills have yielded trilobites from 425 million years ago and brontosaurus skeletons from 100 million years ago. A giant sea turtle from 63 million years past has been excavated in the Killdeer area, and many fossils of prehistoric mammals including the three-toed horse, squirrels, mice, rabbits, weasels and shrews from 15 million years ago have been unearthed just a couple of miles west of town. A four by thirty foot tree was also unearthed a few miles east of Fife Lake.
- The Aboriginal people have left a rich heritage of stone-age culture in the area, with scrapers, stone hammers, grinding tools, teepee rings and arrow heads to be readily found throughout the district. Relics may be seen at the Tourism Information Station.
- Two volumes of the book, *The Rolling Hills of Home*, have been published, documenting the stories of the first white settlers, farmers, ranchers, and businessmen in the area.
- There are restaurants in Rockglen which hosts regular events: the Burning Hills Café and the Hotel's "Rollin' Rock Bar & Grill".
- The school and community team up to publish a newsletter to inform the public of the various events in the community.
- The Rockglen Tourism Information Station is in the former train station and is located on the corner of Highways 2 and 18. Stop in to browse and have a coffee.
- The Opheim MT / West Poplar River is the 9<sup>th</sup> "least used" port of entry along the Canada / US border
- The assessment value for the Town of Rockglen is \$28,616,000.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Rockglen and District Statistical Summary.

## Local Government – Town of Rockglen Office

1013 Centre Street

Box 267, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0

Telephone: 306-476-2144

Email: [rockglen1@sasktel.net](mailto:rockglen1@sasktel.net)

Website: [rockglentourism.com](http://rockglentourism.com)

### Town of Rockglen Council 2018

Mayor:	Jackson	Erwin
Councillor:	Bakken	Michael
Councillor:	Prefontaine	Richard
Councillor:	Goldbeck	Thomas
Councillor:	Prefontaine	Megan
Councillor:	Quarrie	Justin
Councillor:	Mackay-Wilson	Catherine
Administrator:	Ellert	Shannon

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Rockglen Tourism Website

## RM of Poplar Valley

### Size and Location

The Rural Municipality of Poplar Valley No. 12 is a community of 195, located in southern Saskatchewan .

- It is 769.37 square kilometer in area, with a population density of 0.3 people per square kilometer.
- The RM encompasses the communities of Rockglen and Fife Lake.
- The southern boundary of the RM is the United States border with Daniels County, Montana.

### Facts about Poplar Valley No. 12

- The Rural Municipality provides policing, fire protection and municipal governance for the rural district.
- The RM of Poplar Valley is a part owner of the Fife Lake Railway.
- The assessment value for the RM of Poplar Valley is \$140,688,500.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Rockglen and District Statistical Summary.



## Local Government – RM of Poplar Valley Office

Box 190, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0

Telephone: 306-476-2062

Email: [rm12@sasktel.net](mailto:rm12@sasktel.net)

### RM of Poplar Valley Council 2018

Reeve:	Nielsen	Nairn
Councillor:	Laurel	Ingram
Councillor:	Zoller	Dennis
Councillor:	Kimball	Richard
Councillor:	Harkness	Lawson
Councillor:	Christopherson	Brad
Councillor:	Choquer	Jason
Administrator:	Fisher	Lynn

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, RM of Poplar Valley Wikipedia Page

## Hamlet of Fife Lake

### Size and Location

Fife Lake is a small Hamlet with a population of 25 located south-central Saskatchewan, 20 kilometers east of Rockglen, north off Highway 18.

- The land area of Fife Lake is 0.34 square kilometers, with a population density of 73.4 people per square kilometer.
- Fife Lake is situated within the Rural Municipality of Poplar Valley No. 12.

### Facts about Fife Lake

- Fife Lake is named after the large body of water 11 kilometers northwest of the community.
- Fife Lake Hotel is not only a hotel, but also a bar & grill, famous for offering customers the opportunity to pick and cook their own steaks.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Rockglen and District Statistical Summary.

