

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF EDENWOLD # 158
What Matters to You in Your Community Opinion Poll
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The **What Matters to You in Your Community Opinion Poll** was conducted by the Rural Municipality of Edenwold in December 2008 with the residents of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold. The objective was to document the important attributes of the district that residents value, determine the issues which are cause for concern, seek input on longer-term strategic planning thoughts and to rank the shorter term action items our residents believe are important. In addition, residents were also given the opportunity to provide additional comments which are included in the attachments.

The RM of Edenwold conducted the sampling using the questionnaire in Attachment A. The collective comments are included in full¹ in Attachment B. From the original mail-out of 1,434 questionnaires in December 2008, a total of 126 questionnaires were received by mail, fax and hand – this represents 9.1 percent of the population and is above the expected average. The questionnaires received, based on the quality and detail of comments, present an honest and open comment on what the citizens of the RM of Edenwold value and wish to protect and what they wish to improve.

The questionnaire was divided into three main district groups: (1) Farm and Farmstead, (2) Country Acreages, and (3) the Emerald Park subdivision in order to seek out common and unique ideas and issues. A fourth category entitled “Other” was proposed to capture any unique and unanticipated categories; however, very few questionnaires were allocated to this category although the results are documented. The RM of Edenwold wished to understand what its citizens held in common and what issues were more unique to these three forms of residential living.

The objective of this exercise was to develop a simple profile of the range and frequency of the more important issues and responses for the RM of Edenwold – a simple SWOT² test. The statistical format of the questions was designed to generate a *binomial* distribution - determine what the quiet majority of residents felt on issues. From these results, the RM of Edenwold Council will be better able to develop strategic policy on a number of key issues and to provide direction on the current update of the *RM of Edenwold Official Community Plan*. In addition, the collective responses will be instructive to the RM Council and Administration in their deliberations and development decisions over the short and medium term.

The results of the December 2008 survey are interesting and conclusive in several areas. Input from residents of the RM of Edenwold has provided honest and thoughtful comment on what issues and priorities matter to them.

1 Four short comments were edited out as inappropriate – their removal has no impact on the results of the survey.

2 SWOT = Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat exercise.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The results of the **What Matters to You in Your Community Opinion Poll** provide instructive information to both the RM of Edenwold Council and to the residents of this dynamic and fast growing region outside the Capital City of Regina. The top four (4) ranked issues for all the categories identified in this survey, collectively account for a minimum of 60 percent of all responses to a high of 90 percent. The average combined percentage of the top four issues was 72 percent of all responses - this is a tight clustering of common comments.

The Executive Summary and complimentary charts summarize the key issues and implications by the three main categories.

1. Most important Features/Assets Valued in the RM of Edenwold

Collectively, the large majority of residents in the RM of Edenwold value the **Neighbourhood Quality** as a common and very positive attribute. This positive attribute ranked in the top three of all positive Features as most valued; in the Emerald Park neighbourhood this attribute was very high (40% by itself). This quality of neighbourhood should remain a top priority for the RM of Edenwold in their review of short, medium and long-term planning and development within all parts of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold.

Of common interest to Farm/Farmstead and Country Acreages was the **Rural Lifestyle**. The RM of Edenwold would be well advised to manage the level and intensity of new developments in the more rural areas north and south of the Trans-Canada Highway. Development is not precluded; however, sensitivity in the planning and design of new development needs to be considered with more care and attention. These groups also ranked **Proximity to Regina** as a very positive attribute to living in rural Saskatchewan and in the RM of Edenwold in particular - this feature will continue to attract more development.

Unique to the Emerald Park was the mention of quality **Municipal Services** provided by the RM of Edenwold to its urban Emerald Park Subdivision. This was the second highest ranking from the Emerald Park residents and such comments are extremely rare in general public opinion surveys. The RM of Edenwold is doing excellent service delivery in the Emerald Park Subdivision. However, such comments then beg the question. "Is the service delivery perhaps too high?" The RM of Edenwold may wish to review the levels of service between all three residential developments to ensure there is a *balance* between taxation levels and service delivery levels. Nevertheless, the very positive comments from its ratepayers are unique and reflect highly on the actions of the RM Council down to the field staff working in the Emerald Park community.

The **Larger Lots** in the Emerald Park Subdivision was the fourth rank positive feature in this more urban development within the RM of Edenwold.

NOTE: See illustrative graphs on following pages.

2. Most Important Challenges/Threats in the RM of Edenwold

In terms of common themes for Important Challenges or Threats to the RM of Edenwold; **Growth Management Issues** ranked very high for all three neighbourhood groups. This high ranking does not ask for total restrictions on new growth, however, the general tone of the comments asks for greater planning, slowing down the rate of growth and providing greater management of moderate and sustainable growth within the infrastructure capacity; especially traffic management and school capacities³.

The RM of Edenwold Council is advised to consider Growth Issues in the review and update of its Official Community Plan. The general public is asking for more comprehensive plans to direct and manage more moderate levels of growth within the infrastructure capacity. In addition, the Neighbourhood Quality attributes already valued by current RM of Edenwold residents needs to be balanced with demands for increased development. Moderation of growth and increased requirements for detailed concept plans prior to any development should be considered for all new development proposals. Conversely, existing area residents must respect the property rights of others and be accepting of some increased levels of land development within the RM of Edenwold.

Management of Growth Issues will be one of the key issues for the RM of Edenwold to research, plan for and manage.

Traffic Issues and **Highway Traffic Safety** ranked high for Country Residential developments and for Emerald Park - these two types of residential developments have the highest percentage of daily commuters to and from Regina. With the Balgonie-Regina corridor having the highest average traffic volumes in Saskatchewan and expected to increase, this issue has a priority for both commuting convenience and protection of lives. However, the RM of Edenwold has very little legislated and financial capability to resolve the traffic and highways safety issues on the Trans-Canada Highway and Provincial Highway #46.

The Government of Saskatchewan is required to address the highway traffic and highway safety issues.

Within the Emerald Park Subdivision, **Schools and School Issues** was ranked second. The ranking is based on over-crowding of existing schools and the need for either expanded schools or new schools. Statements included a requirement for both elementary and high schools. The planning, management and construction of school facilities is in the jurisdiction of the Prairie Valley School Division and not the RM of Edenwold. However, the comments of this questionnaire should be forwarded to the school division.

NOTE: See illustrative graphs on following pages.

³ However, for the Farm/Farmstead group there is a divided interest in growth between limiting growth and embracing some additional growth (modest in total numbers) to enable more family related farmstead development. A review of the need for and the advisability of more on-farm residences (pro and con) should be undertaken.

3. Most Important Changes/Improvements which should be Considered within Six Years

The final major question of RM of Edenwold residents was to for them to assign their priorities for the RM of Edenwold Council to consider in addressing the challenges within the rural municipality.

The RM of Edenwold Council is empowered with the authority to plan and manage as the municipal government, however, the opinions of its ratepayers is an important element in the final decision process. Most often there are more issues and projects than funds and resources available.

In general, several of the recommendations of the general public will require research, cost-pricing and budgeting by the RM of Edenwold. Some proposals may require additional staffing and associated property tax increases and/or re-allocations of resources from one sector to another. Therefore, the RM of Edenwold Council and its Administration will require time to assess.

Collectively, within the next 6 years the citizens of the RM of Edenwold placed the highest common priority on the general issue of **Planning and Growth Management**. The RM of Edenwold, under *The Planning and Development Act (2007)* has some jurisdiction regarding the planning and development within the rural municipality. Some of the actions available to the RM of Edenwold include the following:

- Consider inclusion of growth management policy in the current review and update of the 2009 RM of Edenwold Official Community Plan;
- Consider Sector Concept Plans within the RM of Edenwold and require future development proposals to both create concept plans and to submit development proposals and subdivision and rezoning applications in compliance with the Sector Concept Plans;
- Research and pre-select growth development areas for residential, commercial and industrial land uses within the RM of Edenwold;
- Research and determine short and medium term infrastructure requirements necessary to accommodate approved residential, commercial and industrial growth in the RM of Edenwold; and
- Establish a realistic planning and growth management plan both within the updated Official Community Plan and in the regular review of development planning applications submitted to the RM of Edenwold.

NOTE: See illustrative graphs on following pages.

Second highest priority was assigned to **Highway Safety and Highway Traffic Control**. However, many of the required actions and regulations in this sector are beyond the legislative jurisdiction of the RM of Edenwold. Nevertheless, the municipality could consider the following actions:

- Document and discuss highway safety and highway traffic control with the Town of Balgonie, the Town of White City and the Town of Pilot Butte;
- Continue to liaison with residents of the RM of Edenwold on locations of interest with respect to highway safety and highway traffic control;
- Consider land development decisions within the RM of Edenwold and consider the qualitative and quantitative impacts of such development proposals on traffic generation within the RM of Edenwold;
- Contact the Saskatchewan Department of Highways and Transportation regarding current and future studies for highway safety on the Trans-Canada Highway and Highway #46;
- Contact Saskatchewan Department of Highways and Transportation regarding the status of the proposed Trans-Canada Highway Bypass around Regina and implications for the RM of Edenwold; and
- Contact Saskatchewan Department of Highways and Transportation regarding any engineering plans for traffic inter-changes and traffic management infrastructure within the RM of Edenwold.

NOTE: See illustrative graphs on following pages.

Third highest priority was assigned to **Crime and Safety** considerations. At this time it necessary to research the actual criminal and property crime statistics within the RM of Edenwold and what the trends are in order to ascertain a future course of action. Are the actual crime rates at significant levels, or is there a perception of serious crime rates within certain neighbourhoods within the RM of Edenwold?

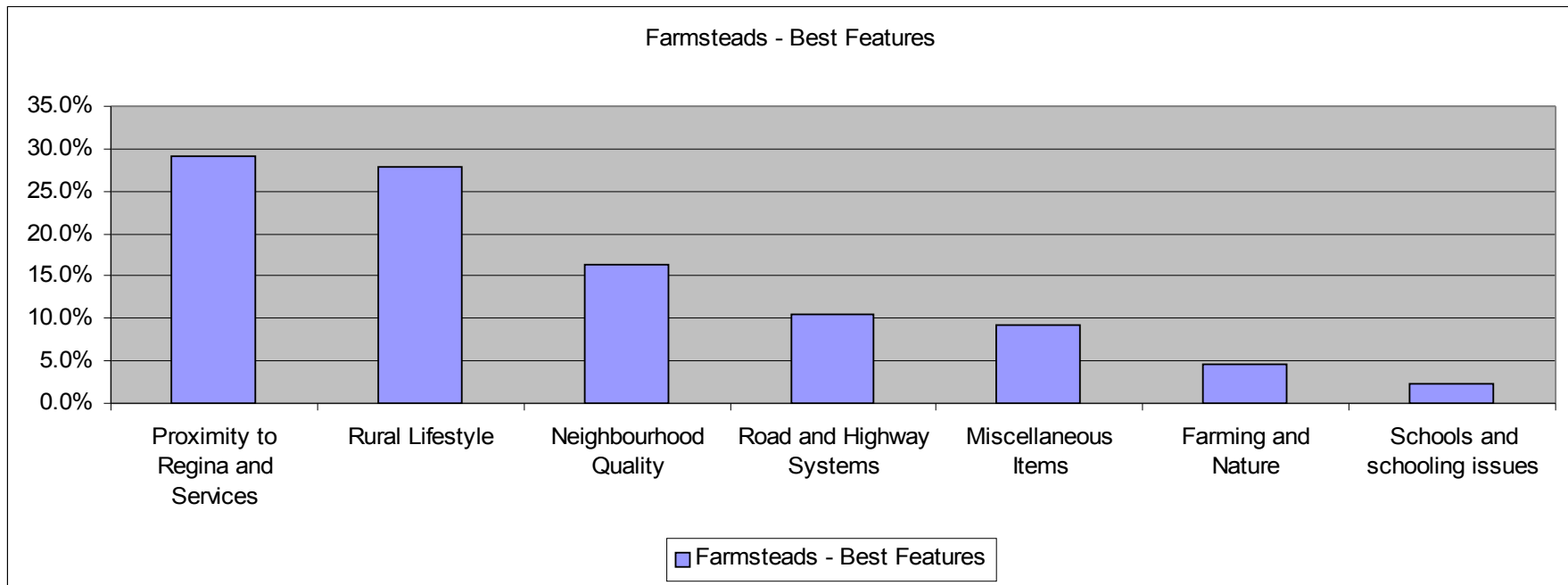
- Contact the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachment responsible for policing in the RM of Edenwold and review the historic and projected police services required in a growth region of Saskatchewan;
- Review the historic and current trends in criminal and property crimes in the RM of Edenwold with the RCMP detachment;
- Research and establish appropriate programs and actions to both reduce crime statistics in the RM of Edenwold and to also increase the level of comfort of the citizens in the RM of Edenwold in their feelings of personal safety;
- Consider the establishment of a RM of Edenwold “Neighbourhood Watch” organization of interested citizen volunteers to monitor the location situation and to work with the local RCMP detachment; and
- Consider the establishment of “Crime Prevention Through Site Design” building and land development standards to enhance the inherent resistance of new development to acts of crime and vandalism.

Fourth priority, was assigned to **Schools and Schooling Issues** which is linked to growth management issues. However, many of the required actions and regulations in this sector are beyond the legislative jurisdiction of the RM of Edenwold. Nevertheless, the municipality could consider the following actions:

- Liaison with the Prairie Valley School Division on a regular basis regarding land development activities, housing starts and generation of school-aged children to be served by the school division;
- Monitor schools and schooling issues and include this topic in the review of all land development decisions within the RM of Edenwold; and
- Review specific land development decisions for any impact on schools and schooling issues within the RM of Edenwold.

