TAKING THE PULSE OF OUR COMMUNITY
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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities, it is my pleasure to present the 2019 Vital Signs Report. This report builds on the previous Vital Signs reports that were completed in 2009 and 2014. The purpose of this report is a snapshot of the Boundary Communities that highlights 9 key areas of interest. The Vital Signs Advisory Committee has engaged the citizens of the Boundary with an online survey and attended various events over several months. In addition, research was conducted on the 9 key areas of interest.

Moving forward, the Phoenix Foundation will use this report to inform its granting decisions. It is also hoped that it will spark discussions and influence the decisions of grant recipients, non-profits, community groups, service clubs and all levels of government, with the intent of benefiting the residents of the Boundary.

I wish to thank those who have provided financial and in-kind contributions as well as those who completed the survey.

Please take the time to read this report; let it spur you into action, to improve the quality of life for all those who reside in the Boundary.

Gary Smith, President,
Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities

THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION

In 1997, the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities was created and is a member of the Community Foundations of Canada. The Phoenix Foundation was established as a reflection of the great values that individuals, families and businesses place on the Boundary area, its heritage, its people and its communities. Since its inception, the Phoenix Foundation has been dedicated to making the Boundary a better place to live, work, raise families and age gracefully. The Phoenix Foundation has granted more than $600,000 to local organizations, groups and individuals for the purpose of building a better Boundary. The Foundation also gives money through scholarships, agency endowments and donor directed funds.

ABOUT VITAL SIGNS

Vital Signs® is a national program led by local community foundations and coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada that leverages local knowledge to measure the vitality of our communities and supports action towards improving our quality of life.

communityfoundations.ca/vitalsigns
RESEARCH AND DATA

Intended as a periodic checkup, Vital Signs provides a snapshot of our communities’ vitality; gives clarity around the current, potential and perceived issues facing residents; and identifies opportunities for action. This report builds on the 2009 and 2014 Boundary Communities Vital Signs reports. Most figures have been rounded to the nearest percentage; therefore, some figures may add up to 99% or 101%. The number of respondents for each question ranges from 348 to 452. In cases, where the data mentions Area E it includes Big White.

DATA PROVIDED BY:

- BC Assessment 2016
- BC Housing 2016
- BC Ministry of Education 2016
- BC Surgical wait times 2016
- BC Plant zone hardiness
- Boundary and Communities’ Vital Signs 2014
- Civic Info BC
- Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute
- Elections BC
- Elections Canada
- Grand Forks Local Health Authority Life Expectancy
- Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District
- Regional District Kootenay Boundary
- Stats Canada
- Whispers of Hope
- Vital Signs Canada

SURVEY

The community survey was online from June to September 2019. This survey was developed with input from the Advisory Committee and Project Coordinator. The community survey resulted in identifying the 9 key areas of focus, which are listed in the report in order of importance based on the survey respondents.

PROFILE OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Of the 452 survey respondents:

- **Grand Forks**: 48%
- **Rural Grand Forks (Area D)**: 21%
- **Christina Lake**: 14%
- **Greenwood**: 4%
- **Midway**: 6%
- **Beaverdell**: 1%
- **Westbridge**: 1%
- **Bridesville**: 1%
- **Rock Creek**: 4%
- **Other**: 4%
## Profile of Community Respondents

**Gender**
- 69% Female
- 28% Male
- 1% Non-binary
- 2% Prefer not to say

**Identify as Indigenous**
- 7% (First Nations, Metis, Inuit)

**Age**
- 3% Under 18
- 2% 19–24
- 8% 25–34
- 16% 35–44
- 20% 45–54
- 23% 55–64
- 27% Over 65
- 1% Prefer not to say

**Length of Residency**
- 2% Less than 1 year
- 18% 1–5 years
- 15% 6–10 years
- 17% 11–16 years
- 48% More than 17 years

**Marital Status**
- 55% Married
- 17% Single
- 15% Common Law
- 6% Divorced
- 4% Separated
- 4% Prefer not to say

“I WAS IMPRESSED BY HOW RESIDENTS AND NON-PROFITS IN THE CITY CARED ABOUT ITS LESS-FORTUNATE RESIDENTS.”

