

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM

Presented to: Mayor and Town Council

Presented by: Parks, Recreation, Facilities & Community Relations

Date: June 28, 2024

Subject: Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)
Progress Report



Agenda Item:

Meeting Date:

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The purpose of this report is to present the ICSP Progress Report for Council's review and approval. The Progress Report highlights achievements, ongoing initiatives, and future actions required to ensure the sustainable growth of the Town of Riverview.

BACKGROUND

In September 2015, the Town of Riverview adopted the [Integrated Community Sustainability Plan \(ICSP\)](#) developed by the Envision Riverview Committee. The plan aimed to guide policies and actions for the town's sustainable development. The ICSP identified 12 strategic priority areas and outlined specific actions to achieve success in each area that were intended to be undertaken by various community stakeholders.

Eight years later, the newly formed Community Engagement team conducted a comprehensive review to assess the progress made, identify areas needing further attention, and recommend future actions. The ICSP Progress Report highlights significant achievements and ongoing efforts across the 12 priority areas:

1. Built Infrastructure – Complete Neighbourhoods
(5 complete, 2 in-progress, 1 incomplete)
2. Culture & Arts – Creating Connections through Diversity & Art
(3 complete, 1 in-progress, 1 incomplete)
3. Education – Lifelong Learning
(3 complete, 0 in-progress, 0 incomplete)
4. Energy – Investing in a Cleaner Tomorrow
(3 complete, 1 in-progress, 6 incomplete)
5. Health & Wellness - Bringing Vitality to Residents
(4 complete, 0 in-progress, 0 incomplete)
6. Local Economy – Developing a Thriving Community
(4 complete, 0 in-progress, 2 incomplete)

7. Local Food – Growing a Healthy Community
(5 complete, 0 in-progress, 3 incomplete)
8. Nature – Protecting & Celebrating the Ecosystem
(6 complete, 0 in-progress, 1 incomplete)
9. Recreation & Leisure – Playing in the Community
(2 complete, 0 in-progress, 1 incomplete)
10. Transportation – Healthy, Affordable, & Convenient
(5 complete, 1 in-progress, 1 incomplete)
11. Waste Management – Reducing Negative Impact of Waste
(3 complete, 0 in-progress, 4 incomplete)
12. Water Management - Maintaining a Healthy System
(2 complete, 1 in-progress, 3 incomplete)

FUTURE ACTIONS:

To continue moving towards sustainability, the Community Engagement team recommends focusing on the following areas:

1. Energy Reduction:
 - Finalize and implement the Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP).
 - Create a Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan.
 - Develop an EV Charging Station Plan.
2. Food Security & Literacy:
 - Prioritize local food and healthy eating initiatives.
 - Establish a community garden in the west side of Riverview.
3. Nature – Biodiversity & Habitat Protection:
 - Continue conservation efforts and public education.
 - Develop a conservation policy for tree preservation.
4. Transportation – Healthy, Affordable & Convenient:
 - Enhance the Active Transportation Plan.
 - Improve public transportation services.
5. Waste Reduction:
 - Promote waste separation and reduction.
 - Implement a strategy to reduce waste from municipal operations.

The ICSP Progress Report demonstrates substantial progress in achieving the vision outlined in the ICSP. However, ongoing efforts and new initiatives are essential to ensure continued sustainable development. Approval of the report and the recommended future actions will help solidify the Town’s commitment to sustainability and achieve long-term community benefits.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal: N/A

Financial: The endorsed plan guides staff effort, which is an indirect cost associated with the *General Operating Fund*. Further, the future actions would guide the Sustainability Microgrant Program (currently established at \$20,000 per year).

Policy: The ICSP Progress Update has integrations to other plans and policies, including: Procurement Policy, Municipal Development Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan.

Stakeholders: Residents, Town Departments and Strategic Partners

Strategic Plan: Building a Sustainable Community - Riverview plans, builds, and maintains public infrastructure to sustain it for today and future generations. And it establishes policies, practices and programs that focus on the sustainability of the community and environment we operate in.

Communication Plan: the ICSP Progress Report (2024) will replace the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (2015) on the Town's website and guides future education campaigns in several strategic areas.

Recommendation of Staff – Staff recommend that Riverview Town Council approve the ICSP Progress Report and endorse the plan's recommended future actions.