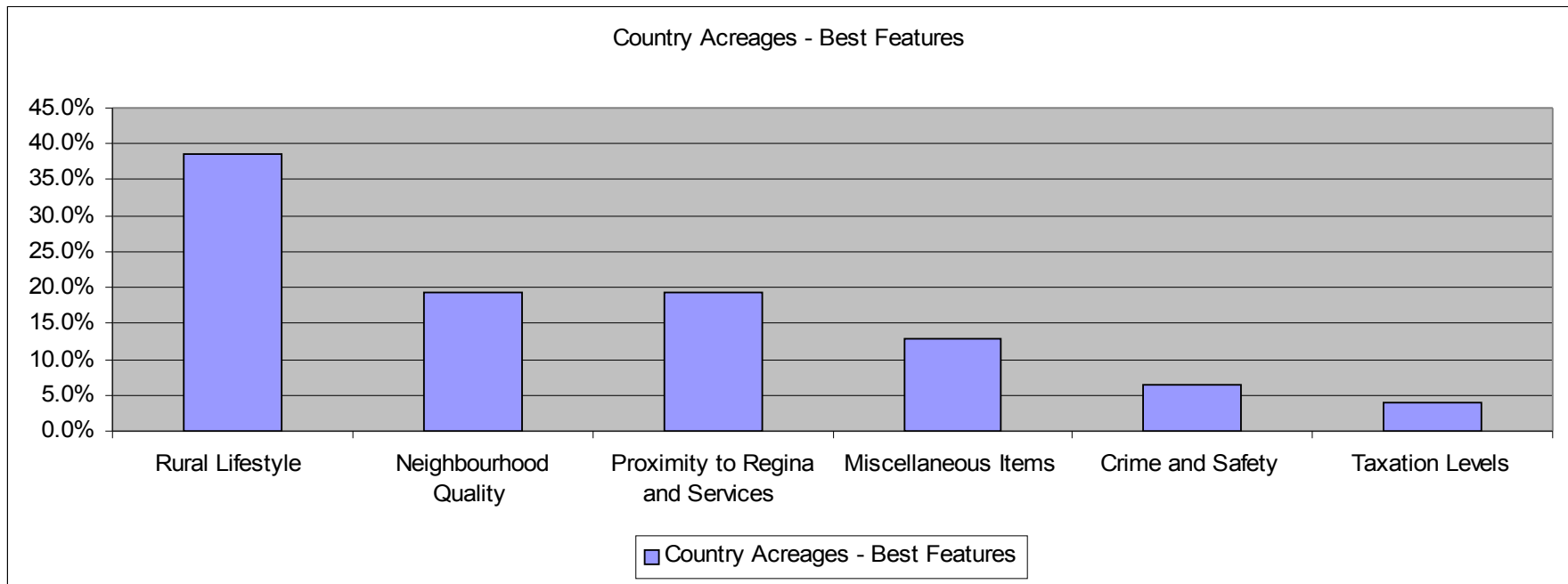
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Farmsteads – Most Important Features Valued by Residents



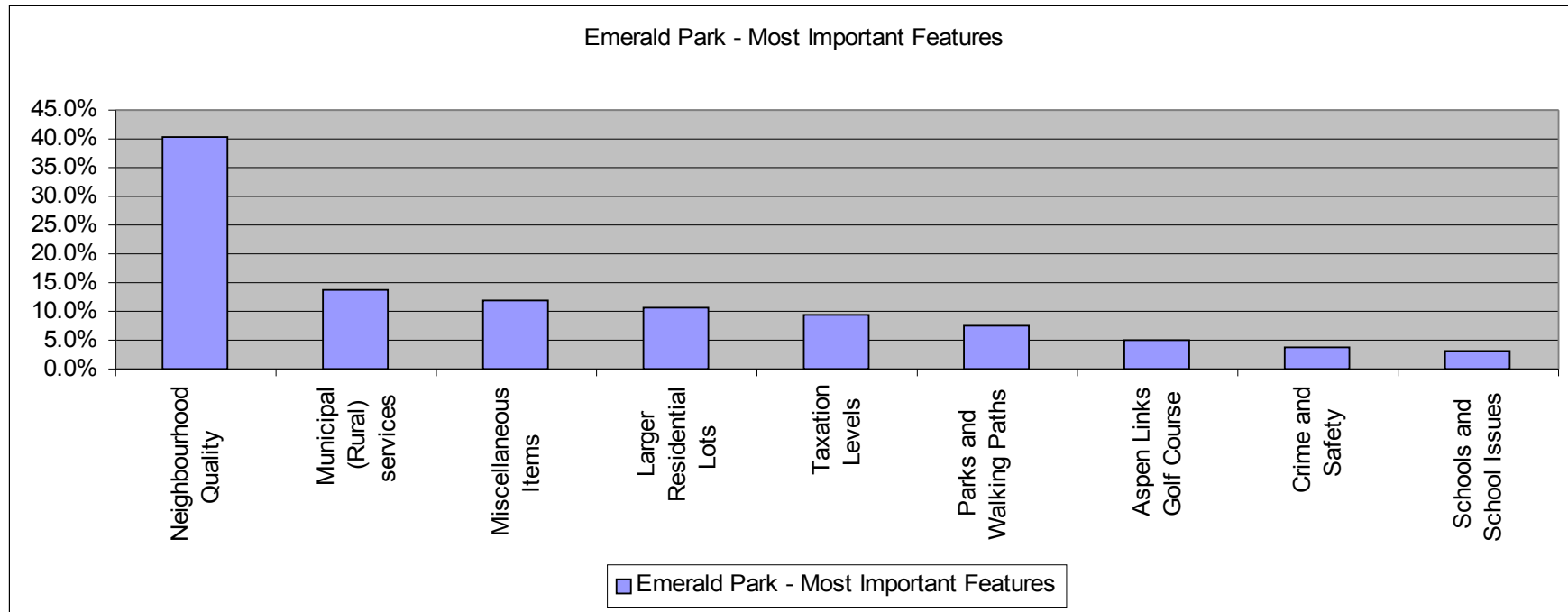
- The RM of Edenwold Farmstead sector is greatly influenced by the City of Regina and the services offered
- While rural in function, the RM of Edenwold has access to a wide range of services from Regina
- Proximity to Regina, Rural Lifestyle, Neighbours and Roads represent 84% of all responses from the Farmstead sector
- Very homogenous in thoughts and values
- Farming comments - were lower than expected
- Residents are positive about their road systems
- Farming and Nature - linked in most of the comments – more so than any other group

Country Acreages – Most Important Features Valued by Residents



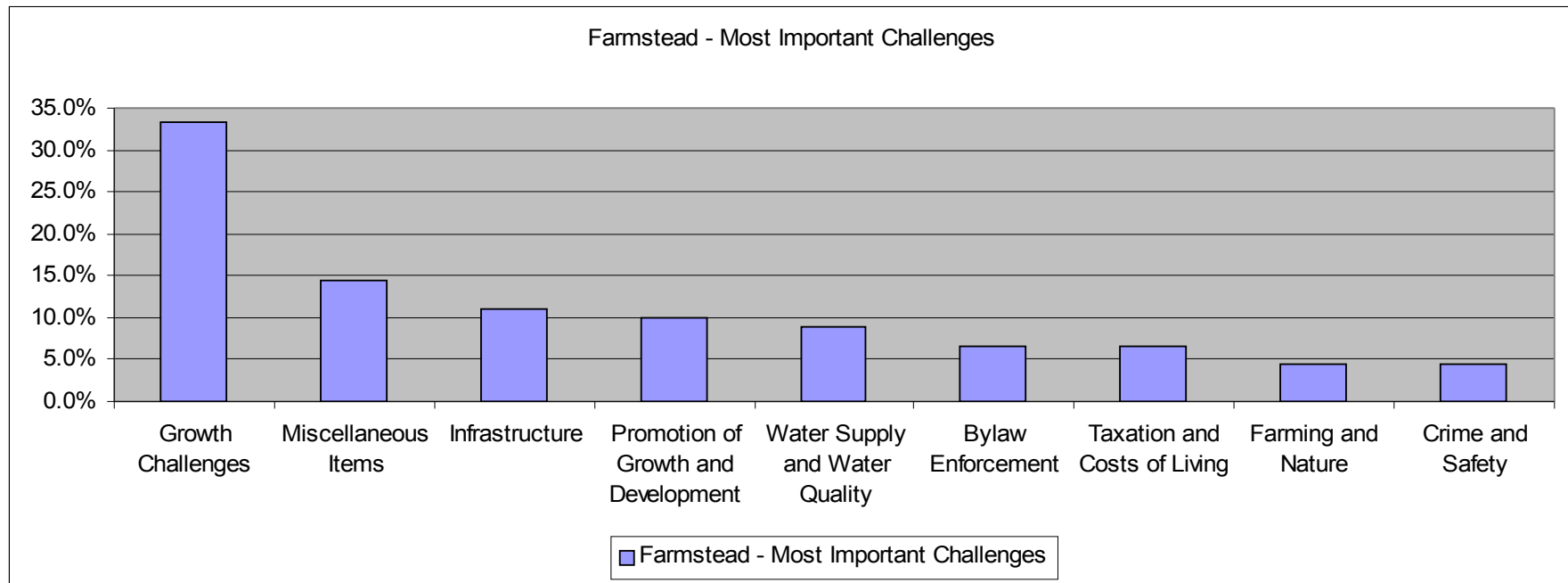
- Country acreages are a newer land use feature in the RM of Edenwold and are expected to increase in numbers
- Rural Lifestyle is a very important feature – peace and quiet, friendly neighbours and space are valued
- Quality Neighbours locally and Proximity to Regina and services in the region rank second in positive value
- The Miscellaneous category is varied
- Households are also relatively content with Taxation Levels – residents see value for tax dollars
- Crime and Safety - safe place to raise a family, comment about good fire protection
- Taxation Levels - reasonable for services delivered but could always be improved

Emerald Park – Most Important Features Valued by Residents



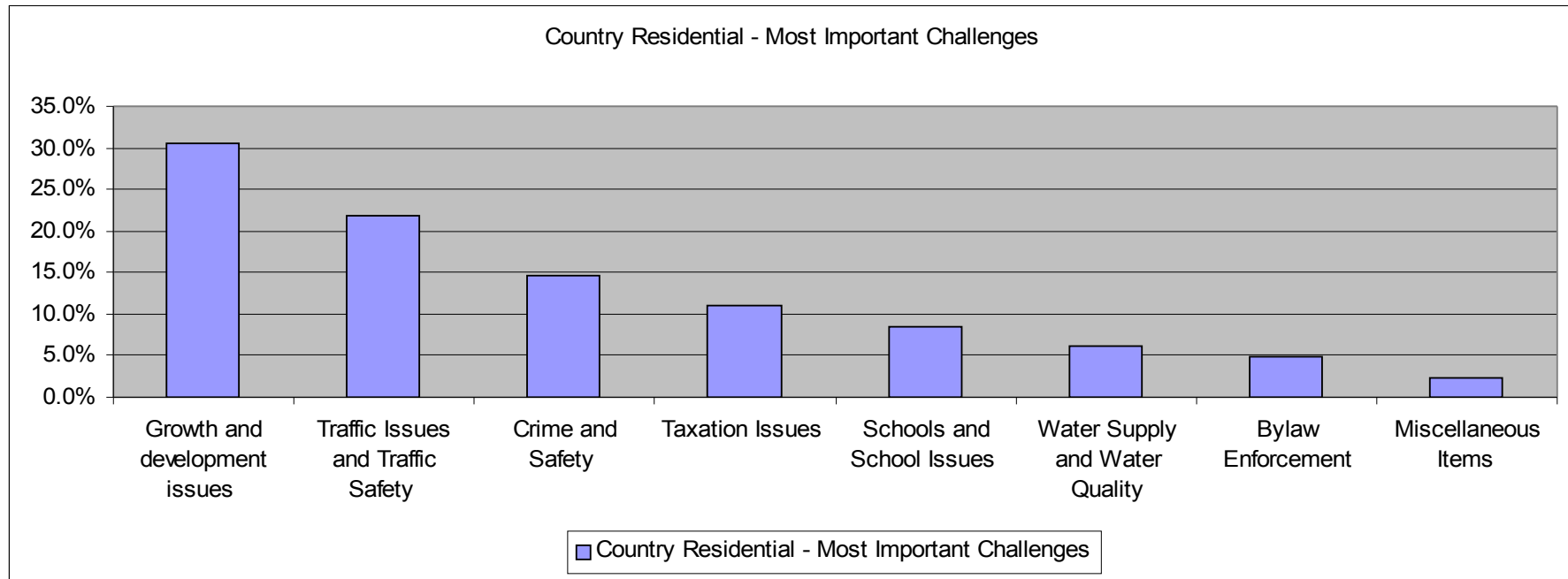
- Emerald Park residents - very pleased with the Neighbourhood Quality of their urban community
- Neighbourhood Quality - translates into a quiet neighbourhood with great neighbours, small town feel and close to Regina
- Positive comments on the RM of Edenwold level of services - a surprise category and ranked second overall
- Larger Residential Lots with lower taxes - positive features of this urban neighbourhood in the rural municipality
- Taxation levels in this upscale neighbourhood are considered reasonable – positive feature for residents
- Aspen Links Golf Course - a special amenity in the Emerald Park neighbourhood
- Crime and Safety is consider low

Farmsteads – Most Important Challenges Facing the Community



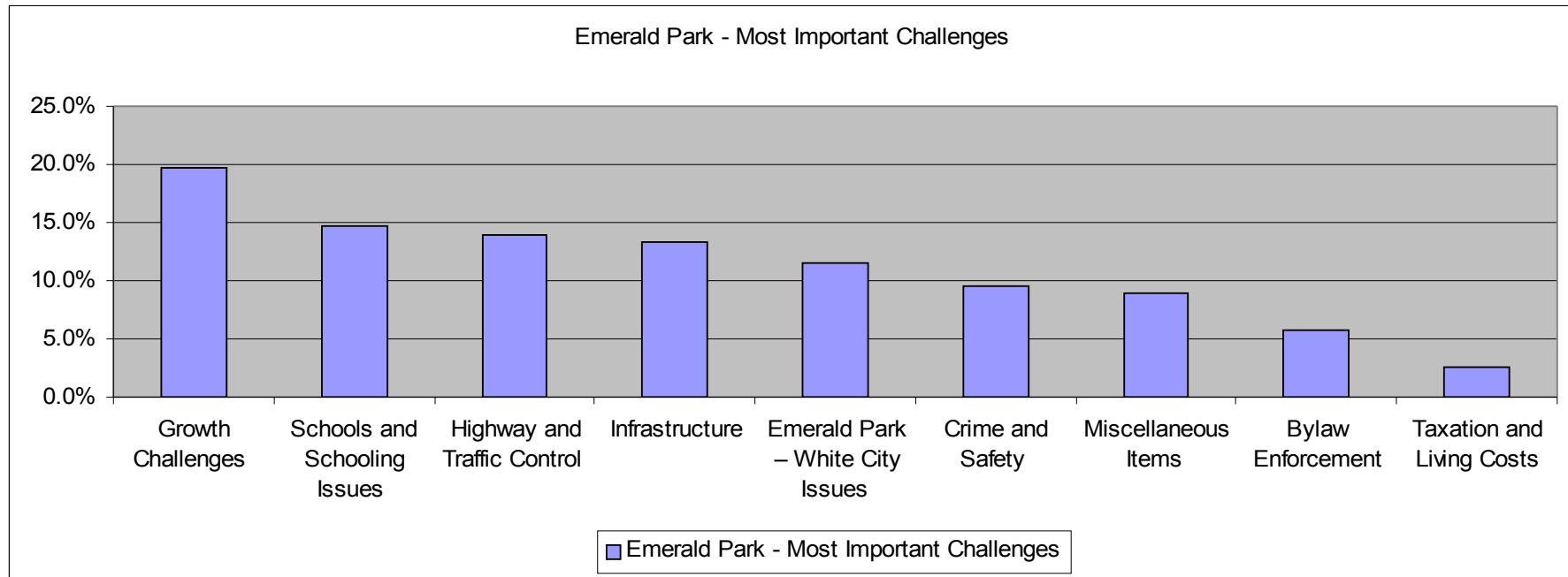
- Growth Challenges and pressure from land development is a large concern from the Farmstead sector
- Fast and unplanned growth - too many subdivisions in a short period of time are common complaints
- Conversely, there is also a segment of the Farmstead sample which wants to see more development to reduce farm taxes
- Farmsteads ranked water supply higher than most other sectors are worry about water quality issues as well
- Bylaw Enforcement - related to wandering livestock, weeds, garbage in the ditches and pest control
- Growth Challenges - remains the dominant concern and challenge from the Farmstead Sector of the survey

