Text File NRE Household Interview 2001

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Site	Perso	Intervie	Question 53	Question 54
23	1	61	Maintain services that we have.	No response
23	1	30	Hope it doesn't die out. Nice to keep it going with services, like elevators and school.	Education and medical services – difficult for seniors to get health care.
23	1	50	No response	No response
23	4	22	That there will be people here to keep businesses like the store, service station, and post office open. Keep the services that we have.	Keep the town as clean and attractive as it has been in the past.
23	4	20	No response	Would like to see medical clinic stay open and turn hospital into a senior's home, rather than seniors having to move out of the community for services. Provincial housing should join together existing seniors' housing units with a common hallway for more accessibility. Also, the residents wouldn't have to go outside to visit with one another.
23	4	6	Like to see community maintained. With fewer people, it's harder to maintain infrastructure. Like to see growth and more services but government makes it hard for people to invest in small towns.	Need new well. Need to attract a business to stabilize things and offer employment. Hard without school and a hospital.
23	4	80	That it's still here in five years and employment opportunities are here.	No response.
23	4	78	Rebuild community ties and more active involvement – new people moving here helps but those numbers aren't large.	Community project to build community spirit
23	4	110	Hope it stays the way it is.	Hard to achieve anything with major services closed and poor farming economy
23	4	55	Hope the government opens its eyes because small towns are dying.	Need new water lines. Need government assistance for small towns to keep infrastructure maintained.
23	4	11	That the community survives; that it keeps its spirit. People here are involved and work together	Fall supper – in the past, the money went to school so the community didn't hold it this year because the school was closing. But this year was when we needed it most, to pull together as a community. It worries me that the kids growing up here won't get to see the great community spirit of this place, and working together for things like the fall supper help to build that.
23	4	54	Hope health centre stays. If older people need to travel for health services, they will find living here very difficult.	Attempt to maintain services. Work with neighbouring communities to better one existing health facility – more cooperation with other communities.
23	4	85	Hope it can stay alive	No response
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23	4	71	Hope to keep the community going	Hope to set up a business in the school. Need some sort of business to attract people here.
23	4	48	Hope it keeps going. Lots of seniors and hard to draw young people to the community	Maintain services and businesses we currently have
23	2	32	No response	No response
23	2	104	No response	No response
23	2	27	Hope that it doesn't die and remains sustainable and maybe even grow.	Keep the services that we currently have like the post office and grocery store.
				Additional comments: the hospital has been shut down and now the elementary school because of competition between this community and the larger community 10 km north.
23	2	52	Hope to see some business to help the revenue of the town; like to see the hospital reopened, like to see the school kept in town to help keep the community alive.	Obtain help from the government to maintain the community infrastructure such as the sewage system. Also to help maintain the sense of community pride. We want to keep taxes low but need new sewage lines because they are so old they're falling apart and our roads are terrible. Government assistance with infrastructure would allow us to make improvements and feel good about our community.
				Additional comments: we have lost the elevator, which translates into lost employment. The school is closing, we're losing businesses, lost manufacturing plant and drug store. Harder to access services for seniors because it is harder to for them to drive around and get to places. With the closure of the hospital, things are even more difficult for them.
23	2	40	The future doesn't look too bright – the drug store is closed, the school is closing. There's nothing here to attract families. It's a good place to live however – hope it can hang on and maintain its population. Need more opportunities that attract people.	No enterprise in town that currently employs lots of people – need some large employer to attract people. The new grain terminal helps, but there is still a huge out-migration of people.
23	2	24	No response	No response
23	04	15	Like to see people move in to get back school and hospital.	Have hospital re-opened.
23	04	41	No response	A business to employ people. Two bedroom homes for seniors – room for family to stay.
23	04	21	Wish we could keep school.	Additional comments.
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23	04	58	Like to see it get bigger. More people=more taxpayers. But school being closed makes it difficult.	More population to reopen public school, less taxes, more policing.
23	04	8	No response	Get more businesses to help build this community.
23	04	18	Feel that the community is going down. Nothing for young kids.	No response
23	04	47	Hope not to lose any more services – disastrous to lose store, post office. Hope it remains same or better.	Entice people to move to move to the community. The housing cost here is low and it would be easy for them to move in and commute to one of the larger communities in the area to work.
23	04	122	That it doesn't shut down and die. Seems to be dying with school closing.	No response
23	04	19	Hope that the school could stay. Would stay here, but the cost of driving places is high. Wages not competitive with city wages – with low cost of living could live well.	If we could build an ethanol plant to process fuel, it would give farmers a more competitive price for their wheat.
23	04	109	Return to ten years ago when things were going our way. That it survives	Additional Comments: Logical reasons to keep school open – larger classrooms here than in neighbouring school. Didn't make sense to close hospital, community bought all the equipment.
23	04	87	Like to see more people move in. But when we lost the school we lost a lot.	Keep the remaining businesses open because clearly people can't drive great distances to access services.
23	04	89	Wish hospital wasn't closing – aging population needs health care services. School keeps town going, elevator, pharmacy. Keep young families in town.	No response
23	04	91	Hope everyone hold on to their sense of community with or without businesses. We have to make due with what we have.	Would like to see more health care services because of older people – dangerous for them to be travelling so far.
23	04	56	Hope it continues. Rough because elevators closing. Young people moving, health care depleted.	Something in care facility that provides consistency in health care for seniors in the community.
23	04	2	Change in attitude. If there is only one person with a positive attitude then it's impossible to work together to find what we need rather than what "I"	No response

