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Village of Vibank – Planning For The Future

2018-2022 Strategy

Vision:

Vibank strives to offer peaceful country living with high quality and affordable services. Its small town atmosphere with superior services and recreational programming is meeting the needs and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Mission:

The Mission Statement of the Village of Vibank is to enhance the quality of life for its residents; providing a sustainable infrastructure, safe efficient water supply, a responsibility to community needs, environment, protection, health, and safety.

Guiding Principles:

Vibank’s success depends on how the council, staff, and suppliers operate. The following guide all our actions:

Integrity:

We place the interests of the community before our individual interests.

We keep our agreements while following a moral and ethical code of excellence.

We behave respectfully in all circumstances.

Accountability:

We take responsibility for the results of our actions and our decisions.

We measure our progress.

We use best practices and make decision based on the best interests of the community as a whole.

Transparency:

All municipal decisions are made in a public forum and subject to citizens’ scrutiny.

We are open and transparent with our information except where we are legally prohibited.

Inclusiveness:

We will consider the opinion and viewpoints of all stake holders putting community interests first.

Responsiveness:

We set and meet reasonable response times

We listen to differing views and are prepared to explain the decisions we have made and the processes we have followed.

Teamwork:

We believe that individuals who work together as a team achieve high quality results and provide exceptional service.

We will work in a cooperative inclusive and respectful manner toward a common set of objectives.

We will give and receive feedback to continuously improve.

Operating Environment:

Many positive factors are influencing Vibank. There has been great progress made by the VCCC at the Rink, a new subdivision started in 2012. The Vibank Volunteer Fire Department purchased a Freightliner Pumper truck in 2017, so aid in their firefighting capabilities. Vibank Fire department includes First Responders. Proximity to White City enhances the diversity of opportunities and services available to Vibank. Vibank has updated its lift stations and water treatment plant providing opportunity for continued growth.

Vibank needs to evolve to meet increasing municipal regulatory standards, heightened expectation from residents, and infrastructure requirements.

Water and Sewer

A reverse osmosis water treatment plant at a cost of 2.1 million dollars was completed in 2012. 2018 will see the completion of a half a million dollars' worth of upgrades at our Lift station on Blenkhorn Ave; these modern utilities will service the needs of the community into the future. The Village maintains a standard of excellence by continuing with proactive initiatives in water and sewer services.

Recreation

Vibank has an active and over extended volunteer board. More volunteers are necessary to help maintain the level of service the residents expect. Vibank is fortunate to have an active Rink, Seniors Club, Judo, Skating, Curling, Soccer, Hockey, Ball, and Dance Organizations offering programs to residents.

Highways and Roads

Regular maintenance on the gravel roads remain at the highest of priorities to offer safe access to the highway and throughout the Village. Dust control and future improvements are a continued focus for the Village.

Governance and Administration

Village Administration has undergone changes and will continue to provide excellent service to the residents. There is a need to continue towards expanded services, improved infrastructure, and greater efficiency of operation.

Village Maintenance Department through the Public Works Manager position maintains a fleet of service vehicles, the water treatment plant, two lift stations, and a shared use facility with the Vibank Volunteer Fire Department.

Schools

Vibank is host to a K-12 Regional School. A licensed day care facility providing licensed, quality early childhood devilmnt day care services to Vibank and surrounding area for 25 years. .

Regional Planning

Vibank continues to work with the surrounding Villages, Towns, and Rural Municipalities to greater the efficiency and improve coordination efforts on Emergency Measures and services.

Goals and Strategic Initiatives:

1. Accommodate Growth in a manner that is sustainable, while keeping to small town values, and living.
 - i. Implement tools to welcome new residents.
 - ii. Create working permit documents for residents.
 - iii. Develop a strategy to include the Weisgerber subdivision within the Village.
 - iv. Self-sufficient water treatment plant maintenance and designation.
 - v. Develop and implement a drainage repair strategy for optimal efficiency.

2. Be a safe and protected community.
 - i. Update and implement an Emergency Management Plan.
 - ii. Investigate options for increased policing.
 - iii. Support of the local volunteer fire department and first responders.

3. Provide optimal governance and administration.
 - i. Develop and implement a strategic plan.
 - ii. Redesign the budget process.
 - iii. Update bylaws and policies.
 - iv. Create an Asset Management and Strategy Plan.

Staff and Council are committed to implement the 12 initiatives outlined above.

[VIBANK – DESCRIPTION OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES]

Goals/Initiatives	Description	Completion	Comments
Accommodate Growth in a manner that is sustainable, while keeping to small town values, and living			
Implement tools to welcome new residents	Create a Welcome package and community resource manual.		
Create working permit documents for residents	Create permit and bylaw packages for distribution.		
Develop a strategy to include the Weisgerber subdivision within the Village	Increase opportunities for residents to meet their neighbours and Council		
Self-sufficient water treatment plant maintenance and designation	Investigate ways to fast track level 2 designation		
Develop and implement a drainage repair strategy for optimal efficiency	Create a defined renewal strategy		
Be a safe and protected community.			
Update and implement an Emergency Management Plan.	Plan that meets legislative requirements and community needs		
Investigate options for increased policing.	Increase awareness and enforcement		
Support of the local volunteer fire department and first responders	Secure agreements with the Rm of South Qu'Appelle and Lajord. Create a False alarm Bylaw		
Develop a Fire hydrant replacement program	A yearly budgeted approach to maintenance of fire hydrants.		
Provide optimal governance and administration.			

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Redesign the budget process.	Optimize the efficiency of the budget process.		
Update bylaws and policies.			
Create an Asset Management Plan.	Plan to meet Legislative Requirements for GasTax compliance.		
Develop and Implement a strategic planning process.	Introducing and implementing a Strategic planning process		