

**PREECEVILLE**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

**January to March 2017**

## What are the three most important Assets of your Town?

A council (not just the Major) that wants change for our community  
A fully operating hospital  
A good variety of businesses. Competition is good for business!  
Acute Care Hospital - How did it slip away from us?  
All recreation facilities/lake  
Annie Lake if developed  
Arena/Hall  
Banking and grocery store  
Beautiful environment, trees, lakes  
Beautiful surroundings (lakes and trees)  
Bus Service  
Business section  
Business(7)  
Churches  
Clean drinking water and sewer service  
Clean, friendly community  
Cleanliness(2)  
Commercial business  
Community support and cooperation  
Current doctors  
Dealerships  
Doctors and Office(2)  
Drug store  
Emergency Service  
Fire Department  
For the most part, very honest and trusting people  
Friendly community  
Gas depot and bus service  
Gas/Grocery/Banking  
Good water supply  
Graders  
Great Town  
Grocery Store  
Growing population  
Hall  
Heating in the Homes  
Hospital  
Hospital (34)  
Hospital (with 24 emerg and acute beds) (3)

Hospital and Ambulance (2)  
Hospital and ambulance and Hospital and drug store  
Hospital and Seniors Care (All levels)  
Hospital Services (including emergency)  
Hospital with 24 hour emergency, beds doctors willing to stay  
Hospital with Doctors and emergency services (24 hours)  
Lake directly north  
Local beautiful with river and lake  
Local shopping  
Location  
Long term Care  
Lots of activities  
Many diverse Businesses large to small  
Maple farm Equipment, RM and Rocky Mounting Equipment and Preeceville Salvage  
Medical care  
Medical Services (This will be in question June 1, 2017)  
More low rental places for seniors  
Municipal Infrastructure Services  
Museum(4)  
Natural surroundings – lakes, trees, river  
Nature trails and lake and campground  
No gambling plus little drinking facilities  
Our citizens  
Our Hospital (but)  
Our location  
Our people  
Our positive “can do” attitude  
Paved streets  
PDHC – LTC/Acute  
People – population (4)  
People- involved in sports and arts  
People of all ages  
Post office

Post Office  
Power  
Prompt snow clearing of roads and sidewalks in winter/paved roads in summer  
Quiet and peaceful community  
Recreation  
Recreation facilities  
Recreational activities for all ages  
Recreational services  
Rink  
RM Office  
Safe community  
Scenery  
School (11)  
School and rinks  
Schools to keep up with new classes and never close  
Senior housing  
Seniors accommodation  
Setting  
Small friendly community  
Strong volunteer base  
Surrounding lakes  
The museum - our town history and a place for visitors to enjoy  
The people(2)  
The rink  
The streets are looked after  
The Town and Area it serves  
There is a reasonable amount of services  
Town Services(4)  
Viable shopping for Seniors – Groceries, drugstore, closing  
Volunteers  
Water and Sewer(2)  
Willingness to work together  
Young business community

## What are three most important Challenges facing your Community?

Affordable senior housing  
Ageing Population  
Aging community  
Aging population  
Aging population and infrastructure  
Attract more business  
Attracting and retaining businesses  
Attracting families to community  
Attracting new business  
Attracting new businesses  
Attracting new businesses/residents  
Beautification  
Better medical service  
Bringing new business to Town  
Broken and uneven sidewalks  
Business development  
Business opportunity for growth  
Business/job retention  
Businesses  
Businesses Dying  
Decline in population  
Deteriorating infrastructure  
Determine what really makes the town unique and sets it apart from so many similar small towns – why should people visit or live here?  
Doctors and RCMP like the neighbouring communities  
Economic,  
Economy, business/industry location  
Education and medical services  
Employment opportunities, maintaining strong local business section  
Empty business building  
Encouraging businesses to open and stay  
Expense of lagoon  
Extremely high taxes (unequal) in relation to services and infrastructure developments (i.e. Proper water drainage, paving streets, maintaining streets, etc.)  
Fast changing political environments  
Favoritism amongst higher-up officials/conflicts of interest  
Financial – government funding infrastructure needing upgrades  
Financial Challenges (gov/prov funding for municipalities)  
Financial support for necessary town upgrades, roads, facilities and municipal infrastructure  
Funding and forward thinking for community lenders and businesses  
Getting more people to volunteer  
Getting people to participate  
Growing community  
Growing Population  
Growth  
High costs

Higher paying jobs

Hospital (5)

Access to a 24hr Er with an acute care facility (being able to admit patients to the hospital)  
Acute beds and ER in hospital  
Hospital and Emergency Services  
Hospital Care (lack of)  
Hospital emergency room access  
Hospital –no acute beds and no 24 emerg  
Keeping hospital and Doctors  
Keeping hospital as a functioning hospital  
Keeping our hospital at full capacities (acute care fully open again)  
Keeping doctors (3)  
Doctor retention  
Having more ambulances available here for emergencies  
Healthcare  
Doctors on salary instead of fee for service  
Emergency care at Hospital  
Emergency Service After house (4 pm to 8 am)  
Closing of our ER  
Keeping the hospital open and functioning  
Maintaining /retaining health care  
Our hospital we needs as we have two senior residents (one in Sturgis)  
Our Town Council needs to speak up to Sunrise Health unit re: lack of ER and Acute beds  
Proper healthcare  
Retaining doctors  
Retaining Doctors  
Return of hospital beds and care of the ill in them when needed. They have Drs. Why ship us off?  
Keeping a proper hospital (not just a glorified clinic)  
Keeping and expanding Hospital, the Health boards have it wrong. Preeceville Health system was best in the sixties and early seventies.  
Sunrise Health systems vicious attack on the hospital  
There is no emergency service from 8pm to 8 am  
To have an up to date hospital and not being utilized to its full potential  
Trying to close our hospital

Housing for seniors and young families

Increasing local shopping

Infrastructure

Integration of rural and urban strengths

It's too hard on the people working to keep up!!

Jobs and opportunities that can help young people to stay or return to their area

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Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

Keep school

Keeping a full time Doctor

Keeping Businesses

Keeping Hospital Viable

Keeping main street attractive and viable

Keeping our mainstreet viable with shops and stores

Keeping our rinks open, We need to find a way to fundraise and not use Town money  
Keeping our schools with proper availability of numerous classes for our children.  
Keeping people in our community (housing, ambulances)  
Keeping slums out  
Keeping the town clean  
Keeping up Infrastructure  
Lack of affordable senior housing  
Lack of businesses  
Lack of community support to what services the Town and surrounding communities provide  
Lack of newer homes for sale  
Lack of operational businesses on mainstreet  
Lack of police presence (2)  
Lack of senior Housing  
Lack of volunteers(4)  
Losing our young families  
Loss of business places  
Loss of recreation  
Low income community (Pension)  
Maintaining and enhancing and expanding our Seniors Care Homes  
Maintaining and enhancing Preeceville School  
Maintaining/retaining schools  
Making small local business sustainable  
Making small, local business  
More people shopping out of Town  
More senior housing (ex Assiniboine Manor, Crozier Place)  
Needing more businesses  
Needing more jobs for the young people to stay in Preeceville  
Negative thinking/attitudes  
New businesses  
No RCMP detachment with a RCM|P member living in Town  
Not enough businesses to provide variety, selection  
Not enough grocery stores  
Not enough housing for Seniors  
Not enough recreation for children  
Nothing for young people/children to do here  
Old infrastructure  
People riding bicycles on sidewalks  
Policing – we need to have them here more often  
Poor Town maintenance  
Population  
Population stability – keeping Millennials and Gen Xs living here  
Rejuvenating Main Street  
School  
Securing the health care system for the whole Area  
Senior housing  
Senior housing and lack thereof  
Senior housing before they go into long term care  
Small town issues, doctors, RCMP

