

Results of Local Government Engagement Session at 2015 AKBLG Conference, Nakusp

Theme	Question	Responses
Economic Development	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Core funding - Resources surrounding funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Capacity o Personnel o Access to grants - Managing expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Put on us o Those we put on ourselves - Lack of partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Duplication o Inefficiencies - Under-resourced Chambers take on too much - Lack of evidence-based strategic plans
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magic Money Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alien assistance - Building partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reducing duplication - Regional collaboration - Using available data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Figuring out how to use data - Planning to make plans - Coordinated specializing - Opportunities for networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Business after business - New models for emerging economies - Build infrastructure to support existing business - Working with education/health to increase vitality - Asset inventory/ Amenity inventory
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Researchers need to research how to do research - BREs - Home-based business info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Where? What? Needs? - Non-profit info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Generate revenue and jobs o Provide social stability (valuable) - EDO to take research and turn it into marketing and usable info - Understand that if it generates revenue

		and jobs (even 1) it's business. Art is business. Culture is business. Health, education, social services.
Asset Management	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal system - \$, staff, resources - No plan - Asset rich, cash poor - What do we have? - Status of assets? - Inventory is done... action plan? - First step/where?
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our minds are open - Identify/create inventory - Master plan, water, sewer roads - Grant applications, \$, planning - Canada Building Fund to address change - Create reserve funds - Setting rates to build \$ - Infrastructure plan - Addressing deficits
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best practices – what are they? - Asset management software... what works? - Lifecycle cost of assets - \$, grants? - Mix of funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tax base o Prov/fed o RDCK? o Balance? - Access innovative products
Sustainability and environmental initiatives	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community management - Too many overlapping jurisdictions... confusing - What does sustainability mean? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Too many definitions o Jaded - Appears we are collectively taking a deep breath on this topic... stay tuned
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	

Housing	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affordability - Affordable housing - Fixed costs - How to interest developers? - Land values - Construction costs - Efficiency – sustainable - Varieties of housing – seniors, accessible, demographics - Aging – population, buildings - Rental units (lack of) - Density - Non-resident housing
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing needs studies - Research - Bylaws allowing secondary suites - Smaller, more dense, compact - Co-housing, co-ops - Mixed usage, zoning - Housing authorities - BC Housing – SAFER, TAP, rental subsidies - Aboriginal Housing Authority - Seasonal housing/ employer-provided housing - Partnering with non-profit – permissive taxes/exemptions - Developer incentives
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sources of funding - Good, easy to use databases - Research on profit-models - Best practices - Examples of working models
Seniors	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transportation (rural, health, groceries, fail driving test, public transportation doesn't meet needs, no taxi) - Hospital (specialized services, wait times, distances) - Housing (residential care, affordable housing, assisted living, limited income) - Homecare (lack of full service homecare, stuck in hospital because of lack of homecare) - Social programs (feeling of belonging, shut-ins/lonely)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance with income tax/paperwork - Help with prescriptions - Info on how to access services – don't use computers
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "One call for seniors" – to direct them to services, live person - Full-service homecare - Seniors advocate - Volunteer organization – drivers - IHA providing more transportation - Day program w/ pickup and activities
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best availability of programs for seniors in BC - Northern health – transport model, access funds for out of town travel
Recreation, culture, heritage	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$ to build trails, no \$ to maintain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Create alliance (between communities, between user groups) - Planning initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Taking the lead o User groups collaborating - Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Corporate o Grant apps o Private - Aging population
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Culture – organizations are coming together
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	
Youth & Young Families	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affordable quality childcare - Recreation opportunities - Funding for special needs children - School closures (declining enrolment) - Training, job opportunities for youth
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby provincial government for increased funding - Implemented new recreation facility joint initiative - Supported a childcare construction project joint initiative - Participate in college's calls for input - Supported expansion of broadband

		<p>initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting alternative education - Encourage entrepreneurs
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remember your campaign – taxpayers as source - Determine specific childcare needs (community/region specific) - Labour market information - Access college data
Infrastructure services	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$? - Age... condition assessments - Communication and public engagement - Economic projections for replacement - Industry benefit agreements - Federal aid
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20-30 year capital planning - Surplus - Parcel taxation - Cost sharing
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluating needs - Asset management - Benchmarking - Blood from a stone... how? - Funding options (taxation other than property taxes)
Regional collaboration	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Granting system (competing amongst communities) o Physical/geography o Capacity to execute o Historical relationships – maintained o Too broad (define deliverables) o Municipal/ regional district (relationships, assumed deference role, respect) o Inclusive (with rural partnerships regarding strategic planning, shared issues)
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnering with neighbours (RD & local gov) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Strategic planning sessions o Break out/ social less

		<p>structured collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community charter update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Legislation reform around Regional District (without update, causes friction)
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Educate/ share information - Define Electoral Area “Mayors” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Name change will provide directors more opportunity to be included in process - Tools available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Planning o Sharing (regional community strategic planning) o Information flow/silos
Land use planning	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Usage of land that is not zoned - Water pulling restrictions (lack of) - Waiting lengthy times on OCP reviews - Limited staff time - Lack of affordable developable land - Very high servicing costs - Lack of consultation with public regarding crown land tenures
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aversion to increased taxes due to downloading by other orders of government - Development of community associations to sort out issues locally - Leadership and start consultation process - Micro planning instead of macro planning - Review development costs/ requirements - Public education to ensure people are involved in and understand land use planning - Encouraging community/ area to look to the future, makes current planning easier - Cluster development
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surveys, data - RDI conducting research for local governments (expand services)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to form a community association - Council responsibility to be on board - Drinking water issues - Airports in communities - Increases of costs for limited taxpayers ability
Other	What issues (challenges/ opportunities) are you tackling related to this topic?	
	What responses/ actions have you implemented or considered?	
	What are your current research/ information needs related to this topic?	