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Loreburn Community Needs Assessment



Gardiner Dam Generators

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Loreburn and District Overview

The Loreburn and District community consists of the villages of Loreburn, Strongfield, and Hawarden, and the Rural Municipality of Loreburn No. 254. Loreburn offers a K-12 school, public library, sports, a credit union, a garage, an insurance operator, a campground and various industrial services. Residents must travel to Elbow for policing, restaurants, hotel accommodations, to attend some churches, and groceries.

Loreburn and District Statistical Information

Retrieved from Statistics Canada Census of 2011 & 2016

Statistical Overview					
Community	Census Data 2016	Census Data 2011	% Change	Private Dwellings	Median Income
Loreburn	107	107	0	55	-
Strongfield	40	40	0	20	-
Loreburn No. 254	218	231	-5.5	132	\$37,374
Hawarden	52	50	4.0	36	-
Total	417	428	-0.4	243	\$37,374
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
Loreburn	47.8	0.0%	19.0%	19.0%	38.1%	23.8%
Strongfield	44.8	0.0%	12.5%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Loreburn No. 254	44.5	4.5%	19.7%	10.6%	39.4%	22.7%
Hawarden	51.6	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	60.0%	30.0%
Average	47.2	3.6%	15.3%	16.2%	40.6%	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
Loreburn	10	0	10
Strongfield	0	0	0
Loreburn No. 254	-	-	0
Hawarden	10	0	0
Total	20	0	10
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
Loreburn	30	40	35
Strongfield	-	-	-
Loreburn No. 254	35	40	150
Hawarden	10	25	10
Total	75	105	195
Saskatchewan	177,210	261,210	418,880
Canada	5,239,575	7,576,400	15,827,040

Occupational Statistics				
Occupation	Loreburn	Strongfield	Loreburn No. 254	Hawarden
Management	15	-	95	0
Business/Finance/ Administration	1	-	1	1
Natural/Applied Sciences	0	-	0	0
Health Occupations	0	-	0	0
Education/Law/Social and Government Services	3	-	10	0
Art/Culture/Recreation/Sport	0	-	0	0
Sales and Service	10	-	25	0
Trades/Transport/Equipment Operators	15	-	0	15
Natural Resources/Agriculture	15	-	20	10
Manufacturing/Utilities	0	-	0	0
Total Labour Force	60	-	165	30

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 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 Loreburn

Size and Location

The Village of Loreburn is a community of 113 people located in the south-central part of Saskatchewan.

- The land area of the Village of Loreburn is 0.62 square kilometers, and the population density is 173.1 people per square kilometer.
- Loreburn is located directly along Highway 19, 16 kilometers north of Elbow and 16 kilometers southeast of Danielson Provincial Park, which is located near Gardiner Dam, Lake Diefenbaker.

Facts about Loreburn

- Loreburn was incorporated as a village in 1908. The village was named for the Earl of Loreburn.
- The 1978 book “From Mouldboard to Metric” is a history of the Village of Loreburn.
- The Bonnie View Church is a Municipal Heritage Property occupying a parcel of land in the Rural Municipality of Loreburn No. 254. The property features a red-brick, one-storey church built in 1928 and located approximately eight kilometres southwest of the village.
- During the 1960’s, the building of the Gardiner Dam on the South Saskatchewan River brought many changes to the countryside and also to farming practices in the area. The creation of Lake Diefenbaker made irrigation a new agricultural option. It also made the area a beautiful tourist location.
- The assessment value for the Village of Loreburn is \$10,159,100.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Loreburn and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – Village of Loreburn Office

Box 177, Loreburn SK, S0H 2S0

Telephone: 306-644-2097

Fax: 306-644-4847

Email: villageofloreburn@sasktel.net

Website: www.villageofloreburn.ca

Village of Loreburn Council 2018

Mayor:	South	Steven
Councillor:	Casey	Patrick Lawrence
Councillor:	Dutkiewicz	Victor
Councillor:	Abbott	Grant
Councillor:	Urlacher	Randy
Administrator:	Losie	Brandy

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Village of Loreburn Website

Village of Strongfield

Size and Location

The Village of Strongfield is a community of 40 people located in the south-central part of Saskatchewan, between Hawarden and Loreburn on Highway 19.