Smaller towns have to work together to have # against the bigger centres  
Sunrise Health Region  
Survival as a functioning Community !  
Sustainability: need strong business and service sectors  
Taxes  
The appearance of buildings on Main St.  
To not be a dying Town  
Town losing people going down  
Upgrading of Infrastructure  
Upkeep of recreation facilities arena, curling, ball-football, baseball  
Upkeep of Schools  
Very thick and lots of ice by hospital in winter  
We must look after these people now and in the future

### **What types of development would you like to see occur in the Community?**

Housing for Seniors who are not ready for long term care  
Agricultural Industry (ex Schulte)  
Swimming pool (2) Swimming pool for the community (young and old) Outside swimming pool  
More recreation for kids during summer  
Bargain Store, Tim Hortons  
Stores open on Sunday to compete with Canora/Kelvington/Yorkton  
Emergency after 8pm to 8am  
More businesses which will increase population growth  
More grocery stores, more gas stations, clothing store  
Better recreation: keep all facilities going not focus on one (Arena)  
Develop our lake, campsites, walking trails etc  
Better incentives for small business  
Outdoor/Indoor activities for the children  
More care places for seniors  
More variety of business  
Improve Main street and have a viable main street  
Improvement of Main street  
Businesses that create jobs  
Focus on recreation advantages – for instance, Preeceville doesn't show up on the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association yet is has potential for some of the most amazing trails and attract day riders and potentially larger events.  
Could Preeceville become a "Dark Sky Site" attracting amateur astronomers to possible the campgrounds and picnic area at Annie Laurie Lake? One of the attractions of Preeceville is how clear the night skies are. New business development, infrastructure (businesses and town-roads/sidewalks/parks/pool) splash and spray park/trees and overall appearance  
Theatre – outside or inside  
Bigger Co-op store with groceries available  
More downtown businesses. A good restaurant or coffee shop  
More stores so we can have more jobs

Our hospital to be fully functioning regain in acute care as well as LT care.

We need more ambulances here also not less!

Another store as people are going out of Town shopping at the same time going to other stores.

Another grocery/variety store,

Proper lumberyard

Business opportunity to bring people to the community. condos, apartments, develop lots around Annie Laurie Lake (houses or cabins)

#### Development of Annie Laurie Lake

Swimming pool, more/better restaurants,

More variety of events for all ages

Condo/Townhouse housing

Attract a manufacturer with development and Tax Incentives

Clothing store or furniture store up town and another grocery store

More Stores

More businesses offering food and clothing

Amalgamation between Preeceville and Sturgis

Main street Renewal/Beatification

More for youths to enjoy – swimming pool

Affordable senior housing

Taxi service for seniors

More use of the skating rink

Facility for Seniors for when they are no longer able to keep a home and yard ex. the Manor

More sports

Community centre with an indoor pool. Elderly could use it; aqua size, make it part of curriculum in school (like school skating)

An old folks condo- First Class. Senior housing

Would like to see trades come together to build houses in the Community

More school/town programs and activities

Hospital get a lot better. Why do we have a new hospital?

A group home for injured, younger, single people

Hospital with emergency services, more businesses, job creation

2 acre and 5 acre of 10 acres lots so they can have a few chickens or goats. Have to be more independent generation and already people do not know where we have been. Have to know past to understand present and where we are going.

## **Do you feel growth is positive for the Community and how big do you want to see Preeceville in the future?**

Let people decide if there are good reasons to live here

Another 300 people

2000 people

Not sure

Growth is positive

It would be nice to see the community reach and stay at about 1500 population

At this point NO, Preeceville should be back to the population it used to be or bigger

It's the best size now but if we get bigger we get bigger

Growth is not too positive with no proper health care and seniors are moving away because they cannot live in their own home and nowhere to go.

Big enough so they don't close down our hospital and schools.

I'd like to see it grow a lot more houses and improvement of school more, new businesses etc and all new stuff needed to keep us independent as a strong community.

Yes I want to see it

Growth equals a prosperous community

Growth is possible and can be as much as the infrastructure can handle

Growth is positive, size needs to be dependent on having the infrastructure to deal with it

Whatever people decide and service offered

As big as possible

Preeceville will not grow. Its small time

Growth is ok if everyone takes part in the community. This is not happening. Preeceville is good the size it is.

Preeceville is a nice size but new businesses bringing in younger families would be beneficial

Challenges to growth are substantial and common to most rural Saskatchewan 0 need to find ways to keep the tax base expanding to sustain reasonable town services.

The bigger the better

Growth is positive. I think any growth would be welcome.

As big as it gets

Big enough to support its residents

Now with new town council. As big as it can be.

No future growth unless we get an oil well or potash mine

I would like to see Preeceville at around 2000 citizens.

To be a small city.

Growth definitely important. Could at least double in size.

Positive growth. Not over 3,000

The sky's the limit

Somehow things have to be more conducive for workers in Preeceville to live and pay taxes in Preeceville

Yes, growth is positive, growth is dependent on keeping up with the utilities to handle growth

Growth would be a priority

Big enough to be economically sustainable

Growth is always a positive if your community isn't growing it's dying. I don't think having a limit on growth is positive

Not how big but good businesses

Growth is necessary to stimulate the economy and provide need for services (schools, hospital, trades)

Growth is always good. Not that our community has to get bigger but business competition is good.  
Main street looks terrible. Empty buildings.  
Ornaments at Kerry's flower shop, drug store – home hardware. Anything else we have to motor to a larger centre! How about a bargain shop?  
Apartments close enough to walk downtown

### **What concerns do you have with respect to safety in your Community?**

Four (4) way stop at Midtown Church Corner  
A little more safety  
Better policing  
Drug related vandalism and crime  
Health care  
I think it's very safe. My friends from Bosnia really like this small town and the friendly people. They are glad they came here.  
None at this time  
It's improving with speed bumps.  
Policing needs to be more visible  
We need more speed bumps and stop signs especially going down the north road  
Lack of ER services/acute care and physician retention  
Lack of policing – speeders down highway and through Town  
More people = higher safety risk  
More salt or sand in winter  
Need greater police presence in the community  
Preeceville is relatively safe. More street lights on residential streets  
All road signs are not kept in good repair (fading colors for instance) and some don't communicate their intent effectively (such as the one about flashing lights at the firehall) should be a scheduled audit of all town owned signage to ensure it is in good condition.  
Is there an opportunity to have a full time Community Safety Officer possible shared with Sturgis who can address bylaw compliance and inspection issues. Could the Fire Chief role be full time and include CSO role as one idea  
More sidewalks  
Need sidewalks improved downtown  
need to see more evidence of policing – they are never around when should be  
Need more Police presence  
lack of police, too much vandalism  
No or not enough police presence. They have to come from too far away in emergency situations.  
None  
None at moment, other than the odd stray pit-bull running around loose.  
None, it is really one of the safest places on the planet.  
None, other than broken street sidewalks  
Police, ambulance  
Night time safety is a concern with no emergency room available within 85 km after 8 pm.  
Policing are not often here. Reckless & drunk driving.  
Pushing snow on the street  
Relatively few  
Roads need a lot of repair

Sidewalks in downtown area are very unstable  
That we won't have our hospital working again at full capacity in acute care with all our beds back again.  
So we have safe care! For our sick residents and accidents.  
The increase in crime inside and around our town  
There are no local police services to enforce day to day delinquents. We are a Town with no sheriff.  
Throwing debris in the back alley  
To have no one squealing tires and handicapped attacking anyone on the streets  
To have safe streets to walk on. No ice.  
Vehicles speeding  
Very poor police presence, too much drugs, no neighbourhood watches or block parents, vehicles travelling too fast on highway through town and on other residential streets  
We could use more police presence to potentially stop all the petty thieving occurring  
We have a safe community but we probably should have closer policing  
We have little or no police services except spot checks!  
We need our hospital to be open 24 hours-7 days.  
Yes, there is a lack

