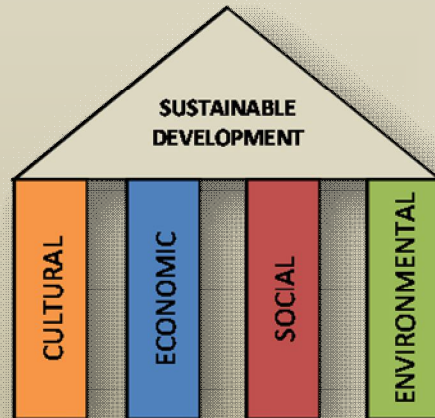


Sustainable development is the global use of resources to meet our present needs without damaging the ability of future generations to meet their needs.



We want to understand the issues and values that shape our communities so we can set immediate priorities for community development and investment.

We also want to understand how our actions now impact the future of our communities, and what we need to do to ensure that we can meet our own needs and those of our children in 2030.

We want to create a vision of a sustainable future for our communities – what will the Municipality of the District of Shelburne look like in 2030?



How do I get involved?

Watch for opportunities to participate and fill in the survey on the ICSP page at

www.municipalityofshelburne.ca

We also need volunteers to help us with the community engagement process. For more information contact Emily Tipton:

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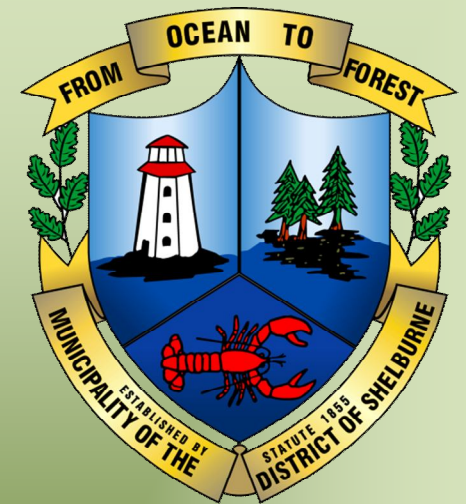
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Integrated Community Sustainability Plan



Building a Sustainable Future
Today!



What is an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)?

An ICSP is a long term (20 to 50 year) plan for communities to make sure we are making the right investments today to ensure our community is healthy and sustainable economically, socially, environmentally and culturally for our children in years to come.

Why do we need an ICSP?

Communities across the Country are required to develop an ICSP by 2010 as a key requirement of the Federal Gas Tax Agreement and the Municipal Funding Agreement with the Nova Scotia government.

We want to use this as an opportunity to put a long term strategic plan in place to ensure a healthy, sustainable community and improve the quality of life of all our residents.

The federal government wants to invest money in projects that deliver cleaner air, cleaner water and reduced greenhouse gases. By taking a big picture, long term approach to the planning process, we can balance the environmental goals of the federal government with the social, economic and cultural development needs of our community and ensure access to funding for our community development efforts.



Not just about the environment...

It is important to remember that sustainability is about balance. In the media, emphasis is often placed on the environment, and environmental concerns do play an integral role in sustainability planning.

However, for communities, sustainability is about balancing the issues and our investments so we can preserve the environment for future generations while finding solutions to our current economic, social and cultural challenges.

We need to invest in our communities now to ensure we can face the challenges of the future. We need a plan to understand where we are...and where we want to be.



The Planning Process

The ICSP will be developed between now and March 2010. The planning process will bring together people, businesses and community groups to determine the desired future for our communities, and a plan for how to achieve it.

The process will include developing a vision and identifying the key issues and priorities for the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. We will then work to develop goals, and actions to achieve these goals. We will also clearly define benefits to the community and measurable indicators to compare where we are with our vision and where we hope to be.

Community Engagement

The planning process will require a high level of community involvement. Community engagement exercises will be conducted over the next 12 months to ensure the ICSP reflects the values of the residents and addresses the sustainability issues they face.

Contact us with ideas about sustainability and to find out more about how to be involved in the planning process. We are looking for volunteers to help with a wide variety of tasks related to the community engagement and planning processes.