



## Radisson Sustainable Community Plan: Engagement Summary

### Overview:

The Town of Radisson is in the process of developing a Sustainable Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, and community engagement has played a key role in shaping the community's vision. Through a community-wide survey, series of focus groups and a community-wide meeting, we gathered insights from diverse groups, ensuring that differing voices are represented.

### Engagement Highlights:

- **Community Survey** (August-September, 2024)

The survey received feedback from 22 respondents on key community priorities, such as infrastructure, housing, and economic development. Respondents highlighted the need for a new community hall, better roads, affordable housing options, and support for local businesses. Participants suggested that improving road maintenance and increasing affordable housing could attract more folks to the area.

- **Seniors Focus Group** (June 27, 2024)

19 seniors provided important insights on themes such as accessibility, healthcare, and transportation. Key takeaways included the need for improved medical services, transportation for seniors, and safe, accessible public spaces. An example of this was the call for shared medical services with neighbouring communities to enhance healthcare options, and senior-friendly transportation services.

- **Business Focus Group** (September 12, 2024)

7 business owners discussed opportunities for economic growth, infrastructure improvements, and strategies to enhance the local business environment. For example, participants suggested establishing a local business directory and offering incentives for new businesses to set up in Radisson, particularly those that could revitalize the downtown area.

- **Youth Engagement** (October 15, 2024)

The youth focus group had an exciting turnout, with about 30 youth attending to join the pizza party and share their ideas for Radisson's future. Their focus was on recreational spaces, environmental sustainability, and the increase of more youth-friendly services. This included an appreciation for existing amenities and services, such as the rink, Wally's General



*Our Youth Focus Group was Exciting!*



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Store, and the library. They also expressed a desire for more parks, a skate park, and sustainable initiatives like community gardens.

- **Community-Wide Forum** (October 19, 2024)

Approximately 30 community members participated in collaborative discussions on Radisson's shared community values and hopes for the future. Some of the values included Community-Centred, Inclusive, Evolving and Honouring. As part of hope-setting there was an emphasis on the need for improved infrastructure, housing, healthcare, and environmental sustainability.



*Radisson's Community Forum in Action*



*Our Current Councillor/Incoming Mayor and Forum's Big Door Prize Winner!*

Participants shared many thoughts on these, identifying key priorities including the importance of developing a variety of affordable housing, improving public transportation and daycare access, and investing in a community hall and emergency services.

### Next Steps:

As we move forward, we are transitioning into the drafting phase of the Sustainable Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. This will involve incorporating the valuable insights gathered from the community while following-up with additional key stakeholders, including First Nations in the region. Our goal is to ensure a diverse range of voices contribute to creating a strategic framework that aligns with Radisson's long-term objectives for sustainable development.

We are excited about the progress made and look forward to continued collaboration with Radisson as we shape the future together!

- **Community Open House** (March 19, 2025)

Once the draft bylaws were ready, we held a Community Open House and put all the maps on the wall in Council Chambers along with copies of the draft bylaws so that everyone could view and ask questions in an informal setting. Twenty-one (21) residents came and there were lots of good questions and discussions. Several residents requested a copy of the full draft bylaws via email to



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them and that was done the next day. We were encouraged by the high level of interest and participation!

- Community Information Meeting (June 4<sup>th</sup>)

Community residents asked for more information on the R2 Zoning and its location as well as more information on the CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund Project. Sixty-one (61) residents attended. The Mayor welcomed everyone. The Administrator gave a presentation on a large screen and explained the permitted uses in the R2 Zone and displayed the proposed Zoning Map, highlighting the locations for the R2 zones. There was a lengthy question and answer period, and the meeting ended on a positive note.