## **What would you like Council to focus on with respect to Municipal Services?**

### **Present?**

Keep the Hospital  
Hospital  
Street repair  
Sidewalks and roads  
More sidewalks and improved roads  
Storm sewer systems  
Pavement on all developed areas  
Not charging people whose children aren't going to school anymore taxes  
Public Storage Facility  
For workers to put more effort into some of their work  
Make our Town attractive to bring up the population and more businesses  
Better town maintenance, Public park is not kid friendly. Toys are broke, sandboxes have no sand  
Repair roads  
Hospital, businesses  
Maintenance of road and utility infrastructure  
Town employees- shop crew need to focus more on their jobs and their accountability to the community  
Replacement of 'Nature Trail' sign and 'Welcome to Preeceville' sign  
Keeping potholes filled  
Re-opening our hospital services to full capacity again to help our community expand more.  
Make climate conducive to future development  
Improve money management skills for repairs, maintenance and development (ie water treatment plant – better planning could have been used in order to prevent needing excessive amounts of \$ all at once)

Hospital, water, police  
Have storm sewers and paved street in place in all developments before housing  
Infrastructure – sewer and water system and roads and sidewalks  
The Towns does a good job on cleaning streets  
Spring and Fall cleanup week-day for residents  
Maintain streets and highway through Town  
More businesses, roads, sidewalks, parks, playground equip, pool, spray park, kids activities, benches, light posts updated, pool with swimming lessons, town flags on light posts – shows pride  
large area with a large gazebo, landscaped with trees, shrubs, flowers, planters, wall, that could be used for weddings, ceremonies, town functions  
Wood walkway, shrubs and flowers all end of street overlooking elevator like Sturgis has - creates focal point.

### **Future?**

Better recycling  
Improve efficiency (especially cutting grass)  
Repaving through town  
Street repair  
Having more services available to people in the community  
Upgrading some pavement and repairing other  
Better streets, better maintenance of our town as a whole  
Lagoon repair  
Enforce the existing bylaws (too many clunkers on streets and parked around( clean up Downs Corner  
Maintain streets and highway through Town  
Infrastructure, the rink, the rink must remain open at all costs. Someday the Council will be rewarded.  
Transition street lighting to LEDs  
Need to develop some serviced residential building lots northwest part of town  
Upgraded water treatment plan  
Plan our future development 0 roads, lights, sewers, hydro, final grade height etc. are all in place prior to the start of any builds to prevent one neighbor flooding out the next

**What do you think is reasonable to ask of developers thinking of building in your Town?**

**Should they pay for upgrading of services and all costs associated with their development?**

**10 responded Yes**

**Comments:** On private dwellings or lots.  
Some of us had to pay for paving.  
Maybe a capped amount.  
Absolutely  
To follow set guidelines as long as they are reasonable.  
Depends, maybe cost share  
They should pay on a cost recover basis but could be given incentives in lieu such as tax breaks providing they do not compete with businesses that already exist so that it is always a level playing field.  
I think the town should help in upgrading services and give incentives to developers to encourage growth of the community

**OR**

**Should the Town cover off some : 17 Responded Yes  
or all: 6 Responded Yes of these costs to attract development?**

**Comments:** This depends on who is going to benefit from these improvements and by how much.  
Tax free savings for 2 years. Incentives for small businesses, retail and restaurant.  
Tax break.  
50/50 seems reasonable  
Depends, maybe cost share  
This would be a selling point for new development.  
Town could offer lots of area for development at a reasonable charge. Eliminate Development Costs. If business fails (as many have) why should taxpayers fund them.  
Apply for grants from government. Yes, if you want to attract growth.  
Town should cover whatever costs need to be covered to encourage growth as the tax revenue from new development will cover additional costs in the long run.  
They should be responsible for all infrastructure needs

## What would you NOT like to see in your Community?

A feedlot  
A hospital that's dying  
A mayor that owns a liquor store  
A store selling marijuana  
Any business leaving.  
Anymore gambling establishments  
Anything that smells bad ex. factories  
Casino(5)  
Casinos, bars  
Community becomes focused solely on one thing  
Curb stops in the middle of the street  
Empty houses businesses or buildings  
Drug gangs coming in.  
No more junky vehicles  
Legal marijuana  
Loss of hospital or emergency  
Low cost housing to avoid non-working people moving here  
Marijuana Retail shops. There are already enough drugs in the community  
Messy, unkept properties  
No more fundraising for Telemiracle (2017) an onward. Keep your money  
Oil drillers  
Quit bulldozing the bush on the north Road by the lake. There are enough empty lots to build on by the hospital.  
Shelter for the homeless  
Talk to other towns and see how they handle this  
The closing of our hospital or school!  
Unkept roads, not cutting the grass.  
Unpaved streets  
Vacant structure in state of decay- there should be a bylaw where a structure becomes a nuisance and must be removed and the land returned to the natural state.  
Violence and crime, no drugs.  
What I don't like to see in our community is for the people to have vehicles along the streets and use their yards as spots for car sales and garages. you can smell gas and oils, no one does anything about it.  
3 of these things in our area.  
White elephants such as the tennis court  
Unkept properties. The property of Walter Downs on main street is a disgrace

## **What could the Town, in the future, do for:**

### **Seniors?**

Accessible environment

Affordable housing

Better medical service

Better use of available medical facilities

Develop supports i.e housing, transportation, social supports to keep seniors living healthy and in own homes if they choose

Hospital

Housing(8)

- More independent housing

- More senior housing at reasonable rates

- Build another manor we need senior housing

- Care homes\housing

- More seniors housing

- Senior condos like our manor with a common room

- Senior housing: independent and assisted

- Promote affordable housing

- Provide affordable housing – more “manors.”

- Provide more affordable housing

- Provide more living accommodations,

Access to Drs. and emergency, medical services

Recreation

Make sure sidewalks are smooth, not cracked/heaved

More transportation services (taxi, bus)

Policies to help seniors live at home

Reliable healthcare

Streets kept in shape

### **Youth?**

Activities

Affordable recreation

Community service centre which includes a swimming pool, bowling alley, somewhere for them to hang out

Create positive opportunities for learning, growth and social development

Education

Employment opportunities

Employment/jobs

Job opportunities

Listen to and engage youth as part of town planning

More sports, higher level of competition

More to do

Opportunities for work/volunteer involvement

Recreation

Recreation

Recreational facilities “affordable”

Skate park  
Some entertainment  
Strong social and recreational supports  
Swimming pool  
We have many programs and opportunities many do not take advantage of many programs  
Work closely with school division, social services, health prevention and promotion to develop strong futures for our youth

### **Families?**

Business (etc) clothing store  
Develop lake – camping, boating  
Education and recreation  
Employment opportunities  
Employment opportunities so work closer to home  
Establish services/programs to strengthen families  
Family activities  
Housing affordable for all  
Listen to what families and children say  
Main St. Improvement  
More services in hospital  
More support networks  
Need job opportunities to retain families  
Outdoor movie night (summer solstice)  
Paved walking trail  
Provide education and hospital services required for families to stay in community as well as recreational facilities  
Provide support in school, healthcare, social services  
Recreation  
Recreational facilities for all seasons (affordable)  
Rental properties  
Residential planning  
Some entertainment  
Strong social services support  
Support from 0 to grave  
Swimming pool(2)  
Walking trail(2)

### **Where is your favourite space or place in Preeceville?**

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|---|---|
| The bush paths in the north end of Town | My home   |
| The lake                                | The Street I live on “Beautiful” lots of trees      |
| The outdoors beauty                     | Museum  |
| The Wildlife Park                       | Ball diamonds                                       |
| Annie Laurie beach                      | Curling rink/skating arena                          |
| Park in the middle of Town              | I feel we live in a beautiful area and enjoy it all |
| Skating arena/sports ground             | Everywhere  |
| The sportsgrounds                       | I love Chris’ s and I am in grade one               |

