

VILLAGE OF ROSEMARY

# 2010 Annual Report



*A flourishing, vibrant community supporting strong family values*



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## *Mayor's Report*

On behalf of the Village of Rosemary Council, I would like to bring you greetings and express appreciation for the trust that you have put in us. It is our objective to continue earning that trust by making fiscally responsible decisions that will build our community and make it a more inviting and safe place to live. I would also like to welcome all new comers to our Village and hope that you will want to get involved and help make Rosemary a better place because you are here.

2010 saw another municipal election take place with myself and Yoko Fujimoto being re-elected and Bill Marshall elected as a new comer to council. Bill comes with a wealth of experience and will be a great asset to Council and thus the Village of Rosemary. We would also like to express our appreciation to Laura Kasdorf who served so faithfully and made a very positive contribution to the Village of Rosemary and wish her well.

Because we represent you it is our responsibility to keep you informed as to what has transpired during the past year and what we hope to accomplish over the next several years. 2010 has certainly been a year of economic turmoil throughout the world but we think that we have been fortunate to have been able to escape most the effect of the downturn and in fact have seen a number of improvements take place in Rosemary. Many of these are a result of the associations we have forged with other municipalities and organizations. Probably the two that have had the greatest economic spinoffs for us are the County of Newell and the Canadian Badlands Association. We have also been the recipient of several special grants from both the Province of Alberta and the Canadian Government and want to recognize their help in building a better Rosemary. Although these are the ones that have benefited us the most financially, there have been many others who have also helped to make Rosemary more visible and a better place to live. Some of these are the City of Brooks, the Palliser Economic Partnership, FCSS, and the other municipalities surrounding us.

One of the most important thing that happened in 2010 was the arrival of the pipeline too Rosemary which, when complete, will deliver potable water as part of the Regional Water System that is under construction by the Newell Regional Services Corporation. The water treatment plant that has been built in the City of Brooks as part of this system is state-of-the-art. It contains all of the latest equipment to ensure that our water will be safe, reliable and affordable for many years to come. The Village of Rosemary should be receiving water from this system in June of 2011.

Because the Village of Rosemary had the foresight to join the Canadian Badlands Association we were fortunate enough to obtain a grant of about \$220 000 from the Federal Government that allowed us to make numerous improvements in our Village. Some of these include the beautiful new gazebo in the School Memorial Park, the new camp ground on the west side of the village which has 12 sites with full hookups and bathrooms with showers and a trailer sewage dump, the historic walking trail which winds around the Village, many new trees and green spaces, and when complete a number of benches and picnic tables. The new campsite also had underground sprinklers installed and 80 trees planted.

Although it is less visible, we also obtained equal grants from the Provincial and Federal governments to build a new lift station at the waste water lagoons. This will make waste water disposal more reli-

able and safer for our Village employees. The waste water line along Dahlia St was also relined which should eliminate the problems that have arisen with it in the past.

The Village of Rosemary is becoming known in an ever expanding circle for its Canada Day celebration. Once again we had a wonderfully successful July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration at which numerous people from far and wide came to help us enjoy the day. That success can only be attributed to you the residents of Rosemary and particularly those who serve so faithfully on the Rosemary Agricultural Society. Hats off to all of you for your hard work and dedication to a very worthwhile event!

This year the Village Council hosted another successful Long Lunch. Although the weather did not cooperate and it had to be moved inside, everyone who attended seemed to have a very good time. It also attracted our MP, Mr. LaVar Payne and his wife Micheline, our MLA, Mr. Arno Doerksen and his wife Wanda, as well as several Counselors from the County of Newell and Mayors from the City of Brooks and the Village of Tilley. Representatives from the Canadian Badlands were also in attendance. Once again the purpose of the Long Lunch was to celebrate our community and particularly our agricultural roots and to let others know what a great community we have. A special thanks goes out to Samantha Dyck, Bob Johnston and his daughter Jillian who provided wonderful entertainment as well as the youth who volunteered their time to act as servers.