Community Survey respondent
UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS & VITAL SIGNS

THE GRASSROOTS APPROACH OF VITAL SIGNS IS TO COLLECT DATA, SPARK CONVERSATION AND INSPIRE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. IT OFFERS A UNIQUE TOOL TO BENCHMARK THE PROGRESS OF WELL-BEING IN COMMUNITIES AGAINST A SET OF GLOBAL TARGETS.
BASED ON OVER 450 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONDENTS, OUR FINDINGS ACROSS THE 9 ISSUE AREAS OF THIS REPORT ARE, IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:


2014 PRIORITY LIST

Work and Earnings
Health and Wellness
Gap between rich and poor
Arts and Culture
Housing
Transportation
Learning
Belonging and Leadership
Environment
Safety
Food Security
ABOUT THE BOUNDARY

THE BOUNDARY IS A 7,000 SQUARE KILOMETRE REGION NESTLED BETWEEN THE OKANAGAN VALLEY ON THE WESTERN SIDE AND THE WEST KOOTENAYS ON THE EASTERN SIDE, SITTING ON THE CANADA-U.S. BORDER.

3 MUNICIPALITIES
Grand Forks, Greenwood, and Midway

3 ELECTORAL AREAS
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY
Area D: Rural Grand Forks,
Area E: Rock Creek, Westbridge, Bridesville and Beaverdell
Area C: Christina Lake

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9 UNIQUE COMMUNITIES
There are nine individual communities across Kootenay Boundary, each with its own history, lore, vibrancy, and concerns.
THE REGION IS BOUND BY THE KETTLE RIVER, WHICH FLOWS 280 KILOMETRES FROM ITS SOURCE IN THE MONASHEE MOUNTAINS. THE KETTLE AND GRANBY RIVERS JOIN IN GRAND FORKS, THEN FLOW INTO CHRISTINA LAKE.

IDENTIFY AS A VISIBLE MINORITY

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POPULATION STRUCTURE

- 89% ENGLISH
- 3% GERMAN
- 1% FRENCH
- 7% SPLIT BETWEEN ITALIAN, TAGALOG, PUNJABI, CHINESE AND SPANISH

FAMILY TYPES

IN 2016, THE BOUNDARY HAD MORE FAMILIES LED BY 2 PARENTS THAN THE PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL AVERAGES.

- 11% SINGLE PARENT FAMILY
- 15% BC
- 16% CANADA

PLACE OF BIRTH

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WHEN WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY BY VOLUNTEERING, VOTING, OR PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY EVENTS, WE FEEL MORE CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY AND EACH OTHER.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

WHY DID YOU MOVE TO THE BOUNDARY REGION?

- 20% Lifestyle
- 17% To be near family and friends
- 15% For a job opportunity
- 10% Followed a spouse/partner
- 10% Have always lived here
- 9% Were born here, moved away and came back
- 8% For the natural environment
- 5% For the cost of living
- 6% Other suggestions included: recreational, arts and culture, a combination of all or some of the above

79% agree or strongly agree that they belong and are accepted by the community

16% would consider leaving the boundary, reasons include: employment opportunities, closer to family, lack of housing, medical health care

55% felt they have the opportunity to take part in and influence community decisions

Survey respondents were able to select multiple options for this question.
VOTER TURNOUT

- Grand Forks: 53% Municipal 2014, 70% Municipal 2018
- Greenwood: 49% Municipal 2014, 60% Municipal 2018
- Midway: 45% Municipal 2014, 48% Municipal 2018

Area C, D and E candidates were all acclaimed in 2018.

SENSE OF BELONGING (2015/2016)

- Of the Kootenay Boundary Hospital Region population 12 years & over felt a strong and somewhat strong sense of belonging: 71% BC, 68% Canada
- Of the Kootenay Boundary Hospital Region population from age 12 to 17 years felt a strong and somewhat strong sense of belonging: 85% BC, 84% Canada
- Of the Kootenay Boundary Hospital Region population 65 years and over felt a strong and somewhat strong sense of belonging: 77% BC, 74% Canada

LIFE EXPECTANCY

The average from 2011 to 2015 was analyzed:

BC Life Expectancy is 82.6 years

VITAL ACTIONS

- Create a Welcome Wagon Program
- Local Elected Officials to write a welcome letter to new residents
- Develop a database of volunteer opportunities
- Annual Calendar of Events
HEALTH & WELLNESS

OUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ARE AFFECTED BY OUR LIFESTYLE CHOICES. OUR SOCIAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, ALONG WITH ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, ARE KEY FACTORS.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

90% HAVE A FAMILY DOCTOR

81% HAVE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO MEET THEIR CURRENT HEALTH CARE NEEDS

90% HAVE TRANSIT TO AND FROM MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS IF NEEDED

50% HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES LOCALLY IF NEEDED

47% DON’T KNOW IF ADDICTION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY IF NEEDED

68% FELT THEY DIDN’T HAVE ACCESS TO SPECIALIST HEALTH CARE SERVICES LOCALLY

75% EXERCISE EITHER EVERY DAY OR A FEW TIMES A WEEK

“THERE ARE MANY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR MYSELF AND FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN.” Community Survey respondent
SURGERY WAIT TIMES (2016)
Average surgery wait time at the Kootenay Boundary Hospital

- 50% of Adults received the required services—11 weeks
- 90% of Adults received the required services—30 weeks
- 50% of Pediatrics received the required services—15 weeks
- 90% of Pediatrics received the required services—31 weeks

SMOKERS (2015/2016)
- Kootenay Boundary: 14%
- BC: 9%
- Canada: 12%

DOCTORS (2015/2016)
- 26% of the population in the Kootenay Boundary Hospital District aged 12 and over were without a regular medical doctor
- 15% BC, 18% Canada

MENTAL HEALTH
- 71% of Kootenay Boundary hospital district, people aged 12 & over self-rated their mental health either very good or excellent
- 69% BC, 72% Canada
- 71% of Kootenay Boundary Hospital District, people aged between 12 & 17 self-rated their mental health either very good or excellent
- 79% BC, 77% Canada

PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS
Parks and protected areas protect wild spaces and species, and also provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to connect with nature.

THE BOUNDARY REGION HAS THE FOLLOWING PROVINCIAL PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS:
- Boothman’s Oxbow Park
- Boundary Creek Park
- Christina Lake Park
- Conkle Lake Park
- Gilpin Grasslands Park
- Gladstone Provincial Park
- Jewel Lake Park
- Kettle River Recreation Area
- Rock Creek Park

LOCAL GREENSPACES IN KOOTENAY BOUNDARY;
- Angus MacDonald Park
- Barbara Ann Park Tennis Courts
- Big White Mountain Ecological Reserve
- Christina Lake Community and Nature Park
- Dick Bartlett Park
- Entwined Tree Park
- Fireman’s Expo Park
- Frank Carpenter Riverfront Park
- George Massey Park
- Granby Park
- Greenwood Ball Park
- Greenwood City Park
- Greenwood Lions Park
- Gyro Park
- James Donaldson Park
- James G. McMynn Park
- Johnston Creek Park
- Lois Haggen Park
- Myra-Bellevue Park
- O-Hairi Park Campground

VITAL ACTIONS
- DOCTOR RETENTION AND ATTRACTION PROGRAM
- INCREASED PROFILE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
- MAP OF PARKS, TRAILS AND PROTECTED AREAS
- SUPPORT/CREATE HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY
THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE FOUNDATION OF MANY ASPECTS OF OUR WELL-BEING. HOW WE DISPOSE OF OUR WASTE AND ADAPT TO CHANGES IN OUR WEATHER PATTERNS ARE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OUR REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

19% Educating residents and visitors to be responsible environmental stewards
12% Options for alternative and clean energy
12% Sustainable resource extraction (forestry and mining)
11% Backcountry, wildlife and wetland management
9% Preservation of land
8% Recycling and compost programs
7% Air quality
6% Clean drinking water
4% Waste management
12% Combination of all or some of the above

ARE BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES DOING ENOUGH TO HELP PRESERVE/ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT?

91% Agree or strongly agree to regularly recycle and compost with the aim to reduce waste and energy use
40% Neither agree or disagree
36% Disagree
24% Agree

IN THE 2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, THE BOUNDARY REGION SUPPORTED ESTABLISHING A SERVICE FOR THE PROMOTION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING.

1,534 VOTERS IN SUPPORT VERSUS 1,369 AGAINST
GARBAGE, COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING

IN 2016, RESIDENTS OF THE BOUNDARY GENERATED 612 KG OF WASTE PER PERSON PER YEAR. IN COMPARISON, THE BC AVERAGE PER PERSON PER YEAR WAS 472 KG.

