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Willow Bunch Community Needs Assessment



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Website

**Willow Bunch Public Library Board &
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Willow Bunch and District Overview

The Willow Bunch and District community consists of the Town of Willow Bunch, RM of Willow Bunch No. 42, the hamlet of Scout Lake and the Dissolved Municipality of St. Victor. Willow Bunch provides many commercial services to residents of the area (gas station, restaurant, hotel & bar), recreational facilities (swimming pool, Jean Louis Légaré Regional Park, Golf Course, Museum & Home of the Willow Bunch Giant Édouard Beupré), and administration (wellness centre and fire department). The nearest RCMP detachment and ambulance services are in Coronach.

Willow Bunch and District Statistical Information

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

Statistical Overview					
Community	Census Data 2016	Census Data 2011	% Change	Private Dwellings	Median Income
Willow Bunch	272	286	-4.9	167	\$28,736
St. Victor	20	37	-45.9	19	-
Willow Bunch No. 42	306	361	-15.2	175	\$37,675
Total	598	684	-22.0	361	\$33,205.50
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
Willow Bunch	50.5	1.8%	7.3%	18.2%	49.1%	25.4%
St. Victor	-	-	-	-	-	-
Willow Bunch No. 42	49.2	3.3%	8.2%	13.1%	55.7%	18.0%
Average	49.9	2.6%	7.8%	15.7%	52.4%	21.7%
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
Willow Bunch	45	0	15
St. Victor	-	-	-
Willow Bunch No. 42	10	0	0
Total	55	0	15
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
Willow Bunch	35	115	130
St. Victor	-	-	-
Willow Bunch No. 42	45	90	125
Total	80	245	255
Saskatchewan	177,210	261,210	418,880
Canada	5,239,575	7,576,400	15,827,040

Occupation	Willow Bunch	Willow Bunch No. 42
Management	35	115
Business/Finance/ Administration	25	15
Natural/Applied Sciences	10	0
Health Occupations	0	0
Education/Law/Social and Government Services	0	15
Art/Culture/Recreation/Sport	0	0
Sales and Service	45	10
Trades/Transport/ Equipment Operators	25	10
Natural Resources/Agriculture	15	45
Manufacturing/Utilities	0	10
Total Labour Force	170	215

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).

Town of Willow Bunch

Size and Location

The Town of Willow Bunch is a community of 272 people located in south-central Saskatchewan, on Highway 36 south of the Trans-Canada Highway.

- The town is 45 minutes from the Canada-U.S. border crossings of West Poplar River – Opheim MT and Scobey/Coronach.
- The land area of the rural municipality is 0.87 square kilometers, with a population density of 311.7 people per square kilometer.

Facts about Willow Bunch

- Willow Bunch was a federal electoral district in Saskatchewan, that was represented in the House of Commons of Canada from 1925-1935.
- Willow Bunch is home of The Giant. His name was Joseph Édouard Beaupré and he had a height of 8' 3" inches.
- Jean-Louis Légaré Regional Park is located 2 kilometers southwest of Willow Bunch. Residents and visitors can enjoy the large picnic area and play area nestled in dense trees, the coulees, and the golf course. The park is also a great place for camera buffs and bird watchers.
- **The park was named after trader and Pioneer Jean Louis Légaré** . Between 1876 and 1881 nearly 5,000 [Sioux](#) and their chief [Sitting Bull](#) took refuge in the Wood Mountain region after the [Battle of the Little Big Horn](#) and traded at his post. By 1879 the Sioux were destitute because the buffalo had disappeared from the area.^[4] Légaré spent a great deal of effort and supplies to feed the starving Sioux. Since the U.S. government offered amnesty and supplies Légaré at the request of [L.N.F. Crozier \(NWMP\)](#) persuaded them to return to the United States. He accompanied Sitting Bull to [Fort Buford](#) in 1881. In 1969 Jean Louis Légaré was designated by the Canadian Government as being nationally significant in the history of the Country. In 1993, the Province of Saskatchewan passed the Jean Louis Légaré Act recognizing his work for Chief Sitting Bull and his people.
- Willow Bunch offers an outdoor swimming pool which is open during the summer.
- The Willow Bunch Museum & Heritage Society was established in 1972.
- Located 18 kilometers from Willow Bunch is the McGillis House, a typical Métis house built in 1890 by the Catchoo McGillis family. The house was built from poplar poles, willow stakes, clay plaster and prairie grasses. The windows were scraped antelope skins and the doors, the shaved hides of the buffalo.
- The assessment value for the Town of Willow Bunch is \$15,684,700

