



for Community & Regional Development



**Community
Lifestyle Committee**

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Dear Participant:

On March 20th, 2010, the Community Lifestyles Committee hosted our **second** Community engagement meeting, "Connecting the Dots and Shaping our Future". For those of you who were able to attend, we sincerely appreciate your input and for taking the time out of your busy schedule to build on the social action priorities of the Olds Strategic Sustainability Plan. The outcomes of March 20th are attached for your review and the Committee would like to know if you feel we have missed anything and would appreciate your comments on the outcomes.

Some ideas that came out of that day have already been fruitful such as:

- The Olds Community Garden Guild and the Food Bank Board have met, and are working together;
- Volunteers have been working with the Police Advisory Committee and the Olds Advisory Committee for Traffic Safety on a cross walk for the High School;
- A group has met and made recommendations regarding the involvement of youth on community boards;
- Olds has been approved into basic membership for the Alberta Main Street program, one of only two in the province;
- A Heritage Management Plan has been completed and will be going to Town Council for approval; and
- A Cultural Advisory Committee is being created.

The rest of the data will be assessed by the Community Lifestyles Committee over the summer months and will be initiating some research.

It was suggested on March 20th that we organize a community potluck supper for this fall. The committee has been considering this suggestion. At this Community Potluck, the Community Lifestyles Committee would also like to celebrate our diversity as a community and showcase the many assets we have. Do you think this is a good idea and would you or your organization be able to be involved and contribute in some way?

Please provide your feedback to Kelly Eskeland, Administrative Assistant to the Olds Institute, at office@oldsinstitute.com or by phoning 403-586-4000. You may also contact Rita Thompson at rita@airenet.com or 403-556-3688.

Sincerely yours in partnership:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita Thompson".

Rita Thompson
Chair, Community Lifestyles
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barb Hill".

Barb Hill
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