

Integrated Community Sustainability Planning (ICSP) Toolkit

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Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties

- Established in 1909
- Represent rural municipalities in Alberta
 - Comprised of Alberta's 68 municipal districts and counties
- Advocate rural interests and priorities
- www.aamdc.com

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New Deal for Cities and Communities (Federal Gas Tax Transfer)

- May 2005 – NDCC signed between the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta

- 3 Components
 - Transfers money for infrastructure from the gas tax
 - Enables municipalities to have a voice in future programs
 - Supports integrating planning through its requirement for an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

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Integrated Community Sustainability Plans

- Long range plan with four dimensions
 - Environment
 - Economic
 - Social
 - Cultural
- Each is to be developed through public consultation
- Submission to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation by 2009

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ICSP Toolkit

- Objectives
 - Build community capacity by providing municipal governments with tools that will facilitate long-term, sustainable planning for their communities; and
 - Give municipal governments the tools required to access funds under the New Deal for Cities and Communities

- Principles
 - One size DOES NOT fit all
 - Partner Driven
 - AAMDC members
 - Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation
 - Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Results and process must make the best use of members' time

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ICSP Toolkit Vision

- Computer based
- Single source data entry
- Interactive
- Adaptable to needs of various sized communities
- Preformatted report templates
- Potential to consolidate reporting to Government of Alberta

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A Balanced Approach

- Provide Process to:
 - Set overall goals
 - Identify linkages to pillars of sustainability
 - Environment
 - Economic
 - Social
 - Cultural
 - Develop a living document

- Benefits:
 - Sustainable community
 - Holistic
 - Citizen focused

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- **AAMDC ICSP Toolkit
Demonstration**

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ICSP Toolkit Feedback

“The ICSP Toolkit provides focus for developing your ICSP by identifying the information to include. The tools provided to assist you are useful and informative.”

- Twila Bauman, Smoky Lake County

“The ICSP Toolkit gave us a means to summarize all of our community consultation and planning efforts into one, straight forward document. Once the data is entered, using the tool to do annual updates will be easy.”

- Neil Jamieson, Parkland County

“For rural communities to survive in Alberta they will have to build sustainability planning into all they do. This tool is a critical component of the survival effort.”

- Shawna Wallace, County of Stettler

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