## What are your suggestions for recreation: Trails & Parks, Facilities or Programs?

- I would like to see use of the Arena year round; roller skating, roller blading, roller hockey, family movie night, all ages fitness classes.
- Hiking/jogging/walking pathway along Assiniboine river
- Has any thought been given to including Key First Nations at Western Days? What about a pow-wow event? The Assiniboine River has much history to it - what about a timed canoe race from Preeceville to say Sturgis? Has the Town considered the advantages of being on Northern Woods and Water Route and the Saskota Flyway as promotional opportunities? Are all government and travel sites adequately including Preeceville?
- I think we should have an outdoor pool in the summer, if we could resurface the kiddie pool or something. In the winter if we could have an outdoor rink that would be great.
- Look after what we already have.
- We need things to do in this town for children & adults. Club 60 & Seniors (70+) are more active than these ages!! We need an indoor pool – for winter swimming lessons, a real gold course not a putting range! Bike trails for kids & parents. More programs for learning.
- We have enough parks in town, otherwise don't know
- I am wondering why so much of the "Bush" is being taken down – north of the Manor a couple years ago & now near the lake – for what reason? Is there any natural habitat safe from bulldozers? Ski & hiking trails will soon be history or on bald ground.
- The town should look after what they have now. They can't even run a kitchen in the facilities they have. The younger people have never heard of "pies" or "soup" or good hardy meal.
- Being a senior I am participating in activities at Club 60. If I wished to do so, I could also take part in curling or walking fitness. One activity I would suggest for seniors is a physical exercise and fitness program perhaps through Club 60.
- Swimming pool, Canora, Kelvington, Wadena has.
- Walking trails, hiking trails, park along the lake??
- We had a beautiful bush with trails on the north end, it looks terrible now. I hope people realize that trees filter the air, why destroy the trees, trails, & landscape
- Swimming pool, soccer, boating camps, bicycle trails, summer archery, hiking, bowling, spray park, fitness races
- A bowling alley(3)
- Swimming pool beside tennis court
- Repair tennis court
- Recreational local hockey program (Town and nearby towns)
- Community School organized ball program
- School Curling program
- Swimming pool (8)
- Bigger dance studio
- Skatepark (4)
- Bike trails with jumps in the bush
- Turn the tennis court into an indoor basketball court for summer and winter
- Gun range paint ball range(2)
- Sled trails
- With government funding cuts – the position of Rec Director should be cut. It appears that all/any of the projects done in this dept. have been a total waste of TAXPAYERS dollars. Nothing showed a profit. Bigger centres than Preeceville have NO Rec director!
- It would be nice to see Annie Laurie Lake get used more. It's such a beautiful spot.
- Art, Parks be up kept, trails up kept, summer soccer programs, zipline, summer soccer programs, more sidewalks are good.
- More activities for kids and family

- Please consider keeping the trail on the south side of the driving range groomed in the summer so that it can be used as a walking trail along with the trail by the lake.
- Enlarge trailer (RV) parking. Put some in at Annie Laurie Lake.
- Camping area Annie Laurie Lake, more spots
- Canoe Program
- Walking trail around town
- Paved walking-biking trails
- Safe walking, hiking, biking trails
- Skidoo trails, quad trails
- Enforce bylaw of no skidoos in town
- A golf course
- Develop Lake to sustain spring levels
- Camping, watersports

### **What are Preeceville's social needs and priorities in 2017 and beyond?**

- Hospital
- With a progressively aging population (2011 census) implement the Saskatchewan Home First/Quick Response program for seniors and create a formal Town of Preeceville Seniors Advocacy Committee.
- Better communication between everyone. Ask the community if they would like to volunteer or bring items to events don't just keep asking the same people over and over.
- There needs to be events organized to keep children, youth, families & seniors active & co-mingling to keep the community involved at all ages.
- I think local paper should spotlight the diverse local business talents. The town has many interesting people whether farmers or small business owner feature them and less made up propaganda news from editors from other newspapers.
- Very boring town! We need more monthly events -> Casino Nites, wing nites (cheap) for families, medieval feasts, monthly calendars of events – put in the local paper! Yoga classes for ages 50 +. More community events – socials, talent nights, reading & craft groups etc.
- Places for the young & things to do. Club 60 good place for seniors but taxes so high can't afford to pay & keep it going as people are 70 to 95 yrs. old, but have to go there for different things. We need our hospital & emergency services. The younger people need to help, get involved
- For a town with so many empty houses – I doubt if any social upgrades are helpful
- Preeceville has all the social needs they need. “Moose, skidoos, trucks, quad” and being drunk. The seniors make their own entertainment by being busy.
- An expansion of Assiniboia Manor for seniors independent living and ability for the elderly to continue residing in Preeceville.
- Museum has to be recognized a part of all this and not just for older people
- Physical space for services for families i.e. Family Resource Centre, Hub for Literacy, Resources, programming
- Stop isolation which leads to increased use of health services.
- Collaboration of Sturgis and Preeceville Fire Department
- Newcomers Assistance to help Establish
- Need to anticipate needs of lower income families and seniors that come here for affordable housing
- Revitalization, maybe more business tax breaks for 1 yr, etc.
- Preeceville Priorities?? Bring back the 10 – bed hospital – Emergency 24 – hour. Bring in another ambulance! Presently - very stressful.
- A spray park for children.
- Dentists, optometrist, chiropractors, more stores.

- Bring minor ball back to Preeceville. Seems like our so called Rec Director destroys anything she touches. Skating Rink hours cut, figure skating club falling apart etc. Talk around town that the Rec Director told a person the carnival to get out! Not very nice for a Rec Director. No PR skills.
- More/different activities for seniors besides bowling & shuffle board, mixing of seniors & youth. Health
- Dentist, eye specialist, more stores, co-op grocery store

### **What are your environmental concerns?**

- Noise pollution created by off road vehicles running through town particularly on weekends
- Everything. We could be a more environmentally friendly community. Have low impact lights that don't cause so much light pollution. try to make a few town building run off of solar energy
- Environmental concerns are the installing of cell phone towers. 4G is one thing, 5G is a totally different beast. I would recommend seriously looking into and doing research on the harmful effects 5G, not just take corporate sales pitches. I would recommend town get an acoustic meter and see for themselves how we are microwaving ourselves! We all know people with cancer, do fundraiser etc., but never look into the staring in the faces causes!
- We live in such a beautiful area. The lake could be used more often – encourage kids to play there – more family events – spring fling, summer swims, & games, adult wiener roasts as a community. Encourage clean yards – fine those who are not. Preserve our resources.
- Clean up downtown, it is starting to look like a junk yard or a place to auction off machinery.
- Get junk out of town – Walter Downs & his junk – Toma & his old schools busses & batteries out of his junk yard – get a back bone & clean up the mess. If they don't do it, do it for them.
- The used car lot belonging to Downs on Main St. The planners and town council have seen this for years so what's the problem? Are they too lazy to have something cleaned up? Also, west of town "Walkers" why worry about investing money in such a mess of a town. Preeceville residents should talk to Kelvington
- First and foremost, safety of drinking water.
- Water.
- Kids on quads rutting up every road they can, including the grounds around the hockey arena,
- Save our trees, bush. Owners walking dogs & when they poop on other peoples lawn they look the other way.
- Sask Wildlife is alive and well and needed
- Maintain the Green Belt around Town (20
- Maintain green and trees and keep mowed (fire safety)
- Someone to look after flowers needs redoing, over grown
- Don't destroy any more of the north bush.
- Pollution of lakes and wells. Run-off and nitrates
- Kelsey Ecological Society party of Nature Sask. (birding, nature outings, preserving history)
- Use the empty lots around town to build on. Leave our trees Standing.
- Keep green spaces with more.
- Keep weeds and yards maintained
- Keep our green areas
- Get rid of junk by river south of midtown(eyesore) at Down's corner
- Do not let Sask Power take down any more trees
- If take a tree down, need to replace it (ie along highway, midtown, town office)
- More Waste bins (ie seniors)
- Clean up eye sore around Town. RM also
- More Recycling education
- Older buildings, property that is un kept
- I like that we have cardboard/paper recycling, but the bins are so unsightly. Maybe the high school art classes or town artists could paint them – abstracts or scenery – especially the ones by Sarcan, spruce things up!