- It is situated near Lake Diefenbaker, and 100 kilometers south of Saskatoon.
- The land area of the village is 0.8 square kilometers, with a population density of 50.3 people per square kilometer.

Facts about Strongfield

- Strongfield was incorporated as a village in 1912.
- A large segment of the early population consisted of Finnish and Norwegian settlers from the Dakotas who homesteaded along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. There are few descendants of the Finnish settlers left in the Strongfield area as most sold their land to move to the west side of the river where the majority of the Finnish settlers lived.
- The community's cenotaph is the work of one of Canada's most gifted artistic welders, Fred Clarke, and attracts visitors from all over the country.
- The assessment value for the Village of Strongfield is \$1,780,000.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Loreburn and District Statistical Summary.
- The Strongfield rink and curling club was destroyed by a powerful wind in July of 2017. The village is fund-raising to rebuild the rink and curling club.

Local Government – Village of Strongfield Office

Box 87, Strongfield SK, S0H 3Z0

Telephone: 306-857-2200

Fax: 306-857-2201

Email: villageofstrongfield@yourlink.ca

Village of Strongfield Council 2018

Mayor:	Vollmer	Jeff
Councillor:	Ellscheid	Devin
Councillor:	Wirth	David
Administrator:	Losie	Brandy

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Strongfield Page on Tourism Saskatchewan Website, Village of Strongfield Wikipedia Page

RM of Loreburn No. 254

Size and Location

The Rural Municipality of Loreburn No. 254 is an area with 327 residents located in south-central Saskatchewan, east of Lake Diefenbaker.

- The shores of Lake Diefenbaker represent its western boundary.
- The land area of the rural municipality is 966.8 square kilometers, with a population density of 0.3 people per square kilometer.
- The villages of Hawarden, Strongfield, Loreburn, and Elbow are all located within the municipal boundaries.

Facts about the RM of Loreburn

- The first organization was a Local Improvement district first meeting in January 1910, with representatives from Elbow, Loreburn, Strongfield, and Hawarden.
- A referendum held in August 1910 favored the formation of a municipality, and the first council meeting was in December 1910.
- During the 1960's, the building of the Gardiner Dam on the South Saskatchewan River brought many changes to the countryside and also to farming practices in the area, making irrigation a new agricultural option and making the area a beautiful tourist location.
- The municipality is mainly known for its agriculture, including dryland farming techniques and livestock raising, cattle in particular.
- Irrigation in the area is served from the Gardiner Dam, the Southeast Water Supply System, and related canals.
- In recent years, the area has seen considerable growth along the shores of Lake Diefenbaker. Tourism has increased abundantly as seasonal recreation is developed, and the area is well known for its many attractions, particularly Lake Diefenbaker.
- The assessment value for the RM of Loreburn is \$708,724,900.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Loreburn and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – RM of Loreburn Office

Box 40, Loreburn SK, S0H 2S0

Telephone: 306-644-2022

Fax: 306-644-2064

Email: rm254@sasktel.net

Website: www.rmloreburn.ca

RM of Loreburn Council 2018

Reeve:	Vollmer	Kevin
Councillor:	Kretsch	Joseph
Councillor:	Brown	Brian
Councillor:	Book	Garry

Councillor:	Vollmer	Rod
Councillor:	Taylor	Douglas
Councillor:	Stone	Garry
Administrator:	Tastad	Vanessa

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, RM of Loreburn Website

Village of Hawarden

Size and Location

The Village of Hawarden is a community of 52 people located in the south-central part of Saskatchewan, on Highway 19.

- The land area of the village is 1.24 square kilometers, with a population density of 41.9 people per square kilometer.
- Hawarden is situated within the Rural Municipality of Loreburn No. 254.

