

Envision the Future...

# Official Community Plan

## Kitchen Table Workbook



Tell us your vision for the future of Fort Nelson.

**Please complete and submit at the  
Municipal Office by February 11, 2011.**

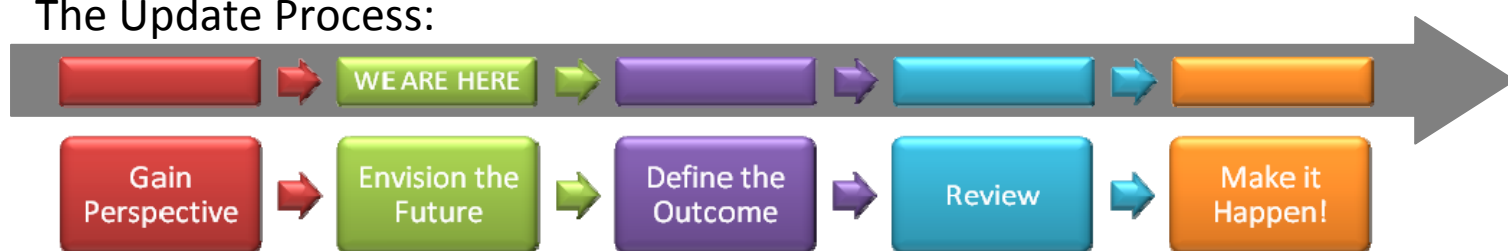


# The Official Community Plan Update

## The Official Community Plan:

An Official Community Plan is a long-range planning document that outlines the vision, principles, goals, objectives and policies of a community regarding land use, future growth, and development.

## The Update Process:



The process of updating the OCP follows five steps:

- **Gain Perspective**—Included the creation of a background document, the formation of a Steering Committee and a start-up meeting.
- **Envision the Future**—The current phase. Includes the Kitchen Table Workbooks and Public Workshop to be held March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This phase will set the vision of the community, and direct the form of the Official Community Plan.
- **Define the Outcome**— The actual drafting of the document. This will occur over the Spring of 2011.
- **Review**—Following the completion of the draft document, Staff, Community and Agencies will review the document to ensure the vision of the community has been successfully illustrated. An open house will be held for the public to review the document and ensure that the desired vision has been captured. This will occur in the Summer of 2011.
- **Make it Happen!** - When the document gets adopted by Regional Council and becomes a Bylaw. Fall/Winter 2011.

# Kitchen Table Workbook:

Also available at: [www.northernrockies.ca](http://www.northernrockies.ca)

This Kitchen Table Workbook is a visioning guide that will help you imagine the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality 20 to 30 years in the future. This includes Fort Nelson and its immediate surrounding area. The purpose of the Workbook is to help you:

- Imagine the ideal future;
- Identify actions that can help make that future a reality; and,
- Identify obstacles or impediments to the future you imagine.

The Workbook is intended to guide small group discussions in an effort to gather more in depth information and to give people a chance to discuss the future of the community together. The Workbook is designed so that people can work on them anytime and anywhere, alone or in small groups. The Workbook differs from traditional surveys in that it asks broader questions and collects a wider range of information.

The Workbook contains a visioning exercise along with instructions. If you would like to review the existing Official Community Plan and background documents, please visit the NRRM web site at [www.northernrockies.ca](http://www.northernrockies.ca) and click on the OCP icon.

The information gained from the Workbooks will help establish the community's vision and will guide the Public Workshop on March 12, 2011 as well as the new policies of the OCP. A summary of the Kitchen Table Workbooks will be available on line at the end of February.

The Workbooks are available online, at the Municipal Office and at many locations throughout Fort Nelson including the Chamber of Commerce, Library, Northern Lights College, Fort Nelson Secondary, and the Fort Nelson First Nation Office. You can fill out digital copies on the website or print paper copies.

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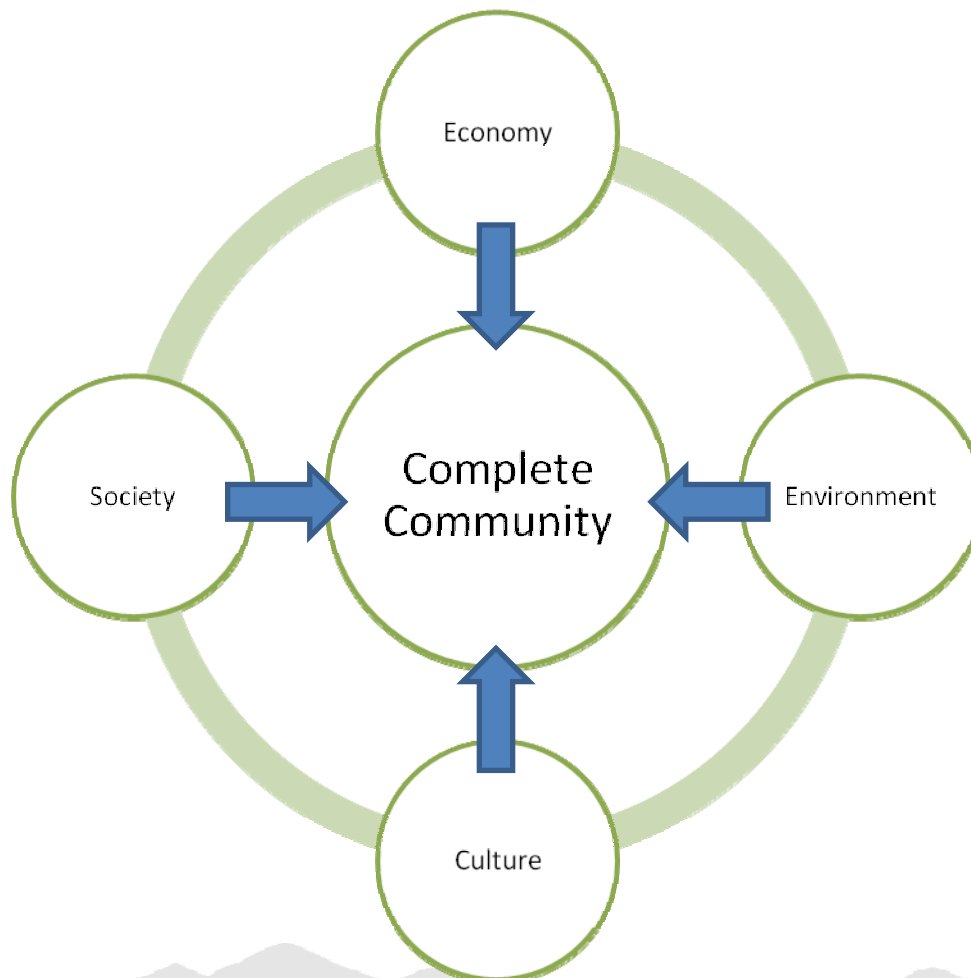
When planning for the future, it is important to consider the four pillars of a complete community: economy; environment; culture; and, society. All four aspects of a community are important. These pillars refer to the following:

**Economy** – Business, Commerce, Trade, Industry, Infrastructure, Growth, Transportation, Etc.

**Environment** – Plants, Animals, Air, Water, Land, Forests, Parks, Etc.

**Society** – People, Government, Non-Governmental Organizations, Healthcare, Family, Clubs, Community Associations, Recreation, Etc.

**Culture** – Lifestyle, Heritage, History, Pride, Etc.



# How to Use This Workbook:

## Step 1: Get a Group Together

Step 2: Review existing OCP & Background document available at [www.northernrockies.ca](http://www.northernrockies.ca) (This step is optional – you don't need to review these documents to complete the Workbook)

## Step 3: Discuss your Vision & Complete the Workbook

### Tips for a productive discussion:

- Choose a Leader whose role will be to help keep the group focused and the discussion moving forward.
- Choose a secretary whose role will be to take notes and submit the completed workbook. Extra notes pages have been attached to the back of this package.
- Read each question as a group and ensure that everyone understands what is being asked.
- Take some time at the beginning of each question for individuals to write down their thoughts before discussion as a group.
- Regroup and discuss your responses together.
- Take note of similarities and differences between the responses.
- Identify any overall themes and determine the most prominent issues.
- Come to consensus on the group's top 6 answers for each question.
- Fill in the Workbook question.

Step 4: Submit your Kitchen Table Workbook online, at the Municipal Office or one of the drop boxes located throughout the community.

Additional Information is available on the NRRM website including:

- Existing OCP
- OCP Update Background Document
- Airport Strategic Plan
- Economic Profile
- Climate Action Plan
- Residential Housing Strategy
- Downtown Core – Comprehensive Plan

# Tell us About Yourself:

## Group:

How many people are participating in this session? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about this Workbook and the OCP process? \_\_\_\_\_

## Organization:

Is your group associated with a particular organization? (e.g.. School, Place of Worship, recreation, business, neighbourhood, etc.)

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## \*Participants (optional):

Who participated in this session?

NAME:

EMAIL:

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\*If you would like to be on the OCP Mailing List & receive regular updates on the OCP, please include your email with this Workbook

## \*\*Contact Information (optional):

How can we contact you?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Information of a lead person who we can contact if we have any questions regarding this Workbook

# Envision the Future:

Question 1: Envision your ideal Fort Nelson, 20 to 30 years from now. The community has changed for the better. What makes Fort Nelson ideal?

List the top six aspects of your vision that make Fort Nelson an ideal place.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Question 2: What aspects of Fort Nelson need to change in order to achieve your vision?

List the top six changes.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# Envision the Future:

Question 3: Is there anything you are already doing that is helping the community reach your vision?

List the top six actions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Question 4: What are some other actions that can help Fort Nelson move towards this vision?

List the top six actions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# Envision the Future:

Question 5: What are the biggest obstacles or challenges preventing your vision from becoming a reality?

List the top six.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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Do you have anything else you would like to say regarding this process, Fort Nelson, or your Vision?

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# Final Thoughts...

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this Workbook.**

**Please submit by February 11, 2011.**

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**February 11, 2011:** Submit Your Kitchen Table Workbook online, at the Municipal Office or at any other OCP drop box located throughout town.

**March 12, 2011:** Public Workshop to discuss land uses for Fort Nelson (all day workshop)  
1<sup>st</sup> Public Open House (evening)

**June 14, 2011:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Open House to Review and Comment on Draft OCP (evening)

For times and locations of these events, please visit the NRRM website at [www.northernrockies.ca](http://www.northernrockies.ca) or call Renee Jamurat at 250-774-2541.

Please be sure to submit this Workbook to the Municipal Office located at 5319 - 50th Avenue South or at any other OCP drop box location, including the Chamber of Commerce, Library, Northern Lights College, Fort Nelson Secondary, and the Fort Nelson First Nation Office.

You can also submit this Workbook via:

**Mail:**

5319 - 50th Avenue South  
Bag Service 399  
Fort Nelson, BC V0C 1R0

**Email:**

[rjamurat@northernrockies.ca](mailto:rjamurat@northernrockies.ca)

**Fax:**

250-774-6794

**Questions or Concerns? Please call Renee Jamurat at 250-774-2541**

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