- No spraying of poison that kills bees & birds. Dandelions are valuable as well as pretty
- Clean yards that are for sale and yards people just don't care about that they own, old buildings should be looked after
- Need glass recycling, make people clean up piles of garbage & litter on their property such as behind the motel.

### **Which types of housing options should the Town be encouraging?**

- Preeceville has an aging community and should consider additional old age care home facilities.
- The town demographics and census information suggest with only 9% new construction since 1986 there is likely little local desire for new housing. CONSIDER instead of selling \$50K lots, offer them for \$1 with conditions such as minimum house size, value, etc.
- Multi family housing is a real need, especially affordable housing for the elderly
- I think the town needs more apartment buildings for people to rent
- Single family homes should always be encouraged as Preeceville is a very attractive community to raise a family. However, with an aging population that have done so much for the younger generations, I believe we should encourage affordable multi-residential housing. This would provide an option to seniors, singles, couples & families to live independently while having the safety & peace of mind that there are others nearby. A community garden, green space, parking for automobiles & possibly RV's would entice retirees to stay living in the community year round without the worry of maintaining a larger property.
- Possibly more for seniors so they do not have to be moved to other towns
- Promote cheaper lots, more rental property – perhaps duplexes for all, not just seniors
- More places for the elderly at an affordable rate like a group of homes built closer to town area not in a slough
- Affordable!
- We would like some affordable senior housing to rent or buy into. Some lovely lots, serviced west of town. Very plain units 2 bedroom, 2 baths roughly around \$100,000.00
- Senior housing rental units, like manor.
- One person on assistance, rent 3-bedroom home – people with families and children crammed into 1 bedroom homes!! Not fair! One person should be put into a basement dwelling, working person shouldn't be crammed into a 1 bedroom basement.
- Probably need another apt.
- Senior housing such as apartment or townhouses for seniors
- 800 ft<sup>2</sup> to 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> houses
- Local control of housing and hospital
- A senior's home (another) like the Manor (2)
- Senior's condos
- 1 level Seniors affordable housing
- Affordable Senior's housing
- Senior's housing hi-rise condo within walking distance of Post Office (2 blocks)
- Seniors support home care
- shuttle service
- Accessible building for mobility impaired
- Welcome Wagon
- Keep Seniors safe living in own home
- Need another Manor – affordable senior housing
- More housing for seniors, more apartments, housing for disabilities
- Town should be trying to keep taxes low, not gauging people with taxes because council is throwing money to the wind on foolish things. Ex: Corn maze, driving range, Bobcat, the eye sore that was put up at the Town Office – hideous!!
- Senior housing. 2 & 5-10 acre lots for small hobby farms. On or off water & sewage.

## Any Economic Development Ideas?

- Promote area to outdoor enthusiasts through use of the existing government tour programs (see #1 reference). Town staff should routinely be seeking opportunity to have Preeceville included in directories
- None that i can think of at the moment
- A revitalization of downtown Preeceville should be a top priority. There are too many vacant buildings that could house a variety of amenities. We need offer small businesses something by way of a tax break, grant, repayable start-up loan to broaden our spectrum of services & amenities. We are losing too much revenue to the cities, 'SHOP LOCAL' should be the #1 campaign. The towns in rural SK that are thriving offer a multitude of diverse businesses that keep the towns unique & attractive to not only the community but visitors as well.
- Look for business companies like at Englefeld, Shcultz Industries, Doepker at Annaheim, something to attract people and business to supports what's already in place
- More summer jobs for kids, a list of volunteer jobs. A language class for English offered in our town. More community college classes available here – crafts, music, painting, house designs
- Don't know
- They don't need any new ideas until the mess in this town is cleaned up. Any one can sit on a committee and be important but will they get any action. Never.
- Bring back the Eco loan for new business, existing, etc.
- We go shop for ornaments at Kerry's, drug store, Home Hardware, the flower shop – sure be nice to be allowed to have at least a bargain shop, something along that line in Preeceville. How about it??
- Better school, health care, employment
- Thought you have an EDC staff, why do public need to do her job. What does she do?
- Our “uptown” needs revitalizing, but I'm not sure what businesses would be viable
- Dentist, optometrist, hearing, chiropractor, weekly or monthly visits to town. Located behind info centre, lots of parking or sportsgrounds, a tin roof band shelf to be used for bands, theatre, art, speeches, lectures, traveling bands could be used for outdoor movies
- Health Care, schools
- Yeah, don't wreck the nature trails by selling off lots of land that the trails are on.
- No malls (obsolete) offer incentives to open businesses
- More stores
- Local Preeceville Economic Development Fund
- Enter Main Street Program
- More Stores
- Fire Hall
- Businesses should embrace technology to expand their markets
- Businesses need to find “what is their advantage of being in Preeceville”
- Chamber/Town to encourage business property owners to fix up buildings on Main Street
- More restaurants
- Enforce Bylaws – get rid of clunkers
- Town Newsletter with Advertising and coupons
- Local Preeceville Development Fund
- Flower park visitors centre. Move back train station
- Elevator tour
- Develop south end of Main Street (put in water and sewer)

## Transportation: What could be improved?

- Taxi service for seniors/STC replacement & designated drivers
- Number one priority should be highway 9 going through town. The town needs to regain maintenance of hwy 9 through town from the department of highways, as the current condition would surely take away any possible town appeal from travellers passing through. Another suggestion would be to pave streets that are still gravel roads.
- Census says 80-90% of residents travel by private car, or bicycle. Just need to ensure traffic control signs are not allowed to become faded. Might consider investing in a pair of solar speed indicator signs to be posted along Highway Avenue to influence speed
- we could have some kind of taxi service for the seniors so they can get around. have one number that they could call to book instead of phoning around to find someone
- A service that provides rides, errands, etc for our seniors & others without viable means of transportation.
- Speed signs like Sturgis has to remind people how fast they are going through town, majority speed and do not follow posted signs
- A bus that could take seniors to Yorkton weekly for appts. Bike trails
- I really don't know, it will be bad, no bus's, maybe some vehicle to take seniors & young to a bus connection or hospital appointment. Maybe a taxi service or subsidized bus.
- (Tues) Too bad the STC buses are getting cut back. Keep up the cut backs Mr. Wall! Now the budget is in – (Wed) – We are sunk.
- Look after our icy streets better when needed. They have never heard of salt & gravel. Have seniors more aware of stop signs & better parking habits. Maybe RCMP talk to them.
- Get some type of bus service through Preeceville in light of the STC shutdown.
- Speed bumps or hwy strips in town area, lights to detect speed like Sturgis
- The way some and most people park anywhere, where there is a designated white parking line. Where there should be 15 parked cars only 8 are parked making it very hard for older people, with walkers, canes to park by the legion and walk to the P.O. or for groceries??? Awful!!!!
- Yes we need some kind of service to cities.
- STC Bus or other
- Roads and streets
- The streets in Town!! The worst they have ever been! Maybe less office staff and less raises to everyone could have been used to fix streets. Not to mention most office staff DO NOT PAY taxes to this community! Shame on council!!
- Taxi service
- Need something to replace STC bus service. People transport, package transport. Handy Dart bus to make runs on certain days, people to make appointments for that day or days.
- Roads & streets
- Now that the STC is shutting down will there be any other options for people in our community that need rides to Saskatoon & Regina
- Pedestrian crosswalk at Midtown corner or traffic lights
- Crosswalk 2nd Avenue by Ambulance building
- Midtown corner – 4 way stop
- Paved roads all through town
- Traffic lights at Midtown
- Stop isolation
- Shuttle or Taxi Service
- Improve highway through town – expand to have boulevard with tree
- Buy speed indicators like Sturgis
- Speed camera on Highway and North Road
- Improve highway through Town (2). Approach Depart of Highways
- More sidewalks
- Repair sidewalks