Facts about Hawarden

- Hawarden is named after Hawarden Castle in Flintshire, Wales, the country home of William Ewart Gladstone.
- Beginning in 2001, the Hawarden Winter Warriors have hosted the Annual Hawarden Vintage Snowmobile Rally. The rally includes a 97 km trail for new snowmobiles and a 32 km trail for vintage snowmobile. The event starts at the Hawarden Hall, and has included vintage snowmobiles, snow planes, offering great prizes and raffles.
- Also beginning in 2001 was Bert's Boxing Day Classic, a recreational hockey tournament in memory of Brendon Ringdal. The annual tournament was held in Hawarden until 2010, when it was moved to Kenaston due to the closure of the Hawarden rink.
- Hawarden's 100th Anniversary Celebration was held in 2009, with a parade, slo-pitch tournament, fireworks, and a dance.
- The assessment value for the Village of Hawarden is \$2,723,500.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Loreburn and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – Village of Hawarden Office

Box 7, Hawarden SK, S0H 1Y0

Telephone: 306-855-2020

Fax: 306-855-2020

Email: villageofhawarden@xplornet.com

Village of Hawarden Council 2018

Mayor:	Holinaty	Janet
Councillor:	Wailing	Barb
Councillor:	Friend	Dylan
Councillor:	Carlson	Keith
Councillor:	Grice	Alexandria
Clerk:	Martin	Barbara J

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, Hawarden Saskatchewan Wikipedia Page

Loreburn Community Programs and Services Directory:

Programs

Education Based Programs

Daycares & Preschools

Loreburn Jack & Jill Playgroup & Playschool

Held at Loreburn Central School

Teacher: Kathy Garnes

Schools

Loreburn School (K-12) – Sun West School Division #207

Principal: Jill Long

120 1st Avenue W, Loreburn SK

Telephone: 306-644-2135

Fax: 306-644-2176

Email: jill.long@sunwestsd.ca

Website: www.sunwestsda.ca

Library and Library Programs

Loreburn Public Library

528 Main Street, Box 172,

Loreburn SK, S0H 2S0

Telephone: 306-644-2026

Email: loreburn@palliserlibrary.ca

Website:

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

Librarian: Sue Ann Abbott

Hours: Tues. 3:00 – 6:30

Wed. 3:00 – 6:30

Thurs. 3:00 – 6:30

Summer Hours: July – August

Tues. 1:00 – 6:30

Thurs. 10:00 – 3:00

Community Based Organizations

Grade 11 & 12 Travel Club

Contact: Tim

Email: timothy.hom@sunwestsd.ca

Loreburn Recreation Board

Contact: Vanessa Tastad

Email: vrtastad@sasktel.net

Churches

Elbow United Church

Telephone: 306-854-2024

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Elbow, SK

Telephone: 306-854-2054

Skudesnes Lutheran Church

Skudesnes Road

Telephone: 306-644-4702

Bethel Lutheran Church

Telephone: 306-854-2044

Website: www.bethelelbow.ca

Sports, Culture & Recreation

Sports

19ers Minor Hockey

November to early March

Contact: Vanessa Tastad

Email: loreburnminorhockey.com

19ers Senior Hockey

Contact: Mike Lemcke

Website:

www.hockeyleaguestats.com/svhl/

Line 19 Gymnastics Club

Loreburn Cultural Centre

Email: line19gymnastics@gmail.com

Line 19 Figure Skating Club

CanSkate, CanPowerSkate, and StarSkate Programs

November to February

Contact: Vanessa Tastad

Email: vrtastad@sasktel.net

Loreburn Minor Soccer

April to mid-June

Contact: Vanessa Tastad

Email: vrtastad@sasktel.net

Website: www.saskcentralsoccer.ca

Loreburn Adult Rec. Hockey

Contact: Greg Martens

Strongfield Rink & Curling Club

Telephone: 306-857-2116

Or Contact: Amanda Glubis

Telephone: 306-857-2022

(***being rebuilt)