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

Local Government – Town of Willow Bunch Office

16 Eduoard Beaupre Street E
 Box 189, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0
 Telephone: 306-473-2450
 Email: willowbunch.town@sasktel.net
 Website: www.willowbunch.ca

Willow Bunch Town Council 2018

Mayor:	Joyal	Wayne
Councillor:	Fafard	Gisele
Councillor:	Philippon	Roger
Councillor:	Martin	Raymond
Councillor:	Newans	Wanda
Administrator:	Eger	Sharleine
Assistant Administrator :	Bartelett	Tereena

Sources: Willow Bunch Wikipedia Page, Town of Willow Bunch Website, Jean-Louis Légaré Regional Park Page on Regional Parks of Saskatchewan Website

RM of Willow Bunch No. 42

Size and Location

The Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch is a community of 306 people located in south-central Saskatchewan.

- The land area of the rural municipality is 0.87 square kilometers, with a population density of 311.7 people per square kilometer.
- The RM encompasses the communities of Willow Bunch, Lisieux, Scout Lake, Grand Valley, Gye, Little Woody, St. Victor, and Twin Valley. The RM office is located in the Town of Willow Bunch.

Facts about the RM of Willow Bunch

- A two-volume history book about the RM was published in 1998.
- The Grand Valley Lutheran Church is considered a historical building within the municipality. It was constructed in 1916 in Grand Valley, Saskatchewan.
- The RM is part owner of the Fife Lake Railway.

- The Willow Bunch Airport was an airport located within the municipality. It closed in 2009.
- The assessment value for the RM is \$105,583,300.
- For details on average income, age of population, educational levels attained, types of employment, child poverty, etc. please see tables Willow Bunch and District Statistical Summary.

Local Government – RM of Willow Bunch Office

Box 220, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0

Telephone: 306-473-2450

Email: rm.42@sasktel.net

Website: www.willowbunch.ca

RM of Willow Bunch Council 2018

Reeve:	Bellefleur	Denis
Councillor:	Fafard	Claude
Councillor:	Lesperance	Denis
Councillor:	Durand	Real
Councillor:	Benson	Trevor
Councillor:	Cayer	Michel
Councillor:	Delorme	Gerald
Administrator:	Eger	Sharleine
Assistant Administrator :	Bartlett	Tereena

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, RM of Willow Bunch Wikipedia Page

Dissolved Municipality of St. Victor

Size and Location

St. Victor is a dissolved municipality within the RM of Willow Bunch No. 42 in south-central Saskatchewan.

- The community has a population of 20.
- The land area is 0.27 square kilometers, with a population density of 73.6 people per square kilometer.
- St. Victor is located in the beautiful wooded coulees on the northern edge of the Wood Mountain Plateau.

Facts about St. Victor

- St. Victor held the status of village until February 26, 2003 when it was dissolved.

- Just a short drive from Willow Bunch and 2 kilometers south of St. Victor are the **St. Victor Petroglyphs**. The more than 300 carvings at St. Victor Petroglyphs Provincial Park are one of Saskatchewan's great unsolved mysteries. It is not known who carved the petroglyphs, nor why or even when they were carved. The carvings do, however, provide clues about the people who lived in Saskatchewan hundreds of years ago.
- St. Victor is home to a great summer event, the St. Victor Biker Boogie.