- More Paved streets
- Improve sidewalks on Main Street
- Need good sidewalks and roads/streets
- Easy transportation (taxi)

### **Infrastructure improvement suggestions?**

- Lights at the ball field
- See #6 Transportation
- Seek provincial/federal funding to repave Highway Avenue east of Main Street - getting rough!
- I can't think of anything at the moment
- Start thinking emergency preparedness. Look at communities across Saskatchewan that get devastated by floods and extreme weather. Extreme rainfall has hit countless communities look at Weyburn, Estevan, Yorkton, Melville, Prince Albert, can we be prepared to fair better
- Great to see more sidewalks. Clean up our dying downtown. Encourage more businesses to the downtown, advertise world wide on the net
- Upgrade sewer and water . Can't develop area until we have infrastructure to support it.
- Upgrade sewer and water
- Upgrade water system
- Training facility for Fire Department
- Get 9 & 49 through town fixed up an all the streets with big holes.
- Decrease the amount of Chlorine (Bleach) in the water – never been any place where water is so bleachy! Fix the highway & other streets – pot holes are a disgrace!
- The most important is our hospital that seems to be going no where. Get retires school teachers involved with razing monies. They should set up “Chase the A” like the ones in other communities have. They're hopeless.
- Maintenance of potholes on highway through town.
- The are 6 empty business in Preeceville. On main street, some are badly deteriorated, what can be done. This is very unattractive to visitors & people
- Streets, housing, playground equipment
- You have no \$\$ from the government. Did we need a bobcat or a huge New shop/storage?
- Some streets are in need of repair – the highway through town & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE by Co-op as examples
- Pot homes, or let get big & turn to fishing holes
- Streets need fixing

### **Do you have any safety concerns?**

- Full time emergency services needed
- Will the SaskTel tower recently erected on west side of town cause any health problems in the future?
- No
- Policing should be more present
- Ensure people are not feeding wildlife so people are not wreacking their vehicles and getting hurt just so someone can watch deer out their window
- No! generally, our police & fire dept. are okay! Not Great. The hospital not offering 24-hour emergency is my concern! Why have 4 doctors & not 24 hour service, or beds for sick people

- Sidewalks where bricks are missing/loose is very dangerous, handicap people can trip & fall, even other people. Need fixing as soon as possible. Also, street and roads all around town, dangerous holes to drive over, lots of damage to vehicles.
- Yes – where are the RCMP when some of the locals & others are speeding through town? Along the highway & uptown, around the corner by the hotel & Home Hardware
- There should be no parking across from your neighbors' driveway. With these new brain dead kids buy a house in town, they should show some respect for the neighbourhood.
- Have police involvement to keep the school and town drug-free for a safe community for all concerned.
- What to do or where to go when we have an emergency situation (hall)??????
- Quads roaring through the campground when campers with children are present.
- People parking vehicles in back alleys so you cannot drive there. If you needed to drive thru in emergency you cannot such as ambulance or fire.
- More street lights, slow down speedy traffic, camera photo, more speed bumps
- The Town of Preeceville NEEDS an updated Business Continuity Plan in case of environmental emergencies (power outages, tornadoes, etc) Generators?
- Yes with town maintenance workers. I have seen them on numerous occasions violating safety, to many to mention, ex: riding in the bucket down the highway, swerving with the gravel truck down main street, speeding down the street with the loader bucket down, etc, etc.
- I appreciate how quickly sidewalks are cleaned of snow.
- Corners of 49 & 47, rumble strips before & after corner on Hwy 49. Wildfire safety (Black strips)
- More street lights
- Some traffic goes too fast on 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE especially at night. Maybe a couple of strategically places speed bumps would help that.
- Local control of Health Services (2)
- A 24 hour emergency (4)
- Acute care back
- Acute care beds – hospital to hospital
- Local dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, massage(2)
- Better access to health services
- More local health services: too much travelling over roads that are unsafe at times.
- More policing
- More visible policing (2)
- Let our doctors be doctors.
- Health Webinar or speaker Series (ie in 60 Club topics such as mental illness, diabetes, nutrition, living with arthritis)
- Beds for them in our hospitals. Take burden off of City hospitals

### **Other Comments**

- Preeceville unfortunately is faced with the same challenges most other small communities face across the prairies. If in future the Bakken/Williston Basin exploration extends to this area - has the town a plan in place to accommodate an influx of temporary workers? How quickly could they setup for instance an area for a worker camp? How quickly could they promote themselves to the companies exploring or developing? Thanks, Don Watson, 52 5th Street SE, Preeceville
- A concerted effort needs to be initiated to clean up our down town core. Unoccupied buildings need to be either refurbished or removed to make way for new opportunities. Side walks need, blocks removed leveled and put back in place and broken blocks replaced. It's time for Preeceville to renew our pride in our appearance and present ourselves as progressive and economically viable community, who welcomes new business opportunities. This should be accompanied by sound policies put in place to encourage new

business. Through tax breaks and affordable down Town lots made available for anyone wanting to build a new building.

- Thanks for all the hard work the town does
- I would like to see effort put into social programs that involve all ages. There are so many inexpensive ways to encourage participation. For many years I've thought there should be an outreaching to our seniors/elders to have them share & teach you so many lost skills. These could be cooking classes, sewing/knitting/crocheting, quilting, crafts, Ukrainian Easter eggs, woodworking, basic mechanics...Let's draw on the wisdom, experience & passion of those gifted people! Another idea is to have the younger generations help teach others to use computers, cell phones etc.
- Town crew did excellent work during huge snow dump!
- It really makes one wonder if this is the place to raise kids or retire. Give one a few reasons why Preeceville is a great place to live. The town needs to list of what we do have to be \_\_\_\_ by all!! & then what we need to keep use here!
- Get rid of the old buildings that will never be used, they are an eye sore to the town. We must get something new happening, there is nothing for the younger people to stay here for, they all have to work away from home & that's no life for a family. Get our hospital going good & get our emergency 24hr service. The big centers can't handle everything. Maybe let small surgery's to be done here so Dr's will stay.
- The staff at our town office should be cut back. Two people ran this show a few years ago and no computers. We also have too many old town workers & the foreman is a disaster. Hope Mr. Cheesman has fun. Good Luck.
- Put the Rink/Curling Rink/Swim Pool in same area to utilize kitchen facilities, etc.
- In case of any major disaster, tornadoes, strong winds, loss of homes to fires or major fires, it would be wise and nice to have just one building with available necessities, kitchen wares, bedding, vacuum, so on and so forth, clothing, pots, pans & etc. Hudson Bay does for example.
- You have started a nice row of maples along the hwy. why don't you prosecute the morons that keep running over them?? Move the ski-doo trail out of town and go west on the lake. The noisy kids could show off better there.
- Owling alley & other activities for both young & old
- We can give you all the ideas we want but unless our Town Administrator and Town Councillors start taking action on what is happening in this town nothing will change. Eg... semi's allowed to park wherever, Descalchuks business is a huge mess where he has many parked vehicles, below Esso – Walker is now down there, what an eye sore for our town. How many complaints do you need. That is what we have an administrator & council for, to clean this mess up & move forward.
- Yes for the past 16 years I've complained about the USED car lot in our area address 28-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW. everyone around that lot keeps their yards clean & neat and he keeps bringing more used cars, trucks & junk.
- This council needs to get their heads out of their asses!! And actually make some necessary changes to keep our town alive. PS Canora have 2 office staff and they are much larger than Preeceville WHY DO WE HAVE SO MANY staff? Costing taxpayers big \$'s
- Owners of unoccupied/abandoned properties should have to mow the lawn, pull unsightly weeds, fix broken windows, etc. there are too many un kept yards/properties that make the town look sad
- Good idea to keep roadway etc, mowed for driving safety & wild animals. Has anyone thought of wildfire, maybe some black perimeters
- Slow down fast drivers, not raise taxes
- Why is there a trailer load of junk sitting in the field behind the hospital/nursing home? If high winds come along, there will be garbage blowing all over.
- Thank you for all you do already and the activities.
- I think the town staff does an excellent job of snow removal. Not every town cleans sidewalks after hours and on weekends.
- Businesses sitting empty, with broken windows bring down the whole downtown area and make it look shabby. Time to come up with a solution for this.