Culture

Davidson Optimist Dance Club

Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, and Creative Dance

September to April

Contact: Lynn Shaw

Telephone: 306-567-8218

Email: lrshaw@sasktel.net

Recreation Groups & Clubs

Hawarden Snowmobile Club

Summer Camps

Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp

Telephone: 306-854-2044

Website: www.elbowluthernbiblecamp.com

Parks & Playgrounds

Coyote Springs Campground

Elbow, SK

Contact: Lorraine Forster

Telephone: 306-231-4630

Email: info@sunsetbeachforsale.ca

Website: coyotesprings.ca

Facebook: [@sunsetbeachforsale](https://www.facebook.com/sunsetbeachforsale)

Douglas Provincial Park

Telephone: 306-854-6266

Website: www.saskparks.net/douglas

Danielson Provincial Park

Telephone: 306-854-6266

Website: www.saskparks.net/Danielson

Loreburn Playground

Loreburn RV Campground

Contact: Brandy Losie

Telephone: 306-644-2097

Email: villageofloreburn@sasktel.net

Website: www.villageofloreburn.ca

Recreation Facilities

Lakeside Marina (Elbow)

Full-service marina

May to September

Contact: Bryan Cafferata

Telephone: 306-854-2211

Email: cafferata@sasktel.net

Loreburn Arena

419 Jamieson Street, Loreburn SK

Loreburn Town & Country Activity Centre

Contact: Brandy Losie

Telephone: 306-644-2097

Email: villageofloreburn@sasktel.net

Website: villageofloreburn.ca

Harbor Golf Club & Resort

Telephone: 306-854-2300

Website: www.harborgolfclub.com

Service Clubs & Societies

Loreburn Lions Club

Meet the 4th Wednesday of every month

President: Dean Peardon

Telephone: 306-644-2300

Loreburn-Elbow Legion #251

Contact: Joe Sitavanc

Telephone: 306-854-2083

Contact: Wayne Stronski

Telephone: 306-644-2110

Services

Health & Well-Being

Central Butte Regency Hospital and Medical Clinic

601 Canada Street NW, Central Butte, SK

Telephone: 306-796-2180

Wellness Clinic

Loreburn Town & Country Activity Centre

Everyone Deserves Yoga

Jivamukti-inspired yoga

Yoga Instructor: Brandy Losie

Email: brandyllynn@live.ca

Website: everyonedeservesyoga.blogspot.com

Davidson Health Centre

900 Government Road, Davidson, SK

Telephone: 306-567-2801

Outlook and District Health Centre

500 Semple Street, Outlook, SK

Telephone: 306-867-8676

Commercial Services

Retail

Lacquer and Lace Esthetics and Boutique

Wedding/event venue, spa, boutique,
antiques, jewelry, home décor

Owner: Sarah Leikam

Telephone: 306-291-7164

Facebook: @lacquerlace

Loreburn Services

Gas/Service Station

Telephone: 306-644-2077

Elbow Fine Foods

Grocery Store

200 Saskatchewan Street, Elbow SK

Telephone: 306-854-2055

R & J Lakeshore Services

Elbow, SK

Telephone: 306-854-2166

Lakeshore Foods

Douglas Park, SK

Telephone: 306-854-4630

Lakeside Marina Services

Elbow, SK

Telephone: 306-854-2211

The Rack Petroleum

SW12/27/05 W3

Jody's Hair Care

Telephone: 306-867-7556

Pro-shop

Harbor Golf Club & Resort

Telephone: 306-854-2300

Website: www.harborgolfclub.com

Financial Services/Real Estate/Law

Prairie Centre Credit Union

518 Main Street, Loreburn SK

Telephone: 306-644-2118

Website: www.pccu.ca

Tourism/Events