CLIMATE MODELLING (2015)

- Low Carbon (assuming global greenhouse gas emissions are drastically reduced from current levels)
- High Carbon (assuming global greenhouse gas emissions continue increasing at current rates)

ESTIMATED TEMPERATURE INCREASES

- 2051–2080: 10.4°C–11.6°C
- 2021–2050: 9.4°C–9.7°C
- 1951–1980: 7.5°C

ESTIMATED PRECIPITATION INCREASES

- 1951–1980: 457mm
- 2021–2050: 471mm
- 2051–2080: 492mm

VITAL ACTIONS

- SUPPORT WASTE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PARTICULARLY WITH GARBAGE AND RECYCLING
- SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
- SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE AND CLEAN ENERGY
- ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE EXTRACTION

“PRESERVATION OF LAND, AND EDUCATING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO BE RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS, IS KEY.”

Community Survey respondent
THE AVAILABILITY OF WORK AND INCOME REFLECTS THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. SECURE WORK THAT SUPPORTS A LIVING WAGE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LONG-TERM HEALTH AND VITALITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

WHAT IS YOUR EMPLOYMENT STATUS?

- 51% WERE EMPLOYED
- 26% RETIRED
- 6% COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER/MENTOR
- 3% STUDENTS
- 2% FULL-TIME PARENT OR CAREGIVER
- 2% RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
- 1% SEEKING EMPLOYMENT
- 9% OTHER, WHICH WERE COMBINATION OF VARIOUS OPTIONS

WHAT IS YOUR EMPLOYMENT TYPE?

- 47% EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND
- 14% EMPLOYED PART-TIME YEAR-ROUND
- 14% CASUAL AND/OR ON-CALL
- 13% SELF EMPLOYED, PART-TIME
- 9% SELF-EMPLOYED, FULL TIME
- 5% FULL-TIME SEASONAL
- 5% PART-TIME SEASONAL

MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE ALLOWED

78% LIVE AND WORK IN THE SAME COMMUNITY

OF THOSE WHO COMMUTE, CHRISTINA LAKE TO GRAND FORKS IS THE MOST COMMON
### HOUSEHOLD INCOME (AFTER TAXES, 2015)

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**Note:** The data for Canada and BC is not available at the national level.
SOURCE OF INCOME
(2015, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TAX FILERS)

GRAND FORKS

69.75% Employment Income
39.9% Investment Income
39.9% Employment Insurance
16.5% Canada Child Tax Credit
7.4% Social Assistance
6.1% Worker’s Comp.
16.5% Canada Pension Plan
42.1% Old Age Security
4.7% RRSPs
23.1% Other Income

GREENWOOD

53.8% Employment Income
36.5% Private Pensions
11.5% Self-employment Income
13.5% Canada Child Tax Credit
9.6% Social Assistance
5.8% Worker’s Comp.
16.5% Canada Pension Plan
51.9% Old Age Security
11.5% Employment Insurance
30.8% Investment Income
3.8% RRSPs
17.3% Other Income
SOURCE OF INCOME
(2015, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TAX FILERS)

MIDWAY
- 60% Employment Income
- 42.9% Investment Income
- 14.3% Self-employment Income
- 45.7% Private Pensions
- 5.7% RRSPs
- 62.9% Canada Pension Plan
- 54.3% Old Age Security
- 5.7% Worker’s Comp.
- 11.4% Employment Insurance
- 25.7% Other Income
- 14.3% Canada Child Tax Credit
- 5.7% Social Assistance
- 4.1% RRSPs

AREA C, CHRISTINA LAKE
- 81.6% Employment Income
- 36.7% Private Pensions
- 14.3% Canada Child Tax Credit
- 51% Canada Pension Plan
- 46.9% Old Age Security
- 10.2% Employment Insurance
- 4.1% RRSPs
- 6.1% Social Assistance
- 8.2% Worker’s Comp.
- 36.7% Investment Income
- 12.2% Self-employment Income
- 24.5% Other Income
SOURCE OF INCOME
(2015, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TAX FILERS)

