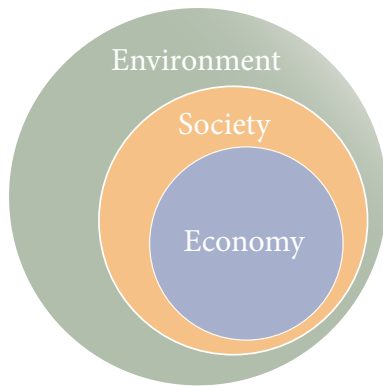


VALEMOUNT'S Integrated Community Sustainability Plan 2014

What is Sustainability?

Sustainability is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

A sustainable community is one with a robust resilient economy within a strong, equitable society, and living within a highly functioning natural environment.



Long-term Sustainability Objectives

1. To eliminate our part in creating socio-cultural and economic conditions that undermine people's ability to meet their basic needs.
2. To eliminate our part in the ongoing physical degradation of nature.
3. To eliminate our part in the ongoing build-up of synthetic materials.
4. To eliminate our part in the ongoing build-up of materials (fossil fuels-carbon, heavy metals) extracted from the earth's crust.

[For meanings and explanations of objectives see ICSP page 10]

Priorities for Success

Valemount has identified five priorities that provide a high-level description of what is important for a successful future for Valemount's community. With the *Long-term Sustainability Objectives*, these priorities can guide planning and decision making both day-to-day and for long-term strategic direction.

[For meanings and explanations of *Priorities for Success* see ICSP page 17]

Valemount's Priorities for Success

1. Enhancing the Valemount Experience
2. Growing Economic Opportunities
3. Strengthening Community Well Being
4. Protecting and Enhancing our Environment
5. Creating Success and Learning Together

Strategy Areas

Strategy Areas are aspects of community life that are critical to community success.

1. BUILDINGS AND SITES

The Building and Sites strategy addresses how the physical characteristics of buildings and sites keep the community inclusive, affordable, livable and sustainable. [ICSP Page 21]

2. COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL HEALTH

The Community and Individual Health Strategy Area is concerned with meeting residents' physical, mental, emotional, spiritual health through services, infrastructure, interactions, relationships and a strong community fabric. [ICSP Page 22]

3. ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

The Economic and Employment Strategy Area focuses on bringing in sufficient dollars into the community, and optimizing the impact of dollars within, in order to help support local services and attractive livelihoods. [ICSP Page 23]

4. EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Education and Culture Strategy Area covers all arts, culture, heritage, and education opportunities and the supporting of built and natural infrastructure, resources and delivery agents. [ICSP Page 24]

5. ENERGY

The Energy Strategy Area is concerned with meeting energy needs in an affordable, reliable and sustainable way. It focuses on provincial, regional and small district energy generation and delivery systems and management practices related to the community as a whole. [ICSP Page 25]

Desired Outcomes

The *Desired Outcomes* provide more detail on how the strategy areas of community life will look while supporting the *Priorities for Success* and *Sustainability Objectives*. [*Desired Outcomes* are listed with the *Strategy Areas* in the ICSP]

6. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The Food and Agriculture Strategy Area addresses how the community supports an affordable and reliable food system that nourishes residents' appetites, celebrations and culture. [ICSP Page 26]

7. LAND USE AND NATURAL AREAS

The Land Use and Natural Areas Strategy Area seeks to manage development in a way that maintains livability, natural areas, and economic development. The strategy addresses the locations, patterns and types of all physical development as well as the amount and timing of these developments. [ICSP Page 27]

8. RECREATION AND LEISURE

Recreation and Leisure Strategy Area addresses the development, delivery and management of recreation and leisure opportunities. The strategy includes outdoor and indoor recreation and leisure facilities, programs and initiatives. [ICSP Page 28]

9. RESOURCES, WASTE AND WATER

Resources, Waste and Water Strategy Area is concerned with the supply of high quality water, natural resources, and materials for appropriate uses while minimizing environmental impacts. [ICSP Page 29]

10. TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

The Transportation and Mobility strategy area is concerned with the ability of residents to access their daily needs and the movement of people and materials to, from and within a community in a more efficient and sustainable manner that is consistent with the community's nature. [ICSP Page 30]