## Local Government – RM of Poplar Valley Office

Box 190, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0

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Councillor:	Choquer	Jason
Administrator:	Fisher	Lynn

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Fife Lake Saskatchewan Wikipedia Page

## Rockglen Community Programs and Services Directory:

### Programs

#### Education Based Programs

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##### Schools

**Rockglen School (K-12)** – Prairie South School Division # 210  
401 Columbus Drive  
Box 189, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-376-2220

#### Library and Library Programs

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##### **Rockglen Public Library**

1018 Center Street  
Box 148 , Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2350  
Email: [rockglen@palliserlibrary.ca](mailto:rockglen@palliserlibrary.ca)

Librarian: Angela Stewart  
Hours: Tues. 12:00-5:00  
Wed. 10:30-5:00  
Thurs. 12:00-5:00

## Community Based Organizations

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**Grasslands Health Center Resident Council**  
**Rockglen Beautification Committee**  
**Rockglen Rec Board**  
**Rockglen Rink Board**

**Rockglen & District Tourism Board**  
**Rockin Beach Board**  
**Town of Rockglen Board of Trustees**  
**RM 12 Board**

## Churches

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**St. Ignace Roman Catholic Church**  
Box 327, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0  
Parish Priest: Father Dennis Remot  
Telephone: 306-473-2479  
Email: [st.ignace@sasktel.net](mailto:st.ignace@sasktel.net)

**St. John Catholic Church**  
2004 3<sup>rd</sup> Street N  
Box 370, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2037  
Facebook: @rockglenstjohnsparish

**Faith Harvest Church**  
1010 Centre Street, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2227 / 306-476-2286

**Rockglen United Church**  
1004 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2593 / 306-267-2229

## Sports, Culture & Recreation

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### Sports

**Rockglen Curling Club**  
Rockglen Community Rink  
Telephone: 306-476-2326

**Rockglen Skating Club**  
Rockglen Community Rink  
Telephone: 306-476-2326

### Culture

**Rockglen & District Tourism**  
Box 134, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2002 or 306-476-2390  
Email: [rockglentourism@gmail.com](mailto:rockglentourism@gmail.com)

### Recreation Groups & Clubs

**Arts in the Park**  
**Canadian Cancer Society**  
**Kayak/Canoe Club**  
**Red Fox Writers**  
**Rockglen Book Club**  
**Rockglen Youth Book Club**  
**Rockglen Business Association**

**Rockglen Community & School Newsletter**  
**Rockglen Curling Club**  
**Rockglen Multiple 4-H Club**  
**Rockglen Nitehawks**  
**Rockglen Rats**  
**Rockglen Skating Club**  
**Rockglen Wildlife Federation**

## **Summer Camps**

### **Camp Woodboia**

United Church of Canada Camp  
Wood Mountain Regional Park  
Box 1301, Rockglen SK, S0H 0B0  
Contact: Joan Miller  
Telephone: 306-267-3280 / 306-267-7777

2018 Camps:

- Explorer Camp July 24-26 (Ages 6 to 8)
- Swim/Discovery Camp 1 July 30 to August 3 (Ages 7 to 10)
- Swim/Discovery Camp 2 Aug 7-11 (Ages 9 to 13)

## **Parks & Playgrounds**

### **Rockin Beach**

The park offers camping, water sports,  
team sport amenities  
Located in Fife Lake, SK  
Box 13, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2388

### **Rockglen RV Park**

Information Station  
216 Railway Ave, Rockglen  
Telephone: 306-354-7790

### **Wood Mountain Regional Park**

Highway 18 near Wood Mountain  
Telephone: 306-266-4249  
Website: [www.woodmountainpark.ca](http://www.woodmountainpark.ca)

### **Grasslands National Park – East Block**

Rock Creek entrance off highway 18  
Telephone: East Block Visitor Centre  
306-476-2018  
e-mail: [grasslands.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:grasslands.info@pc.gc.ca)  
Website: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/sk/grasslands/>