Sources: Saskatchewan Municipal Directory, St. Victor Petroglyphs Page on Tourism Saskatchewan Website, St. Victor Page on Tourism Saskatchewan Website

Willow Bunch Community Programs and Services Directory

Programs

Education Based Programs

Area Daycares

Coronach Daycare

121 1st Avenue W, Coronach SK, S0H 0Z0
Telephone: 306-267-2099

Assiniboia Child Care Services

501 4th Avenue, Assiniboia SK, S0H 0B0
Telephone: 306-642-3337

Sister's Dayhome

Telephone: 306-263-3484

More information on daycares/ childcare services in Assiniboia

Contact: Kerri Martin
Email: exec_assistant@assiniboia.net or call
Telephone: 306-642-5003

Schools

The Willow Bunch School closed in 2007. Student must go to one of the following— Prairie South School Division # 210 schools

Coronach School Pre-K to Grade 12

121 1st Avenue W, Coronach SK, S0H 0Z0
Telephone: 306-267-2210

Assiniboia Composite High School

200 Bell Road, Assiniboia SK, S0H 0B0
Telephone: 306-642-3319

Assiniboia Seventh Avenue School –
Grades Pre–K through Grade 8
300 7th Avenue W, Assiniboia SK, S0H 0B0
Telephone: 306-642-3566

Colleges

Southeast Regional College - Assiniboia Campus

201 3rd Avenue W, Assiniboia SK
Telephone: 306-642-4287
Email: info@southeastcollege.org
Website: <http://www.southeastcollege.org>

Library and Library Programs

Willow Bunch Public Library

2 Avenue F S, Willow Bunch, SK
Box 280, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0
Telephone: 306-473-2393
Email: willowbunch@palliserlibrary.ca
Website:
<https://www.palliserlibrary.ca/spm/branches>

Librarian: Barb Gibbons
Hours: Tues. 1:00-5:00
Wed. 2:00-8:30
Thurs. 11:30-3:30

Monthly Family Art Night

Monthly Family Paint Night
Telephone: 306-473-2393

Lego at the library

Tuesday's after school until 5:30pm
First Wednesday after school until 6:00pm
Registration is required
Telephone: 306-473-2393

Community Based Organizations

Hills of Home Seniors Club

15 Édouard Beauré Street, Willow Bunch SK
Telephone: 306-473-2227
Facebook: @hillsofhomeclub

Churches

St. Ignace des Saules, Catholic Church

Services every other Sunday at 9:00am and every other Saturday at 5:00 pm
Telephone: 306-642-4439

Hutterite Colonies

Rose Valley

Box 1928, Assiniboia SK, S0H 0B0
Manager: John P. Hofer
Telephone: 306-642-4241

Sports, Culture & Recreation

Sports

Curling

At the Curling Rink
Contact: Jay Thorhaug
Telephone: 306-640-7067

Culture

Willow Bunch Museum

8 Édouard Beauré Street, Willow Bunch SK
Telephone: 306-473-2806 (May 15-Sept 15)
Contact: Nichole
Telephone: 306-640-7785 (Sept 15- May 15)
Contact: Colette
Telephone: 306-640-8150 (Sept 15- May 15)

Le Beau Village Museum

St. Victor
Telephone: 306-642-3215

Recreation Groups & Clubs

Hills of Home Seniors Club

15 Édouard Beauré Street, Willow Bunch
Telephone: 306-473-2227
Facebook: @hillsofhomeclub

Parks & Playgrounds

Jean-Louis Légaré Regional Park

2 kilometers SW of Willow Bunch
Box 93, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0
Cellular: 306-640-7268

Farm Fest

Phone: 306-473-2250
Website: www.willowbunch.ca

Tammy Joyal Painting

Phone: 306-640-9695

For Real Photography

Contact: Joanne Prefontaine
Telephone: 306-642-7799
Website: forrealphotography.com

St. Victor Petroglyphs Provincial Historic Park

The 300+ indigenous petroglyphs were carved between 500 - 1700 A.D.
Telephone: 306-664-4124

