

Sustainable Planning and Development for Small Communities Workshop

Developed and Delivered as a partnership between MCDP, Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Ministry of Education



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Workshop Overview

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of both the present and the future through visioning and sound planning. In big cities, the need for sustainable planning and development is fairly obvious: as populations grow and infrastructure ages, costs climb and resources become scarcer.

Sustainable development is every bit as important in smaller municipalities. In fact, it is precisely the abundance of natural resources, fresh water and open spaces that should be preserved even as small communities deal with rising costs and demographic change or growth.

Based on a report published in 2002 entitled *Practices for Sustainable Communities*, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) with help from the Municipal Capacity Development Program has created *Sustainable Planning and Development for Small Communities* - a workshop specifically for municipal decision makers engaged in community planning and development.

Covering a wide range of topics - from managing infrastructure to policy development and public participation -- the workshop includes numerous examples from the experience of Saskatchewan and Canadian communities and gives participants an opportunity to explore possible approaches suited to their local needs. Terry White, the Canadian representative for the Low Energy Network, will also discuss Sustainable Energy Projects in Saskatchewan.

2010 Workshops

October 21, 2010 - Watson Civic Centre, Watson, SK

Thank-you to everyone who was able to attend the 2010 Sustainable Planning Workshop for Small Communities that was held in Watson, SK! It was a great turnout! Once again, we'd like to thank CMHC for their continuous partnership in making these workshops a successful learning tool for municipalities across our province. We look forward to delivering more across the province in 2011.

2009 Workshops

Thank you very much to all whom attended the Sustainable Planning and Development for Small Communities workshop held November 2009 in Assiniboia. We would also like to thank CMHC for their continuous partnership in making this workshop a success. We had an excellent turn out and look forward to delivering others across the province in 2010.

2008 Workshops

Thank you very much to all whom attended the Sustainable Planning and Development for Small Communities workshops held November 2008 in Estevan and Nipawin. We would also like to thank our partners CMHC, SARM and SUMA for making both of the events a success. We had an excellent turn out for both workshops and look forward to delivering others across the province in 2009.