Country Acreages – Most Important Challenges Facing the Community



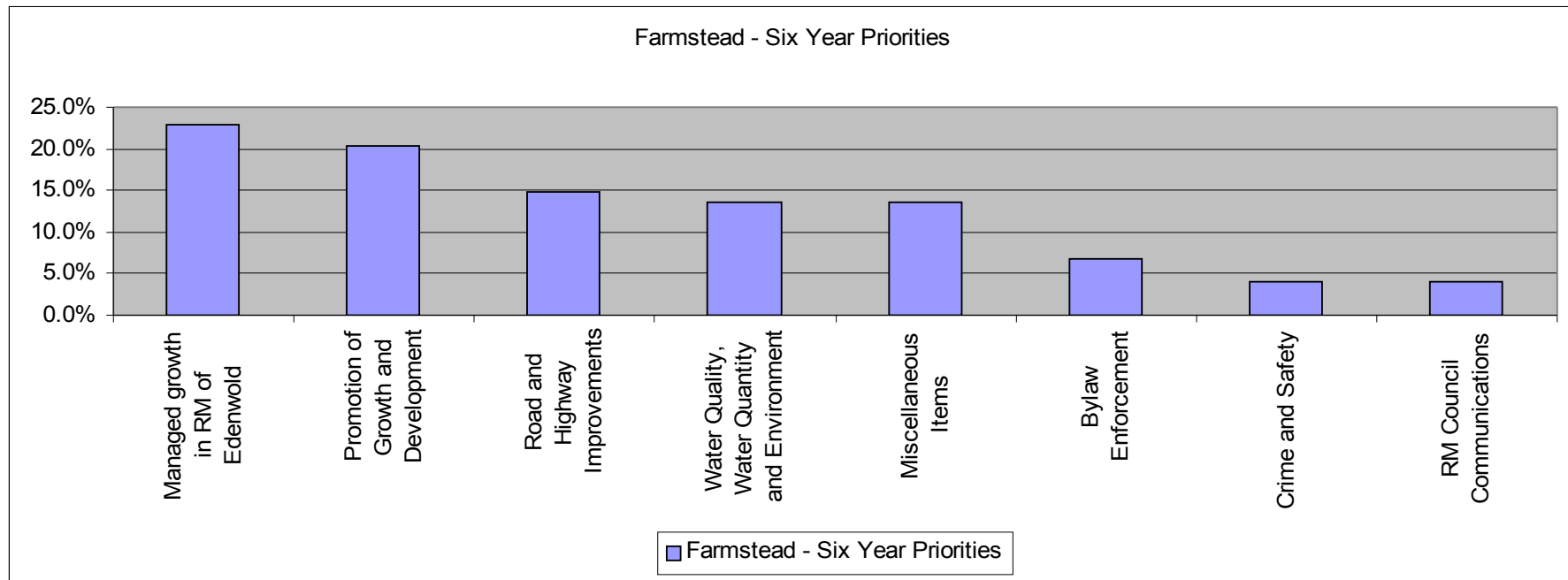
- Country acreages have a significant concern about Growth and Development and Traffic and Traffic Safety Issues
- Growth and Development issues generally relates to the scale and rapid rate of growth – slow to moderate growth suggested
- Crime and Safety comments on increased crime and lack of police presence – is crime and safety perception or factual?
- Under Taxation Issues – residents are concerned more with fairness and consistency than in taxation levels
- Schools and school issues generally relate to over-crowding
- Water supply and quality is self-explanatory
- Bylaw Enforcement - linked to junked yards in the region, noise issues and a request for architectural controls
- Not illustrated on this graph but important to note – some residents would like more communication with the RM Council

Emerald Park – Most Important Challenges Facing the Community



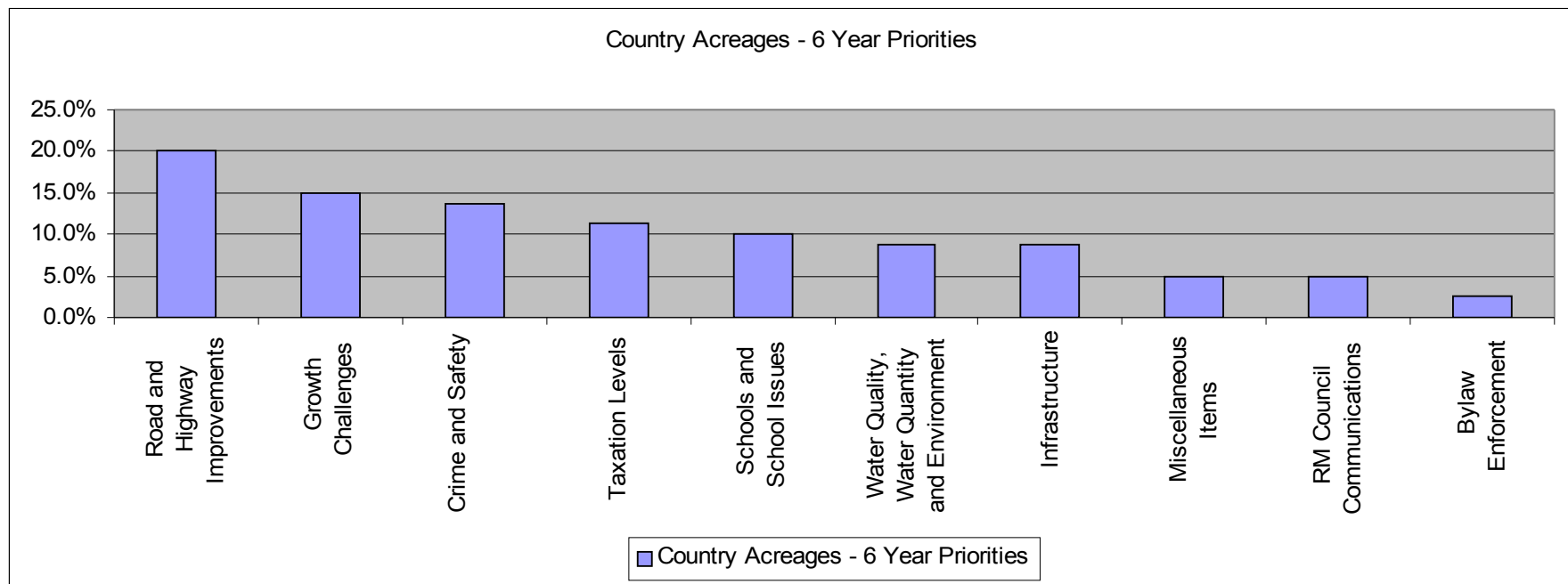
- Growth Challenges – largest single category for the Emerald Park residents – too much too fast
- Slower growth – well planned growth appears to have more support (see Infrastructure comments)
- Schools and Schooling Issues – highest concern in Emerald Park – over crowding of schools now
- Highway and Traffic Control – very strong link with Trans-Canada Highway – concerns about access and safety
- Infrastructure concerns – broad-based with no specific item dominating
- The Emerald Park – White City Issue is divided equally but highlights historic events
- Crime and Safety – request for increased police presence in the community
- Bylaw Enforcement – building standards and improved codes of conduct by some members of the community

Farmstead – Most Important Changes/Priorities Within 6 Years



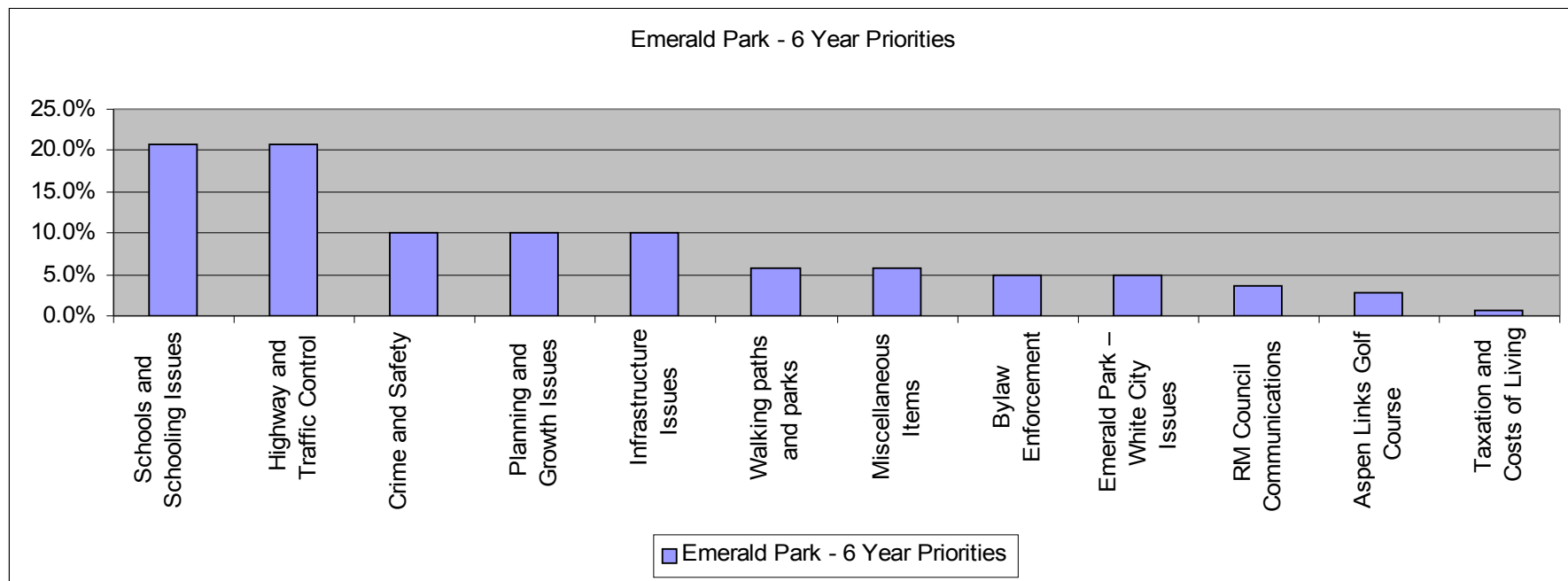
- Management of Growth, as a priority option, most often mentioned strategic planning and development according to a Plan
- Conversely, a second segment wants Promotion of Growth – to reduce their taxes and/or permit second farm residences
- Road and Highway improvements focussed on highway traffic, upgrading grid roads, dust control and heavy gravel trucks
- Water Quality/Environment – concerns about the groundwater aquifers and their protection
- Bylaw Enforcement - priorities were weeds, animals at large, and junk and debris in the ditches
- Crime and Safety - general on requirements but specific in asking for the RCMP
- RM Council Communications – simple request for more effective communication with RM Councillors

Country Acreages – Most Important Changes/Priorities Within 6 Years



- Road and Highway Improvements - better access and safety onto Trans-Canada, dust control and grid upgrades
- Growth Challenges - slower growth, more planning and preservation of the land and water
- Crime and Safety - request for more policing and police presence but with no mention of crime rates
- Taxation Issues - primarily focussed on fairness in taxation and equality of services
- Schools and school issues - new schools, especially a high school
- Water - general concern for water and sewer management and protection of the resource
- Infrastructure - match infrastructure with growth
- RM Council Communications - more information from the RM Council via newsletters or internet

Emerald Park – Most Important Changes/Priorities Within 6 Years



- Schools and Highway Safety is very important priority items for Emerald Park residents
- School Issues - major focus on more schools - elementary and high school
- Highway and Traffic - major concerns regarding Trans-Canada Highway traffic management and safety
- Crime and Safety - main emphasis on higher RCMP presence - no mention of crime rate
- Planning and Growth - slow rate of growth and increase level of comprehensive planning and development
- Infrastructure - pool, leisure centre, more street lights and some road improvements
- Bylaw Enforcement - control of pets, control ATVs and snowmobiles and more enforcement of a noise bylaw
- Emerald Park-White City Issue -- time to move forward with vision and forethought
- RM Council Communications - more representation on the RM Council for Emerald Park
- Aspen Links Golf Course - improve the golf course and plan for the future
- Taxation - only one comment that taxation levels are an important issue

Appendix A

RM of Edenwold – What Matters to You in Your Community Questionnaire

The Rural Municipality of Edenwold is experiencing strong and diverse development pressure for residential, commercial and industrial growth. At the same time, there is ample opportunity for this rural municipality to become one of the premier locations to live, raise a family and conduct business.

The RM of Edenwold is currently reviewing and updating the current Official Community Plan or master plan. In addition, the Council for the RM of Edenwold is reviewing its medium and longer-term plans for growth and development within the municipality. We need your input.

The RM of Edenwold needs to understand what YOU think are the more important features or values you like about your community. We also need to know what you see as the challenges and what the longer term vision for preferred future for the RM of Edenwold should be. What do we need to protect and what do we need to change and improve?

The following questions are designed to provide the RM of Edenwold with an outline of the values, challenges, community long-term vision and a list of priorities from its citizens.

Please take time to consider your answers and provide comments from YOUR personal perspective.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the RM of Edenwold before 15 December 2008.

RM Fax 771-2631 or Post Office Box 10, Balgonie, SOG 0E0

1. Three Most Important FEATURES that YOU like or value about YOUR community.
 1.
 2.
 3.

2. Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community?
 1.
 2.
 3.

3. In one sentence, what do YOU want your community to BECOME within 15 years?
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4. What are the three most important CHANGES you believe need to be made within the next 6 years?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

5. In one short sentence, why did you CHOOSE to live in this community?

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6. If you wish, please provide any additional comments you believe to be important in your community.

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In the RM of Edenwold, what type of home do you live in? *(Please circle one item)*

- (a) Farm / farmstead (b) Country residential (c) Emerald Park (d) Other

Results of this survey will be available from the RM of Edenwold offices in late January 2009.

Thank you for your time and input. !