AREA D, RURAL GRAND FORKS
- 76.7% Employment Income
- 28.3% Self-employment Income
- 40% Investment Income
- 15% Employment Insurance
- 55% Old Age Security
- 51.7% Canada Pension Plan
- 35% Private Pensions
- 5% Worker’s Comp.
- 5% RRSPs
- 16.7% Canada Child Tax Credit
- 5% Social Assistance
- 23.3% Other Income
- 35% Private Pensions

AREA E, WEST BOUNDARY
- 67.9% Employment Income
- 29.5% Self-employment Income
- 32.1% Investment Income
- 14.1% Employment Insurance
- 3.8% RRSPs
- 21.8% Private Pensions
- 10.3% Social Assistance
- 5.1% Worker’s Comp.
- 16.7% Canada Child Tax Credit
- 51.3% Canada Pension Plan
- 55.1% Old Age Security
- 23.1% Other Income
SOURCE OF INCOME
(2015, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TAX FILERS)

**BC**
- 77.4% Employment Income
- 17.8% Self-employment Income
- 40.2% Investment Income
- 11.5% Employment Insurance
- 26.3% Old Age Security
- 22.1% Canada Child Tax Credit
- 21.6% Private Pensions
- 6.6% Social Assistance
- 4.2% Worker’s Comp.
- 11.5% Employment Insurance
- 27.8% Other Income
- 2.7% RRSPs

**CANADA**
- 75.8% Employment Income
- 15.6% Self-employment Income
- 35.4% Investment Income
- 13.8% Employment Insurance
- 25.5% Old Age Security
- 21.2% Private Pensions
- 9.2% Social Assistance
- 3.5% Worker’s Comp.
- 24.4% Canada Child Tax Credit
- 32.4% Canada Pension Plan
- 2.4% RRSPs
- 26% Other Income
- 2.7% RRSPs

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“BECOME MODELS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, RECREATION, AND NATURAL RESOURCES.”

Community Survey respondent
### Labour Force by Industry (2016)

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LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY (2016)

**MIDWAY**

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting: 18%
- Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction: 0%
- Utilities: 0%
- Construction: 5%
- Manufacturing: 6%
- Wholesale trade: 5%
- Retail trade: 11%
- Transportation and warehousing: 8%
- Information and cultural industries: 0%
- Finance and insurance: 0%
- Real estate and rental and leasing: 0%
- Professional, scientific and technical services: 5%
- Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services: 0%
- Educational services: 5%
- Health care and social assistance: 5%
- Arts, entertainment and recreation: 5%
- Accommodation and food services: 0%
- Other services: 5%
- Public administration: 11%

**AREA C, CHRISTINA LAKE**

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting: 3.4%
- Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction: 0%
- Utilities: 0%
- Construction: 9.2%
- Manufacturing: 6.7%
- Wholesale trade: 1.7%
- Retail trade: 13.4%
- Transportation and warehousing: 4.2%
- Information and cultural industries: 1.7%
- Finance and insurance: 4.2%
- Real estate and rental and leasing: 2.5%
- Professional, scientific and technical services: 5%
- Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services: 5.9%
- Educational services: 10.9%
- Health care and social assistance: 10.1%
- Arts, entertainment and recreation: 4.2%
- Accommodation and food services: 6.7%
- Other services: 5.9%
- Public administration: 2.5%
LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY (2016)

**AREA D, RURAL GRAND FORKS**

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting: 16.7%
- Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction: 1.4%
- Utilities: .7%
- Construction: 9.2%
- Manufacturing: 8.9%
- Wholesale trade: 1.1%
- Retail trade: 7.4%
- Transportation and warehousing: 4.6%
- Information and cultural industries: 1.8%
- Finance and insurance: .7%
- Real estate and rental and leasing: 2.1%
- Professional, scientific and technical services: 3.9%
- Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services: 3.9%
- Educational services: 7.4%
- Health care and social assistance: 12.1%
- Arts, entertainment and recreation: 3.5%
- Accommodation and food services: 3.9%
- Other services: 5%
- Public administration: 4.3%

**AREA E, WEST BOUNDARY**

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting: 0%
- Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction: 0%
- Utilities: 0%
- Construction: 12.9%
- Manufacturing: 4.1%
- Wholesale trade: 1.4%
- Retail trade: 10.1%
- Transportation and warehousing: 2.8%
- Information and cultural industries: 0%
- Finance and insurance: 0%
- Real estate and rental and leasing: .9%
- Professional, scientific and technical services: 5.5%
- Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services: 4.6%
- Educational services: 6.5%
- Health care and social assistance: 4.6%
- Arts, entertainment and recreation: 2.3%
- Accommodation and food services: 7.8%
- Other services: 4.1%
- Public administration: 3.7%
LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY (2016)