The Village also saw other economic growth take place with the construction of four new homes within the Village and another three in the rural part of our community. We also saw the sale of the bakery and the general store. All of these took place during an economically depressed year. How blessed we have been!

We are once again looking forward to another year when several projects will be completed and several new ones started. To mention just a few Gwen Ave east and Lupin Ave from Dahlia St to Centre St are to be paved. We are also hoping to put a layer of packed sand on our walking trail which should make it much better for pushing strollers along. Plans are also underway to improve fire protection in the Village by laying a new water line and fire hydrant. We also plan to replace the sidewalk along Lupin Ave at the same time that it is paved.

As members of the Village of Rosemary Council, it is our hope that all of you will realize what a wonderful community you are fortunate enough to live in. We also hope that you understand that the successes we have experienced do not just happen by chance. They have come to fruition because of the dedication of the members of our staff who have bent over backwards to make sure that every 't' was crossed and 'i' dotted on the grant applications, contractors were found, and the work was supervised. Hats off to our staff! We would also like to thank each and every resident of the Village of Rosemary for your support in championing our community and making it the place that it is.

*Don Gibb, Mayor*

## *Administration & Public Works Report*

Greetings from the Village Staff

Each year the Village Council has a requirement by the authority of the Municipal Government Act to provide financial statements or a summary of them, as well as the auditor's report of this information to the public. That information is a part of this 2010 Annual Report and a complete copy is available at the Office.

Council and Staff have concentrated this past year to identify and prioritize projects that will benefit the Village in the years to come. The Infrastructure Management Plan and the Community Input / Strategic Planning sessions were two of these projects that helped Council and Staff to integrate the infrastructure needs of the Village with the wishes of the Community residents.

Projects that had been "in the works" for several years were completed and several new projects were undertaken. The new lift station at the sewage lagoons was completed, construction of the campground & interpretive trail was started, an alternative method of rehabilitating sewer mains was utilized & proved very successful and the many day-to-day obligations were met.

Unfortunately, the rebuilding and paving of Gwen Ave. East and Lupin Ave, between Dahlia St. & Centre St. were put on hold due to weather conditions and contractor availability. Both of these projects will be scheduled in 2011 with the exception of paving Gwen Ave. East. Following the spring flooding in 2011, it was determined that more work has to be undertaken to manage the storm water in the Village, as well as establishing that the rebuilding of Gwen Ave. East is successful and meets expectations. The Village has asked the engineers to develop a Storm Water Management Plan for the Village. Ultimately, several other entities and organizations will have to become involved to solve all of the issues. This plan will also be a requirement of AENV approvals for further subdivision & development in the Village. Other budgeted projects are highlighted elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Working closely with our regional counterparts to find ways of providing services to our residents in a cost effective manner continues to be a focus of Council & Staff. We are also developing "Terms of Reference" for a Community Enhancement Committee that will work with Council to implement the many suggestions and ideas from the Community Input Session, as well as investigating others as they arise. This is a great way for community members to add their input & expertise in a meaningful and practical way.

2010 was a municipal election year. We welcomed one new councillor, Bill Marshall and said farewell to another, Laura Kasdorf. **Thank you** Laura for your service to our community. Bill brings new ideas and areas of expertise to our Council and we welcome him onboard.

Also included in this report are the results of the Community Input Session and the Council/Staff Strategic Planning Session, depicted pictorially. The final picture is the strategic plan for the Village, developed by Council & Staff utilizing all of the information available, including the community input information.