Appendix B

Complete Listing of All Comments Received from the RM of Edenwold Survey

Farm / Farmstead - Three Most Important FEATURES that YOU like or value about YOUR community

PROXIMITY TO REGINA AND SERVICES - 25

Location – close to City but not in my back yard
Easy access to Regina
Low density – we have neighbours across road and then a half mile away in either direction
Proximity to Regina, Balgonie, Pilot Butte and White City
The location – close enough to the City – but far enough away
Location near major City
Close to Hospital
Close to large Centre
Away from but close access to City
Close to city
Close to Regina services
Close to Regina
Proximity to Regina
Handy to be close to the services in Regina
Proximity to the City with country living
Proximity to the Towns: Edenwold, Pilot Butte and Balgonie
Proximity to Regina
Location – proximity to Regina and Highway #1
Nearness to city
Local Services – more
Senior services
Good services
Proximity to services
Diversity of commercial area (Balgonie, Pilot Butte, White City)
Some limited services are available

RURAL LIFESTYLE - 24

Rural lifestyle
Rural/agricultural lifestyle
Reclusive, peaceful and quiet
Quiet neighbourhood
Distinct rural farm lifestyle - most land in crop or used for farm animals
Quiet, peaceful, serene country life
Quietness of our residence and property
Neighbours aren't too close, air is fresh
Quiet agricultural lifestyle
Quiet and peaceful – few lights and beautiful dark skies
Openness of the land and rolling brush landscape

Open spaces
Neighbours are not too close
Closeness of wildlife
Not too crowded
Open space
Quiet and peaceful
The Rural Nature
Individual freedom
Scenic area
Water quality and fresh air
Quite a lot of green space
Diversity of country life
Everyone works together

NEIGHBOURHOOD QUALITY - 14

Wherever you go you meet people you've known for years
It is a growing community open to all types of people
Good neighbours
Good neighbours
Variety of homes and lifestyles
Do your own thing – privacy
People know you –friendly
Working together
Great neighbours
Neighbours – pot lucks, community functions
The community values
Safe community
Clean community
Friendly

ROAD AND HIGHWAY SYSTEMS - 9

Road maintenance
RM is good at keeping roads clear of snow
Access to Highway 46 and good roads throughout the RM
Good roads
Good road maintenance
We have a good road
We have a good road
Good roads
Access / location – good access roads

Farm / Farmstead - Three Most Important FEATURES that YOU like or value about YOUR community. (con't)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 8

Opportunity for carefully planned growth

Virtually unlimited future – comes with a responsibility to plan / organize

Cost of living

Relatively safe

Our taxes are reasonable

Tidy and clean

Not part of City of Regina

There is still some environmentally sensitive land that our not developed including aquifer recharge areas

FARMING AND NATURE - 4

Integrity of sustainable farm land

Maintaining a farming industry without having to support residential areas in the RM through taxation

Natural conditions – lots of trees, rolling hills, even on most farmland – beautiful.

The ability to farm and produce crops without restrictions and interference

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLING ISSUES - 2

Close to schools – good school bus service

Good schools

Farm / Farmstead - Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community.

GROWTH CHALLENGES - 30

Growth
People moving out of Regina and buying farmland to build houses
Too many subdivisions – too much growth – too fast
Over-crowded schools is a huge problem
Pressure to commercialize agricultural land
People want to split large pieces of land into smaller acreages
More homes and people – rural atmosphere is lost
Challenge of keeping industry on small scale in our community
Productive farmland becoming residential subdivisions
Over populated by building sites
Increasing random development in agricultural areas
Density – seems like houses are going up everywhere
Protecting desirable country residential locations
The ability to manage growth and change – preserve some areas as undeveloped
Industry interfering with farming / residential
Expanding subdivisions encroaching onto farm land
Over-consumption of water from aquifers to feed this expansion
Commercial/industrial encroachment onto good farm land
Resident urban development and/or pressure to subdivide
Over development
Development pressure from towns and acreages
Urbanization
Control (lack of?)
Can the fire departments keep up with all the growth? EMT service?
Lack of long-term plan
Planning for growth / opportunities
Controlled but progressive growth
Excessive pressure to subdivide farmland
Not allowing people to build on farm when they are working on farm part-time
Farm economics – prices too low - land prices increasing due to proximity to City

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 13

How schooling will be handled
The accountability of the RM Council to the ratepayers
Communication with ratepayers and RM Council
Pressure to conform to the “norm”
Changes in demographics; more seniors, more students.
Narrow-mindedness
Privacy
Neighbours that threaten your rights
Health, welfare, safety of residents
Growth / Development
Infrastructure for rural properties
Keeping those who live here from moving to the city

Not having taxes rise

INFRASTRUCTURE - 10

Better infrastructure (i.e. paving Balgonie grid)
Costs of maintaining the RM infrastructure
Infrastructure, roads, garbage, sewer, water, fire and emergency services
Roads and streets
Infrastructure
Infrastructure to support population
Traffic volumes on #1 and 46 highways
Safe access at highway intersections (i.e. merge and turning lanes)
Heavier amounts of traffic
Road maintenance

PROMOTION OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT - 9

Increasing our tax-base through increased industrial/commercial/residential growth
We need to have more growth
Bring in a business area
More development to increase tax base
Getting approval for the sons who farm to build homes on their quarters
Complexities of allowing subdivision and 2nd home on quarter section for farmers
Unable to prosper – grow
Protection [of] country life through residential + commercial growth
Uniform standards with innovation through growth

WATER SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY - 8

Water
Water supply
Safe water
Water supply plan is lacking
Water – is there enough?
Strain on water supply for Balgonie and surrounding area
Water quantity and water quality – increased residents, livestock operations and pesticides
Water quality with increased population pressure

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - 6

Garbage dumped into ditches and in fields
Untidy, messy yards – NW of Pilot Butte has several very junk-like yards
Better weed control (i.e. ditches and some yards)
More pest control (proper bait for gophers and rats)
Wandering livestock – causing huge damages to crops and no enforcement upon livestock owners
Garbage dumped beside roads

Farm / Farmstead - Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community. (con't)

TAXATION AND COSTS OF LIVING - 6

House prices are not affordable to average working class

Taxes are too high on farmland

Added RM taxes to support added schools etc

Increasing taxes

School board mill rate out of control

Increased school taxes due to needs of White City-Balgonie areas

FARMING AND NATURE - 4

Restricted agricultural use of land (chemicals etc)

Increase use of energy alternatives into existing and new homes

To be able to farm and produce crops without interference

Preserving good agricultural land (Class 2 &3) for food production

CRIME AND SAFETY - 4

Crime

Law enforcement

Crime increasing

Break-ins (theft)

Farm / Farmstead - In one sentence, what do YOU want your community to BECOME within 15 years.

MANAGED GROWTH IN RM OF EDENWOLD - 15

I am happy with things as they are, but knowing that change is inevitable, I hope for orderly (growth).

A thriving community where people can live and work close to their roots – affordable.

Sustainable, ecological, safe, affordable, maintaining the rural foundation without becoming a subdivision of the City.

A mix of rural / farmland with low density and specific areas of high density residential (acreages) and thriving small businesses.

Believe through careful planning our community has the ability to become a perfect balance – most desirable place to live and work.

To start using our location as a form of growth – if we use a 10 mile circle around Regina – the RM would have proper growth within that radius – to subsidize the taxes for the remainder of the RM – if we go to small residential housing and commercial along #1 and #46.

I would like to see a safe, attractive, affordable, well-maintained community.

Should be more small holdings (acreages) – increase population in RM – raise more taxes for maybe schooling, parks and small businesses.

A self sufficient community that stays at a size manageable to the services available.

A community that is open-minded open to expansion and taking advantage of opportunities to make our community the best it can become.

A safe, clean place to live.

A community that is desirable to live in.

A friendly community, tolerant of diversity.

More supportive, by all people, of local events, local businesses etc. to strengthen it and help it grow.

Development – Master Plan with lots of green space – each subdivision should have at least 15 percent in common green area.

PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND - 10

NOT part of Regina!

No Change – maintain current zoning!

I want it to stay a residential farming community.

An environmentally and water use/conservation conscious community able to say NO to some development in some areas and to be recognized as a community with sustainable development and not just development everywhere.

We want our community to retain its open, undivided landscape – not masses of acreages or lots of industry.

The same place with the same values it has today – within a progressive environment.

I would want our community to remain a safe and prosperous farm-based area; and that it should not become a commercial or industrial wasteland.

I would like to see acreages stop and have some control over land intensification use!

Keep farms as farmland – NO subdividing of quarter sections where land is productive.

I believe we have a wonderful community that doesn't need a lot of improvements except for garbage in the ditches.

PROMOTION OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT - 4

A vibrant, innovative, trend-setting rural community with the urban amenities available through the hi-way corridors.

We want the RM to be a well-rounded, dynamic community with a responsible, well-managed government.

A community where everyone works together to keep our community centre operating and feels that we all belong.

Subdividing a quarter (section) in agriculture designated property (e.g. 5 acres + 155 acres)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 1

I would like to see a community where [everyone] respects the bylaws of the RM.

Farm / Farmstead - Three most important CHANGES you believe need to be made within the next 6 years.

MANAGED GROWTH IN RM OF EDENWOLD - 17

The best change is little change – very limited growth
A strategic plan to deal with the consequences of the current decisions
Implementation of an orderly Development Plan
Any industry must be confined and contained within designated areas
Having a Plan that makes the community attractive, but functional
Controlling expansion of the “bedroom communities”
Designate a restricted area for commercial and industrial enterprises
Restrictions on allowing industry into the RM
Restrict the number of small acreages being developed
Restrict more development zoning
Need more planning orientated – proactive
Balance residential densities (control high density developments)
Land development policy preserving farmland
Ban subdivision of productive farmland
Limit industrial development to highway frontage and established centres (i.e. Balgonie, White City, Pilot Butte)
Up to date, current planning and development department
Different rules on some (2 homes on one quarter) or “grandfather” clauses

PROMOTION OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT - 15

Ensuring continued development to increase population base and be able to reduce school tax on farmland
More industrial/commercial development along Highway #1 and #46
More commercial (development) along #1 and #46
Open-minded to future development
Facilitate growth to reduce overall taxation
Subdivision of properties
Be more flexible with farmers starting out – home quarter section and housing
Proactive with engineering needs
When a member of a family get married and wants to build a house on the farm to work with the family on the farm, they should be allowed to do so.
Advance infrastructure to incorporate expansion
RM needs to allow more flexibility to zoning – i.e. soundstage would have brought in more tax revenue, but (would not) distract from local farms.
Accept growth with enthusiasm
RM staffed efficiently to operate as a growing, thriving RM that is open for business
We are a suburb; we need to see that people will move out here from the Big City
Meaningful discussion of development in the RM (e.g. Pilot Butte sewage lagoon)

ROAD AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS - 11

More attention should be spent on upgrading secondary roads
Improvements to Highway #46 to handle increased traffic
Better maintenance of grids – especially major grids

Road maintenance (heavy use in our area by gravel trucks and farm equipment)
Improved merge lanes onto / off of Highway #1 and #46
Twin highway #46 – many gravel trucks combined with commuting vehicles (am/pm) makes #46 dangerous
More streets paved
Dust control on busy roads
Land owners can't pay for roads use for heavy haul (trucks) caused by larger elevators.
Snow removal – sooner
Allow naming of country roads – aid to emergency services

WATER QUALITY, WATER QUANTITY AND ENVIRONMENT - 10

Safe and reliable water source – available for everyone who chooses to live in my community
Proper water and sewer throughout the RM
Any additional “development” must protect water
No more subdivisions using groundwater only
Some plan must be put in place for a larger water supply
Public to recognize the need and location of water aquifer recharge areas
Serious protection of our water supply
Plan for household water supply (infrastructure)
Industry, farming and residential must ALL protect the water supply from pollution and overuse
Municipality (needs) to preserve environmentally sensitive lands

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 10

Website for the RM of Edenwold
Access to recycling facilities (household and commercial)
Change – in attitude to new ideas
Promote energy options to reduce carbon footprint
Another restaurant to house the growing population
Increase “senior” accessibility to services
Infrastructure maintenance and construction costs to be borne by the provincial government.
Taxes getting too high (reduce)
Education staying in the community
Agricultural production requires a higher level of services, especially good road maintenance

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - 5

Enforced control of noxious weeds – spurge
Noxious weed control – problem growing exponentially
Weed control subsidy
Enforce laws (i.e. animals running freely)
Establishment of bylaw regarding junk and debris

Farm / Farmstead - Three most important CHANGES you believe need to be made within the next 6 years. (con't)

CRIME AND SAFETY - 3

We definitely need an RCMP detachment

An RCMP detachment east of Regina – response times are too slow at present

Law enforcement (increase)

RM COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - 3

Improved RM Council / Ratepayer communications

More effective communication between Council and ratepayers

Representation of all sectors in the RM on Council

Farm / Farmstead - In one short sentence, why did you CHOOSE to live in this community.

PROXIMITY TO REGINA - 13

In the vicinity of Regina – nice neighbours.

Proximity to Regina for work.

Went looking for a place close to the City but rural – we found this quarter section and liked the location.

Location – near major centre.

We chose this community because we wanted a country lifestyle but with easy access to Regina.

Country living close to all the amenities of a city.

It is close to schools, business places and our services are good.

Far enough away and yet close enough to Regina.

Proximity to Regina (work in City) and openness of RM to running a small business on our property.

An alternative place to raise my family (4 kids and wife) than the hectic pace of Regina.

Near Regina, safety and crime (low) – a safe place to live.

We chose to be here because of the location being close to the City and Highway #1 (business)

Proximity to Regina for work

SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF LAND OWNERS - 12

Our family farm is over 100 years old, which we chose to continue.

I am a third generation producer living on a family farm and will continue to farm and pass on the land and farm to family members.

Farm owned by parents – farmed with them.

In 1937 we bought our farm and have lived here ever since.

Born, raised and reside.

Our family has lived here for many generations.

We moved here in 1948 – it was affordable for us at the time.

Wide open spaces back in 1970.

Our farm is here since 1980.

I am a long-time resident, and all the “choosing” is actually that is a home from early in life.

Family ties.

Because my husband was from this community.

RURAL QUALITY OF LIFE AND VALUES - 8

We have always liked rural community living but lately are feeling crowded by too many subdivisions.

Opportunity for a rural/agricultural lifestyle.

For the free of open spaces / country living and yet close to City businesses / services.

Chose our land because we loved the rolling land, the treed sloughs, peace and quiet of rural life – but close to the City.

It's Home.

Rural lifestyle, country values.

Friendliness and tolerance of residents.

We farm here.

Farm / Farmstead - Any additional comments you believe to be important in your community.

