

Municipalities Seeking Viability



TOWN OF PONOKA



Key Challenges to Viability



- **Small community syndrome vs larger centres**
- **Human Resources – aging workforce & succession planning**
- **Capacity – need for annexation**
- **Finances – increased reliance on grant funding**
- **Environmental – changes to rules & regulations**

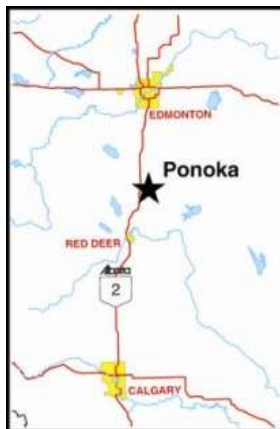


What Resources are Needed



- **Replacement/upgrading of aging facilities**
- **Policing**
- **Ambulance transfer**
- **Taxation Dollars**

Regional Concerns



- **Need to bring the Town to the Highway 2 corridor**
- **Regional Water Services**
- **Proximity to Hobbema**
- **Significant country/residential development**

The Future?



- **Need to identify other sources of funding**
- **Pursue annexation**
- **Positive view about the future of our town**