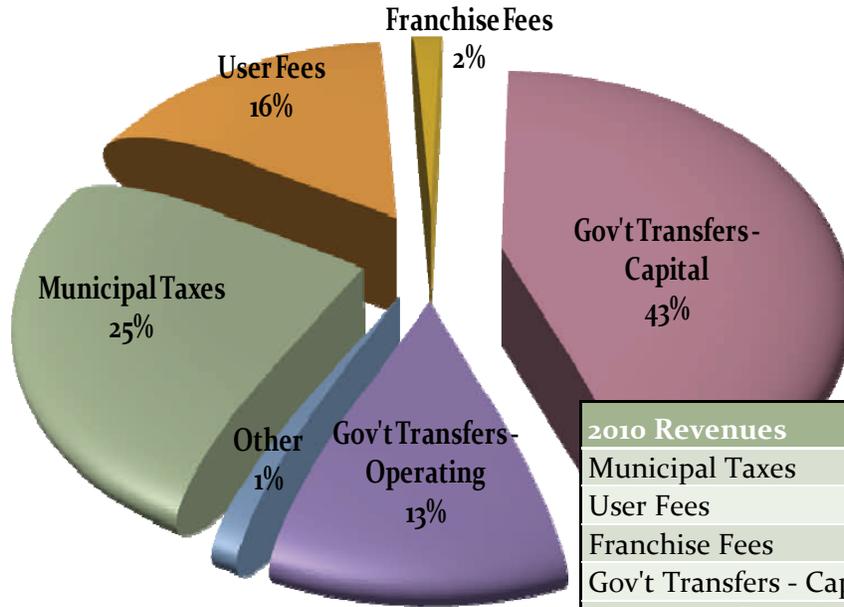
**Thank you** to our residents and volunteers – we appreciate all that you do.

As always, questions and comments are appreciated. Call your councillors, call or stop by the office—we're happy to answer your questions.

*Marg, Sharon, & Gerry*

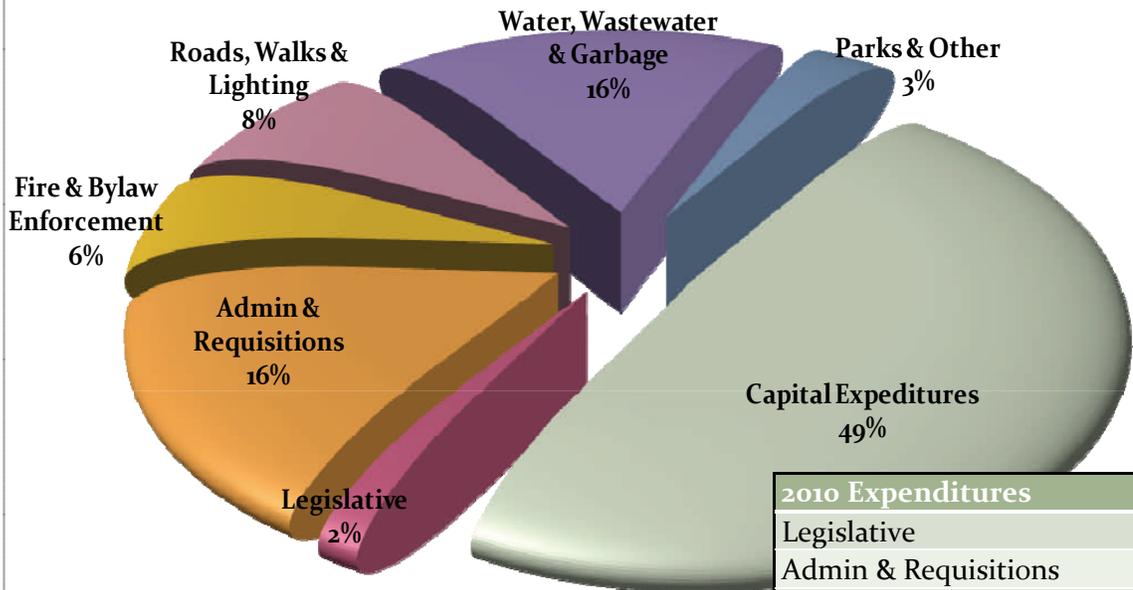
# 2010 Financial Summary—Village of Rosemary