- Other RM's have a locating system for rural dwellings for emergency services – could this be possible for us? RM needs to improve information dispersal – use internet more.
- Current policy regarding subdivision of Agricultural land must be maintained – no rezoning of agricultural land!
- Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide our opinion – in a fast-paced life we need to value the richness of a rural community.
- There needs to be a clear separation and definition of agricultural, industrial and residential zones – there cannot be a “slop-over” from one to another. Keep zones clear and definitive.
- We are impressed with the level and quality of service we receive from the RM – road maintenance (summer and winter), ditch mowing – we feel we get good value for our tax dollars. A clean, stable water supply (piped from central water treatment plant) for rural customers would be nice, but not necessary.
- Highway 46 is getting VERY dangerous, especially during morning/evening commutes. Industrial / commercial development should be restricted to corridors along Highways #1, #46 and #48 to preserve the quiet country life which is the reason we moved from the city 5 years ago. Thank you for sending out this survey and listening to residents – you should be commended for this!
- As a farmer all of us have worked hard and our land is not good enough to make a good living – it is time that the RM allows everyone from Balgonie to Regina to subdivide and retire as this land at this time will do for us.
- Water and environmental concerns need to be topmost in any plan. The RM has an opportunity to lead by example and NOT become another Alberta.
- There are some lands within present development areas that should not be developed (aquifer recharge areas, environmental reserves). Municipal divisional boundaries changed and increased – need to look at big picture – not re-election on personal issues. Municipality is terrible at ratepayer communication – need ratepayer involved (on committees) and municipal openness.
- Businesses may be welcome, but unsightly yards should have bylaws that can be enforced. Water resources should be protected. Towns such as Pilot Butte should cooperate and partner with the RM and the Province (e.g. sewage lagoon).
- I feel that in the on-going development of a community, there should not be the emphasis on growth for the sake of growth, or for the sake of economic dollar value about all else. WATER and environmental concerns should be the priorities when considering development.
- Need to review by-laws to promote future growth in RM – become more proactive to change.
- We need to be mindful of the impact of development. Is there a plan (re water, disposal of waste – both sewage and garbage); are there resources to upgrade roads to handle the increased traffic that will result from development. Additionally, there will be an increased demand on educational and recreational facilities. Are we ready?
- Good maintenance of gravel roads – financial assistance in control of noxious weeds – snow clearing on roads when necessary – rural addresses for emergency services.

Farm / Farmstead - Any additional comments you believe to be important in your community. (con't)

- The RM needs to change its rules on farmers subdividing their land. I've been told my land is too good to subdivide – zoned for agriculture. But people with poor land (gravel or pasture) can subdivide. This makes poor land more valuable than good land? This is discrimination. Farmers should be able to sell small acreages. More residents make for more taxes for the RM.
- I would like to see subdivision parcels off of agricultural land.
- We cannot dictate what is done with the land around us that is owned by others. People with 40 acres try to tell other landowners what to do. We have seen our roads become very busy – that's called progress? Let's progress – NOT REGRESS.
- We need rules and regulations that are affordable and available.
- No top quality agricultural land should be subdivided – only low class land. All subdivisions should have designated green area.
- Out of 3 RMs and 3 different boards that I pay taxes in – this one has had the most aggressive school board mill rate increases by far!
- I believe that the residents of RM#158 Edenwold have the best potential in the Regina area for development and growth. We must have the best Council and Administration to maintain this expansion with professionalism.

Country Residential - Three Most Important FEATURES that YOU like or value about YOUR community.

RURAL LIFESTYLE - 30

The tranquility of the area we live [in]
Being part of a truly country setting with all it entails
Peace and quiet
Life in the country
Privacy and peacefulness
The space and quiet
Beauty
Quiet peaceful setting
Ample space between neighbours
The quietness of the area
Quieter lifestyle
Peace and quiet, not a lot of people around
Love the acreage atmosphere
Country lifestyle
Acreage living
Rural setting away from noise, lights and congestion
Friendly community quiet
Relaxing, low stress life style
Quieter, slower pace of life
More room to live
Small-town feel
I feel safe here - great neighbours, helpful and friendly, stress buster
Nice and quiet
Friendly neighbours
Closeness of neighbours-close community
A safe place to raise a family
Relaxing, low stress lifestyle
Quieter, slower pace of life
Rural Setting
More room to live

NEIGHBOURHOOD QUALITY - 15

The pride people take in their well-groomed homes and yards
Like having neighbours who look after their places
Large lots
Bigger yards
We're currently in the country, and that's great about that
Wildlife, birds, etc. are very important to us
This area has a country feel to it-this attracted us to live here
Able to keep assortment of critters, including horse shown property
I consider it a community
High quality of living and guidelines in place to keep it that way
Space

See both country and community living
Controlled subdivisions community spirit
Independent living
Like having neighbours who look after their places

PROXIMITY TO REGINA AND SERVICES - 15

Love the proximity to the City
Love the Acreage atmosphere
Close to Regina with 3 highways leading to the city
On main highway
Near Regina
Access to all major amenities
Close to the city
This is a bedroom community close to the city
Close enough to the city. The city is only 20 minutes away
Accessibility to the city
Love the proximity of the city
Close to the city
Proximity to Regina
Close proximity to large centre
The proximity to the city for our everyday needs

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 10

Amenities-convenience stores, postal outlet
A grocery store with a post office and pharmacy for money orders and stamps
Hockey rink
School
Golf course
White Butte Trails Recreation area
Green space
No heavy industry or large intensive operations
Well maintained towns and R.M.
Good roads

CRIME AND SAFETY - 5

A safe place to raise a family
No crime
Low crime
Safe
Fire protection

TAXATION LEVELS - 3

Value for property taxes
Reasonable services and taxation (always room for improvement!)
Lower taxes on properties

Country Residential - Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES - 25

Growth – you have to cater to new development and improve roads
Growth
Infrastructure to accommodate Growth
The number of people and construction moving in
The infrastructure not keeping up with the number of people
Infrastructure
Rapid increase in residential development creates traffic issues, school space issues, and road maintenance-management thereof
Balgonie is one of the fastest growing communities...with this comes major challenges of how the town should be structured – as the town grows, the need for more land is evident
The east end of Regina and their businesses are taking over more and more land reaching closer and closer to where we live
I positively hate the fact that the community is starting to be surrounded by White City, and urbanization is taking place without regard to anything other than money. I guess that's what some call progress.
Well planned growth
Maintain lifestyle that pre-existed growth
Increased housing and traffic congestion
Speedy development with little consideration for schools and increased future property taxes due to the artificially inflated evaluation of the properties
Growing too large, too quickly
Growing too large too quickly
Over-crowding; too much residential subdivisions
Close all the gravel pits that are wrecking our acreage community and roads
Close to the gravel pits that are wrecking our acreage community and roads
More businesses on Hwy #1 and #46
The restrictions placed on land owners who wish to subdivide. Especially when the land is registered as separate parcels within the title and separated by boundaries as railways and roads
Increasing prevalence of smaller and smaller subdivisions of farm land for development (i.e.: Crawford Estates)
Growth – you have to cater to new developments and improve roads
Keep it rural/residential/agricultural

TRAFFIC ISSUES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY - 18

Increased traffic
Need an overpass at hwy #48 and Hwy 31 Intersection
High traffic
Terrible Hwy access (soon it will become deadly at #1 and #48 intersection)
Traffic control
Road quality
Increased traffic in area

Increase in traffic i.e.: motor vehicle, quad, ski-doo, noise, and dust issues
Terrible highway access (soon it will be deadly at #1 and #48 intersection)
With expansion comes traffic handling issues i.e.: #1 Hwy and Pilot Butte turn
Busy 31 Hwy
Railways and highways are another challenge for safety and noise
Access to Hwy #1 with the increase of housing
Noise/traffic
Traveling to Regina – need more than one main route
Hwy #48 – speed limit is too high up to Kennedy Road
Dust control (no pavement) – excessive dust resulting from heavier traffic on the grid road south of White City
Dust from development

CRIME AND SAFETY - 12

Increased crime
Reducing crime
Crime and vandalism
Youth crime and vandalism
Lack of police presence
Break-ins
Property crimes and police force visible
The amount of firearm violations that we deal with on a constant basis
Increased crime (need for more night police patrols)
Crime
Lack of police presence
Youth crime / vandalism

TAXATION ISSUES - 9

Tax increases
Keeping taxes reasonable and affordable (property and school)
Increased taxes with very little services such as in park meadows, meadow ledge, and estate
Over taxed without service
Fair taxes and allocation of revenue
Inconsistent services within and between areas
Excessive tax
Fair taxation and allocation of revenue
Being responsible for the R.M. and a town creates interests and it will be difficult to be fair to all ratepayers – creating increased financial pressure on the R.M. causing increases in property and school taxes

Country Residential - Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community. (con't)

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ISSUES - 7

The size of schools
Over-crowded schools
Crowded schools
Education
Schools – lack thereof
Increase in new students of the schools
A high school that falling apart

WATER SUPPLY AND WATER QUALITY - 5

Protection of water resources for residents with private wells
Clean water, sewer for all R.M. people
Water scarcity
Maintaining water
Disposing of sewer

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - 4

Cleaning up junk yards
Cleaning up junk yards
No enforcement of architectural controls
Noise pollution – traffic and dogs barking

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 2

Community volunteers
Proximity of the small mall and groceries

Country Residential - In one sentence, what do YOU want your community to BECOME within 15 years.

- I would like our community to move forward in a positive fair manner, I would like to see all the junkyards and pits cleaned up! Especially the ones in close proximity to homes.
- Strong and viable.
- A safe place to raise a family, with a relaxed, low stress lifestyle.
- I would be happy without more residential development (e.g. Clear Vistas). I would like it to be safer, both in terms of an increase in RCMP presence and highway access.
- With the amount of taxes we pay we would like to see some services such as a pool, larger rec center, better roads, garbage pick-up, schools.
- Merge with White City and Emerald Park and become a big community and have all the benefits of a big city.
- I was the first one that built the house, there was nobody around, only lots of deer, was alone for 3 years, then other people were moving in. Sorry for not filling out sooner.
- A planned community that is sustainable, not allowed to outgrow its infrastructure, fairness in services provided to ratepayers.
- Cheap place to live.
- Parks, recreation, and services available that match tax base of area.
- A safe, environment to raise a family.
- I can see Balgonie becoming a (e.g. Sherwood Park, AB) bedroom community of Regina. With this, having the option for acreage living or even bigger town lot living.
- I'd like to see our rural country way of living preserved without over-crowding of both business and residence. Everything can't always be about money. We need to respect the earth, our water supply, and the people who already live here.
- I would like to see my community stay the way it is, complete with green space (across the road from my house, which is #3 Park Meadows Drive) and heritage site. The city is very few miles away...we don't need another one here.
- Would be happy to see it stay the way it is.
- A resemblance to what it was 15 years ago.

Country Residential - In one sentence, what do YOU want your community to BECOME within 15 years. (con't)

- A safe community for our children to grow-up in with a high standard of education and “small town friendliness”.
- A good, quiet, safe place to live and raise children.
- A more comprehensive community welcoming and incorporating villages, towns, individual subdivisions, goals, visions, values that truly reflects a progressive R.M. for all ages and race and cultures.
- We live in Park Meadow Estate and we are now surrounded and choked by White City development – the lack of dust control and increased traffic on the grid road south of White City made it impossible last summer to open windows or simply enjoy the deck. We would like to see this situation addressed by next summer (i.e. Paving the grid road to the intersection of Betteridge Road) so that we can enjoy our property for the summer months. We want our community to slow down its growth and keep what is left of the prairie living we moved to, 12 years ago.
- Prefer no radical changes from what it currently is.
- A safe, classy residential area which is quiet and peaceful.
- More responsible drivers that will follow the rules so we don't need to keep putting up speed bumps.
- To remain as is, quiet and peaceful.
- A safe place with similar services to an urban center.
- I would like our community to move forward in a positive fair manner, I would like to see all the junkyards and pits cleaned up! Especially the ones close proximity to homes.
- A safe place to raise a family, low stress lifestyle.
- I would be happy without more residential development (clear vistas for one). I would like it to be safer place, both in terms of an increase in RCMP presence and highway access.
- I liked it better 5 years ago. Can't go back, so I'd like to see better planning around community impact of new development.
- Greater housing infill with concentration on wide open acreage or country living lifestyle.
- Better services, lower taxes, better roads.

Country Residential - Three most important CHANGES you believe need to be made within the next 6 years.

ROAD AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS - 16

Roads – entrances into White City
More dust control
Better access on to the #1 Hwy from Hwy #48.
Re-do the roads.
Safe access and egress from main roadways
Better roads
Double lane on Hwy #46
Address the dust control situation on the grid road south of White City to Betteridge Road
More dust control
Grid roads to be graded better.
Another alternate, direct route into Regina. Other than #10
Overpasses for White City and Pilot Butte.
Stop lights or merge lanes onto major highways (#1 and Balgonie refinery road)
Interchanger at Hwy #48 and Hwy #1.
Hard top main gravel road (White City Drive)

GROWTH CHALLENGES - 12

Slow growth until infrastructure catches up !
Change in attitude. Growth isn't always a good thing.
Better planning
Enlarging radius for notification regarding development/rezoning
To stop the rapid extension from Regina into our R.M.
To stop allowing acreage owners to subdivide quarters into 20-25 residential lots.
Need second residence on business operated farm
More of a focus on preservation of the land, water supply, and wildlife habitats.
Plan with the City of Regina for a bypass around the city just like Winnipeg. To the north towards Saskatoon and to the south to Moose Jaw.
More housing
Amalgamation of acreages/ Emerald Park/ White City.
Other than huge, self-indulgent homes that are starting to engulf our community, I see no need for changes. As mentioned before, the city and its businesses are not far away and tangible to all.

CRIME AND SAFETY - 11

Need RCMP in White City/Emerald Park ASAP
A police force within White City, Emerald Park, or Balgonie
An RCMP depot in the area.
More policing to slow traffic on roads
Better police service
Greater police presence
RCMP detachment near/in White City.
Need RCMP in White City/Emerald Park. ASAP
More policing to slow traffic on roads.

Better police coverage and accessibility (Local attachment office needed)
Increase community policing.

TAXATION LEVELS - 9

Equality of services between Emerald Park and acreages
Stabilization or reduction of education tax.
Better services for acreage
Lower taxes
Equality of services between Emerald Park and acreages. (Why should I have to pay for my own garbage pick-up and drive on non-paved roads?????)
Decrease in property taxes
Property taxes must be fair.
Property taxes must be fair

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ISSUES - 8

Need high school in Pilot Butte / White City
A school (the schools in White City and Balgonie are not sufficient for the number of students)
Increase capacity of both the elementary and secondary schools
Need high school in Pilot Butte/White City.
High school for White City.
Schools (more space)
#! A new high school – it is totally unacceptable to have a facility that is falling apart.
New/expanded schools

WATER QUALITY, WATER QUANTITY AND ENVIRONMENT - 7

Ensure water supply for the future.
Hook up to Sask Water.
Investigate sewer disposal.
We need to govern and maintain our natural resources.
Design and confirm the old school site located on the corner of Park Meadows Drive and the grid road south of White City as a heritage site, never to be built on. This site should be cleaned up and local residents allowed organizing and volunteering in the planting of trees which should be conducive to the welfare of the already established wildlife and birds on that 11 acres or so.

Emerald Park should be treated as a separate cost center for accounting purposes. All taxes generated by Emerald Park should be charged to an account within that cost center, with 30% going to the General Revenue for administration services (as per the first Crawford Estates.) All expenses that pertain to Emerald Park should also be charged to accounts within that cost center. There should be some effort made to bring about more fairness between acreages and Emerald Park, both groups pay the same mill rate but they do not receive the same services.

Country Residential - Three most important CHANGES you believe need to be made within the next 6 years. (con't)

INFRASTRUCTURE - 7

Maintaining current infrastructure with increasing development and population without a big tax increase.

New dump must be accessible by all R.M. of Edenwold.

Slow growth until infrastructure catches up!

