

Community Profile

Municipal/County Name	Champion	Contact Name	Derek Kwiatkowski
		Email	cao@villageofchampion.ca
Date	June 2024	Phone Number	403-897-3833

About your community

What specific sectors are you most competitive for and why? (Please provide examples)

1. Agriculture Supports/Services- with farmland surrounding the village, there are services such as mechanics within the municipality to provide support. This is an area of opportunity as well.
2. Tourism- with Little Bow Reservoir just minutes away, this village sees visitors to the area coming into town for groceries, ice cream, and other amenities. This is also an area of opportunity

Who are the major employers in your region? (Top 3-5 major companies/employers)

Nas Mechanical, Palliser School

Are there major transport access (road, rail, air) in and around your area?

Road: Highway 23 (N/S) corridor helps connect the village to Lethbridge and Calgary.
 Rail: CPR mainline runs through the village with potential options to connect in.
 Airport: Vulcan airport is the nearest municipal with international located in Calgary.
 Highway 23 & CPKR Rail is adjacent to Village

Speed of Doing Business

What are the permitting & zoning timelines?

Permitted: < 1 week Discretionary: < 1 month

How often are zoning laws or permitting regulations updated, and how would we stay informed about any changes?

Periodically. Request to Council for higher frequency of communication.

Who is the best person to contact for updates on pending permits?

cao@villageofchampion.ca

Are there any special permits or variances available for projects that don't fully comply with zoning regulations?

No

Are there any restrictions on the type or size of the project based on zoning laws? (i.e., building height, power, water, etc.)

Typically standards.

Talent

What does your talent pipeline look like? How do you attract and retain talent? (in your community or from within the region/neighbouring municipalities etc.)

Champion is a small village so will rely on recruiting workers from the larger rural area and towns like Vulcan. Affordable housing and the elevated level of community involvement will give people an opportunity to become engaged with the village.

Is there access to post-secondary or training programs offered? (either in or around your region?)

The nearest post-secondary is in Lethbridge. Vulcan (15 minutes away) does offer some training programs as well as Nanton and Claresholm.

What are some notable stats about the local/regional workforce?

Alberta Regional Dashboard: With a labour force of 105 people and a participation rate of 49%, and unemployment rate of 14%, there is opportunity to connect with youth and underemployed parents.

Stats Canada 2021 Census: 57% of the population is between ages 15-64 with an average age of 47.2.

ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) + DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) ESG compliance and disclosure are top drivers of investor trust as there is a growing awareness that communities, companies, government etc. have the responsibility and resources to accomplish positive climate action and build a more sustainable and resilient future.

What are the environmental, sustainability or emission reduction initiatives in your community?

With a strong commitment to upgrading infrastructure to become more efficient, the village is exploring options for renewable energy and water management.

What are the DEI initiatives in your community?

Equity has been naturally occurring with two-thirds of the municipalities administration being female.
FCSS provides dedicated support for different ethnicities and cultures that may call Champion home.

Investment Opportunities and Other

Are there any other aspects that make your community unique?

At the core of this community lies a vibrant spirit of volunteerism, with non-profit groups overseeing essential facilities like the pool and library. While the village covers capital costs, the day-to-day operations are skillfully managed by robust service clubs and groups. This collaborative effort not only ensures the smooth functioning of these amenities but also fosters an exceptionally keen sense of community and pride among the residents.

Are there any investment opportunities in your region? Projects, Sites etc. (Include any maps or attachment of files, or links to websites etc.)

No