## **Recreation Facilities**

### **Rockglen Community Hall**

215 Railway Ave, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2144  
Facebook: RockglenCommunityHall

### **Rockglen Ball Park**

Includes two ball diamonds

### **Rockglen Curling & Skating Rink**

920 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2420

### **Rockglen School**

401 Columbus Drive  
Box 189, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2220

## **Service Clubs & Societies**

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None

# Services

## Health & Well-Being

### Grasslands Health Centre

Open Monday 8:30am – 4:00pm  
Open Wednesday 8:30am – 4:00pm  
Nursing home and health clinic with visiting nurse practitioner's services.  
Nurse Practitioner in attendance  
Rockglen, SK  
Telephone: 306-473-2310  
Primary Health Clinic: 306-476-2209

### Assiniboia Union Hospital

Acute care, long-term care, respite/palliative/observation, emergency department, laboratory, x-ray department  
501 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Assiniboia SK  
Telephone: 306-642-9400  
Home Care: 306-642-9444  
Long Term Care: 306-642-9448  
Emergencies: 911

### Rolling Hills Lodge

Assisted living facility  
1000 4<sup>th</sup> Street N, Rockglen SK

## Commercial Services

### Retail

#### Rockglen Co-Operative Assoc. Ltd.

Grocery Store  
1005 Centre Street, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2005

#### Co-op Gas Bar

Hwy 2, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2210

### Financial Services/Real Estate/Law

#### Rockglen-Killdeer

Credit Union  
Centre Street, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2244

#### Rockglen Agencies (1985) Ltd.

Insurance Services  
Rockglen, SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2296

### Tourism

#### Arts In The Park

Arts, kids crafts, food, classes, displays, artisan market, music  
Held in June  
Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-7445  
Email: [rockglenartinthepark@gmail.com](mailto:rockglenartinthepark@gmail.com)  
Website: [rockglentourism.com](http://rockglentourism.com)

#### Rockglen & District Tourism

Box 134, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2002 / 306-476-2390  
Email: [rockglentourism@gmail.com](mailto:rockglentourism@gmail.com)

#### Pig Roast

Held in July  
Supper: 5pm - 7pm

**Wood Mountain Stampede and Rodeo Ranch Museum**  
Held in July  
5 miles south of Wood Mountain  
President: Robin Poirier  
Telephone: 306-266-4953 / 306-266-2000

**Fife Lake Hotel**  
6 Main Street, Fife Lake SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2605

## Media

### **Rockglen School and Community Newsletter**

[www.rockglentourism.com/calendar/2016/9/22/rockglen-school-and-community-newsletter](http://www.rockglentourism.com/calendar/2016/9/22/rockglen-school-and-community-newsletter)

## Area Restaurants

**Rollin' Rock Bar & Grill**  
1002 Centre Street, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-9220

**Burning Hills Cafe**  
1017 Centre Street, Rockglen SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2223

**Fife Lake Hotel**  
6 Main Street, Fife Lake  
Telephone: 306-476-2605

**Jolly Giant Pub & Motel**  
25 B Avenue, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0  
Box 123, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0  
Telephone: 306-473-2345

**Homestead Family Dining**  
16 B Avenue, Willow Bunch SK  
Telephone: 306-473-2260

## Public Transportation

None

## Industrial Service

**Borderland Cattle Company**  
Box 418, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Contact: Glenn, Wendy & Wyatt Ching  
Telephone: 306-476-2439

**Borderland Veterinary Clinic**  
427 Highway 18, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2222

**C.L. Welding**  
Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-7719

**Dustin Tessier Corral Cleaning**  
Telephone: 306-642-5824

**Hillside Garden Greenhouse**  
Telephone: 306-476-2565

**Just North of the Border**  
Boarding & training horses  
Telephone: 306-476-2476

**Southend Tail Extensions**  
Box 286, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0  
Contact: Michele Hansen  
Telephone: 306-476-2582

**Nicholas Pana Corral Cleaning**

Wood Mountain, SK  
Telephone: 306-266-4706

**Nielsen's Welding**

170 Highway 2, Rockglen SK, SOH 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2445

**Poplar Hills Producer Co-op**

Rockglen, SK  
Telephone: 306-476-2022

**Scout Lake Co-op**

Scout Lake, SK  
Telephone: 306-642-4970

**TransCanada Organic Certification Services**

618 Main Street, Humboldt SK  
Telephone: 306-682-3126  
Email: [info@tcocert.ca](mailto:info@tcocert.ca)

**Valley Farm And Ranch Supply**

Highway 2, Rockglen SK, SOH 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2279