The Lagoon (no specific reference)

There must be easier access to health care for our own aging population. E.g. Medical clinic pharmacy, bank, transportation (shuttle service to Regina), and Recreation Centre.

Development of park areas.

The central water system should be a separate cost center governed by a Utility Board with all revenues and expenses pertaining to the central water system, including the water treatment plant, meter reading, and preparing water usage invoices, charged to accounts within that cost center. It will be impossible to justify rate increases to users unless proper accounting practices are in place. The central water system can stand alone financially. More for expansion maintenance can be borrowed and repaid over time using the rates paid by the users of the system. Money that is accumulated within the central water system account cannot be taken out and used to benefit non-users of the system; therefore non-users should not be expected to pay for it. The central sewer and lagoon system should also follow the same user pay system.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 4

Rural mailboxes in Bridlewood Estates.

Thoughtful planning of additions

Developers finishing obligations before moving to next project.

No room to park the car by Post Office in White City.

RM COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - 4

Work better with White City, Emerald Park, and surrounding areas.

Better communication between the R.M. and the ratepayers WEBSITE!

I would like to see the R.M. Council become more open with the newspapers, have annual meetings where future plans and challenges are discussed.

More business so we pay less taxes.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - 2

Restriction on dogs barking all night.

The bylaws and policies must be reviewed and changed.

Country Residential - In one short sentence, why did you CHOOSE to live in this community.

- Close proximity to city for our business of horse training.
- Own land handed down in Family – Live in Regina.
- Reasonable price/taxes, yet close to proximity to Regina.
- We wanted privacy, space and a small, safe community to raise our children.
- To be away from the City problems, but yet close enough for the convenience.
- We wanted our children to go to a decent school and pay less tax, unfortunately the school has become too full and we pay exorbitant taxes.
- Proximity to Regina and paved roads to home.
- Moved away from Regina because of break-ins here so far not, and more privacy too!
- It is close to Regina, the community is well maintained; there were acreages available with some mature trees, a good water supply and pleasant surroundings.
- Good people.
- Close to the city in an area with architectural controls.
- Quietness, safety for our family.
- Well-treed, beautiful property out of the city.
- To raise our children and still be close to a major center.
- It was peaceful, close to small towns, easy commute to City and a good place to have our horses and the lifestyle that's important to us. We both grew up in rural Sask. So it's where we belong.
- We chose to live in Park Meadows because it wasn't the city – it was away from the city. Also, we specifically chose #3 Meadows Drive because of the green space across the road.
- The opportunity to enjoy living in the country, being close to a community and larger center.
- We moved here from Montreal/Ottawa 12 years ago to retire and enjoy the peace and tranquility of prairie living. We loved to listen to nature and to be able to see Regina on a clear night. We had the perfect setting. This is now almost gone, but we are hopeful that we still retain what is left of our original seclusion.
- The ability to live in a country setting.

Country Residential - In one short sentence, why did you CHOOSE to live in this community. (con't)

- To get away from the hub-bub of the city.
- I like the bigger yards. I need to put a second garage in the back. The new lots in the city are too small to even play catch in your backyard with your kids.
- The quiet surroundings and decreased number of people.
- Lower property taxes.
- Country lifestyle, horse in backyard big garden, less people and traffic.
- The low crime, proximity to Regina and close knit community.
- Because it was a smaller community.
- Out of the hustle and bustle of the city plus added safety.
- Only available acreage available when we bought.
- We were raised on farm and didn't want our children raised in the city.
- We wanted a nice piece of land to develop that was close to the city.
- For more space.
- Close proximity to city for our business of horse training.
- We wanted privacy, space, and a safe community to raise our children.
- To be away from the city problems, but yet close enough for the convenience.

Country Residential - Any additional comments you believe to be important in your community.

- In the past 10 years we have seen an increase in the amount of dangerous activity (drugs, speeding, juvenile trick!) in our area. A town this size SHOULD have its own RCMP detachment. Police presence would return this area to the way it used to be. We are prepared to leave if there is not RCMP out here within 2-3 years.
- The bulk of the Meadow Ridge estates, Park Meadows, and Baracelle Wood's roads have been sand-sealed. Hunter Bay has not been. With the amount of taxes we pay, we feel that we are getting very little in the way of services from the R.M. (White City is paving its developments.) If the R.M. is not going to step up its services, then reduce the taxes.
- I believe we should have a grocery store here and a hardware store near. I cannot understand why they have 2 Peavy Marts and a Rona so close together, and not have one here where. I see lots of land north of us. Could help White City people, they struggle. Never build anything in 14 years.
- There needs to be a match between fiscal responsibility and the delivery of services. Currently the acreage areas pay a high amount of tax dollars for inconsistent services – some areas are sealed, some roads oiled, and some left as grid. In those areas you really only provide one service and you have great difficulty getting that right. Stop caring about money and start caring about people.
- Thank you so much for helping with the clip sealing of Bridle wood Estates, it is truly appreciated.
- Council needs to conduct policy analysis on health and social issues, develop innovative programs, build coalitions to effectively respond to emerging community needs and offer training and technical assistance in community planning to mobilize and develop programs so people can improve the community of Balgonie.
- The ATVs are becoming a bigger problem with leaving gates/fences open in pastures, wrecking roads and fields, littering, noise pollution and they take away from the peacefulness of a horse ride when you encounter them. Children/Adults not wearing helmets on ATVs/snowmobiles. Lack of policing or visual presence of any kind.
- Quite honestly, the notion that the green space across from my house could possibly become houses, businesses, etc. really disturbs me. I do understand the gopher problems from last year, but “urbanizing” this area would also wipe out Great Horned Owls, moose, deer, and other beautiful wildlife that share our “country” space. Please, let's keep it that way as a green space.
- I believe the R.M. should develop a website to post council minutes, development, proposals, bylaw changes, councillor's expenses, etc. Most families have 2 working parents so attending council meetings is not an option. Changing \$50 for yearly minutes is ridiculous. I realize this covers postage and photocopying, however a website would involve neither once it was set up, and would likely be less work in the long run – unless you don't want people to know what is going on (which seems to be the case).
- I live in Crawford Country Estates the quality of the gravel/washboard road is poor. I don't know if the grader operator needs to slow down or what the problem is. Other than the formula for school tax being ridiculous, life is pretty good. We all receive the same service, regardless of the value of our home. I already invested in my community once with its purchase.

Country Residential - Any additional comments you believe to be important in your community. (con't)

- We have no services except to have our road graded once in a while, and not a very good job I might add. We pay far too high of taxes for what we get, like garbage pick-up, yet people complain when you burn it, so what do you do when you have no way of taking it to the dump, which I might add is another fee. Where does our tax money go?
- Encouraging entrepreneurs and new businesses for relocation to this R.M. What's important is to provide local senior housing units that is affordable to keep the seniors closer to their families and remain part of these much loved communities. Not everyone wants to move to the city.
- We realize that we cannot stop progress and development to creep in. It is however somewhat upsetting to realize that in so little time, the erratic spreading of the town of White City at the expense of the agricultural land has affected our lifestyle. As it stands now and for the past three summers, we haven't been able to enjoy our property due excessive beeping noise of graders, Euclides and packers on construction sites surrounding us. The dust caused by much increased traffic on the grid road and the prevalent westerly winds blowing denuded developed land has been to say the least "excessive". Construction garbage (insulation, shingle wrappers and paper of all kinds) get tangled in hedges contributing to the unsightly appearance of the neighbourhood unless it gets cleaned up by the property owners. As a suggestion, we propose that efforts to be made to involve the Town of White City to enforce the garbage situation. As for the dust control aspect since Garden of Eden Development is well underway to the south west of us consideration should be given to paving the grid road leading to it and the cost shared equally by the present and future developers, the Town of White City, and the R.M. of Edenwold.
- Lower the property Taxes! They are way too high. You tax us as if you were supplying us with the same services as we could get in the city, but you are not. We supply our own sewer service, water service, and garbage pick-up. Why are the taxes so ridiculously high??
- I like the idea of a neighbourhood watch system which is easily implemented and seriously carried out.
- Less restrictions on building acreages. I am still limited to 1500 square feet on 5 acres, yet in White City I could build a bigger shop on one half of an acre. Doesn't make sense.
- Hooking up to the main water supply would be the most pressing issue on my mind.
- Why are small trucking outfits allowed to run their business out of their acreage home basis? Diesel fumes from idling trucks, noise and road damage on our main road are major concerns. Also, monitor the junk build-up on acreages. Some places south east of White City look like junk yards and the R.M. does nothing about it.
- It is unacceptable for this R.M. to have a high school that is falling apart around the student's ears. No space, no computers. Are we not one of the richest R.M.s in Saskatchewan? Who can tell from the quality of Greenall High School? Step up to the plate and do something! Buy the land and give it to the Prairie School Division to build a new school.
- Currently I believe that we are not getting value for our tax dollars. Crawford Developments generates approximately \$100,000 in tax revenue, 60% approx goes to school taxes, but what do we get for \$40,000? As far as I am concerned not much. No garbage p/u, they maintain one road that they do not gravel.
- In the past 10 years we have seen an increase in the amount of dangerous activity (drugs, speeding, juvenile tricks!) in our area. A town this size SHOULD have its own RCMP detachment. Police presence would return this area to the way it used to be. We are prepared to leave if there is not RCMP out here within 2-3 years.

Emerald Park - Three Most Important FEATURES that YOU like or value about YOUR community.

NEIGHBOURHOOD QUALITY - 65

Love the mix between agricultural community and residents who choose a different, simpler lifestyle in the R.M.

Better sense of community and neighbours

Neighbours

More friendly in your neighbourhood

Great place to raise children

Great neighbours

Good place to raise a family (quiet, safe)

People are very friendly

A sense of friendliness, community goodwill – not a suburb

Small town feeling

Away from the city

Sense of community

Used to value the quietness and sense of being away from the city – but that is no longer the case sadly

Recreational facilities

Conveniences so you don't have to run to the city

Beautiful

Clean

Low traffic

Rural area, close to Regina

Quick access to Regina (this is changing with the difficulty getting onto hwy especially during peak hours)

Close to Regina

Location

Location – close to amenities of Regina

Not in the city, but still close for services

Most amenities in White City and Emerald Park

Quiet lifestyle

Quiet

Quiet

Quiet community

Quiet neighbourhoods, minimal traffic

Quiet neighbourhood

Quiet, safe, family community

Quiet/peaceful (most times)

Safe neighbourhood

Family community

Small town feel

Close to Regina, clean air

Freedom from city rat race

The quiet lifestyle of a smaller community

Laid back lifestyle

Country living with small town friendliness

It's home!

Low traffic volume

Small size, it's not the city

Proximity to the city without being "the city"

Small town atmosphere, not busy like city living

Small community with no "slum" areas

The rural aspect

The feeling of being out of the city

It is not the city – nice hybrid of rural and urban

I feel safe in my community

Quiet for the most part

Less hustle and bustle than the city

Peaceful neighbourhood free of businesses & associated activities, traffic & crime

Small town living

Small town feel, but close to city

Small town atmosphere

Close to Regina, yet small town living

No residential congestion

The safe feeling that comes with country living

Country/small town atmosphere

Recreation] C[ent[re]

Services

Sense of community

Great neighbours

Safe, feels like a small town

MUNICIPAL (RURAL) SERVICES - 22

Clean roads in winters

R.M. administration

Upkeep of roadways and parks

No municipal debt

Road maintenance and clearing is excellent

Municipal services are prompt and adequate

Snow removal (it's Great!)

No city council !!

Fantastic maintenance program (snow, grass, etc)

The development is maintained effectively, parks, roads, etc

Clean streets in winter

Our excellent services from R.M.

Regular garbage pick-up

Clean, upscale environment

Well-groomed parks, clean

Community atmosphere clean water, good garbage pickup service

Cleanliness

Good snow removal

Well maintained area

Excellent service and maintenance (including mowing and snow removal)

Quality services

Good infrastructure and services

LARGER RESIDENTIAL LOTS - 17

Larger lots, lots of “well-kept” green spaces
Large lots with room for extra buildings
Larger lot size
Big lot size
Larger lot sizes
Large lots
Larger lots; diverse housing designs
Large lots
Large lots (this is changing with the out of control White City expansion)
No high intensity housing
Not over developed for residential, commercial or industrial purposes
Larger lots
Large lots – very nice!
My large lot, not the new Glencairn sized ones!
Large lots – although this is changing dramatically, sad
Space (larger lots)
Good sized lots

TAXATION LEVELS - 15

Low taxes
Reasonable taxes
Cheaper taxes
Taxes are lower than the city
Value for our tax dollars
Services (e.g. Garbage and street cleaning) are superior for what we pay in taxes
Lower taxes
Lower taxes
A lower tax structure than the city
Reasonable taxes
Reasonable taxes and water rates
The value for our taxes
Reasonable taxes
Lower taxes
The continue growth to keep our taxes down

PARKS AND WALKING PATHS - 12

Walkway/paths
Walking paths
Green spaces, walking paths, open areas
Parks
Numerous green areas
Parks
The space and beauty around us
Green space and walking paths

Walking paths
Park space (green space)
Park spaces
Parks, walking paths, activities, recreational facilities

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 11

It is a progressive rural area – open to development/growth
Business development
Parks and other amenities such as doctor, stores
Able to ride my snowmobile from my house out to the Hwy or back to the fields.
Skidooing from our home to the fields
Our own entity Emerald Park
Newness of houses/ landscape and appearance
We built in 1986 and we built our own home. Where in the city can you do that.
Not as much “Big Brother”
The growth – removing us from that torrid “bed-room” community status
Commercial and industrial growth is excellent to retain property values and job creation. We must have sound planning and expertise.

ASPEN LINKS GOLF COURSE - 8

Golf course
The esthetic scenery e.g.: golf course
Recreation facilities (golf course)
Golf course
Quiet – back of golf course
The golf course
The golf course
Golf course

CRIME AND SAFETY - 6

Safety
Safe neighbourhood
Our police service is great – safe place to live
Lower crime rate than city
Reasonable crime rate
Low crime rate

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ISSUES - 5

School (parent involvement/promote kindness, respect/teacher quality)
A good school with high academic standards and values
The school
School
Good schools

Emerald Park - Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community.