**BC**

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting: 3%
- Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction: 1%
- Utilities: 1%
- Construction: 8%
- Manufacturing: 6%
- Wholesale trade: 3%
- Retail trade: 12%
- Transportation and warehousing: 5%
- Information and cultural industries: 3%
- Finance and insurance: 4%
- Real estate and rental and leasing: 2%
- Professional, scientific and technical services: 8%
- Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services: 4%
- Educational services: 7%
- Health care and social assistance: 11%
- Arts, entertainment and recreation: 2%
- Accommodation and food services: 9%
- Other services: 5%
- Public administration: 5%

**CANADA**

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting: 2%
- Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction: 1%
- Utilities: 1%
- Construction: 7%
- Manufacturing: 9%
- Wholesale trade: 4%
- Retail trade: 12%
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- Health care and social assistance: 12%
- Arts, entertainment and recreation: 2%
- Accommodation and food services: 7%
- Other services: 4%
- Public administration: 6%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (2016)
The unemployment rate is a strong indicator of economic health.

MANAGERIAL POSITIONS (2016)
Women Aged 15 & over in Managerial Positions

LOW INCOME (2015)
The low income measure indicates the level of poverty as a percentage of the population.
SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES BY CREATING A WELCOME ATMOSPHERE FOR NEW AND ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES

SUPPORT A THRIVING BOUNDARY REGION BY PROMOTING SHOPPING LOCAL

GET INVOLVED, UNDERSTAND HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS AND DECISIONS ARE MADE; THIS CAN LEAD TO BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS ON DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

CALCULATE A LIVING WAGE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EVERYONE IS KEY TO ATTRACTING AND RETAINING RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND CREATING A HEALTHY, VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

How long have you lived in your current home?
- 44% lived in their home for more than 10 years
- 26% lived in their home from 2 to 5 years
- 19% lived in their home from 5 to 10 years
- 11% lived in their home for less than 1 year

Are short-term rentals a threat to housing needs?
- 87% live in a single dwelling
- 16% yes
- 43% no
- 41% don’t know

Either own, or someone they live with, owns the home
- 84%
GROSS SHELTER INCOME RATIO (2016)
Percentage of households spending greater than 30% of income on major payments

HOMES REQUIRING CARE
Percentage of dwellings requiring major repair in 2016

HOME OWNERSHIP
Percentage of homes that were privately owned in 2016
**Residential Property Values (2018)**

**Grand Forks**
- **1,352 Family Dwellings**
- Median Value: $228,400
- 3.6% $0–$99,999
- 29.6% $100,000–$199,999
- 48.7% $200,000–$299,999
- 16% $300,000–$399,999
- 1.3% $400,000–$499,999
- .7% $500,000–$599,999
- .1% $600,000 and over

**Greenwood**
- **272 Family Dwellings**
- Median Value: $135,150
- 21% $0–$99,999
- 65.8% $100,000–$199,999
- 12.5% $200,000–$299,999
- 0.4% $300,000–$399,999
- 0.4% $400,000–$499,999
- 0% $500,000–$599,999
- 0% $600,000 and over

**Area C Christina Lake**
- **802 Family Dwellings**
- Median Value: $214,750
- 30.8% $0–$99,999
- 16.6% $100,000–$199,999
- 13.7% $200,000–$299,999
- 11.2% $300,000–$399,999
- 8.2% $400,000–$499,999
- 4.9% $500,000–$599,999
- 14.6% $600,000 and over

**Area D Rural Grand Forks**
- **332 Family Dwellings**
- Median Value: $305,300
- 3.6% $0–$99,999
- 16.9% $100,000–$199,999
- 27.7% $200,000–$299,999
- 27.7% $300,000–$399,999
- 17.5% $400,000–$499,999
- 5.4% $500,000–$599,999
- 1.2% $600,000 and over
VACANCY RATES
Vacancy rates are an important indicator in the availability of housing.

