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Tugaske Community Needs Assessment

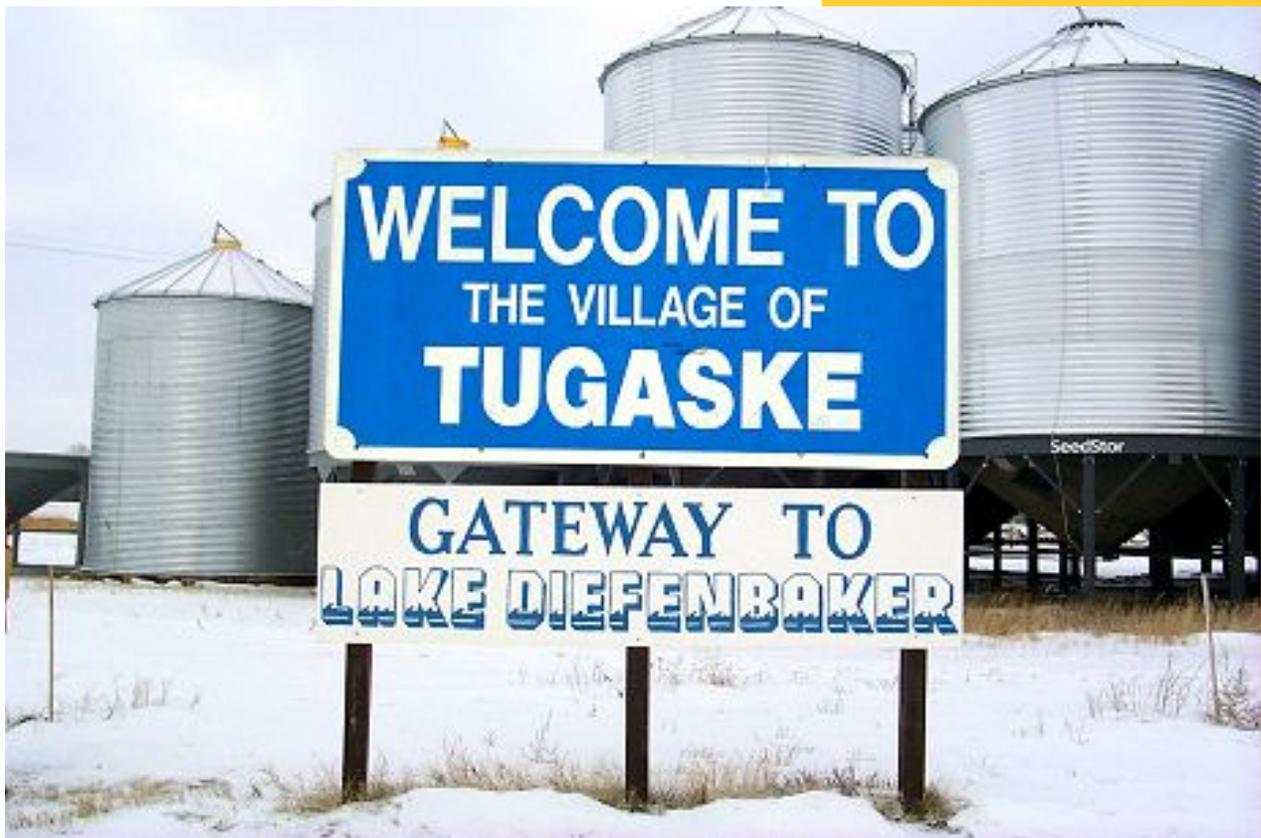


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**Tugaske Public Library Board &
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Tugaske and District Overview

The Tugaske and District community consists of the Villages of Tugaske and Eyebrow, and the Rural Municipalities of Eyebrow No. 193 and Huron No. 223. Tugaske offers various art attractions and roadside art installations, the public library, and several recreational activities. Eyebrow is the service centre for the area as it is home to churches, financial services, the K-12 schooling, hotel lodging, restaurants, and most industrial services. The fire department, ambulance, and SGI office are all located in Eyebrow.

