



City of Grand Forks
Sustainable Community Plan
May 9th & 10th, 2008

Community Report Card



- The purpose of this exercise is for you to rate Grand Forks with respect to a number of Smart Growth principles on a scale from “Strongly Disagree” through to “Strongly Agree”. An option for No Opinion/Don’t Know also exists.
- Smart Growth principles typically focus on compact growth, managing growth, sustainable land use, minimizing reliance on vehicles, emphasizing natural spaces, sustainable land use, etc.
- More information can be found at www.smartgrowth.bc.ca

Question 1



Do you live in a compact,
complete community?

Consider:

- How compact is your neighborhood?
- How many housing units per acre are being built in new developments and are shops and services included?
- How long does it take you to walk to shopping?

Question 2



Does Grand Forks manage growth?

Consider:

- Does your current OCP help manage land use?
- Does your zoning allow mixed use (residential and commercial in the same neighborhood or building)?
- Would you consider an urban containment plan to better manage growth and minimize sprawl?

Question 3



Do you have housing choices?

Consider:

- How many people pay more than 30% of their household income for housing costs?
- Does Grand Forks support a mix of housing uses and affordability types (i.e. single family, duplexes, apartments, co-ops, secondary suites, etc.)?

Question 4



Can you cycle or walk?

Consider:

- Is transportation spending in Grand Forks focused on roadway expansion for vehicles or transit development, improved cycling infrastructure and pedestrian alternatives?
- Is Grand Forks being built in a more compact manner that encourages walking and cycling?
- Are effective traffic calming measures being used?

Question 5



Are Grand Forks' infrastructure needs being met today and into the future?

Consider:

- Are projects being built close to existing infrastructure (i.e. close to water, sewer and roads)?
- Are services such as police, fire and health sufficient to accommodate new growth?
- Are new areas near at least 3 of the following: housing, restaurants, retail, schools, recreation facilities and offices?

Question 6



Is your green and natural space valued?

Consider:

- Does Grand Forks identify and prioritize green and ESA's for protection from development?
- On a regional level, do the communities work together to identify and protect green space?

Question 7



Is your source of food protected?

Consider:

- Does Grand Forks have policies on agricultural land in its OCP?
- Does Grand Forks have an effective Agricultural Advisory Committee that includes farmers and community members?
- Does the region have an Agricultural Area Plan?

Question 8



Is the spirit of Grand Forks protected in new growth plans?

Consider:

- Do new developments enhance or create community spaces?
- Do new projects reuse or rehabilitate historic structures?
- Do new developments add to public streetscape with pedestrian friend amenities (i.e. benches, streetlighting, trash cans, etc.)?
- Are new projects consistent with Grand Forks' style?

Question 9



Are you involved in growth decisions
in Grand Forks?

Consider:

- Does Council and staff make it a priority to have real community engagement in decision-making?