- **Grand Forks**
  - 2017: 3%
  - 2016: 2.4%
  - 2015: 1%

- **BC**
  - 2017: 1.3%
  - 2016: 1.3%
  - 2015: 1%

Data was only available for Grand Forks.

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER
Between Nov 1, 2013–March 31, 2014
Extreme Weather Shelter provided

546 beds

VITAL ACTIONS

- SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS
- ENCOURAGE RETOFITTING EXISTING DWELLINGS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- ADVOCATE FOR A FAIR RESIDENTIAL TENANCY ACT FOR BOTH RENTER AND LANDLORDS
- ALLOW PETS IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
LEARNING & EDUCATION

ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF EDUCATION?

- 21% UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
- 19% COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE
- 15% DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE FROM TRADE, TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- 15% PARTIAL UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE
- 11% HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
- 9% UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE AT THE MASTER’S LEVEL
- 8% GRADE SCHOOL AND/OR PARTIAL HIGH SCHOOL
- 2% PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

WHAT ARE BARRIERS TO OBTAINING ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION?

- 39% LIMITED COURSE OFFERINGS AS A BARRIER TO OBTAINING ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION
- 15% DON’T KNOW WHAT THE BARRIERS ARE
- 12% COURSES ARE OFFERED AT LIMITED TIMES AND/OR LOCATIONS
- 9% NO BARRIERS EXIST
- 8% LIMITED PERSONAL TIME AVAILABLE
- 8% AFFORDABILITY
- 8% OTHER, WHICH INCLUDED A COMBINATION OF MULTIPLE BARRIERS
- 2% CHILDCARE

71% CONTENT WITH THEIR LEVEL OF EDUCATION

96% CONSIDER THEMSELVES A LIFELONG LEARNER
**CLASS SIZES (2016)**

- **Boundary SD51 average**
  - Kindergarten: 18
  - Grades 1–3: 20
  - Grades 4–7: 22
  - Grades 8–12: 20

- **Maximum in BC**
  - Kindergarten: 22
  - Grades 1–3: 24
  - Grades 4–7: 30
  - Grades 8–12: 30

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

- **Of high school students graduated in 2015/16, which is the BC average**: 84%
- **Of high school students graduated in 2014/15, which is above the BC average**: 85%

**EDUCATION (2016)**

- **Residents aged 15 and over who have an education in TRADE**: 16%, 14%, 12%, 14%, 16%, 15%, 8%, 10%
- **Residents aged 15 and over who have an education in MATH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**: 1%, 2%, 2%
- **Residents aged 15 and over who have an education in PERFORMING ARTS**: 1%, 2%, 2%

**LIBRARY CIRCULATION (2011-2015 AVERAGE)**

- **Library circulation per capita**: 9.4%, 8.4%, 13.5%, 9.4%

**LIBRARY HOURS (2016)**

- **Hours per week in Grand Forks & District**: 46
- **Hours per week in Midway**: 26.5
- **Hours per week in Greenwood**: 19

**VITAL ACTIONS**

- **Encourage educational programs in math, information technology, computer science and performing arts**
- **Share course ideas with Selkirk College**
- **Promote conversation between local employers and schools to create recruitment and training opportunities**

**Educational Equity Ratio of Men to Women, Aged 15 and Over, Who Have a Post-Secondary Certificate Diploma or Degree**

- **BC & National Average**: 1.12 / .93
- **Boundary BC & National Average**: 1.12 / .93

**Library Hours**

- **Grand Forks & District**: 46 hours per week
- **Midway**: 26.5 hours per week
- **Greenwood**: 19 hours per week
BEING PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES WITH PLANS IN PLACE CONTRIBUTES TO THE SENSE OF SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY. A STRONG SENSE OF SAFETY IS ESSENTIAL TO A LIVABLE AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

59% AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ARE WELL-PREPARED TO HELP IF THE NEED ARISES

71% FEEL THEY ARE PREPARED IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION NOTICE

29% FEEL THE BOUNDARY REGION IS ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

84% FEEL EITHER SOMEWHAT OR SAFE IN THE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS YOUR MAIN CONCERN OR FEAR, WHEN ASKED?

