



Town of Three Hills

Municipal Sustainability Planning:

# Different? Better? Worth It?

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Sometimes you don't need a plan.



Sometimes it helps.





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Strategic Focus 2005-2007

## Four Focus Areas

Quality of Life  
Economic Opportunity  
Organizational Development  
Governance



Strategic Focus Areas and Goals  
**Quality of Life**

- We will preserve and increase the enjoyment people find in living in Three Hills, and attract others to come and live and work here, by sustaining and enhancing a superior quality of life in ways that reflect our community's values.
- **Infrastructure:** We will ensure that the infrastructure required to deliver an acceptable level of basic municipal services is kept in good repair and upgraded, added to or replaced as needed.
  - **Strategy:** Review the Town's functions to make sure the needed infrastructure is in place for the best balance of efficiency, cost-efficiency and effectiveness in operation.



## Strategic Focus Areas and Goals

### Economic Opportunity

- We will cultivate a strong local economy that consistently provides new and different ways for our citizens to earn a good living.
  - **Attract Growth and Development:** We will attract business enterprise and economic activity that provides good jobs for our citizens while preserving our community's values.
    - **Strategy:** Play a leadership role in ensuring adequate serviced land is available to support the economic and community goals for Three Hills and region.



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## Strategic Focus 2005-2007

“Using synergistic processes, we will realign the core systems of our business focus in order to migrate the white spaces of our self-directed vision for excellence into a global 360° environment that transcends mission-critical customer service and captures broad streams of distributed potentialities.”



1995 - \$2 million

2005 – \$2.5 million more



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Alberta Urban Municipalities Organization  
**Municipal Sustainability Planning**

- Summit June 2005 “What is it?”
- Cochrane *Guidebook*
- Dimensions of Sustainability
- Community driven
- Strategic Focus touched upon, but gaps
- Urban Systems, AMA Muni Sponsor, ND



## Tuesday Night



## What do we hope to achieve with Sustainability Planning?

- Public Engagement
- Shared Vision
- Concrete and Specific Plans



## What was different for us about Sustainability Planning?

- Community Based Process
  - Citizens Steering Committee
  - Public Consultation
- Structure of 5 Dimensions
- Comprehensive and Integrated Plans