Sylvan Valley Regional Park

Lalonde Ave, St Victor

Park and campgrounds

Telephone : 306-640-9622

Recreation Facilities**Willow Bunch Curling Rink**

Telephone: 306-473-2859

Willow Bunch Golf Course

Call to book your tee time

Clubhouse telephone: 306-273-2852

Willow Bunch Community /Skating Rink

Avenue H & 3rd Street E

Open November - March

Telephone: 306-473-9235

Swimming Pool

Supervised Swimming and Paddling Pool,

Open Daily July 1st- August 13th

Telephone: 306-473-2206

Jean-Louis Légaré Regional Park

Services: Golf, camping, trails

2 kilometers SW of Willow Bunch

Box 93, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0

Cellular: 306-640-7268

Little Valley Driving Range

Open early spring

Highway #36, Willow Bunch SK

Telephone: 306-640-7573 / 306-640-7572

Service Clubs & Societies

Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation

Website: www.swf.sk.ca

Hills of Home Club (Seniors)

Telephone: 306-473-2227

Services

Health & Well-Being

Willow Bunch Wellness Center

Open Monday & Wednesdays 8:30am –
4:00pm - Nurse Practitioner in attendance
Telephone: 306-473-2310

Assiniboia Union Hospital

501 6th Avenue E, Assiniboia SK, S0H 0B0
Telephone: 306-642-9400

Assiniboia Primary Health Care Clinic

Asaskan Centre
131 3rd Avenue W, Assiniboia SK, S0H 0B0
Telephone: 306-642-4454
Addiction Services: 306-642-3337
Dental Health Inspection: 306-642-9422
Dietician: 306-642-9405
Family Outreach Program: 306-642-5956
Public Health Services: 306-642-2200
Home Care: 306-642-9444
Poison Control Centre: 1-866-454-1212
Child Find Sask. Inc.: 1-800-513-3463
Healthline: Dial 811

Commercial Services

Retail

Willow Bunch Fine Foods

Mon – Sat, 8:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday, 10:00am - 6:00pm
Telephone: 306-473-2202

Floyd's Variety Store

Liquor and lotto sales
38 Édouard Beauré Street, Willow Bunch
Telephone: 306-473-2460

For Real Photography

Joanne Prefontaine
Telephone: 306-642-7799
Webite: www.forerealphotography.com

Gord's Computer and Satellite Service

Willow Bunch
Telephone: 306-640-9007

Route 36 Sales & Service

Fuel (gas and diesel), auto and ag supplies,
confectionary
Telephone: 306-473-2379

Willow Bunch Thrift Shop

28 Édouard Beauré
Telephone: 306-473-2805

Financial Services/Real Estate/Law

Bengough Credit Union- Willow Bunch Branch

Tues & Fri, 10:00am – 3:00pm
Telephone: 306-473-1000

Fister's Auction Service

Telephone : 306-473-2610
Or 306-640-8091

Western Financial Group

Insurance & Financial Services
17 3rd Street E, Willow Bunch SK
Tues, Wed & Fri, 9:00am – Noon 1:00pm –
5:00pm
Telephone: 306-473-2401

Tourism

St. Victor Petroglyphs

2 km south of Willow Bunch

Badlands Tours

Castle Butte & Caves used for hideouts for
such American Outlaw as Sam Kelly
Located at the Big Muddy Badlands
Telephone: 306-267-3312

Willow Bunch Museum

8 Édouard Beaufré Street, Willow Bunch
Telephone: 306-473-2806 (May 15-Sept 15)
Contact: Nichole
Telephone: 306-640-7785 (Sept 15- May 15)
Contact: Colette
Telephone: 306-640-8150 (Sept 15- May 15)

Jolly Giant Pub & Motel

Telephone: 306-473-2345
Cellular: 306-640-7837
Email: dembury@sasktel.net

St. Victor's Boogie

Longest running motorcycle rally in western
Canada

McGillis House

Located at St. Victor, 18km of Willow Bunch

Media

Prairie Trade 'N' Post

Weekly paper, local classified ads
Telephone: 306-640-7620
Email: prairietradenpost@live.com

Internet Providers

Shaw)

Telephone: 822-285-1105

Access Communications

SaskTel

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

Restaurants

Jolly Giant Pub & Motel

Telephone: 306-473-2345

Cellular: 306-640-7837

Email: dembury@sasktel.net

Industrial Service

Tap-In Drilling Ltd.