- 32% NATURAL DISASTERS, FLOODING AND WILDFIRES
- 22% ROBBERY
- 12% OTHER
- 10% NO CONCERNS
- 9% VIOLENT ATTACK
- 7% HARASSMENT/VERBAL ASSAULT/BULLYING
- 6% TRAFFIC/ROAD SAFETY
- 2% SEXUAL ASSAULT, WILDLIFE AND ISOLATION
CRIME RATES

**TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMINAL CODE VIOLATION, ACTUAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION (2017)**

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**TOTAL SEXUAL ASSAULTS, ACTUAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION (2017)**

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**OVERALL CRIME, ACTUAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION**

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**In 2016 there were 2 youth (aged 12-17) charged and 1 in 2017.**

**“In an emergency, I am not sure where I should go and what I should bring with me when I leave the house.”**

*Community Survey respondent*

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**VITAL ACTIONS**

- Encourage training opportunities for emergency personnel
- Educate residents and visitors on emergency preparedness and evacuation plans
- Create an emergency communication strategy
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

- **88%** agree or strongly agree that they have adequate nutritious food to meet their dietary needs.
- **72%** agree or strongly agree that they are able to afford the groceries they would like to purchase.
- **71%** regularly support local farmers by purchasing locally produced food.
- **84%** are able to grow their own vegetables if they choose to.
- **5%** rely on the food bank to meet their basic needs.

WHAT IS THE KEY TO INCREASING ACCESS TO ENOUGH NUTRITIOUS FOOD?

- **55%** support for agricultural producers of locally grown foods.
- **18%** programs to improve food-growing skills.
- **13%** urban gardening.
- **14%** education, sustaining food programs or all of the above.

THE COST OF FEEDING THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY IS REASONABLE

- **44%** agree or strongly agree.
- **37%** disagree or strongly disagree.
- **19%** neither agree or disagree.

“INCREASED DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD SECURITY NETWORKS AND REDUCE RELIANCE ON TRUCKED FOOD.”

Community Survey respondent
DISTRIBUTION OF CHARITABLE FOOD PROGRAMS
Charitable food programs reflect a community’s capacity to address food security at an immediate level.

IN 2017, WHISPERS OF HOPE SERVED OVER 13,000 MEALS.
In 2018, Whispers of Hope served 3,117 MEALS, a significant drop from 2017 due to being closed for several months as result of flooding.

PLANT HARDINESS
determines where various types of trees, shrubs and flowers will most likely survive, based on the average climatic conditions. Zones range from 1–9. The higher the zone, the longer the growing season with milder winters.

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FROST FREE DAYS
GRAND FORKS 140 days between May 7 – Sept. 25
GREENWOOD 142 days between May 14 – Oct. 14

VITAL ACTIONS
> SUPPORT LOCAL AGRICULTURE
> ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY GARDENS AND LOCAL FARMERS MARKET
> ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON LOCAL FOOD-GROWING PROGRAMS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
OUR ABILITY TO GET AROUND IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, ENVIRONMENT AND THE HEALTH OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSES

- 87% PERSONAL VEHICLE
- 65% OF PEOPLE FEEL THAT A LACK OF TRANSPORTATION DOESN'T AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO GET TO APPOINTMENTS OR WORK.
- 64% OF PEOPLE FEEL THAT A LACK OF TRANSPORTATION DOESN'T AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO GET TO SOCIAL/COMMUNITY EVENTS WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS.
- 5% PASSENGER IN A PERSONAL VEHICLE
- 8% RIDE SHARE, BICYCLE, WALK OR A COMBINATION OF THE OTHERS

BC TRANSIT

The Boundary region is serviced by one fixed route, extending from Greenwood to Grand Forks, with on-request pickup and drop-off service.

“LACK OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT FOR SENIORS; A SMALL COMMUNITY BUS TWICE A WEEK WOULD BE HELPFUL.”

Community Survey respondent

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK (2016)

- 🚗 Personal Vehicle: 80%
- 🚗 9%
- 🚗 11%
- 🚗 10%
- 🚗 8%
- 🚗 91%
- 🚗 8%
- 🚗 9%
- 🚗 79%
- 🚗 7%
- 🚗 9%
**COMMUTING DISTANCE TO WORK**  
(2016, as percentage of population)

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**COMMUTING TIME TO WORK**  
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**VITAL ACTIONS**

- **Use active transportation**
- **Support ride sharing**
- **Encourage transportation initiatives that include walking, cycling and public transit where possible**
- **Conduct a transit review to see if the service is meeting the needs of the community and is of good value**
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