Coyote Springs Campground

Box 11, Elbow SK

Contact: Ron and Marcelle Savidan

Telephone: 306-867-7199

Email: coyotesprings@sasktel.net

Elbow Hotel

356 Saskatchewan Street, Elbow SK

Telephone: 306-854-2214

Lakeview Lodge Motel

447 Saskatchewan Street, Elbow SK

Telephone: 306-854-4444

Website: www.lakeviewlodgemotel.ca

Elbow Sunset Suites & RV Park

Elbow, SK

Telephone: 306-854-2144

Website: www.elbowsunsetsuites.ca

Lakeside RV Park

Elbow, SK

Telephone: 306-221-0740

Email: living@lakesiderv.ca

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

Sarah's Cove Condo Rentals

Email: sarahscoveatelbow@sasktel.net

Website: sarahscovecondorentals.com

Media**Internet Providers:**

- Shaw) - 855-285-1105
- SaskTel – 855-531-8845

TV

- Shaw
- Shaw Direct
- Bell

Restaurants**Strongfield Café**

Broadway Street, Strongfield SK

Telephone: 306-857-2222

Harv's Top of the Dam Café

Danielson Park

Telephone: 306-857-2005

Public Transportation

None

Industrial Services**FWC Loreburn Grains Ltd.**

1UGG Railway Avenue, Loreburn SK

Telephone: 1-888-531-4888

Website: www.fwcobs.com

Wendebec II

Lake Tours

Elbow, SK

Telephone: 306-242-3625

Davidson Leader

Custom printing, advertising, floral arrangements

Telephone: 306-567-2047

Email: theleaderonline@gmail.com

Website: www.leaderonline.ca

Harbor Golf Club & Resort

Telephone: 306-854-2300

Website: www.harborgolfclub.com

Elbow Chinese Restaurant

216 Saskatchewan St. Elbow

Telephone: 306-854-0010

Email: petercho2007@hotmail.com

Website: www.elbowcr.com

Enbridge Pipelines Inc.

Highway 19, Loreburn SK

Telephone: 306-644-2071

Website: www.enbridge.com

Sanden Trenching

Loreburn, SK
Telephone: 306-867-7591

LePage Contracting

Loreburn, SK
Telephone: 306-867-6403

Rene Doell Seed Cleaning

Loreburn, SK
Telephone: 306-867-4028

Super B Trucking

Loreburn, SK
Contact: Mark Book
Telephone: 306-867-7035

Gardiner Dam Ag Services

Strongfield, SK
Telephone: 306-857-2134

Mile West Seed Cleaning

Strongfield, SK
Telephone: 306-857-2001

Gardiner Dam Terminal

Grain Elevator
Strongfield, SK
Telephone: 306-867-2134

Diefenbaker Spice and PULSE.

Elbow, SK
Telephone: 306-644-4704

Bramble Excavating & Trucking

Elbow, SK
Telephone: 306-854-2030

Cooper Top Towing

Elbow, SK
Telephone: 306-867-4443

Peddle's Septic Service

Elbow, SK
Telephone: 306-867-6403

Kinder Morgan Cochin Ulc

Highway 19, Loreburn SK
Telephone: 306-644-2060
Website: www.kindermorgan.com

Government Services

Municipal Services

Village of Loreburn Office

Box 177, Loreburn SK, S0H 2S0
Administrator: Brandy Losie
Telephone: 306-644-2097
Email: villageofloreburn@sasktel.net
Website: www.villageofloreburn.ca

Village of Strongfield Office

Box 87, Strongfield SK
Administrator: Brandy Losie
Telephone: 306-857-2200
Email: villageofstrongfield@yourlink.ca

RM of Loreburn No. 254

Box 40, Loreburn SK, S0H 2S0
Administrator: Vanessa Tastad
Telephone: 306-644-2022
Email: rm254@sasktel.net
Website: www.rmloreburn.ca

Village of Hawarden

Box 7, Hawarden, SK S0H 1Y0
Administrator: Barbara J. Martin
Telephone: 306-855-2020
e-mail: villageofhawarden@xplonet.com