Tugaske and District Statistical Information

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

Statistical Overview					
Community	Census Data 2016	Census Data 2011	% Change	Private Dwellings	Median Income
Tugaske	75	92	-18.5	66	-
Eyebrow	119	139	-14.4	61	-
Huron No. 223	198	196	1.0	48	-
Eyebrow No. 193	195	230	-15.2	89	-
Total	587	657	-11.9	264	-
Saskatchewan	1,098,352	1,033,381	6.3	432,622	\$93,942
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
Tugaske	52.0	0.0%	6.7%	6.7%	46.7%	26.7%
Eyebrow	52.0	4.2%	8.3%	8.3%	54.2%	29.2%
Huron No. 223	43.7	5.0%	15.0%	20.0%	35.0%	20.0%
Eyebrow No. 193	44.3	7.7%	17.9%	15.4%	41.0%	17.9%
Average	48.0	4.2%	47.9%	12.6%	44.2%	23.4%
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	Immigrants 2006-2011
Tugaske	10	0	0
Eyebrow	10	0	10
Huron No. 223	0	0	0
Eyebrow No. 193	10	0	10
Total	30	0	20
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
Tugaske	10	25	35
Eyebrow	35	70	35
Huron No. 223	25	35	35
Eyebrow No. 193	55	55	70
Total	115	185	175
Saskatchewan	177,210	261,210	418,880
Canada	5,239,575	7,576,400	15,827,040

Occupational Statistics				
Occupation	Tugaske	Eyebrow	Huron No. 223	Eyebrow No. 193
Management	15	10	35	95
Business/Finance/ Administration	10	15	10	0
Natural/Applied Sciences	0	0	0	10
Health Occupations	0	0	0	0
Education/Law/Social and Government Services	0	0	0	20
Art/Culture/Recreation/Sport	10	10	10	0
Sales and Service	0	10	0	0
Trades/Transport/ Equipment Operators	0	25	0	0
Natural Resources/ Agriculture	10	10	25	15
Manufacturing/Utilities	0	0	0	0
Total Labour Force	35	105	80	145

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: PCAP 2016 Literacy Study

Crime Rate		
Statistic	RCMP Data 2016	RCMP Data 2015
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

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).

Village of Tugaske

Size and Location

The Village of Tugaske is a community of 75 people located near Lake Deifembaker in the southcentral part of Saskatchewan, fifty minutes from Moose Jaw and two hours from Saskatoon and Regina.

- The branch of the Trans Canada Trail that goes north toward the Arctic passes by the village.
- The land area of the Village of Tugaske is 0.76 square kilometers, and the population density is 98.4 people per square kilometer.

Facts about Tugaske:

- The history of Tugaske is published in a book entitled, *Tugaske: Good Land – Good Water – Good People*
- There has been some ranching in the area as early as 1890, but in 1904 more settlers moved into the district from Craik, Caron, and Mortlach.
- When the railroad was laid, the Canadian Pacific Railway assigned the name “Tugaske” to the location. The name is said to be a Cree Indian name meaning “flat land” (or “good land” or “good water”).
- There is a crater on Mars named after the Village of Tugaske.
- The assessment value of the town is \$4,119,500.
- Potash - Vanguard Potash Corp., a joint venture formed in April of 2018 by Gensource Potash Corp. and Essel Group ME Ltd., which says it could have a mine that does not require surface tailings deposits operating between Eyebrow and Tugaske by 2019.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Tugaske and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – Village of Tugaske

Box 159, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0

Telephone: 306-759-2211

Email: rm223@sasktel.net

Village of Tugaske Council 2018

Mayor:	Erickson	Lorne
Alderman:	Robinson	Dennis
Alderman:	Wellings	Lynn
Administrator:	Dean	Daryl

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Village of Tugaske Website

Village of Eyebrow

Size and Location

The village of Eyebrow is a community of 119 residents, located in south-central Saskatchewan, at the intersection of Highway 367 and Highway 42, 84 kilometers northwest of Moose Jaw.

