

BLACKFALDS INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

2019 Public Consultation

Survey Results



Survey Overview

From October 10, 2019 (6:30 pm) through October 29, 2019 (11:59 pm) Lacombe County & the Town of Blackfalds conducted a survey to establish a clear and shared vision for future development on lands within the *Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan*. The results of the survey will assist in updating the *Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan*, in order to reflect the community's current vision.

On October 10, 2019, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Lacombe County & the Town of Blackfalds held a public meeting at the Blackfalds Community Centre with approximately 10 attendees. During this meeting, attendees listened to a presentation by County staff about the draft plan, followed by a question and answer period. The paper copy survey was circulated to attendees at the public meeting.

The electronic survey was completed using the software tool Survey Monkey.

A total of 14 survey responses were received.

Collector:	# Responses:
Survey (Paper Copy):	1
Survey (Online):	13

The information contained in this booklet is intended to give the public an overview of survey results from all collection methods. Closed-ended responses were used to generate the graphs, and open-ended text responses are outlined verbatim, with all personal identifying information removed.

Have a question about the survey results?
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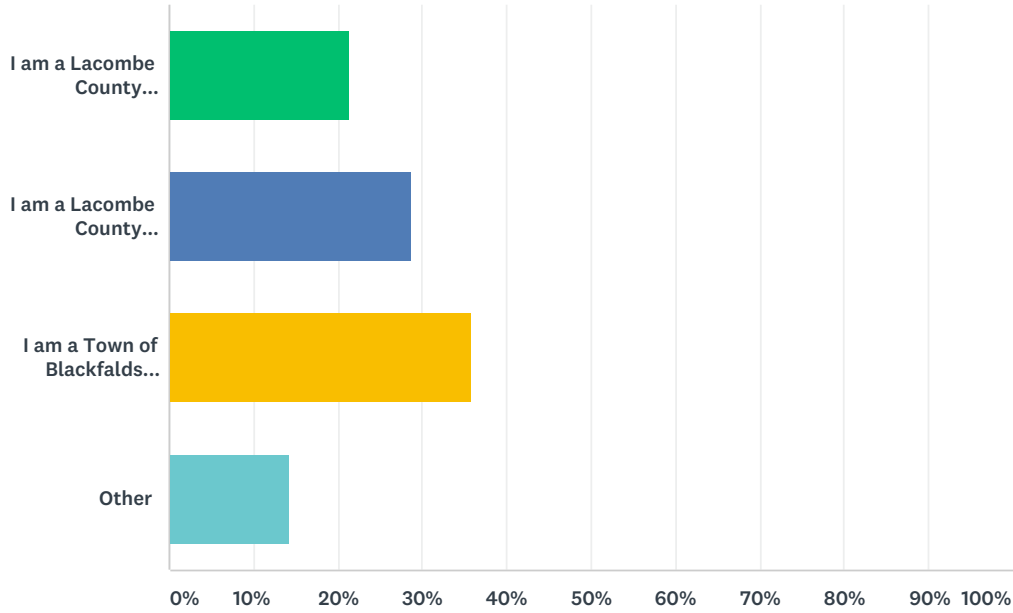


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Disclaimer: The data is reported in aggregate form and no personal identifying information was tracked by the County. The responses remain completely anonymous.

Q1 Please choose the statement that best reflects you.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a Lacombe County landowner, inside the plan area.	21.43%	3
I am a Lacombe County landowner, outside the plan area.	28.57%	4
I am a Town of Blackfalds landowner.	35.71%	5
Other	14.29%	2
TOTAL		14