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23	04	23	I hope it does not die out.	Attract young people to community.
23	04	17	Hope it survives – keep services we have.	Keeping their services, keeping the community viable, attract young people to the community.
23	04	95	Hope to keep young people in community.	Develop an art community, or craft or second hand clothing store. There is a theme along main street with the murals of nature – utilize school for business or arts/craft groups, market garden.
23	04	101	I'd like it to remain a viable, progressive community. A tax base is needed to support service.	Maintain churches since they are a focal point of the community.
23	04	34	Hope it continues to be viable, and support itself.	Try to keep services we have here, encourage industry that brings young people in, and maintain our quality of life.
23	04	84	I have no hopes for the future of the community because I don't intend to be here.	No response
23	04	90	Get decent medical services, more business.	Keeping youth in the community, attract business, making it business-friendly through tax incentives.
23	04	36	Hope to keep people (no one moves out or in).	No response
23	04	12	That it is still here.	Keep up the community spirit.
23	04	86	Nice to have some industry – keep people here – nice to have people here; keep present services; keep what we have open.	Bring in industry – keep people here and to create more jobs; start cleaning up the older buildings; improve garbage disposal (get rid of REACT recycling program), keep at least one elevator. Keep rinks, bowling alleys as best can.
				Additional comments: There is such a rivalry between this community and larger neighbouring community, that to convince people to work together is practically impossible. Didn't agree to shut down hospital, and whether to make into seniors home. If we would have cooperated, we could have kept the facility open. Disagreement between communities with school shutting down, nice to have drug store here, when closed hospital things slowed down, disagreed with how coop shut down fertilizer plant.
23	04	42	Hope that town doesn't die – especially with school closure, most people may choose to move elsewhere, hope businesses can stay viable.	Would like a sidewalk on street (not most important thing) look for ways to attract people to community.