Water wells, test holes, E-logging, pump and flow rate testing, well servicing, geothermal drilling, soil samples, foundation holes (piles)

Contact: Tyson Crawford

Telephone: 306-640-9518

Contact: Cameron Joyal

Telephone: 306-640-7098

Ryan Construction Group

Contact: Ryan Lesperance

Telephone: 306-640-2262

Email: ryanconstruction@sasktel.net

BlackTop Industries & Carwash

Corner of 3rd Street E & Avenue F

Telephone: 306-473-6700

South Country Corral Cleaning

Contact: Danny Montgomery

Telephone: 306-640-8279

Contact: Darryl Montgomery

Telephone: 306-473-2620

Dosch Organic Acres

Support Canadian Farmers

Contact: Dean Dosch

Telephone: 306-640-7452

Contact: Darlene Dosch

Telephone: 306-640-7098

Email: doschorganic@sasktel.net

Website: doschorganic.ca

Homestead Family Restaurant

Daily Specials, ATM, Licensed

Contact: Nickolas Petrolias

Telephone: 306-473-2260

Prairie Giant Processing Inc.

Wheat cleaning, scale, storage & roller mill, lubricants supplier, synthetic, tractor, engine & hydraulic oils, grease.

Open Mon – Fri, 9:00am - Noon

Telephone: 306-473-2221

Southern Auto Body

Free estimates, all insurance claims

welcome, windshields repaired or replaced

Contact: Claude Bruneau

Telephone: 306-640-8148

Tin Lizzie's Enterprises

General repair

Contact: Hewitt and Marlon Pulfer

Telephone: 306-473-2725

Danny Montgomery Trucking

Competitive rates, up to 3 trucks available

Willow Bunch, SK

Telephone: 306-640-8279

JW Trucking

Hauling grain and fertilizer

Contact: Jacob Eger

Telephone: 306-640-7092

Jeff's Welding

Contact: Jeff Christopherson

Telephone: 306-640-9852

Tammy Joyal Painting

Telephone: 306-640-9695

Government Services

Town of Willow Bunch Office

16 Édouard Beaudré Street E
Box 189, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0
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Telephone: 306-473-2450
Email: willowbunch.town@sasktel.net
Website: www.willowbunch.ca

RM of Willow Bunch Office

Box 220, Willow Bunch SK, S0H 4K0
Administrator: Sharleine Eger
Telephone: 306-473-2450
Email: rm.42@sasktel.net
Website: www.willowbunch.ca

Willow Bunch Housing Authority

Senior and Family Units Available to Rent
Contact: Lea Lesperance
Telephone: 306-473-2450

Emergency Services

Willow Bunch Fire Department

Fire Chief: Parker Beauchesne
Telephone: 306-473-2327
Emergencies: 911

Coronach Ambulance Service - Call 911

Coronach and District Fire Department

Coronach, SK

RCMP – Coronach/ Bengough Detachments

206 Crawford Avenue, Coronach SK
Telephone: 306-267-1830 or 911

Big Muddy Mutual Aid Area

Organization including the RMs of Willow Bunch, Coronach, Rockglen, Fife Lake, Big Beaver, and Bengough to provide mutual Emergency Services

Government of Saskatchewan Services

SGI Motor License Issuer

Western Financial Group
#17 – 3rd Street East
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 am – Noon 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Insurance & Financial Services
Phone: 306-473-2401

Government of Canada Services

Canada Post

36 Édouard Beaudré Street, Willow Bunch SK
Telephone: 306-473-2344

MLA/MP

MLA

David Marit
Box 2097
Assiniboia, SK
Telephone: 306-642-4200
Email: mlawoodriver@sasktel.net

MP

David Anderson
#2 240 Central Avenue N, Swift Current SK, S9H 0L2
Telephone: 306-778-4480
Email: david.anderson1@sasktel.net
Website: www.edkom.ca

Sources: David Marit Page on Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan Website, David Anderson Website, Town of Willow Bunch Website, Town of Coronach 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?

- Laid back
- Beautiful
- Safe
- Small, tight knit/intimate community
- Big volunteer base
- Town works hard to keep facilities open and make sure we have other amenities
- Small community atmosphere
- Diversity
- Everybody knows everybody
- People are willing to get involved and help each other
- Great place to raise a family
- Beautiful place to retire
- Everyone gets along very well

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?)