GROWTH CHALLENGES - 31

Growing too fast, too quickly – can existing infrastructure grow @ same rate
Non-controlled and non-limited growth
Growing way too fast
Growing population
Development pressures (residential/commercial)
Growing too much too fast
Over expansion – rapid growth/commercial growth!
Rapid growth and infrastructure requirements, particularly access in and out of Emerald Park
Planning growth
Growing size
Over-crowdedness! E.g. Slow down the developers
Development
Developers
Appears we are trying to become like the city – too much business growth
Over development, bigger is not better
Scattering of subdivisions
Commercial and industrial growth
Control of new construction. Studies need to be done of how many houses are for sale before new projects are approved or values go down.
Limit the continuous development of residential areas
Increased development, increased population, more crime, vandalism
Growing expands around our area
Growing too fast
Will be too busy and be like city living
Too much expansion
Rapid growth (schools, library, infrastructure keeping up)
Industrial area becoming very large
A more disciplined and educated approach to further development
Continuing to maintain this type of development keeping industrial/commercial property separate
Balance housing and commercial properties
Not losing the larger country estate feel of Emerald Park
Controlled = well planned growth

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLING ISSUES - 23

Schools – lack of space
Too many kids in White City school!!!!
Too many students for the school (teacher/student ratio), facility not large enough
Schooling
School needs to be able to handle expected future enrollment
School too small

Having a school that will accommodate the growing population with young families
School
School is maxed
Inadequate school facilities to accommodate school aged children in the area
Schooling
School improvements – growth – more classroom space needed, this more staff needed – new gym needed
Sufficient schooling for a growing community
Elementary school size in White City
Need for a high school in White City
Crowded school, three kindergarten classes?
Access to uncrowded schools
Overcrowding in the schools
Desperately in need of a new or secondary year-round access into Regina
Schooling/ overcrowded school
Overcrowding our school
School facilities inadequate to meet demand
Adequate school buildings in Emerald Park

HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL - 22

Need overpasses onto the #1 Hwy
Access onto and off Hwy #1
Not enough access/exits to community for its population
Traffic congestion and safety will only get more difficult as the community grows
Traffic slow _____ Hwy #1
Getting onto the hwy
Access to #1 hwy
Hwy access to city
Traffic situation is critical and very dangerous
Traffic flow
Access (hwy)
Easy access out of the community onto hwy
It's growing fast so traffic is getting risky going onto the hwy into Regina
Traffic leaving Emerald Park, White City on service road
Traffic/ exiting to go into Regina
Traffic
Hwy access
Traffic between Emerald Park and Regina. #1 becoming dangerous
Access to #1 hwy (going west)
Traffic control leaving the area!! (safety)
Crossing the hwy when city bound is becoming more and more challenging and dangerous with increased traffic
Increased traffic (would like walking path on Kinsmen...)

Emerald Park - Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community. (con't)

INFRASTRUCTURE - 21

Expansion of lagoons for growth and golf course
Roads and streets
Inadequate physical infrastructure (access roads, sewer, services) to support this growth
Infrastructure
Infrastructure: school, roads
Limited infrastructure facing inevitable growth. We should be working with Prov. Gov't. City of Regina, PFRA to resolve our water and sewage issues
Keeping up with infrastructure
Better lighting
Fire and police in close proximity
Road conditions
Water pressure especially when the power goes out
Fear for water supply
Deterioration of roads and streets
Additional facilities for youth activities (pool)
More Rec[reaction] facility for young and old
Having the amenities to support the size of the population
Need for community infrastructure
Water and sewer
To have first rate facilities
More play structures for the huge child population
Providing recreation services to meet community needs year-round – e.g. Swimming pool (indoor)

EMERALD PARK – WHITE CITY ISSUES - 18

White City/Emerald Park amalgamation
Not having to join White City
Becoming its own identity from the R.M.
Joining with White City as one city
Annexation issue with White City
Division between White City and Emerald Park
Local contactors developing lots in White City and calling it Emerald Park
Keeping it as Emerald Park
Co-operation between White City and the R.M.
White City trying force us to become one of them
Challenge to stay under R.M. (White City trying to annex)
R.M. should get out of Emerald Park. Our community in Emerald Park and White City and Clear Vistas.
Municipal representation and governance of Emerald Park
Having representation on council in Emerald park
Politics
Having a council of people living in community - keep tax money in our community.
Lack of residence representation on council. This is very important if Emerald Park is to continue to be a tax base to the R.M. of Edenwold.

CRIME AND SAFETY - 15

Policing (hopefully the RCMP are coming)
Policing and security
Police service
Crime control – we need a police presence in the community
Policing and safety issues (fire)
Policing
Teen-age crime and no RCMP depot
Policing
Schooling and police detachment
Inadequate police presence
Bad kids
Policing
Community police service
Influx of crime
Maintaining a peaceful community free of crime

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 14

We need a broader variety of restaurants/ take-out foods
Lack of trees to stop wind
Activities for teens, especially in the summer months
Activities for young adults
Commuting costs/time
Need treed buffer zone to separate Woods Cr. And commercial area
Are we a rural community or a city?
Snow clearing on walking paths
Small town feeling being lost. (more city feel with small lots)
To have a clean, green, lively, friendly, affordable and fun community
Only housing being created is million dollar or near million dollar houses and acreages. No housing for the average working class
Lower income housing
Golf course going down hill
Maintaining the 8 mile distance from major businesses

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - 9

Enforcing speed limits
Enforcing curfews
Do we need city laws? No motorbikes or toboggans
Keeping house/building standards (+ lot sizes) high so Emerald Park doesn't become just another city
Continuity e.g. Fences and culverts/drainage/Easements (maybe basements?).
Pet control, too many animals at large
Not related, but (barking dogs) out of control and wrecked cars and garbage in yards.
Enforcement of existing rules and laws
RE: snowmobiles, dirt bikes, quads, etc

Emerald Park - Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community. (con't)

TAXATION AND COSTS OF LIVING - 4

Keep taxes down

Keeping taxes under control

Keeping taxes/property affordable.

Keeping property taxes as low as possible

Emerald Park - In one sentence, what do YOU want your community to BECOME within 15 years.

- We love the community as it is!
- No change – we moved here because we didn't want to live in the city. If it becomes too large it will lose much of it's appeal.
- Not to grow any larger than it is now, as has a nice small town feeling.
- Want it to be a safe town, with large lots, where everyone knows everyone and lost of a premier school. Why we moved here.
- A private community around a mature, treed, golf course with improved access to #1 hwy.
- Where people live in harmony, empathy, and understanding come from, and lead to, being safe in our homes and neighbourhoods; building strong social networks throughout the community creates synergy and sense of belonging.
- I want to see less development and attempt to remain quiet community. We are already getting too big too fast – R.M. tax/ cash grab!! –i.e. land development, acreages by R.w.F. etc makes no sense
- To keep Emerald Park and the R.M. free from overdevelopment and scattered subdivisions.
- I would like Emerald Park to retain the small town community atmosphere over the next 15 years will likely take that way.
- We hope that the growth of this community will not outgrow these expectations, as we are close enough to/ far enough from the city and all of its problems and beneficial services.
- I would want this community to grow and keep the small town feel. This community is the envy of a lot of city people.
- Not a big town or suburb of Regina.
- A small community with all the quality essentials (schools, parks) of a big city without the commercial ??? and crime.
- I would like to see it the same as it is – not any larger and not anymore industrial businesses.
- A bedroom community of Regina, LIMIT COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES.
- We would like our community to stay a bedroom community like it was originally built as.
- Same as now, Emerald Park.
- Reduced size and not part of any city, secure and safe.
- A well planned community of homes and businesses governed by a single entity, supported by an up to date infrastructure and protected by an ever present police force and fire protection.
- Would like to see the golf course improved to be a respectful course.

Emerald Park - In one sentence, what do YOU want your community to BECOME within 15 years. (con't)

- A quiet, safe, affordable place to raise a family! Lots of well-kept green spaces.
- Little change in the community with well planned development and expansion and most importantly proper hwy access with adequate services available.
- I would like to keep it the same, but have more green space and rec services.
- We would like it to stay small, that's why we moved from the city.
- Would like to see Emerald park stay the same, but continue to grow under R.M. administration with the same high quality control Emerald Park was founded on.
- We want our community to maintain its small-town flavour with emphasis on residential, not commercial, building.
- Prosperous small, friendly community that works together and functions well to make it the best place to live.
- One actual community, with one administration and one voice.
- One unified small city joined with all other developments around Emerald Park, with all services available.
- I would like our community to expand to no more than 3000-4000 people with a high school built, police station and fir fighters (non-volunteer).
- A full service community with all essential services except maybe a hospital, but Regina really needs a new or very much improved hospital service especially in regards to parking. This R.M. and town needs to push for better hospital services.
- A city joined with White City, with it's own new name, no longer part of the R.M. in 3 years.
- I don't want all the stores and large sportsplexes out here. All those services are 20 minutes away. It only adds more traffic and hassle.
- Easier access to #1 hwy going west.
- Vibrant towns, villages and unique developments not just for the high end buyer.
- A vibrant rural community that focuses on family friendly residential development that also welcomes strategically planned commercial development and accompanying infrastructure to compliment the community.
- A community that people want to live in that is safe and has all the amenities you need without having to go to the city for.
- We want a community that continues to have the same amount of green space and maintain the feeling of living in a small community.
- The #1 community in Canada.

Emerald Park - In one sentence, what do YOU want your community to BECOME within 15 years. (con't)

- A city.
- I would like our community to continue being safe, beautiful place to live. Everyone wants to leave Regina and move out here because of the beauty and peaceful, quiet country living. If we are to grow in population we need all the amenities to deal with the demand.
- Better access to Hwy #1 in and out of Emerald Park.
- This community needs to maintain its ability to provide great education for kids and a safe environment for families with up scaled infrastructure needs.
- Want our community to become a safe, affordable community focused (family) place to live.
- To stay in the R.M.
- Annexation to the city or twinning (a challenge for both R.M.s) – the writing is on the wall as this is a great opportunity to plan and showcase a “community for 2010-2020” and beyond. Let’s grow it with solid support and a solid plans.
- The R.M. council has always taken the stance that “if it isn’t broke, don’t fix it” This is not proactive in the growth of this community. If the R.M. doesn’t take the steps to change the divisions of council or provide opportunity for a voice from Emerald Park then an annexation by White City is almost inevitable.
- I believe the population will be much greater and traffic flow to and from the city will need to be addressed.
- Into the “new” Lakeview of Regina – large stately homes in the greatest area to live.
- We hope it will continue to be a quiet rural community.
- Well maintained and affordable.
- Quieter
- For the community to continue with the golf course and green space and not being “squeezed” by industrial development.
- Balance between affordable housing and NOT having to drive to Regina for every little thing.
- One entity Emerald City? With additional junior high school.

Emerald Park - Three most important CHANGES you believe need to be made within the next 6 years.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLING ISSUES - 29

Schools – need another elementary and a high school
Additional school junior high
New/ expanded public school
An outdoor pool/activities for the teens or our community.
A high school
School upgrades or new facilities, including a leisure center.
Schools
Schooling (more classrooms, another school)
Bigger school
School and having the funding for a stage and awesome gymnasium come from the town and m.d.
Another school (elementary) or expand onto existing school.
High school
Need a long term development plan to manage growth and required infrastructure.
Need more education facilities to accommodate school aged children.
Need Proper school
Additional school – maybe grade 6-9
Schools
Bigger school
Bigger elementary school
High school
Education facilities need to be addressed.
Building a new school, possibly public/separate ex. St. Gabriel (east Regina)
Provide adequate school facility.
Community schools
Build a high school
We don't have children, but a school is important.
Larger schools in Balgonie and Emerald Park
Don't see a need for a change. Everything is doing fine. Probably need a K-12 school
Focus on school improvements. Very important

HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL - 29

Slow down traffic on #1 between hwy #48 and Esso!!
Traffic and road infrastructure to handle traffic by hwy transport trucks. Add an additional division to include exclusive representation on council.
Make the SPEED BUMPS smaller!
Access to hwy
Work with province to make #1 safer to drive.
An overpass exiting Emerald park/ White City going west
Traffic management for #1
Hwy #1 access east and west overpass merge lanes.

Access hwy from Emerald Park
Traffic accommodation – reroute or prepare proper traffic access
Hwy access – it is currently congested and dangerous
Over-pass to access hwy
Road safety leaving the area to the hwy.
We need an overpass to get out!!
Better access to Regina for city workers.
Contribute towards paving leading to Hwy #33, improved access
Need an exit – maybe at Emerald Park Rd.
Overpass onto #1
Better access to city during rush hour (No hold ups onto hwy)
to address issues with community access and safety on Hwy #1 and access roads in communities within the R.M. Hwy 31 between Regina and Balgonie is facing increased traffic demands because of growth along this corridor. It should be determined if there is a better way to manage traffic along this corridor to ensure safety (i.e. Traffic lights, reduced speeds, more acceleration lanes, speed bumps, etc). Especially since the addition of Waschuk.
Hwy access
Highway access
Access to hwy and road out of Emerald Park and surrounding area.
Improved access to hwy #1 from the Esso.
Hwy access
Better access onto and off of hwy #1 – long lineup to get out of the community.
Better roads
Traffic flow (repeating myself!!)
We live on Park Cr. In Emerald Park and we need speed bumps.
Speed bumps! Are needed on longer roads.

CRIME AND SAFETY - 14

We need a RCMP detachment
Higher RCMP presence
Ensure adequate RCMP to keep crime rate low.
Include R.M. homes in fire protection plan with either East Regina or Town of White City.
Policing – local detachment – Regina detachment – too far away.
Increased security-police presence.
More police presence.
Issues of safety – better street lighting; fire protection and policing
Local policing
With increased population more crime RCMP detachment necessary.
Policing
More policing
Community police detachment

Emerald Park - Three most important CHANGES you believe need to be made within the next 6 years. (con't)

PLANNING AND GROWTH ISSUES - 14

Completed urban plan infrastructure that will promote "green growth."
A half an acre and lot in excessive-poor planning and urban sprawl compromising "community" and safety.
Limit the amount of residential development.
To provide a long term comprehensive approach to planning and development.
Controlled and limited growth
Non-industrial or retail growth – keep this area strictly residential.
Allow housing and commercial property to develop
Advantages of commercial and industrial along highways.
Stop any apartment or condo building will cheapen your community.
Increased business development
Cut down as too rapid expansion.
Less commercialism
Emerald Park should expand and grow.
No more construction until infrastructure is caught up.

INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES - 14

A pool and exercise area similar to Sandra Schmirler Centre.
Adequate services.
Immediate need for lights. Streets are very dark.
Form one community, which would receive appropriate grants, etc.
All levels of gov't, work together to plan road infrastructure.
A leisure center with swimming pool and possibly a walking track.
Commercial facilities need to be built (e.g. Swimming pools, etc)
More consultation before installing such items as light in residential, parks, etc.
Eliminating redundancies (e.g. Lights in residential parks – Wood Cr., where street lighting shines into the park providing adequate illumination without shining harshly into windows and disturbing pets and people sleeping)
Residential streets need repair
We need a swimming pool in this area.
Water to Phase 1 Emerald Park
Community recreation
Street lights on South Plains Rd. and Emerald Park Rd.

WALKING PATHS AND PARKS - 8

Lights on the path (walking) on South Plains Rd. , Woods Cr. To Emerald Park Rd. (the way it was done this past summer on White City Dr.)
Keep the walking paths cleared in the winter.
Walk paths
Upgraded walking paths that can be cleared of snow in the winter.
Lighted, cleaned walkways.
Plant and maintain thousands of trees.
Trees bordering South Plains in industrial area.
Proper walkways-paved, lights, snow removal on paths.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - 8

Recreation opportunities for kids.
We are happy as is.
Adequate seniors complexes (in one area) condos to transition from independent homes to care facility.
We do not see a need for change.
Everything else is fine as far as I am concerned. You do an excellent job @ looking after our community all year round.
More stores and services.
Shell gas station or high school
Affordable housing

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - 7

Maybe noise bylaws start at 9pm not 11pm.
Speed limits enforced
Curfews enforced
Need to keep the community safe from increased youth.
More control over pets, cats barking dogs
More policing of quads, snow machines, etc.
No motocross bikes or skidoos, there are way too many and more controls where they drive. Call the RCMP – whatever!!