- The village lies within the rural municipality of Eyebrow, and is home to the RM office.
- The land area of the village is 2.7 square kilometers, with a population density of 44.1 people per square kilometer.

Facts about Eyebrow

- Before Eyebrow was founded, travelers used a settler trail from Moose Jaw to travel north toward Saskatoon. A landmark on the trail was a group of low hills situated in a semi-circle surrounding a lake called *Lake Eye*. When the Canadian Pacific Railway was built and the town was established in 1908, it was named Eyebrow.
- The post office of Eyebrow Station was established in 1908 and renamed Eyebrow six months later.
- The Eyebrow Hills and Eye Lake are located north of the village.
- The community originated at the location that is now the abandoned village of Eskbank several kilometers to the south.
- The ERHL or Eyebrow Recreation Hockey League is a local outdoor hockey league consisting of three teams: the Blazers, Puck Hogs and Eskimos. Former NHL Player Mark Smith was raised near Eyebrow.
- The new Fire Hall opened in Eyebrow in July 2018 after many years of fund-raising efforts.
- The assessment value for the village of Eyebrow is \$14,349,700.
- Potash - Vanguard Potash Corp. which is owned and operated by Gensource Potash, expects to have a mine operating between Eyebrow and Tugaska open by 2020 that does not require surface tailings deposits.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Tugaska and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – Village of Eyebrow Office

Box 159, Eyebrow SK, S0H 1L0

Telephone: 306-759-2167

Email: villageofeyebrow@sasktel.net

Website: <http://www.villageofeyebrow.com/>

Village of Eyebrow Council 2018

Mayor:	Bueckert	Orlando
Councillor:	Harrison	Adam
Councillor:	Bueckert	Phillip

Councillor:	Norris	Elizabeth (Betty)
Councillor:	Cottingham	Rhyland
Administrator:	Hartell	Deanne

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Village of Eyebrow Website, Village of Eyebrow Wikipedia Page

RM of Huron No. 223

Size and Location

The Rural Municipality of Huron No. 223 is a community of 198 people located near Lake Diefenbaker and the Qu'Appelle Dam in the southcentral part of Saskatchewan.

- It is situated within Census Division No. 2.
- The land area of the Rural Municipality of Huron is 842.11 square kilometers, and the population density is 0.2 people per square kilometer.
- The Rural Municipality encompasses the Village of Tugaske.

Facts about the RM of Huron:

- The Rural Municipality of Huron No. 223 was incorporated on December 10, 1910.
- The first meeting of the Rural Municipality was held in Tugaske on January 16, 1911.
- The RM office houses both the Tugaske Village office and the Rural Municipality councils, with one administrator.
- The assessment value of the town is \$230,153,400.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Tugaske and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – RM of Huron Office

Box 159, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0

Telephone: 306-759-2211

Email: rm223@sasktel.net

RM of Huron Council 2018

Reeve:	Doerksen	Corey
Councillor:	Smith	Kelly
Councillor:	White	Blaine
Councillor:	Drake	Chad
Councillor:	Sanden	Steve
Councillor:	Griffin	Brent
Administrator:	Dean	Daryl

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Village of Tugaske Website, Rural Municipality of Huron No. 223 Wikipedia Page

RM of Eyebrow No. 193

Size and Location

The Rural Municipality of Eyebrow is a community of 195 residents in south-central Saskatchewan, 70 kilometers northwest of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

- The land area of the RM is 835.04 square kilometers, with a population density of 0.2 people per square kilometer and it is home to over 100 farms and local businesses.
- The RM encompasses the villages of Brownlee and Eyebrow, and the hamlets of Darmody, Eskbank, Lake Valley, and Mawer.
- The RM office is held in the village of Eyebrow.

