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We Want Lethbridge To Be...

Sustainable, Healthy and Earth Friendly

Built up, not out; arrested urban sprawl

- Farm (food) land preserved, not turned into urban sprawl
- Limited need for inefficient infrastructure to support sprawl
- Medium- and high-density housing developers rewarded
- Stylish, affordable and appealing medium- and high-density housing



Medium density housing can be attractive.



Predominance of development that supports healthy living

- Designed to promote non-motorized transportation
- Ready access to food in all neighbourhoods
- <http://www.centre4activeliving.ca/news/events/2009/creating-healthier-environments.pdf>

Mixed use developments (mixed residential and commercial)

- Increased opportunities to improve individual health due to walkability and nearby resources for health and wellbeing
- Walkable and self-contained communities centred around resources
- People can walk to the services and resources they require instead of driving
- Revitalized downtown
- Mixed use neighbourhoods



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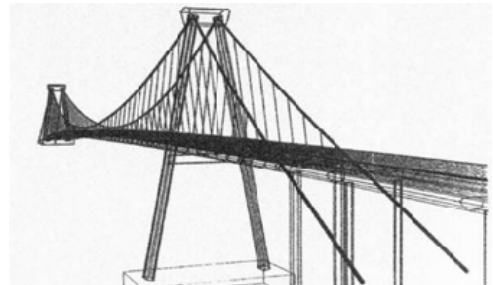
Best practice leader in recycling

- Curbside recycling
- Plentiful recycling depots
- Recycling tubs larger than garbage tubs
- Mandatory recycling for residents and businesses
- Refundable bottles collected by an organized group of bottle collectors (<http://www.unitedwecan.ca/>)
- <http://www.ilsr.org/pubs/cuttingwaste.pdf>
- http://www.rcbc.bc.ca/files/u3/PPI_Zero_Waste_and_Local_Govt.pdf
- <http://www.zerowaste.ca/resources.html>
- <http://www.zerowaste.co.nz/index.sm>



Alternative transportation preferred because it's easier, better, healthier and cheaper

- Efficient, viable, rapid, attractive, and inexpensive public transportation
- Wide sidewalks for pedestrians
- A walkable city, a bicycle-friendly city
- Extensive cycle routes and bicycle lanes
- Bicycle racks that are solid, secure, and ubiquitous
- Traffic lanes designated for bicycles
- High level pedestrian/cyclist bridge from the South side to the University



"The only reason I don't ride my bike in Lethbridge is because when I arrive at my destination, there is nowhere to park it." —London Road resident



"We need to change the way we see the automobile. We need to consider that oil is a finite resource. What are we doing to change the way we live so that our lifestyle is sustainable into the future?" —London road Resident

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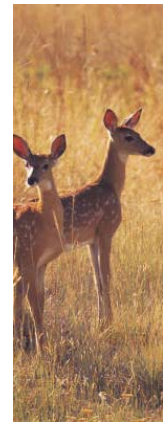
Parking is not a problem because...

- Parkades and underground parking is readily available, especially downtown and adjacent to London Road
- 2-hour parking limits to residential areas (such as London Road) are enforced
- Permit parking in London Road neighbourhood for neighbourhood residents
- Alternative transportation is attractive and viable (walking, cycling, transit)



Preserved river valley, coulees, wild spaces and green spaces

- Non-renewable resources are valued as such
- Coulees are protected as a source of beauty and part of a vital ecosystem
- Dog runs with river access are preserved



Food security

- Community gardens throughout the city, especially for renters
- Year-round farmer's market that is centrally located
- Downtown grocery store for downtown and London Road residents
- Backyard husbandry is encouraged and regulated on a small scale.



Local food feeds the community, saves the planet, and brings people together.

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Ban on outdoor burning

- Health of all residents (especially children, elderly, and individuals with respiratory issues) is protected
- The environment and air quality is protected
- Other ways to enjoy being outside are encouraged and promoted
- <http://burningissues.org/car-www/index.html>
- http://www.lung.ca/protect-protegez/pollution-pollution/outdoor-exterior/heating-chauffage_e.php



Central neighbourhood streets and key intersections are safe

- Flashing pedestrian lights, especially at high collision/high traffic intersections
- Speed deceleration zones enforced, especially in London Road neighbourhoods which typically have high pedestrian traffic



Community– and Culture–Oriented



Community celebrations

- Community celebrations, such as Heritage Days, are held centrally (such as in Galt Gardens)
- Participation rewarded with a passport and eligibility for prizes
- Alternative transportation supported to events



“Lethbridge could be a leader and show Calgary and Alberta as a whole a thing or two.”—London Road resident and member of the vibrant arts community

“We need to stop looking to Calgary for our ideas. We need to look beyond Calgary to much more progressive cities.”—London Road resident

“We need to market a new vision of medium- and high-density housing and mixed use development. Other cities have done this with great success (such as Yaletown in Vancouver). Why not create an Upper East Side Village in the Salvation Army area?”—London Road resident

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Community spirit promoted by the City

- Formal City support of neighbourhood associations
 - Neighbourhood celebrations supported through equipment loans and waived/reduced insurance fees for block parties and public gatherings in parks



A neighbourhood association meeting house.

- Administrative support such as web domain hosting, provision of association mailbox at City Hall, and provision of meeting space
- Enabled procurement of meeting space (such as a club house) for Association and neighbourhood club meetings



Artists beautify Lethbridge's common spaces

- Poetry in the park, buskers, drum circles
- Partnerships and collaboration with arts groups
- Arts Centre that is centrally located



Parks are viable, beautiful and interesting

- Parks are not developed into parking lots
- Civic Field
 - Restored and heavily used (lights, unlocked, accessible, washrooms during organized events, game posts/uprights)
 - Represents the heart of a vital city
 - Relay for Life

*“The Civic Field is a real treasure in the heart of our city that I really think deserves to be preserved.”
—London Road resident*



The Civic Field park can once again be full of life.

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Heritage buildings are preserved and maintained, not demolished

- Rewarding restoration
- Development in historical neighbourhoods (such as London Road) is aligned with local architecture
- Our heritage is valued and helps define us
- Thoughtful, considerate development and transparent processes

*“London Road residents want to steer change, not stop it.”
—London Road resident*



Socially and Economically Strong

- Home business supported through low fees
- Affordable housing abundant
- Revenue/rental stock not lost to market housing
- Social housing units increased and *dispersed* throughout Lethbridge in single family home model (avoid congregating people with similar issues into large complexes)
- Mixed socioeconomic neighbourhoods abound--designed for diversity



- Big box stores *either* are multiple stories with residences above and subsidize/support downtown *or* are not permitted at all in Lethbridge

- Small and local businesses are supported by residents and the City



Social housing should be mixed in with market/regular housing, dispersed throughout the city.

In Lethbridge, we are building the future together!



Home businesses contribute to the economic strength of Lethbridge. Music teachers raise the next generation of aspiring artists.