## 2010 Revenues



2010 Revenues	Amount
Municipal Taxes	\$ 238,403
User Fees	\$ 148,086
Franchise Fees	\$ 14,106
Gov't Transfers - Capital	\$ 412,482
Gov't Transfers - Operating	\$ 124,639
Other	\$ 11,740
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 949,456</b>

## 2010 Expenditures



2010 Expenditures	Amount
Legislative	\$ 13,978
Admin & Requisitions	\$ 134,791
Fire & Bylaw Enforcement	\$ 51,854
Roads, Walks & Lighting	\$ 68,793
Water, Wastewater & Garbage	\$ 139,754
Parks & Other	\$ 25,487
Capital Expenditures	\$ 416,096
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 850,753</b>

For complete details, please drop by the Village Office for a copy of the 2010 Audited Financial Statements.

## Public Works Projects

### **2010 - Projects Funded with Government (Transfers) Grants:**

• Campground & Interpretive Trail (Federal/Prov)	\$ 180,233
• Sewer Lift Station Replacement (Federal/Prov)	142,038
• Sewer Main Repairs—Dahlia Street	79,116
• Area Structure Plan & Infrastructure Management Plan	30,321
• Street Improvement Program	8,372
• Regional IT Initiative	10,564
• Regional Enhancement Program—Fire Dept	7,840

### **2011 - Projected Capital Projects with Government (Transfers) Grants:**

• Completion of Campground & Interpretive Trail	\$ 104,750
• Rebuild Gwen Ave. East	152,000
• Repair & Paving Lupin Ave (Dahlia to Centre St.)	123,000
• Lupin Ave / Aster Street Watermain Loop	130,000
• Sewer Main Lining—Centre & Aster Streets	91,000
• Toolcat & Attachments	53,000
• Sidewalk Replacement Program	99,810
• Infrastructure Mngt & Storm Water Plan	55,000
• Community Electronic Sign (Project with Ag Society)	20,000