Facts about the RM of Eyebrow

- The area was originally settled by European and Canadian settlers around 1904 to 1908.
- Before Eyebrow was founded, travelers used a settler trail from Moose Jaw to travel north toward Saskatoon. A landmark on the trail was a group of low hills situated in a semi-circle surrounding a lake called *Lake Eye*. When the Canadian Pacific Railway was built and the town was established in 1908, it was named Eyebrow, and the RM was named after the town.
- The assessment value for the RM is \$196,519,600.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Tugaska and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – RM of Eyebrow Office

Box 99, Eyebrow SK, S0H 1L0

Telephone: 306-759-2101

Email: rm193@yourlink.ca

Website: www.rmofeyebrow.ca

RM of Eyebrow Council 2018

Reeve:	Cavan	Michael
Councillor:	Francis	Ryan
Councillor:	Drake	Robert
Councillor:	Seierstad	Joan
Councillor:	Cozart	Wayne
Councillor:	Hartell	George
Councillor:	Wilson	Kevin
Administrator:	Bueckert	Chris

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, RM of Eyebrow Website

Note: May change effective October 24th 2018 for the even numbered divisions

Eyebrow, Tugaske and Area Community Programs and Services

Education Based Programs

Schools

Eyebrow School (Prairie South School Division # 210)
193 Main Street, Eyebrow SK
Telephone: 306-759-2110
Website: www.schools.prairiesouth.ca

Timeless Instruments: Guitar Making School

Four Guitar Construction courses are taught a year, demonstrating building, evolving and researching acoustics in unique instruments that push Sound and Playability, while maintaining Traditional Aesthetics

Location: Tugaske

Contact: David Freeman

Website: www.timelessinstruments.com

Library and Library Programs

Tugaske Public Library

106 Ogema Street, Tugaske SK

Box 10, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0

Telephone: 306-759-2215

Email: tugaske@palliserlibrary.ca

Website:

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

Librarian: Violet Beaudry

- Book Club
- Story Telling
- Magic Show

Hours:

Wed. 3:00-7:30

Thurs. 9:00-2:00

Fri. 3:30-6:30

Summer Hours:

Thurs. 9:00-12:00

Community Based Organizations

Eyebrow Seniors Centre

Main Street, Eyebrow

Churches

Eyebrow Mennonite Church
Assiniboia Street, Eyebrow SK

St. Andrew's United Church
Box 85, Eyebrow SK, S0H 1L0

Eyebrow Free Methodist Church
91 Saskatchewan Street S, Eyebrow SK
Box 68, Eyebrow SK, S0H 1L0
Contact: Seth Freeman

Hutterite Colonies

Huron Colony – a Luehrerleut colony
Box 9, Brownlee
Manager: Peter P Entz
Telephone: 306-759-2685

Sports, Culture & Recreation

Sports

Eyebrow Curling Rink
Memorial Hall
Eyebrow Exhibition Grounds
Recreational Hockey

12 and Under Mixed Shiny

CanSkate Program

Indoor Volleyball

Culture

Living Stone Artistry
Art of M. Joan Foulston
Box 68, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0
Telephone: 306-759-2217
Email: joan@joanfoulston.com
Website: joanfoulston.com

Four Feathers
Custom built knives, pipe & soapstone
sculptures, hand-carved bone, antler, shell,
horn, & ivory jewelry
100 Pacific Avenue, Tugaske SK
Contact: Clayton Cave
Telephone: 306-759-2280

Timeless Instruments
Custom designed instruments and supplies
Contact: David Freeman
Website: www.timelessinstruments.com

MaryAnne Depper
Farm west of Tugaske
Original and patterned quilts
Telephone: 306-759-2766

Linda Enns
Stained and inlaid glass works
127 Ogema Street, Tugaske SK
Telephone: 306-759-2012

Jane's Gallery

183 Prospect Street, Eyebrow SK
Contact: Jane Bueckert
Telephone: 306-759-2185
Website: www.janebueckert.ca

Framing by Don Linton

Professional framing and creative display services
83 Saskatchewan Street, Eyebrow SK
Telephone: 306-759-2391 / 306-759-7664