EMERALD PARK – WHITE CITY ISSUES - 7

One community – one plan
Combined development plans with White City to ensure the integrity of both rural communities
Settle Emerald Park/White City issue once and for all. (build a bigger school)
Emerald Park should stay in the R.M. of Edenwold.
Join with other communities to take advantage of out synergies.
Discuss naming it a "community"
End this annexation crap with White City.

RM COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - 5

For Emerald park to have a voice at council.
We need Emerald Park representation on the R.M. council
Emerald Park should have 3 on council
More representation from Emerald Park on council
Change in governance and representation of Emerald Park within the R.M.

ASPEN LINKS GOLF COURSE - 4

Settle golf course issues and make it a better course to play.
Improvement of golf course.
Have the golf course run properly.
Ensure golf course is sustainable.

TAXATION AND COSTS OF LIVING - 1

Send more money to Emerald Park or lower taxes.

Emerald Park - In one short sentence, why did you CHOOSE to live in this community.

- We moved out of the city for the quite large lots with a rural feeling to the community.
- School, not in the city, but close enough for all the shopping.
- Close to Regina – yet very quiet and small town mentality.
- We liked the beauty of it and the closeness to Regina without being right in the city.
- Space and openness.
- Close to the city and I thought it would be a quiet place to live, what a laugh.
- As a long term residents, we were looking for an out of town community to raise our family.
- Large lot with reasonable property taxes.
- Quiet community living close to work and other needs.
- We wanted a large lot in a quiet acreage-type community.
- Large yard.
- For the quiet country atmosphere.
- I grew up in the area and it's close proximity to the city, but yet far enough from the city life.
- Small, and quiet safe, so far.
- Proximity to Regina (had previously lived in Balgonie). At one time 80's bedroom communities were favoured – today we live our lives commuting.
- We wanted the convenience of being close to a major city, but not have to live in a busy community (small town friendliness).
- It is not “the city”.
- In 1984 there were no such communities like Emerald Park. Wanted acreage type life, but with amenities and that is what Emerald Park offered.
- We like the community because it is the R.M. and not White City, but tired of all the voting.
- To be away from the city, so children could grow up in a safe, community oriented place.

Emerald Park - In one short sentence, why did you CHOOSE to live in this community. (con't)

- We like the rural/town like living plus our children were able to go to school with both rural and urban children.
- I chose this community because it had a good school and a safe environment to raise a family. This is deteriorating.
- Larger lots and lower taxes as well as a small town atmosphere, which don't exist anymore!
- We chose to live here because it provided a quiet, safe, affordable place to raise our family. We appreciated the larger lots and lower taxes!
- Better place raise family and close to our farm.
- Again, because of the peace and beauty away from busy crime filled Regina.
- Because it was out of Regina with a good school and golf course.
- Quiet, beautiful, large lots, lots of trees. Very few aboriginals.
- Close to town with low crime rate, large lots were kept yards.
- Small town comfort and closeness. Excellent for children.
- It is a very nice community with excellent snow removal, etc. Friendly people, good roads.
- We chose to live in Emerald Park to have a large lot, to get away from the city (crime, noise, traffic, businesses), and to live in a quiet, peaceful community, free of most stresses.
- I built in Emerald Park 1985 to enjoy a small community atmosphere and provide an opportunity for my children to live in a small town while still having access to city conveniences.
- We own a farm in Edenwold, but live in town because of the services here in Emerald Park and there was no house on our land we purchased.
- For its quiet rural aspect.
- We moved here to get away from busy city life. Love the open space, quiet community.
- Low taxes, nice neighbourhood, safe.
- Larger lots than new areas of Regina. Lower taxes.
- We enjoy small town life, but need to work in the city, so this is the perfect fit.

Emerald Park - In one short sentence, why did you CHOOSE to live in this community. (con't)

- Small community that is quiet, low crime, clean and close to Regina.
- We first moved to Emerald Park for the golf course. Now we stay for the people.
- We chose to live in Emerald Park so we could experience smaller community living that is still within close proximity to a major center.
- Above quality houses and people.
- Fewer homes on larger lots in a “small town” environment, yet close to Regina.
- We didn't want to live in the city anymore on small, close lots.
- Lot size and lifestyle.
- Because it is a rural area close to Regina (where we work) and we were attracted to its quiet, spacious, safe attributes that we feel make it a good place to raise a family.
- Larger lots and cheaper cost of living.
- Close to Regina.
- Slower pace, more room, and good friendly neighbours.
- It's not the city, and no train trucks are close by.
- Safety and quiet.
- Quieter than Regina.
- At the time (12 years ago) large lots, away from the city and relatively safe. Not sure I would choose this community today as it is not the same.
- We like the small town feel, with great recreational opportunities and our large lot.

Emerald Park - Any additional comments you believe to be important in your community.

- Our school is too small for the size of the community we have, and are going to become. This also brings up the topic of more people means more traffic, which means more crime. We need RCMP.
- Hire a bylaw enforcement officer to ensure new developments (residential/commercial) are abiding by specifications the R.M. has devised.
- I would like to see more RCMP because there are too many cars driving too fast.
- Police present – Timely response to problems. Balance between housing and commercial development. Safe exit and entrance to #1 hwy from #48 hwy - Emerald Park and Balgonie.
- More speed bumps on Emerald Park Rd. and Fairway Rd. More patrolling by RCMP or perhaps neighbourhood watch. Do not promote any condo projects or apartments style dwellings.
- Our 2 greatest concerns are: 1) the overcrowded schools (elementary in White City and Greenall in Balgonie) so a high school needs to be built and 2) that the police service is from RCMP on the west side of Regina with the expansion, the probability of crime will increase and the flow of traffic will need more policing.
- Need to do the same to reduce hwy noise, trees or some type of berries. More crime reduction to continue with the safe feeling we have.
- One thing I have noticed in the past few years is groups of teens roaming around the neighbourhood especially in summer months. This is due to boredom and lack of activities for the teens. I have seen this evolve into drinking and property vandalism in the area.
- With our strong and continuing growth, we require a police service. Larger schools, and must other services to continue to improve.
- Amalgamate White City and hire a great town planner.
- I have learned that there is a business owners group forming in Emerald Park and White City for the purpose of uniting 2 communities for amalgamation. I think the R.M. should be the first to step forward – give residents the opportunity for their own voice either with exclusive representation as an organized hamlet within the R.M. of Edenwold. You can phone me on this issue if you would like to discuss further.
- Need to stop the politics between Emerald Park and White City gov'ts.
- There needs to be more co-operation and effort between the Town of White City and Emerald Park/R.M. of Edenwold. The fighting and historical bitterness needs to END!! This is not good for the communities, including White City. There are many, many challenges and R.M. needs to have/develop a vision for the future. It needs to be more proactive rather than reactive. Decisions made in the past have not been made in the best interests of the communities as a whole, but to protect old turf and some who do not want the change that, over time, is inevitable. Why continue to fight what cannot be changed when it is going to happen anyway. Why not get out in front of it and lead the way!! Thank you for the opportunity to send feedback and comments.

Emerald Park - Any additional comments you believe to be important in your community. (con't)

- The town and the R.M. must work together to max all federal and provincial monies for infrastructure. Our community get their heads out of their ass and embrace growth. Urban Affairs-Community Planning should mandate Emerald Park , Town of White City, and Clear Vistas to organize as one community.
- R.M. needs to embrace technology. For example, this survey and the results of the survey should be available on internet and property taxes and water payments should be available on-line.
- The community is perfect as it is. It is just the right size, it has wonderful recreational facilities, parks, paths, etc. The addition of the bank and many other small businesses covers own needs nicely. Big expansion will cause a host of problems mostly for the worst.
- White City development is out of control. New schools need to be built to accumulate increasing number of school children. Both community schools are overcrowded and Greenall is falling apart.
- With the growing population in this area, I would really like to see a high school built in the area. As well I would hope with expansion our level of services be maintained at it's current level (snow removal, street maintenance). I would also like to add that I think the R.M. workers are doing an excellent job. Thank you.
- Even when schooling is a provincial or federal funding responsibility, the town needs to provide some assistance if the town wants to continue growing and being known for its excellent school. It is the responsibility of the town too both financially and in all respects!
- Basic services are what we came out here for. Growing into a city with an empty bus rattling down Emerald Park Road at 8pm is not progress from our perspective. Wholesome, simplicity, large lots, and good neighbours are what we are after. Beware too much "progress".
- We like the small town, friendly feel of our community. Do not want to see this grow into a city mentality with city issues (safety, vandalism, etc.).
- Never forget this is a rural community. We do not want to become a city and all the problems that come along with cities.
- We would like Emerald Park to remain a quiet bedroom community. We feel we already live close enough to a large retail/commercial area on the east side of Regina. We are very happy the way it is.
- Too much development being allowed. We're losing our sense of small community and soon will just be part of Regina – not at all with keeping with how this community was meant to be. Disillusioned and will be moving away when another property – away from here is purchased.
- We originally moved here to be a part of a small community. It's been great cottage-like as lots are big. School is great and people in the community are very kind, helpful.
- Now...lots are getting smaller, school is jammed, high school overfull. White City school gym is horribly small. It's getting hard to cross the hwy during rush hour. Dust storms in the summer. Ice times are getting harder because there are more kids. Bike trails are improving.
- The community of Emerald Park/White City is in need of a recreational facility for families. We need to keep our young people busy, not walking the streets bored. A facility with pool, gym, track would be a nice addition to this community. Also, why not build a bowling alley and movie theatre. Our community will grow no matter what. It will be difficult to keep a quiet, peaceful environment. If we our to grow make it fun for the families.

Emerald Park - Any additional comments you believe to be important in your community. (con't)

- We are concerned with the growth of Emerald Park as it seems developers want to bring in cheaper housing, smaller lots, and more people. Just the things we wanted to move away from when we moved here from Regina.
- Thank you to the R.M. of Edenwold for providing beautiful, clean play structures for our children. Thank you for keeping our streets clean summer and winter long. We are very fortunate.
- I would like to see a limit of commercial business in the community. We did not move out here to be commercialized. The process of street repair needs to be addressed. They currently pour some kind of asphalt in street cracks then cover with coarse sand, which does not seed into sand. The sand blows all over the road and it does nothing to fill in the road cracks. It leaves a hell of a mess.
- Persons who operate a business out of their homes should not be allowed to narrow the street with all the equipment year round. Access becomes difficult on small cul de sacs!
- I see no reason Emerald Park (the real Emerald Park) cannot grow and prosper as White City or the Clear Vista development.
- Any efforts on the part of the R.M. of Edenwold to consult before making, even what may to council appear to be improvements or insignificant changes is appreciated by ratepayers. E.g. Installing a light in Woods Crescent Park is redundant, as the street lights provide more than adequate light to illuminate the park without shining too harshly through bedroom and kitchen windows, which disturbs the sleep of people and pets. This is an unnecessary expense which is a waste of tax dollars (money that could be better spent elsewhere). The addition of the light has resulted in undesirable activity after dark – teenagers partying, etc. Turn off the light after 10pm. We hope that the Reeve and Council will listen to and take seriously these creative criticisms and positive ideas. Thank you!
- We need to have a better exit from Emerald Park to the hwy. It is only a matter of time before someone dies crossing the east bound lane by the Esso. Too many trucks and cars trying to cross there. A bylaw to allow snowmobiles access to roads/ditches in Emerald Park to exit the community, like White City. (important to my family and friends)
- We need an indoor swimming pool/rec center. We need an RCMP presence. Kingsmere Ave. needs rumble strips. Recycle bin is usually full.
- We love living here. We definitely do not want to lose the golf course. We love having the smaller businesses within our community, i.e.: Coco Beans, Emerald park Hair Doiton Butcher, Convenience Store, Fields, Trends, and Curves.
- Walkways cleared from snow in the parks.
- The main problem we see, is trying to cross the hwy from Esso to go into Regina at certain times of the day is very hard. Will there perhaps be an overpass or similar installed there in the future? We're very pleased with the snow removal. The tractor is out promptly after and sometimes during a snow fall. Keep up the good work!
- Any future development is dependent on adequate hwy access. An overpass or traffic lights are urgently required before any additional growth can take place. This is a safety issue for our community.

Emerald Park - Any additional comments you believe to be important in your community. (con't)

- Plant some trees to beautify our industrial parks so they don't make our community unattractive to visitors, potential developers and current residents. Shelter belts of trees can mask cluttered industrial yards without impacting their business facilities.
- Crumbing walking paths, flooded mailbox accesses, lack of street lights in residential areas are things if remedied could make our community more attractive and a safer place to live.
- One other point must be made. As the R.M. grows, we can't simply have houses sprawled all over. There must be growth planning for traffic. We want to avoid lights so proper planning and improved access is a must. On many days it takes 3-4 minutes to turn into Regina at the Esso.
- #46 hwy is a heavy haul route we need to look at more. Businesses along that hwy with the new growth at White City. This would be a great move. It will help traffic control on the busy #1 hwy.
- Right now, my friends and family cannot afford to move to Edenwold because there is no housing product available for them. It's becoming a place for rich people.
- Fairway Rd./ Emerald Park Rd. need a 3-way stop sign. Too many people speed home from the new White City area and staff from the Home.
- Clubhouse; motor homes are an eyesore, plus someone is living in alone all year round with stacks of hay. Not good for this area, looks like trash!
- I would like to see some kind of sportsplex developed in the community which would include indoor swimming pool.
- More cardboard recycling capacity.
- Walking paths need lighting. Very unsafe at night.
- We would like to see outdoor skating rink that is maintained.
- We really would like to continue to back the golf course (as committed by Developer when we bought lot).

Other - Three Most Important FEATURES that YOU like or value about YOUR community.

Community rinks
Schools
Roads
Proximity to major urban centre (Regina)
Rural lifestyle (access to country-side)
Park space

Three Most Important CHALLENGES facing YOU believe are facing your community.

Over crowded schools
Busy intersections leaving our communities
High volume of traffic on the highways passing our communities
Increasing taxes
Infrastructure to support population
Law enforcement
School / education
Business development (commercial)
Population base / tax base

In one sentence, what do YOU want your community to BECOME within 15 years.

Safe small town community with some city amenities.

A self sufficient community that stays at a size manageable to the services available.

Continued growth and prosperity through new subdivision development.

What are the three most important CHANGES you believe need to be made within the next 6 years.

Additional subdivision development
Additional commercial development
Additional sports facilities

In one short sentence, why did you CHOOSE to live in this community.

No comments

If you wish, please provide any additional comments you believe to be important in your community.

No comments