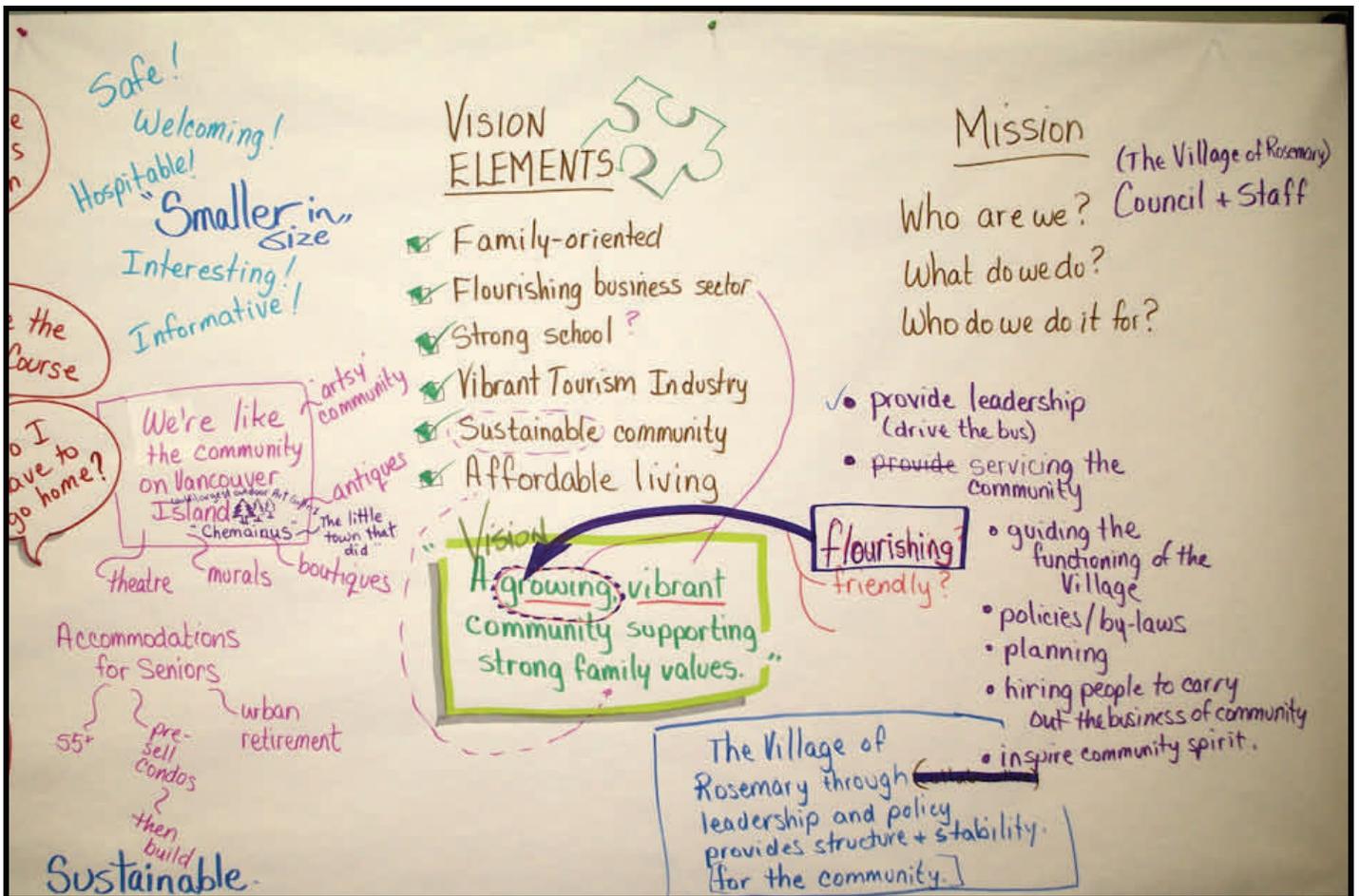
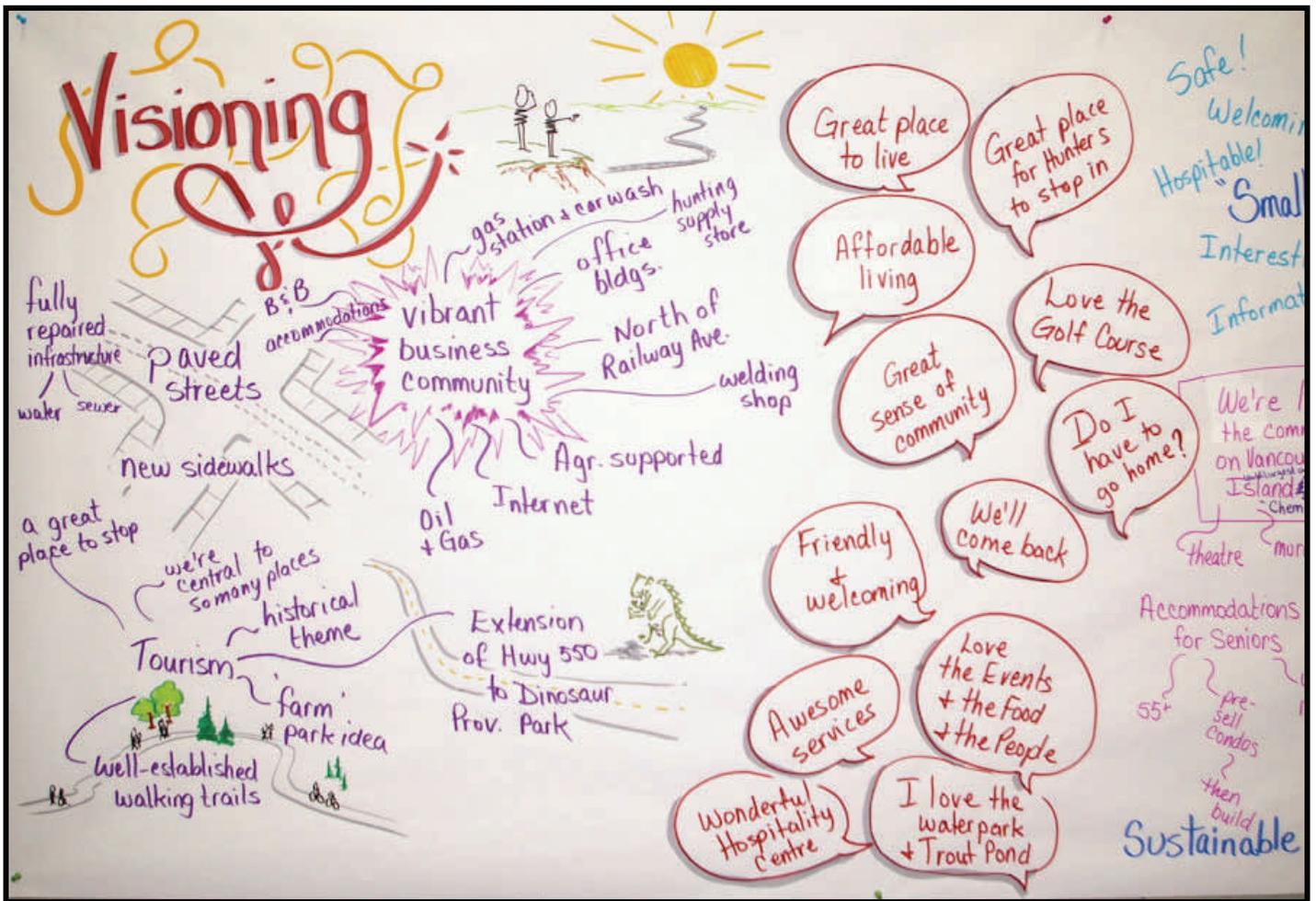
# Strategic Planning