Eyebrow Museum

Elbow Art Society

2nd floor gallery, Elbow Village Office
Telephone: 306-796-4671 / 306-854-2272 /
306-854-2041

Recreation Groups & Clubs

Tugaske 4-H

Crossroads Quilt Guild

Contact: MaryAnne Depper
Telephone: 306-759-2766

Tugaske Golf Club

Box 130, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0
Telephone: 306-759-2304

Parks & Playgrounds

Tugaske Children's Playground

Tugaske Labyrinth

On the east side of Sunset
Park

Eyebrow Picnic Grounds

Recreation Facilities

Tugaske Community Hall

Available for rental
Contact: Deanne Hartell
Telephone: 306-759-2627
Email: ghartell@sasktel.net

Tugaske Skating Arena

Contact: Rachael Hodgins
Telephone: 306-759-2342
Contact: Dave Freeman
Telephone: 306-759-2042
Contact: Lynn Wellings
Telephone: 306-759-2335

Eyebrow Senior Centre

Main Street, Eyebrow

Eyebrow Sports Grounds

Service Clubs & Societies

Tugaske Lions Club

111 Ogema Street, Tugaske SK
President: Les Coutts

Services

Health & Well-Being

Central Butte Medical Clinic

601 Canada Street NW, Central Butte SK
Telephone: 306-796-2180
Website: fhhr.ca

Wellness Clinics (RN and/or LPN)

3rd Wednesday of every month
Seniors centre
Telephone: Joy at 306-759-2216

Commercial Services

Retail

Hohners General Store

Eyebrow, SK
Contact: Jill Hohner
Telephone: 306-759-2124
Facebook: Hohner's General Store

Palliser Plains Co-op

Eyebrow, SK
Telephone: 306-759-2222

Jane's Gallery

Contact Jane Bueckert
Telephone: 306-759-2185

Pickin Patch

Eyebrow, SK
Contact: Corey & Carrie Doerksen
Telephone: 306-759-2733

Palliser Plains Co-op and Gas Bar

Ogema Street, Tugaske
Telephone: 306-759-2222

Sherry's Catering

Eyebrow, SK
Telephone: 306-759-2664

Maunder Greenhouse

Eyebrow, SK
Telephone: 306-759-2620

West Bridgeford Meats

Butchering service and pet food
Box 126, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0
Telephone: 306-759-2122
Email: w.b.m@sasktel.net

Financial Services/Real Estate/Law

Heron Power Insurance

Eyebrow, SK
Contact: Brad
Telephone: 306-759-2388
Website: www.heronpowersinsurance.ca

Tourism/Events

- **Eyebrow Fair**
- **Annual Turkey Shoot**
- **Snowmobile Poker Derby**
- **Tugaske Studio Trail**
- **Lions Club Pancake Breakfasts**
- **UCW Garden Parties**
- **Prairies Dog Players Diner Theatre**

Tugaske Hotel

8 rooms, 100 seat beverage room, 24 seat coffee shop
124 Ogema Street, Tugaske SK
Telephone: 306-759-2300

Media – Internet and Cable Providers

Xplornet

Services: LTE, Satellite, Wireless
8544-730-8047

SaskTel

Services: DSL, Fiber, Mobile Broadband
Telephone 855-531-8845

Shaw)

855-285-1105

Restaurants

Corner Grill

Eyebrow, SK
Contact: Larry Wheeler
Telephone: 306-759-2346

Deanne's Catering & The Pampered Chef

Contact: Deanne Hartell
Box 94, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0
Telephone: 306-759-2627
Email: ghartell@sk.sympatico.ca

Sherry's Catering

Eyebrow
Telephone 306-759-2664

Public Transportation

None

Industrial Services

Co-op Home & Agro Centre

110 Ogema Street, Tugaske SK
Telephone: 306-759-2222
Website: www.fcl.crs

Gibson Construction

Eyebrow, SK
Contact: Ian Gibson
Telephone: 306-759-2190

Don Linton Framing

Telephone: 306-759-2371

Gibson Industries - Eyebrow, SK

Contact: Dale Gibson
Telephone: 306-759-2572

Quantum Processing Ltd.
Eyebrow, SK
Contact: Brenda
Telephone: 306-759-2040
Facebook: Quantum Processing Ltd.