23	04	11	Would to see growth and more families and see businesses stay open; just bought a house and would like to stay awhile.	Same as previous, try to expand community growth.
23	04	75	Hope that we can keep it going, but I have doubts because we've lost the school and drugstore; people moving out and permanent residents are all older people; need employment but don't have it.	Would be nice to have something to keep people here. Additional comments: Not all services here and respondent can no longer drive. Can't obtain services here needed to do day-to-day things. Not hopeful for community because have no younger people and need more people for growth.
23	04	13	Hope it gets bigger and keep everyone here: hope it gets bigger because it's nicer for the town.	Bring people in and do some maintenance.
23	04	57	Hope younger people move in. Community is mostly old people and I don't want it to die out.	No response. Additional comments: School would have attracted more younger people but because school closed none will be coming here.
23	04	45	More services and at least maintain services.	Try and obtain opportunities for young people. Additional comments: Lack of leadership and residents didn't take care of town. This community used to be larger than the rival community 10 km away. Respondent doesn't really like the people in the community – has chosen not to participate in events and doesn't talk to people. Since 1980 when respondent's business closed, other residents quit talking to him
23	04	59	Hope that it continues to grow and prosper; maintain present services, and the population remains stable. Maintain rural economy and maintain youth population, free from violence.	Maintain services. Additional comments: Losing school this year – population is failing. Respondent feels that this is the most wonderful community to live in, that it is a very caring and loving community, and that everyone is supportive to one another. Respondent would recommend this as a retirement home to anyone.
23	01	66	Hope it stays viable. Would like to see better access to medicine, trying to shut down health clinic – would have to access health services 60 km away. I would need to pay to drive there to see a doctor and I don't think it's fair that I should pay when there's no closer services. Hope to see a more vibrant community and more families.	Very hard to answer because lost an excellent school and health centre. Additional comments: Doesn't feel that the community is a welcoming place. Although wife was born and raised in the community, she no longer feels accepted after moving away and then returning years later. The feeling is that the community is not as accepting as people believe, although the respondent acknowledges that many rural communities are the same.

				Community has been defeated before it started. It can no longer attract people because the school has shut down, health facilities are terrible and no drug store. Have nothing to offer people – the community is dying.
23	01	53	Like to see it go forward rather than backward, like to see it grow and have more services (but that won't happen).	Try to promote business –bring business in (can't see it happening) or provide services to bring people. Difficult to do with hospital and school closing.
23	01	25	Hope can keep going and keep services you have.	Keep going.
23	01	49	Hope that some businesses could exist here; need employment to bring people, particularly youths; also need youth to help church to survive.	To attract some businesses if they can (ie. Manufacturing)
23	01	123	Hope that school building will be used for something else (ie. Bible school) to attract more people, and that the community doesn't fall apart.	No response.
23	01	76	Wish it could remain a viable community with enough services to attract young people here. It is safe, quiet and there are facilities for children. It's a good place to raise a family and good place for seniors. Want it to exist.	Most important is to bring industry and bring employment and people so that rural communities survive and have people stay.
23	01	23	Hope it gains population and business (did get concrete elevator terminal built nearby), hope to get a school back or to keep – and a hospital (40 minute driving distance to closest hospital).	More employment for younger generation, better roads to drive on.
23	01	39	Hope it stays.	Try to get more people to move here, young people. Try to attract businesses.
				Additional comments: Not bad, but nothing and no one here.
23	01	81	Don't think much hope for any little community. But they should put coop fertilizer shop back.	Try to get more people to come – only way for it to become something is to get people to move in – but don't know what else they can do.
				Additional comments: losing last grain elevator, lost school and respondent feels the community has nothing to grow with.
23	01	112	Hope community grows and can keep services we have (ie. Doctor, service groups) – hope it	Try to maintain business we have, at least and need to support those local businesses we have. Try to bring in more businesses.

			improves relationship with neighbouring communities and maintains strong, healthy environment for children growing up.	Town council has to sit and discuss a way to find out how to bring in business such as small manufacturing.
23	01	68	Hope it stays around.	Attract business or industry, lower taxes in community ie. Larger homes. Additional comments: With everything closing, we will see more people leave don't think we will see any young people move here.
23	01	113	Would like to see growth – new businesses, more community programming for children or seniors. Hope that community will survive even after the loss of the school and elevators.	Should address town maintenance (water, sewage lines) to keep community involved in what goes on; be nice if town can be promoted to draw people in to start business and bring people; build a seniors' complex.