- Street running from gas station to lake road is being used by some as a drag strip. Needs a couple of speed bumps.
- Rick Prestie eyesore and walkers nightmare, should be cleaned up by Presitie and Walker
- There is a trend to develop outside of town in our rural area on acreages but paying taxes to RM.
- Community has to help volunteer. We raised so much for the hospital, we are a strong community. The more we improve the way our town looks will bring in more people and businesses. We need to work together.
- Town employees should be residents of the community. Many office employees incapable of completing duties of jobs properly or do not have qualifications for job. Also, many maintenance employees and not much maintenance being accomplished.
- To help with town improvements, upgrades, developments, first tell everyone what area (s) the money will be used as more will help if they know where the money is going. Community fundraisers, suppers, large town garage sale with donated items (like Endeavour church mouse sale) with all profits going to upgrades, hall, pool development. Auction (silent auction) items
- Test drive ford event - fundraises activities is \$\$ Kelvington pool did this
- Golf tournament, skidoo derby, pay for horse sleigh ride, raffles
- Entertainment with or without a meal - comedian, magician, hypnotist
- Car races, tractor pull, quad pull, mud fling derby, mud wrestling, jello wrestling, glow hockey
- Walter Downs dump should be cleaned up by the town
- Not to appear too negative, i think town council should work hard to maintain present facilities and not spend money on ,pipedreams, of expanding town and not waste tax dollars on consultants
- Congrats to our new Town Council I know they will do well
- Thanks for asking
- We all need to live in this small town. Best to make small town policy, not follow the city rules
- Need to enforce existing bylaws regarding messy yards and clunkers.
- Welcome new businesses and do not stop because other businesses in town do not want competition
- A community is people all pulling together to make it a better place to live
- Our co-op should also contain a grocery store together with what they have
- Some apartments and senior housing, reasonable ones
- Main street needs a facelift, too many rundown and abandoned buildings. Lots of eyesores on main street and other residential side streets
- Spray park and activities for children
- Mackenzie society should close they are all over town.
- I would be happy to meet with the council of the subject of the simple improvements that could be made at the junction of 47 and 49. A special thank you to our fire fighters and all other volunteers
- If people are going to own properties they should be responsible for keeping them tidy and cutting the grass. If not, the town should cut the grass and the cost should be put against their taxes. Cutting the grass on a property once a year doesn't cut it.
- The nucleus of most business ideas is in the garage or basement and are to be encouraged
- I would like to see a place where the artists of the community could gather to work and perhaps a permanent art gallery
- Preeceville has to start (new mayor) smartening up starting with hospital. We have to start getting industry like buildings houses , bins or getting another grocery store like a co-op. Canora is better than use. How, when, are we gonna pull up our britches.
- I would like to see a designated area for RV storage. Keep fees reasonable. This could create a small revenue for town (preferably fenced for safety and vandalism reasons)
- Need more businesses for competition for present businesses to help keep prices down and keep people shopping locally (& variety of businesses)
- The town employees need a wake up call. Should hire students to cut grass so other areas looked after. Example patching or roads and sidewalks.
- Water tastes and smells so strong of bleach.
- Board of trade or Chamber of Commerce
- Speed indicators like Sturgis

- Lack of acknowledgement for amount Mackenzie Society Ventures Inc contributes to the community. Also lack of understanding and acceptance of Mackenzie clients.
- Convince people that work in town to leave part of their money in town.
- Lower taxes – getting harder for young families to survive as well as aging populations
- Too many office staff. Why? So many. Combine the jobs.
- Skating rink must be used more. It is an expensive asset to maintain and operate and it is only used a fraction of the years. Needs more use during summer.
- I think there can be upgrades maybe done on asking businesses to volunteer some time to get certain things done eg. a pool. Maybe asking certain businesses maybe time and use of equipment for free.
- Remember it is the seniors that shop here, the younger folks can drive to the city. We must keep the STC service willing to serve us.
- this community needs to fight to keep what it currently has and expand in the future to compete with larger centres.
- What can be done to reduce the number of vacant buildings on main Street. Too many empty storefronts, looks too much like so many other small towns in Saskatchewan. I don't know who owns the properties – however could store fronts be covered over with say plywood painted white and have the school children paint murals on the panels?
- Keep the Town information sites current and accurate. a 2008 town map on the Town website is not appropriate. Need to take advantage of various social media (twitter, facebook, youtube). Might a committee of town volunteers be formed with the plan they develop and present to Council for approval ideas they can implement on behalf of the Town?
- Need to encourage volunteers of all ages. It is hard to get volunteers for some events
- Need everything mobility impaired accessible 0 should have some mobility impaired parking spots designate at all venues, including sports grounds

## WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON?

### Temporary Garages?

- Not necessary in town. Too small. Charges/taxes will go up
- I have a temporary garage, but for a reason. My garage is used for odd jobs and pay a business tax to do this
- No they shouldn't be allowed
- As long as they are on the home owners property then there is nothing wrong with them
- Good. Must be placed next to back alley
- If they are curb appealing and the area around them is kept clean
- Placed behind the house. In front of house for winter only!
- Okay as long as one resident doesn't have numerous on their property
- Find if kept up – if disintegrate – removed or fined
- Behind the houses
- If they are used and looked after
- Just fine
- Completely fine
- No
- no
- not to be allowed
- not to be allowed
- fine in back yards
- in compliance with temporary structure bylaw (size, location, securing) and only with a town permit and town assessment of compliance when job is complete
- Only in the back. They should not be allowed in the front and any there now should be moved. It makes the town look awful.
- OK(4)
- Set limitation or duration of use
- I'm not in favour of them. Steps should be taken to discourage them (bylaws or tax them, licenses etc)
- Great idea, not everyone can afford to build a permanent one, as long as they are kept up and in the backyard
- Why?
- Yes
- Okay as long as they are maintained and your whole property is not covered in them. One/two depending on size is okay. Do not tax them.
- Ugly
- Allowed only over winter; dismantle in spring
- Don't like them
- Why not. Everyone needs extra storage but make sure they are put up right.
- No
- A good thing as long as the town has no other storage spots

### Shipping Containers (Rail or Sea Cans)?

- Could have them as long as no charges. They should be free after all you pay taxes and get 0 for it.
- No they shouldn't be allowed
- Town should have a designated lot for these as they are big. Maybe a small fee. Let's face it most people don't have enough storage
- Absolutely not- we already have a junk yard full of old school buses etc that no one seems able to tell owner to get rid of. Tow the bloody things away and charge owner
- They are ugly in residential areas
- Only in Industrial Area
- Unsightly to be in town
- fine for commercial
- Not liked for storage - ugly
- Should not be allowed in town unless there was a designated storage area
- Some locations use these to make living spaces others just use them for storage
- NO- don't allow
- In a designated area – Town Storage Yard. Public
- No. Eye-sore
- Ok(2)
- may be allowed only in back yards 0 not visible from road
- If at back of property and not visible from street
- if at back of property and not visible from frontage
- eye sores within the community
- Good way to recycle and use empty space
- why?
- In backyards, OK
- No(3)
- In town? Ugly
- No, they are ugly
- As long as they're absolutely neat
- Sounds fine
- great idea, not everyone can afford to build a permanent one as long as they are kept up and in the back yard
- just another form of temporary structure – comply with bylaw, permitted and assessed for compliance
- No, they do not belong in town
- NO!
- These things may be fine in a back yard or in a light industrial area. I support our town in maintaining a standard of appearances and maintenance. It is so important because once the town looks or becomes rundown I believe it is very hard to reverse.