**L & J Auto**

207 Railway Avenue N, Rockglen SK, SOH 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2232

**Choquer Excavating Ltd.**

Rockglen SK, SOH 3R0  
Telephone: 306-476-2700 / 306-476-7723

**Elden Walter**

Telephone: 306-476-2158

**Joe Hochlandes**

Telephone: 306-476-2546

**Knoss Bros. Excavating**

Telephone: 306-476-7836

**Mitch's Backhoe Service**

Telephone: 306-476-7871

**Neil Lewis**

Telephone: 306-476-2213

**RWC Carpentry**

Telephone: 306-476-7796

**Sleight Finishing**

Telephone: 306-270-7977

**Southern Comfort Spray Foam**

Telephone: 306-7796 / 306-630-1197

**Southside Seeds**

Telephone: 306-476-7623

## Government Services

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### Municipal Services

**Town of Rockglen Office**

1013 Centre Street, Rockglen SK, SOH 3R0  
Box 267  
Administrator: Shannon Ellert  
Telephone: 306-476-2144  
Email: [rockglen1@sasktel.net](mailto:rockglen1@sasktel.net)  
Website: [rockglentourism.com](http://rockglentourism.com)

**Rockglen Housing Authority**

Rental units designed for single, double and family occupancy available  
Rockglen SK, SOH 3R0  
Manager: Bryan Howe  
Telephone: 306-354-7848

**RM of Poplar Valley No. 12**

Box 190, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0

Administrator: Lynn Fisher

Telephone: 306-476-2062

Email: [rm12@sasktel.net](mailto:rm12@sasktel.net)

**Emergency Services****Fire Department**

S Railway Avenue, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0

Telephone: 306-476-2370

**RCMP – Assiniboia Detachment**

101 Dominion Road, Assiniboia SK, S0H 0B0

Box 1358

Telephone: 306-642-7110

Emergencies: 911

**Government of Saskatchewan Services****SGL Motor License Issuer**

Rockglen Agencies (1985) Ltd.

Insurance Services

Rockglen, SK, S0H 3R0

Telephone: 306-476-2296

**Government of Canada Services****Canada Post**

1011 1<sup>st</sup> Street N, Rockglen SK, S0H 3R0

**MLA/MP****MLA**

David Marit

Box 2097

Assiniboia, SK, S0H 0B0

Telephone: 306-642-4200

Email: [mwoodriver@sasktel.net](mailto:mwoodriver@sasktel.net)

**MP**

David Anderson

# 2 240 Central Avenue N, Swift Current SK,  
S9H 0L2

Telephone: 306-778-4480

Email: [david.anderson1@sasktel.net](mailto:david.anderson1@sasktel.net)

Website: [www.edkom.ca](http://www.edkom.ca)

Sources: David Marit Page on Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan Website, David Anderson Website, Google Maps Business Directory, Hutterite Colony Directory, KidsCamps Directory of Saskatchewan Overnight Camps, Saskatchewan Municipal Directory



# Community Responses to Needs Assessment

## Part One: Strengths, Present-Oriented

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

- Lots of good volunteers
- Beautiful surroundings/scenic
- Small town atmosphere
- Friendly/caring people
- Neighbours help one another
- Not many neighbours/lots of open space
- Country lifestyle
- Quiet streets
- Many trees and location (nestled into the hills)
- Everybody knows everybody
- Increasing number of young people moving back
- More kids in the school (looking promising for Rockglen to keep going)
- Peaceful
- Great place to raise kids
- Provides basic necessities
- Safety

### 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
- Store
- Gas station
- Info station
- Parks
- Rockin' Beach (kayaking, camping)
- Pig Roast in July
- 127th Wood Mountain Rodeo in July
- Swimming
- Various activities and events (especially in May and June)
- Church fundraisers

- Garage sales in June
- Art in the Park in May
- Show and Shine in June
- Organizations
- Tourism attractions
- Good restaurants
- Nature walks
- Photography
- Nature/Wildlife
- Lake (boating, fishing, and water sports)
- Baseball
- Rink (Curling, Skating, Hockey)
- Bowling
- Wood Mountain Experience (history and tours)
- Steak dinners
- Concerts
- Seniors' activities
- Two national parks close by
- Beautiful scenery
- SGI and Bank