Winston George Construction
Eyebrow, SK
Contact: Winston George
Telephone: 306-759-7117

Viterra
Eyebrow, SK
Telephone: 306-759-2331

Government Services

Municipal Services

Village of Tugaske Office
Box 159, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0
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Box 99, Eyebrow SK, S0H 1L0
Administrator: Chris Bueckert
Telephone: 306-759-2101
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Website: www.rmofeyebrow.ca

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Website:
<http://www.villageofeyebrow.com/>

RM of Huron No. 223 Office
Box 159, Tugaske SK, S0H 4B0
Administrator: Daryl Dean
Telephone: 306-759-2211
Email: rm223@sasktel.net

Emergency Services

Eyebrow Fire Department
Eyebrow, SK

Eyebrow Ambulance Service
Eyebrow, SK

Government of Saskatchewan Services

SGI Eyebrow Office
215 Main Street, Eyebrow SK
Website: www.sgi.sk.ca

Government of Canada Services

Canada Post

127 Ogema Street, Tugaska SK
Telephone: 306-759-2012

Canada Post

Eyebrow, SK
Contact: Joanne Nuttal
Telephone: 306-759-2555

MLA/MP

MLA – Arm River

Greg Brkich
Box 1077, Davidson SK
Telephone: 306-567-2843
Toll free: 1-800-539-3979
Email: gregbrkich@sasktel.net
Website: www.gregbrkich.ca

MP – Regina-Lumsden-Lake Centre

Tom Lukiwski
Suite 1, 54 Stadacona Street W, Moose Jaw
Telephone: 306-691-3577
Toll free: 1-866-691-3577
Email: tom.lukiwski@parl.gc.ca

Sources: Greg Brkich Website, Tom Lukiwski Website, Village of Tugaska Business Directory, Village of Eyebrow Business Directory, 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?

- Quiet/peaceful
- Close to the lake
- Beautiful (many birds, lots of trees)
- Small community atmosphere
- Clean
- Butcher shop
- Low cost of living
- Friendly and supportive community
- Everybody knows everybody
- Brownlee - Friendly people/everyone gets along
- Eyebrow – Small community
- Eyebrow – Supportive
- Eyebrow – Everyone takes good care of their properties
- Eyebrow – grocery store and school

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 (books, internet, activities for children)
- Activities out of town
- 9-hole golf course
- Skating rink
- Lions Club and Lions Club pancake breakfast
- Church
- Golf course
- Lake Diefenbaker (fishing, golfing)
- Senior Citizen group in Eyebrow
- Hunting
- Lots of space to do things, so you can make your own fun
- Brownlee – You need to go to the surrounding communities
- Eyebrow – Quilting club
- Eyebrow – Garden party group
- Eyebrow – Coffee group

- Eyebrow – School
- Eyebrow – Theatre group’s annual plays
- Eyebrow – Restaurants
- Eyebrow – Parks
- Eyebrow – Seniors group
- Eyebrow – Two churches and their activities throughout the year
- Eyebrow - Rink

Part Two: Weaknesses, Present-Oriented

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

- Low population, few people moving in
- Few volunteers
- Little community spirit
- People not knowing the history of the community
- People living in town part-time
- Having to travel to Moose Jaw for medical care
- No grocery store, hotel, or café
- Have to drive for amenities
- Brownlee – No amenities
- Brownlee – Bad roads
- Eyebrow – Having to travel for medical appointments
- Eyebrow – Highway in poor condition
- Eyebrow – Difficult to drive in the winter
- Eyebrow – Having to fight to keep school open
- Eyebrow – Difficult to commute to Moose Jaw every day
- Eyebrow – Lack of employment
- Eyebrow – Divide between newcomers and those who have been here a long time

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?)