### Garden Suites or Suites over Garages?

- Not necessary. Preeceville is far from being Toronto and Torontonians will laugh at us
- Okay if maintained and not become an eyesore – e.g. old furniture and garbage in yards
- Yes, it depends on the person's situation for more space to have for family staying over for a visit
- Okay on larger lots 8000 sq ft
- Only above garage if garage properly sealed off.
- Garden suites good.
- Great!! Most new home development plans have them
- They are okay
- Not sure. Great things to have if you would like to take care of aging parents. But can't be taxed too heavily
- No problem
- If they are just starting out in business if they don't have a building to operate their business
- These are usually on large houses we don't have yet
- No problem
- Yes, if permit is obtained and built to code
- Perfectly fine
- okay
- okay if parking does not become a concern
- as long as they meet building and all other code and bylaw requirements
- housing over garages not so good, safety.
- okay
- fine
- The more the better
- As long as they comply with town business licensing then no problem
- Go for it.
- If necessary
- Good
- Gas fumes would be a concern
- Granny suites – OK
- Ok(4)
- Good idea and way to use empty space
- Bylaws to rule them out
- Awesome
- Good
- Why not.

### **Home Based Businesses and Occupations?**

- Not good, too small of a community. Who will find you?
- Good-a growing idea that is used in large centres and cuts down driving
- Great
- These are great. Get rid of small business license. These hinder the growth. Encourage them to advertise through the town website.
- Okay if maintained and not become an eyesore – e.g. Old furniture and garbage in yards
- Good the more economic resources the more money in the community
- They are okay
- Must not impede traffic or parking. Must not disturb residential atmosphere. Must be very low key.
- Everyone needs to make a living to pay taxes etc. all good as long as a business license is bought, all and any business in town is better than none
- Great – they bring people to Town that might not otherwise come. Taxable according to amount of money generated
- No problem (2)
- With proper licenses – good
- This town needs all the business they can get
- They provide services so a good idea
- What we do have – are very clean and reasonable priced
- as long as they are permitted and meet code and bylaw requirements. HOWEVER, there should be a definition of what size; style of signage is permitted on the property. No LED signs for instance
- As long as they comply with town business licensing then no problem
- The more the better
- Fine, the more the better
- okay
- okay if parking does not become a concern
- Okay if they are not autobody or engine related they tend to be mess and should be in an industrial area and not residential
- The more the better to keep people living in the community
- Absolutely. keeps people in town, in return less people travelling out of town, more local shopping and business done
- As long as they pay for a business license
- More businesses equals greater growth for the town. Shouldn't matter if they have a storefront
- Yes(3)
- Ok
- Good
- Ok need a business license and pay business taxes
- Good way to save money while keeping people employed, good for the economy
- If they pay the business tax
- Okay, within reason
- Why not. These people will not make enough money in a year to worry about

### Future Development? Where or How much?

- If a Red Apple or a Bargain Bin or a Giant Tiger ever tried to come in, don't stop them. Remember that businesses feed off of one another
- Not likely to happen
- Good, between Preeceville and Sturgis
- Keep it away from the nature trails and walking areas and lake
- Anywhere
- Develop lots priced reasonably to promote new housing so Preeceville can grow
- Downtown
- Enough so everyone can have a job big or small
- Spray park for children
- Unlimited
- Businesses and People
- Businesses that fill the empty ones in the town centre
- Please keep green space around Lake
- Better seniors housing. Make an offer to Co-op close to stores/restaurants etc. They want to move.
- Development of lots as needed
- Need more to keep economy, town population, schools, all growing
- Bowling alley
- We will not see much except housing development
- Only after existing 'for sale' town lots have been purchased.
- As much as necessary.
- Lot prices should be reassessed as prices are not favourable to promote growth.
- Anywhere as much as possible. We need more restaurants and businesses and more population
- More businesses bring back Century House and start getting businesses that will work like building houses, building bins/more grocery like Canora.
- Annie Laurie Lake park area
- Maybe a main street spruce up. Our main street looks terrible.
- Yes, as much as possible
- Depends on what it is. How much. If you are not moving forward what direction are you going? We need a reason for young people to want to stay or come.
- Annie Laurie lake (houses or cabins) whatever the market can bare and whatever makes the most sense to keep this community operational.
- Industrial in an industrial park, residential-need to develop northwest corner of town
- this is okay. Need to develop west end of town and south end of main street
- need a flower/bench park and proper visitors centre
- how much depends on the infrastructure to handle it
- more on the west end of town, to have rules drawn up so any development is neat and orderly
- more residential development near the hospital. What about the little bit of land between the highway and the rail bed going west out of town.
- That should be utilized instead of just grass. The more businesses on the main highway through town the better.
- Senior housing on main street
- Continue to residential infill north of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and on other existing vacant lots
- Annie Laurie lake. As much as can be handled

## Density of Development?

- Would be nice to attract businesses to fill the gaps and vacancies on main street
- Do not crowd
- Focus on businesses uptown. Lots of empty shops.
- Wherever the road may lead. Small town Sask. Is dying
- An apartment or townhouse would be beneficial. Lots of people can't find a place to rent.
- Use common sense
- Rich people have to answer this question
- Single family homes
- As demanded
- Lots
- Light
- Lots could be bigger
- Not our problem, as yet, but let us hope for this
- Prefer larger lots, not sardines in a can
- Whatever is required
- 2 acres/5 acre/ 10 acre lots???
- Any and all, every business and improvement/upgrade brings more people, improves all services
- Similar to current density
- Current
- not sure about this
- depends on what our infrastructure (i.e. water, sewer) can handle
- depends on the infrastructure to handle it, ie parking, water, sewer, etc
- As much as our infrastructure can accommodate
- Similar to current standards

## Sense of Community?

- Strong
- It is strong
- See our town council more visible at community functions. Volunteer more. Encourage people to volunteer/cheapest way to keep things alive
- More involvement and participation is needed
- Love it
- Strong
- Good
- How much when we are so small and people go to Yorkton
- Could use improvement
- Clean – good sense of volunteers
- Need more volunteers
- Depending on the situation occurring yes. Lots of people who don't contribute only complain.
- The potential is there and with our new town council there is hope?
- Feeling of safety and security. Pride. Working together. Supporting others. One big happy family.
- Okay, I guess
- ??
- Need events in all four seasons that cater to all age groups - Musher and Western Weekend are good but need more
- Need Rec Director appears to be focused on children /youth
- Need to have town events, not just rec organized events as they tend to focus on children/youth
- I feel Preeceville presents itself as a clean and positive minded community. Its appearance and people are what attracted us!
- Our community members need to step up. Everyone complains but you never see groups banding together to help out or take some initiative. Only if they are forced to. Our community would thrive if people just helped out instead of complaining.
- Yes
- I think there exists a sense of community - lots going on
- We have a beautiful, caring community
- The town needs to spend money on infrastructure and maintain what we currently have
- Fair-good
- This is already pretty good 0 need to keep town clean and neat and majority of others will as well. Use enforced bylaws on the ones that don't ie. Downs corner and where R Prystay has his mess