## Part Two: Weaknesses, Present-Oriented

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

- Getting people to help out
- Distance from medical care (doctor)
- Needing to do online classes for school
- People moving away because of the lack of health care, jobs, and opportunity
- Remoteness from the city
- Difficult to get volunteers
- Not many services
- Roads are in poor condition
- Having to drive for things the local businesses can't supply
- Health care support for seniors
- Crumbling infrastructure
- Small tax base
- Not having half the conveniences the city has
- Difficult to be involved in everything (lots of events going on all the time)
- Travelling to town from the farm
- Few shopping facilities

- Convincing people to shop locally to keep the Co-op open
  - Low availability of the Nurse Practitioner
- 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?)**
- More activities for teenagers (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)
  - More employment opportunities
  - Increased volunteerism
  - More rain
  - A general store (with a pharmacy for seniors, household items that the Agro Co-op doesn't have room to carry, giftware)
- 5. What are the hot button issues of this community?**
- Keeping the library open
  - Keeping the school open
  - Lack of activities for teenagers
  - Lack of volunteers
  - Younger generation not volunteering
  - Funding
  - Grant money is difficult to obtain
  - Population dwindling
  - Roads are in poor condition/Deterioration of the highway
  - The railroad is not in use
  - Young people speeding
  - The use of Coal for power (most people don't understand that our Poplar River Power Plant powers a 1/3 of the province and when it is down for service the province has to buy power from Manitoba and run its other plants at full force)
  - Needing a plan for the possibility that the power plant may close (not giving up on the plant, developing another industry)

## 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 current services
  - Mine and plant running
  - More population growth
  - Young families moving back after post-secondary or staying
  - Young people continuing to increase their volunteerism
  - Young people starting businesses

- Farming
- Good highways
- More health care available
- Long term planning to manage the infrastructure
- Long-term plan to continue supporting our seniors with long term care
- Long-term plan for supporting kids by giving them a good school.
- Continuing to draw nurses and teachers as the experienced people retire
- Volunteer groups continuing to have long-term vision (like the orchard committee planning ahead for the elm trees)
- A healthcare facility that works to keep expanding its services
- Residents working together in unity

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

- Maintain current population
- Removal of government barriers
- More jobs
- Lower taxes
- Incentive program for both professions
- Updating major infrastructure

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

- Continuing the high quality education provided at the school
- People going to post-secondary and coming back to use their skills (giving young people a reason to come back)
- Continuing the library's programs for little kids
- New industries/opportunities that draw for new families and young people
- More jobs and opportunities

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

- Aging population
- Lack of volunteers
- No funding
- Low population
- Young people not volunteering to replace the older people that can't volunteer anymore
- Few young people moving in
- Lack of rain currently (2018)
- Distance from city
- Lack of decent health care (have to travel to Assiniboia and Moose Jaw to see a doctor)

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

- Reasons for leaving:
  - o Loss of employment
  - o Health issues
  - o Drought
  - o Loss of a spouse
  - o Loss of animals to care for
- Reasons for staying:
  - o Farming
  - o Lived here my whole life
  - o Close to family
  - o Community-oriented town
  - o Everybody knows everybody
  - o Has almost everything we need
  - o Good place to retire
  - o Walkability of the town

**11. Any last thoughts?**

- Angie Stewart is creative and has a good thing going at the library.
- Angie goes above and beyond for her position.
- Angie is a great promoter.
- Angie is the best librarian Rockglen could have.
- The kids love Angie Stewart. They flock to her and if they see her outside the library they ask, "Why aren't you at the library? You're supposed to be at the library!"
- Rockglen is beautiful.
- Nice community.
- There are a lot of programs for the kids at the library.
- We are happy and fortunate to have Angie as the librarian.
- I think programs are great to have at the library.
- I wish we had a daycare. People often take their kids to daycare in Assiniboia and then the kids end up going to school in Assiniboia rather than Rockglen.
- I think the future looks bright for the community.
- I think Rockglen will be fine. We need to keep the businesses and school going.

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