- Great golf course
- Park
- Library
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Hiking
- Camping
- Quading
- Snowshoeing in winter
- Snowmobiling in winter
- St.Victor
- Big Muddy
- Museum (100 years old)
- Learning about local history
- Motel with restaurant
- Pub (food and events)

- Liquor board store
- Variety store
- Car wash
- Senior center programs

Part Two: Weaknesses, Present-Oriented

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

- No School
- Kids have to be bussed to Assiniboia or Coronach
- Clinic hours are only twice a week (when nurse practitioner comes)
- Bank is only open twice a week
- Small population
- Having to travel for doctor appointments (Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon)
- Having to travel for shopping and amenities
- Little access to health care
- Lab service only available twice a week
- Distance from the city
- Difficult to get fresh produce (getting better quality groceries is hard because of the size)
- Few kids, so parents have to drive elsewhere for children's sports
- Paying more for groceries than those in the city
- Not everything is provided here, but when you go elsewhere you're not supporting the community
- Small tax base
- Funding for town projects
- Having to move to bigger centres to retire
- For real emergencies, you have to travel to Moose Jaw

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 people moving back
- More young families moving in
- More cooperation
- Planning for the future
- Maintaining current standard of living
- Town continuing to satisfy the needs of residents
- A better equipped store
- A grocery store with fresh meat, fruit and vegetables
- More events and opportunities in the community

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

- People driving too fast through the town on Highway 18
- Increased crime rate
- Garbage landfill
- Difficulty in keep things going (facilities and businesses)
- The changing environmental rules in regard to disposing of garbage (change is difficult for some people)
- Some people hoarding junk on their lawn/property
- High cost of garbage disposal and landfill prices
- Raising money and putting the money where it is supposed to be going
- Poor maintenance of the town
- Younger people not volunteering
- Swimming pool is over 35 years old and renovations need to be done
- Difficulty raising funds for the swimming pool because it's a small community
- Difficulty of keeping programs going

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?)

- Growth
- Realistic plan of what we can keep going
- Working with other communities (pooling resources and working together to have all amenities in the area)
- Having a school again
- Continued growth
- Maintaining current trajectory
- Those that left for the city coming back and raising families
- Community working more as a whole
- More activities held in the community
- Promoting/developing tourism more
- Making it easier for people to retire in the area, and not have to move to bigger centres
- More emergency services
- More medical care close by
- Encouraging more people to move to the area
- Promoting local history and getting people here to see it
- Younger people more involved

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

- Out growth mine/plant
- Attracting more young families to move into town

- Promoting new businesses to start up
- People supporting local businesses
- Advertising the advantages of living in a small town (that small towns have a lot to offer)
- More population
- Innovative thinking
- Community officer helping to develop whatever we need for new programs
- Promoting/developing tourism more
- Get younger people involved

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

- Do a feasibility study, have a committee determine what they can do to improve and better our community
- Reopening the school
- Encourage/attract young people in post-secondary to come back and use their skills in the community

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

- Difficult for communities to work together because each one wants to keep the facilities they have
- Not having a school
- Not enough work to attract young families to move here
- Few people want to live in a small town where you have to drive for everything
- Town is not big enough for every amenity
- Funding

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 Health concerns
 - o Moving closer to a doctor
 - o Decline in population
 - o Lack of employment opportunities
 - o Moving closer to family
- Reasons for staying:
 - o Lived here my whole life
 - o This is my home
 - o Sense of community
 - o Friendly people

11. Any last thoughts?

- Barb, the Librarian in Willow Bunch, is the best! She does a great job.
- The Library is great.
- The librarian is top notch. The librarian is doing amazing work. She keeps it busy every day, and everyone is happy and very fortunate to have her.
- We have a very active library.
- There are lots of activities in the community.
- The Chamber of Commerce in Willow Bunch is lacking, I think.
- The library is the little heart for the community.
- There is a lot for kids to do at the library.
- The library activities and events are great places to get to know people.
- There is a lot of seniors' activities (craft making, painting, gathering for a cup of tea)
- There is an excellent book selection at the library.
- There is paint night at the library.
- Try the lego night at the library.

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