Emergency Services

RCMP - Elbow Detachment

Elbow, SK
Telephone: 306-854-1830

Loreburn Volunteer Fire Department

Telephone: 306-230-2050 or 911

Government of Saskatchewan Services

SGI Insurance

A&E Enterprises Ltd.
521 Main Street, Loreburn SK
Box 639, Loreburn SK, S0H 2S0
Telephone: 306-867-9300
Fax: 306-867-9727
Email: a.e.enterprises@sasktel.net
Website: a.e.enterprises.saskbrokers.com

Gardiner Dam

Water Security Agency
Box 8, Loreburn SK, S0H 2S0
Telephone: 306-857-2122

Government of Canada Services

Loreburn Post Office

Canada Post
Contact: Shelly Haugen
Telephone: 306-644-2185
Website: www.canadapost.ca
Hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 8:45-2:00 and 2:30-4:00
Fri. 8:45-2:00 and 2:30-3:45

MLA/MP

MLA – Arm River Constituency

Greg Brkich
Box 1077 Davidson, SK, S0G 1A0
Telephone: 306-567-2843
Fax: 306-567-3259
Email: gregbrkich@sasktel.net
Website: www.gregbrkich.ca

MP – Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan

Tom Lukiwski
Email: tom.lukiwski@parl.gc.ca
Website: tomlukiwski.ca

Sources: Greg Brkich Website, Tom Lukiwski Website, Village of Loreburn Website, RM of Loreburn 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?

- Quiet/peaceful
- School
- Slow pace/not too busy
- Small town feel
- Close to major centers
- SGI
- Safe
- Friendly people
- Rink
- Supportive community
- Low traffic
- Lake nearby
- Amenities nearby
- Good volunteer base
- Bank
- Gas station
- Golf courses
- Everybody knows everybody
- Leadership program at the school
- Many activities
- Every basic necessity is available

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?)

- Lake activities (boating, fishing, swimming)
- Playground
- Outdoor activities
- Sports for kids/school sports
- Pancake breakfasts
- Community center functions
- Plant exchanges
- Rink (skating, curling, hockey)

- Movie nights
- Jam sessions
- Volleyball
- Snowmobiling
- Hunting
- Hiking
- Community associations
- Parks
- Elbow walking trails
- Golfing
- Town hall
- Camping
- Businesses
- Volunteer groups
- Extracurricular activities at the school
- Churches
- Programs at the senior center
- Café/having coffee
- Agriculture businesses
- Yoga
- Library and library programs (like the summer reading program)
- Community center programs and classes
- Less than 1.5 hours from Saskatoon, Regina, or Moose Jaw

Part Two: Weaknesses, Present-Oriented

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

- Having to travel for health care, shopping, movies and sports
- No grocery store, pharmacy
- Infrastructure
- No sidewalks or walking paths
- Difficult for the elderly to function without driving
- Few services and businesses
- No church
- Distance to hospital
- Few participants in community activities and events
- Poor cell service and internet
- Aging community
- Small tax base
- Difficult to compete with big centers

- Nowhere to buy parts
- Few opportunities to draw new people to the community

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?)

- No dog kennel, or have it kept under control
- Add a grocery store
- More awareness of local events/better advertising
- More opportunities for residents to get out and socialize with one another
- Put money into local gyms and recreational centers
- More new people moving in
- Another 10-12 helpful residents
- Improve the internet and cell service
- Mental health mobile crisis workers (people have to go to Moose Jaw or Saskatoon)
- Get people to use local businesses and tourism
- Keep the small town life
- Add a church

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

- Dogs from the kennel
- Increased cost of utilities and taxes
- Expense of water due to Sask Water infrastructure changes
- Health care availability
- Distance to stores
- Accessing funds and grants for projects
- Need for more teachers
- Finding volunteers and workers
- Competing with larger towns in the area
- Keeping infrastructure
- Condition of roads and highways (impacting residents' quality of life and discouraging tourism)
- Expenses of garbage disposal, recycling, and water

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
- Safe
- Quiet/peaceful
- Friendly and helpful