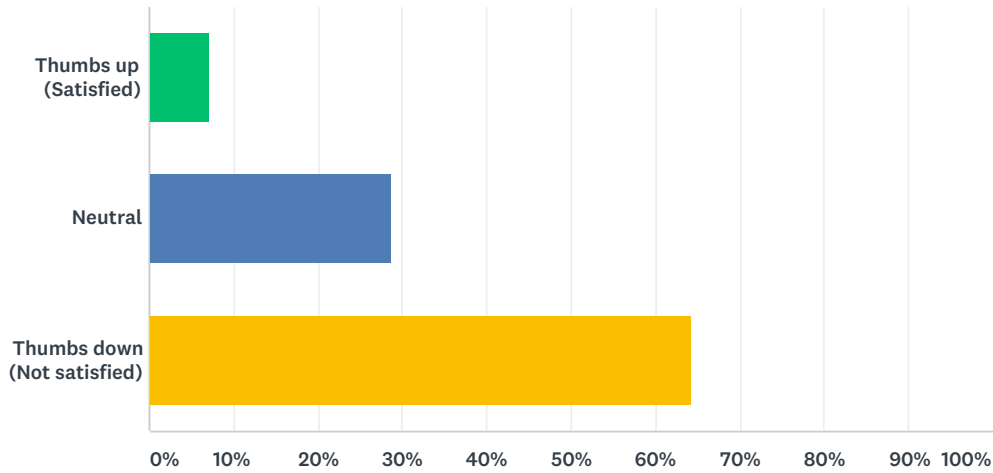
OTHER

I rent in blackfalds

General public

Q2 The draft Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan reflects my vision for the plan area.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Thumbs up (Satisfied)	7.14%	1
Neutral	28.57%	4
Thumbs down (Not satisfied)	64.29%	9
TOTAL		14

Q3 What about the draft Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan interests you? Please explain.

Answered: 9 Skipped: 5

RESPONSES

Too much good farm land is being included in the plans. The town is to spread out. Poor engineering.

The town's boundaries for future growth, industrial and commercial areas on Map 2 Future Land Use Concept, Environmental Management, recreation and open space

Stormwater discharge a concern

Limited area for long-term growth for the town. Don't support future residential zoning along Hwy 2A.

Concern for maintaining the health of Lacombe Lake.

Nothing. We could spend the money a better way.

Nothing

Nothing

Nothing

Q4 Do you have any comments or outstanding issues that you feel have not been addressed regarding the draft Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan? Please explain.

Answered: 7 Skipped: 7

RESPONSES

As above - too much farm land - good for crops and animal production - is being included in this plan. This can NOT be replaced if used.

On page 12, 2.3.2 no. 7, the draft report said one of its plan objectives is to cooperate in the preservation & protection of natural environment & wherever feasible integrating these areas with future development. On map 2 there are industrial areas around Lacombe Lake. I feel having an industrial area by rural residential with a buffer area would decrease the value of the rural residents. Also, depending what the business is it might be harmful for Lacombe Lake. The zoning of industrial areas around the lake puts the health of the lake at risk and the wildlife. There is an opportunity to keep the area around Lacombe Lake and Blackfalds Lake as green space and natural areas for all to enjoy. On Map 2 there is no green space, natural area or green reserve around or near Blackfalds Lake. A great opportunity to provide a natural area for people to go to and preserving the land around the lake to keep it healthy. If the land around the lakes is good agricultural land it should be used for agricultural purposes. I have reservations having the Town of Blackfalds and Lacombe County sharing lake boundaries. How will the county resolve possible lake issue like water quality or new development between lakeside residents and the Town of Blackfalds? If the area indicated on the Map of the future town limits includes part of the lakes, does the town need to work with the county when developing around the lakes within its town limits? Lacombe Lake and Blackfalds Lake should stay in Lacombe County's boundaries. The town limits should not pass Range RR 40-0 for Lacombe Lake and Range RR 270 for Blackfalds Lake. It would reduce possible tension between rural and urban residents, having large green space around the lakes would help keep the lakes healthy, give wildlife a place to live as urban sprawl spreads in the area. There are many studies and reports that show green spaces improve people's mental and physical health. It would be great if you could connect Blackfalds Lake, Lacombe Lake and the green buffer area around the Blindman River by extending the Great Trail bike system.

Why is stormwater going into Lacombe Lake? Risk of contamination - Goldfish a big concern

Lacombe Lake receives its water from groundwater from the South. I am concerned that this area has been designated not just for development but INDUSTRIAL development.

Stop wasting money

We need an area for a seniors only splash park

Why is the plan going on both sides if a main highway with only one overpass. This overpass is congested at times already.

Q5 Is there anything else you'd like to share? Please explain.

Answered: 6 Skipped: 8

RESPONSES

Still concerned where all the storm or other water will be possible to soak into the land - allowing filtration NOT flowing straight into the lakes, eg Lacombe Lake Putting a bridge back over the Blindman River where the walking trail crosses is an alternate emergency crossing for the 2A Highway as it is now. Still nothing done with the eye sore in the personal identifying information removed farm. Dead trees, mud banks, etc

Thank you for the having the survey online and the opportunity to give a response to Blackfalds IDP.

Rethink direct stormwater discharge into Lake water transfer already occurs subsurface Not environmentally friendly to proceed cannot control with 100% certainty

Blackfalds has so far shown very little concern for environmental responsibility. It would be a very bad idea to give them ultimate control over the future of what is, at present, a healthy lake.

This doesn't work

Surveys are not statistically accurate. Go talk to people.