- Add a grocery store
- More businesses
- Higher population
- Opening up the hotel and its café
- Full-time doctor at the Central Butte Hospital
- Eyebrow – better medical services
- Eyebrow – more families in town to keep the school going
- Eyebrow – Community unification between newcomers and those who have lived here a long time

- Eyebrow – More openness to new things
- Eyebrow – More employment

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

- Bad roads/highways
- Hotel closing
- Opening a potash mine
- Brownlee – Condition of the roads
- Eyebrow – Tax increase
- Eyebrow – Concern about the school closing
- Eyebrow – Decreasing population
- Eyebrow – Future of the economy and the town
- Eyebrow – Infrastructure and getting the highway fixed

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?)

- Population growth, but not too much
- New houses
- More people moving in
- Greater employment opportunity
- Potash mine
- Keeping the school in the next community
- Keeping the library open
- Adding a hotel and grocery store
- Communities of Eyebrow, Tugaska, and Brownlee all collaborating to help each other
- Brownlee – New business in the old rink being successful
- Brownlee – New families moving into the community
- Brownlee – Eyebrow school staying open
- Brownlee – Not losing current services
- Brownlee – Keeping young families in the area
- Eyebrow – More young families
- Eyebrow – New industry and more diverse employment opportunities

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

- New industry (like a potash mine and opening the hotel)
- Economic development
- More employment opportunities
- Opening a school, library, and hospital

- More young families moving in
- Brownlee – Government promoting agriculture and small communities
- Eyebrow – More employment opportunities
- Eyebrow – Repairing the highway
- Eyebrow – Better internet service and postal service
- Eyebrow – Someone who is willing to invest in the community to create jobs

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

- Any type of education classes that brings people into the community
- Community college courses
- Education related to farming and trades
- Having a handyman in town
- Brownlee – Keep the school open and attendance up
- Eyebrow – More hobby groups (like cooking and theatre)
- Eyebrow – Entrepreneurial training and support through seminars and funding
- Eyebrow – Getting people to think outside the box about solutions for the community
- Eyebrow – Share stories of others who have found creative ways to succeed small towns to encourage young people
- Eyebrow – Access to secondary education

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

- Difficulty in attracting developers to the area
- Lack of employment
- No schools, hospitals, or grocery stores
- People having to move off of their farms
- Brownlee – People moving out of the community
- Eyebrow – Not enough people participating
- Eyebrow – Defeatist/negative attitude and a lack of inspiration
- Eyebrow – Lack of employment

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 If businesses began shutting down
 - o Seeking more cultural opportunities/bigger music scene
 - o Businesses closing
 - o If the infrastructure fell apart
 - o If the post office closed
 - o The necessity of driving
 - o Health issues/needing to move closer to medical care

- Moving closer to family
- God's calling
- Brownlee – If the road does not improve
- Eyebrow – If the store closes
- Eyebrow – If I can no longer make ends meet
- Reasons for staying:
 - Quiet/peaceful
 - Invested in business
 - Good people
 - God's calling
 - Well established in the community
 - Farming
 - Close to family
 - Brownlee – Access to the highway and Eyebrow

11. Any last thoughts?

- The librarian at the library has a lot of activities going on and is really good.
- People really appreciate using the wifi at the library, and I use the library to bring in different books for myself and my students. It's a good service.
- There are families that move out to acreages because it is cheaper.
- I think that libraries are important.
- I use the library and hope it stays going.
- All of the small towns have issues because a lot of the young people are moving away and the older people cannot handle all of it. A lot of our activities are based around volunteerism and the older generation can't keep up.
- I'm really thankful for the library in Tugaska and the other things that we do have in our community of villages.

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