# Core Values

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- ▶ Collaboration
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- ▶ putting the community first
- ▶ cooperation
- ▶ volunteerism
- ▶ different ideas + opinions



# Village of Rosemary

STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2014

Feb 19, 2011

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Vision:  
A flourishing, vibrant  
community supporting  
strong family  
values.

## Strategic Areas for Action

### Key Resources:

- ✓ council & staff
- ✓ gov't funding & our tax base
- ✓ non-profit sector
- ✓ business sector
- ✓ county & other municipalities
- ✓ EID
- ✓ regional Tourism & economic development organization
- ✓ consultants & contractors
- ✓ media
- ✓ MLA & MP

Partnerships & Collaboration



Continued Efficient & Effective Operations

Advertising & Promotion

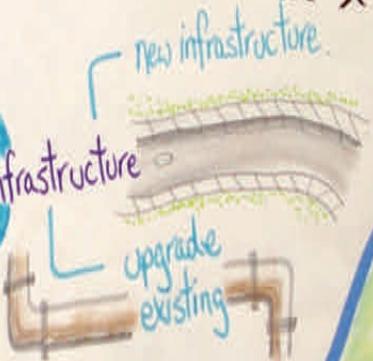


tourism residential lots

Community Communication



Infrastructure



new infrastructure

upgrade existing

Mission:  
The Village of Rosemary through leadership and policy provides structure and stability for the community.

## Success Factors:

- \* commercial & industrial lots for sale
- \* we have sold 5 residential lots
- \* our infrastructure management plan is well under way
- \* we have a web site up & running
- \* enhanced tourist experiences
- \* increased collaboration & partnerships
- \* policies, by-laws and plans are current & operational

## Key Challenges:

- Loss of funding
- Loss of Key Personnel
- Burn-out
- Lack of Buy-in