

Community Profile

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About your community			
What specific sectors are you most competitive for and why? (Please provide examples)			
 Agriculture and support services- with an abundance of farmland surrounding the community, services to support that sector located in Arrowwood. Oil and Gas- a great place for people to live that work in the sector in the area. Tourism- this emerging sector is gaining traction due to the proximity to Aspen Crossing where camping and "train style" entertainment is top notch. Cultural tourism is also expanding due to the proximity of the Siksika Nation that is adjacent to the municipality. 			
Who are the major employers in your region? (Top 3-5 major companies/employers)			
Schooten's Feedlots, Arrowwood Co-op, Kodiak Mint/Emerald Farms, Volker Stevin			
Are there major transport access (road, rail, air) in and around your area?			
With easy access to Highway 1 via highway 547 and 542, road transport is quite accessible. No rail or air.			
Speed of Doing Business			
What are the permitting & zoning timelines?			
Including appeal timeframes: permitted 21 days, discretionary is 26 days.			
How often are zoning laws or permitting regulations updated, and how would we stay informed about any changes?			
Not regularly updated, possibly on an as needed basis. Phoning the office to inquire			



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

CAO Nikki Holloway

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

Our Municipal Planning Commission takes these on a case-by-case basis for approval/denial

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

MPC committee will look at potential discrepancies with restrictions and make decisions

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.)

The community has a population of 189 people that are largely youth and retirees, so labour must come from neighbouring communities and the rural area. With low lot prices for new home construction that are large in size, affordability helps attract talent.

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

Calgary and Lethbridge have post-secondary institutions. Okotoks (which is only 45 minutes away) has a satellite campus for Bow Valley College as well.

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

Alberta Regional Dashboard: low unemployment rate and increased participation in apprenticeship program.

Stats Can Census 2021: 59.5% of the population is between 14-64 with the average age of citizen being 40.4. Mix of skilled and unskilled workers and strong population of retirees.

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.

InvestAlberta

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

Wetland management, tree planting program, as well as exploring the use of renewable energy are all projects being undertaken by the council. In addition, they operate a community recycling program.

What are the DEI initiatives in your community?

Being inclusive has held a strong history in the community due to the relationship with the indigenous of the neighbouring Siksika nation. Signage is being erected in Blackfoot to further the reconciliation aspect of the municipality. ESL lessons are taught in the library, and the schools are diverse with approximately 1/3 being indigenous, 1/3 being new low German Mennonite families, and 1/3 being residents of the town. Diversity and inclusion have occurred organically and now the municipality is looking at ways to ensure it remains an inclusive environment.

Investment Opportunities and Other

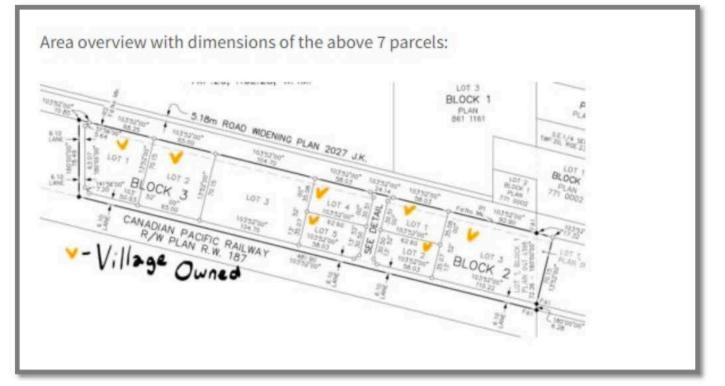
Are there any other aspects that make your community unique?

Arrowwood isn't just a destination; it's a place to find your way home. Whether you're seeking solace in the tranquility of rural life or forging connections within a community that cares, Arrowwood offers a sense of homecoming. Amidst its scenic landscapes and friendly faces, you'll discover the comforting feeling of belonging that makes Arrowwood truly special.

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

"We have a non-residential subdivision that is currently being developed. https://villageofarrowwood.ca/investment-opportunities/non-residential/"

7 Commercial Lots for Sale:



14 Residential Lots for Sale:

