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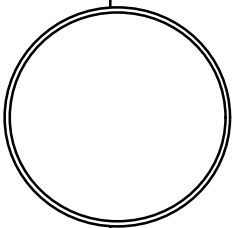
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# TOWN OF EATONIA

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

# MAY 2009



## ***Introduction***

Originally founded in 1918, the Town of Eatonia has continued on in spite of the past and present economic shifts of our provincial and global world. Founded on the work ethic and determination of early pioneers, these qualities continue to manifest themselves into our current residents creating a community known for its community spirit and ability to accomplish great tasks together. This unique brand of perseverance has brought us far beyond the obscure original “Mile 141” as we were known by the Canadian Northern Railway, to proudly boasting our identity as “The Prairie Oasis”.

It is with this steep heritage in mind that the following pages hope to put in place a plan to continue our existence beyond merely a heritage site of yesteryear to a vibrant community with a bold future ahead.

The primary purpose of this document is to identify the principles defining and guiding decisions made by the Town of Eatonia. In addition to these base ideals, a short term strategic plan has been developed. These needs were identified through a community meeting (November 2008) as well as ongoing dialogue of Town Council in addressing current issues. It is from these meetings that the desires and needs of the community were identified and put into place as reflected in the latter pages. These ideals were adopted in May 2009 and will be reviewed again annually.

This plan is not meant to be a conclusive detailed blueprint but a living document for the Town of Eatonia in making responsible decisions, both fiscal and otherwise, to the betterment of the citizens and overall functioning of the Town of Eatonia.

## ***Our Mission Statement***

The mission statement describes why we exist, who we serve and what services we provide. Our statement of purpose is as follows:

*The Town of Eatonia exists to provide excellent local government through leadership, teamwork, partnership and dedication to the community. It is our desire to facilitate effective and efficient delivery of public services and as best possible, nurture the economic, environmental, social and recreational well-being of the community, both now and in the future.*



## *Our Core Values*

These core values are the building blocks which reflect the beliefs of the Town of Eatonia. These will guide the way we make our decisions and carry out our actions.

### 1. Enhanced Quality of Life

- As we exist to serve the community we are committed to providing quality service to our residents at affordable costs. To accomplish this we will continue to upgrade and maintain our infrastructure to ensure quality water and roads necessary to modern needs.
- We will work co-operatively with other agencies to ensure the survival of our health, education and recreational facilities.
- We will continue to strive for public safety.

### 2. Fiscal Responsibility

- We will demonstrate this through correct collection, management and stewardship of public funds.
- We will work to ensure that future generations are not financially responsible for the benefits received by the current populace.
- We will work to find most cost-effective ways to deliver services to suit the needs of our community.

### 3. Respect for All

- By building on strengths and respecting each others individual believes, we will strive to strengthen the community spirit to make Eatonia an even better place to live.

#### 4. Supportive Work Environment

- We will respect the dedication and quality of work from town employees through ongoing communications with staff.
- We will ensure a clean and safe working environment.
- We will provide support and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

