

Resilience Checklist:

Site: Ferintosh

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Table 1: Resilience: How well was the site able to cope with shocks or stresses?

Date	Sector	Poor	Sat.	V.W	Comments/Examples
2001	Private/Market		X		A few businesses have either closed or changed their function. Since the summer of 2000 five businesses closed. The services provided by three of the businesses were picked up by other businesses. There is acceptance of the need to travel for goods and services. Recent land acquisition and expansion by B&B based on the attractive setting. Some business losses are compensated for others are not.
2001	Public/Bureau		X		There have been no shocks or stresses in this category for a long time. All the closures were complete many years ago.
2001	Civic/Assoc.			X	Active involvement in various organizations although it is predominantly the senior community members who are active. Senior centre and community centre are both going concerns. A threat to the survival of the community centre is being addressed by community fundraising. The closure of the school was turned into an opportunity by the community and converted into a community centre. Recently, the village is stymied by the increasing costs of insurance and has encountered problems mounting a successful fundraising event to cover some of these costs. Some failures and some recent successes. Successful at receiving a gov't grant for playground equipment – which is now complete.
2001	Family/Comm		X		Some divisions are apparent in the community around conservative “family values” and alternative lifestyles. Although the community is taking steps to make the community attractive to young and old families.

Table 2: Capacity: How was the site able to...?

Date	Sector	Item	Poor	Sat.	V.W.	Comments/ Examples
2001	Priv/M	Anticipate			X	Anticipated the loss of the treasury branch
2001		Get Inf.				No information on this
2001		Debate		X		There is some discomfort on the part of the town administration with the new business in town based on life style differences. Mayor has been somewhat obstructionist wrt the expansion of this business. Debate is not out in the open.
2001		Act			X	Community members are entrepreneurial in that a couple of new businesses have established in the community. As business close, other local business have picked up those functions. Development of the campground on the old dumpsite shows ability to take advantage of local amenities.
2001		Support		X		Community members do try to support their local economy to some degree. Split between those that purchase locally versus those that shop out of town.
2001		Evaluate		X		Certainly concern over the closures of businesses, no attempt to develop marketing tools such as a website – rely on the NRE site as their internet face to the world. Definite concern over what needs to be done to keep the town attractive.
2001	Pub/Bur	Anticipate				There are no bureaucratic or public services supplied to the town beyond the municipal level. Healthcare, schools, social services, elevators etc were gone long ago. Residents must travel to these services, although good proximity to these services reduces this as an issue.
2001		Get Inf.				N/A
2001		Debate				N/A
2001		Act				N/A
2001		Support				N/A
2001		Evaluate				N/A
2001	Civic/Ass	Anticipate			X	Concerned with closure of the community hall.
2001		Get Inf.			X	Accessing information regarding funding to keep the hall open and make it more viable. Willingness to learn from others indicated by ready involvement in the NRE project and openness to finding out about strategies other communities are using.
2001		Debate		X		Raising money to keep the hall open appears to be a community concern – some disagreement regarding the type of fundraising that was done – but this could be placing blame after the unsuccessful event. Debate is not out in the open.
2001		Act			X	The community went into debt hosting their annual farmers show and had to close the

						community hall for the winter to cut back costs. Did host a recent successful fund raising event and now that the playground is completed anticipate some government funding will become available. Actions are sustained over time.
2001		Support			X	Support for the hall is shown through people's interest in keeping it open and participation in fundraising events and working at hall functions.
2001		Evaluate			X	The community continues to try new and different mechanisms for fundraising for the community and to learn from successes and failures.
2001	Fam/C	Anticipate		X		Population slowly increasing as seniors retire and move into town. Strong seniors centre encourages this in-migration. Concern over the growth of Hutterite communities and larger farms in the area and the impact of fewer families needing goods and services.
2001		Get Inf.		X		Willingness to learn from others indicated by ready involvement in the NRE project.
2001		Debate		X		Complaining about the Hutterite Colonies and a resistance to alternative lifestyles on the part of some.
2001		Act			X	The population in Ferintosh is growing slowly, bringing new people to the community. It is an older community and the development of strong seniors' services helps make the hamlet attractive. Development of the playground makes the community more attractive for young families.
2001		Support		X		Due to varying interests of people within the community not all community members are involved in activities hosted by the community. Usually a result of age variation.
2001		Evaluate			X	I get the impression that these initiatives are undertaken in anticipation that the community will be more appealing to new comers.