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2.2 Guiding Principles

The following principles were developed with sustainability in mind and are intended to guide the planning and development of Bowser Village Centre as a sustainable community.

Principle 1 - Build Smarter, Safer, Healthier Communities

- Public Health and Safety is our first priority and as such requires consideration be given to: land stability, safe supply of water, appropriate waste management, and emergency response infrastructure and capabilities.
- The quantity and quality of water in our Aquifer is a central thought for all planning.



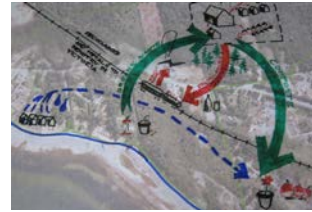
Principle 2 - Design with Nature in Mind

- Recognize that everything that we do in our community, whether it relates to our social, cultural or economic needs, affects our natural environment, positively or negatively.
- Recognize that conservation of natural resources provides long term environmental and economic benefits.



Principle 3 - Protect and promote a healthy environment as it is the foundation of a resilient society, culture and economy

- Consider how our environmental, social, cultural, and economic needs are interconnected.
- Recognize that a healthy environment is the foundation of a resilient and thriving society, culture and economy.



Principle 4 - Ensure equity amongst all citizens and across generations, including future generations

- Meet our near term sustainability goals without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their goals also. This means understanding what the long term benefits and costs are in our planning.
- Meet the present and future social, cultural, and economic needs of the community and ensure that these needs can be met in the development of our village centres and village planning.



Principle 5 - Respect the qualities of place that foster community pride and a sense of belonging and ownership

- Recognize that community pride is affected by the quality of planning and community aesthetics.



Principle 6- Foster community participation in planning and accountability for decisions and actions

- Ensure that the community is actively engaged in the planning process.
- Ensure that there is transparency in governance.