- People being quick to help their neighbours with no need for reimbursement
- More young families
- Investment in the campground
- New businesses (hotel)
- Maintain current amenities
- Maintain cleanliness and safety level
- Keep gathering for events
- Stay small
- Fixing up the parks
- Sidewalks and walking paths
- People thinking outside the box
- More community programming
- Making it easier for people to pursue their passions (hobbies, entrepreneurship, leisure)
- Community garden
- More organized activities and events
- Promoting little spots in the area (like secluded beaches that no one knows about)
- Making Loreburn a destination for potential residents
- Having funds to continue operating the rink, hall, school, library, and fire department
- Having a church in town
- More collaboration between Loreburn and Elbow
- Keeping services (internet, cell, and telephone service)
- Less expensive garbage, recycling, and water utilities

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

- More residents
- Maintaining existing population
- More volunteers to alleviate volunteer burnout
- More people involved in planning and executing events
- Advertising for local events
- Opportunities for people to meet and understand each other (events)
- Education
- Changing old perspectives/mindsets
- Government grants
- Promoting the area
- Better internet and cell service
- Promoting the services that Loreburn offers
- Different people bringing in ideas
- Councils and boards of Loreburn and Elbow working together better on projects
- Education on what the rink and hall do for the community

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

- Regional cooperation (raising awareness of services in the surrounding communities)
- Continuing current workshops
- Information nights
- Local government volunteers that are invested in the good of the community
- More meetings about events at town hall
- Leadership skills
- Workshops/classes (guest speakers)
- Community meetings about strategy to revitalize Loreburn
- Computer/research skills
- Spreading awareness of events on social media
- Skills with technology and internet
- Skills involved in being an advocate for oneself
- Provincial and municipal leaders coming together and communicating
- Public meetings and committees (economic development committee)
- Educating people about library resources
- Trades
- Post-secondary education
- Ability of groups in the area to work together to accomplish goals
- Continue using the village website to keep people informed

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

- Funding
- Old mindsets/reluctance to change
- Lack of education
- Ever-changing council (unpredictability)
- Loss of businesses or population
- Generation gap
- Too low of population
- Lack of time
- Low population
- Few young people
- Seasonality
- Lack of communication
- Poor internet and cell service
- Not much affordable housing
- Growth is not promoted to its fullest extent
- People preferring to shop at major centers
- Limited access to health care
- Clinging to community identity and not accepting change
- Negativity
- People losing appreciation for what they have

- Lack of volunteers/organizers
- Lack of willingness of residents to participate
- Difficulty getting young people to help

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 Loss of employment
 - o Living closer to family
 - o High cost of running a business
 - o Crumbling infrastructure
 - o Employment opportunity elsewhere
 - o Limited access to amenities (sports, swimming lessons, etc.)
 - o If the school closed
 - o Health deterioration
 - o If there was a loss of population and disintegration of the village
 - o Increased cost of living
 - o Difficulty travelling
 - o Community no longer feels friendly/safe
- Reasons to stay:
 - o School
 - o Family
 - o Friends
 - o Established in the community
 - o A bit removed from major centers
 - o Employment
 - o Low cost of living
 - o Farming
 - o Rural location
 - o Small town atmosphere
 - o Good/friendly people
 - o Quiet/peaceful
 - o Relaxed feeling
 - o Safe
 - o Close to the lake and golf course
 - o Ability to do what you want without anyone saying or doing anything
 - o Financial restraints (cannot afford to move)

11. Any last thoughts?

- Loreburn and Elbow are separate towns but they're kind of one community. The school and rink are in Loreburn. Everybody comes to Elbow for most of the activities, and the stores and services are here.

- If everyone stays involved, it helps to keep things running smoothly.
- We have an annual parade.
- Some NHL players are from this area.
- When our curling rink burnt down, we worked together and rebuilt it before the curling season began.
- Ernie Vaughan (deceased) was a national Senior Curling champion.
- An author and a couple visual artists live in town.
- The Lions Club has existed since 1959.
- Our school has just received Lighthouse Status for the "Leader in Me" program, the first in Saskatchewan.

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