

## Public Consultation Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Location: Crowsnest Pass (Blairmore)</b>	
<b>Date: May 9, 2007</b>	
<b>Start and end time: 6:00 – 8:30pm</b>	
<b>Number of Attendees from the Public: 11</b>	
<b>Community Features Identified</b>	<b>Recommendations from Community</b>
<p><b>Social and Cultural</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mining history</b> – major bond for community</li> <li>• <b>Small town culture; family oriented</b></li> <li>• <b>Collaborative towns</b> – each town in pass is unique and collaborates with others</li> <li>• <b>Multicultural</b></li> <li>• <b>Performing arts</b> – music, dance; longest standing amateur symphony in Alberta, mentoring program</li> <li>• <b>Recreation</b> – ski hill, 2 arenas, pool, golf course, fishing, hunting, 1200 miles multi-use trails, 800 campsites within 60 mile radius</li> <li>• <b>“Thunder in the Valley”</b> – very popular annual fireworks festival</li> <li>• <b>Service clubs</b> – Legions, Elks, Shriners, Lions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community would welcome new green development as a way to continue to attract people (families in particular) and keep youth</li> <li>• Want to attract growth and development that will sustain small town community values</li> </ul>
<p><b>Economic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tourism</b> – community actively seeking resort developments; increasingly popular as a tourist and recreation property destination</li> <li>• <b>Retirement Community</b> – large population of retirees</li> <li>• <b>Mining</b> – significant employer</li> <li>• <b>Recreation</b> – fishing, hunting, skiing, trails – all are key to attracting and keeping people in the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the use of abandoned mines for geothermal energy</li> <li>• Consider solar energy development</li> <li>• Consider using methane from landfills or feedlots</li> <li>• Work in collaboration with Crowsnest corridor and other economic development regions in the province</li> <li>• Investigate options for green project development in partnership with private businesses – don't wait for government to make it happen</li> <li>• Local council and economic development should seek opportunities</li> <li>• Consider the Okotoks model for a passive solar and geothermal subdivision</li> <li>• Provide information about green energy development, grants, residential use</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environment and Land Use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Best water</b> – known for very high water quality</li> <li>• <b>Clean air, quiet</b> – accustomed to trains; other noise is minimal</li> <li>• <b>Scenic views</b> – valuable, treasured feature of the region</li> <li>• <b>Wildlife</b> – 400 species of birds; migration area for eagles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development will need to protect the clean air, high water quality and the outstanding views in the region</li> <li>• Community could be a leader in conservation and recycling – a complementary approach to green growth development</li> <li>• Invite corporate environmental leaders so that they buy into community priorities</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recreation trails</b> – Crowsnest Pass Quad Squad – leaders in environmental stewardship</li> <li>• <b>Land use bylaws</b> – need to ensure they are enforced to protect community features</li> <li>• <b>Former mining areas</b> – some areas may require reclamation before being redeveloped</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other Issues Raised</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need clear, objective information about alternative energy, conservation, options and implications</li> <li>• Consider the full lifecycle of “green” products e.g. disposal of fluorescent bulbs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider results of Crowsnest Conservation Society's recent report</li> </ul>