

Round 2
Engagement Summary

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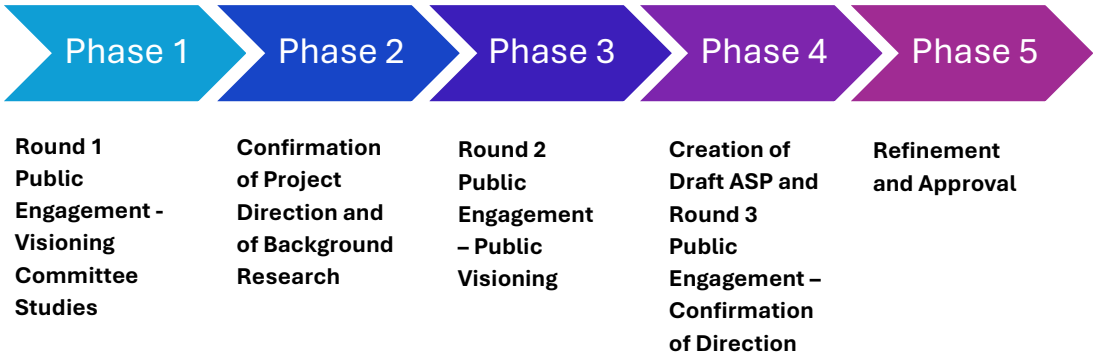
1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes the findings from the Round 2 engagement (which is Phase 3 of the Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan (ASP) Amendment Project), conducted from April to May 2025. The aim was to gather community feedback and raise awareness among stakeholders regarding the future development of Bragg Creek. At the time of this report being written, the project is currently in Phase 4 as per the below diagram. As the findings of Phase 1 have already been summarized by the Visioning Committee final report, this report captures the findings of phases 2 to 4 of the project.



The engagement efforts provided key insights into community priorities across several key areas. The Community Vision, presented by the Visioning Committee in Round 1 engagement (Phase 1 of the Project), emphasizes ecological limits, community connection, a vibrant economy, an active outdoor lifestyle, and a strong connection to nature. This vision resonated with a majority (85%) of respondents (from the online survey and response forms). Engagement findings under each theme have been summarized under this section.

Housing

Participants expressed a strong preference for low-density development that preserves the existing Western, village character and integrates into the natural surrounds. There was also a clear need for diverse housing options as to promote affordability and different abilities.

Community Amenities

Participants identified various desired community amenities, including a library, pedestrian pathways/recreational trails, and off-leash dog parks. Improvements to existing trail connections and year-round maintenance were highlighted for recreational opportunities, and while many feel involved in the community, there is an inclination for improved access to recreational opportunities.

Business

Participants provided suggestions on positive environmental impacts included supporting local enterprises, sustainable waste management, clustered business areas, and renewable energy. Needed businesses include restaurants/pubs, grocery stores, and professional services, while winter sports, wellness centers, and short-term accommodations were suggested for diversifying the economy during low seasons.

Tourism

Opinions on tourism were mixed; while acknowledged as economically vital, concerns on increased traffic, noise, parking impacts, and littering emerged. Participants indicated a desire for sustainable tourism practices to be implemented across recreational and business activities.

Environment

Key environment assets in the community were identified, including forests, water, and wildlife. Participants suggested safeguards, including improved waste management, comprehensive FireSmart strategies, development restrictions, and increased education for tourists on human-wildlife coexistence. Safety risks of living close to nature include human-wildlife encounters, wildfires, and floods, with participants advocating for unpaved trails, reduced lighting, and regulated speed.

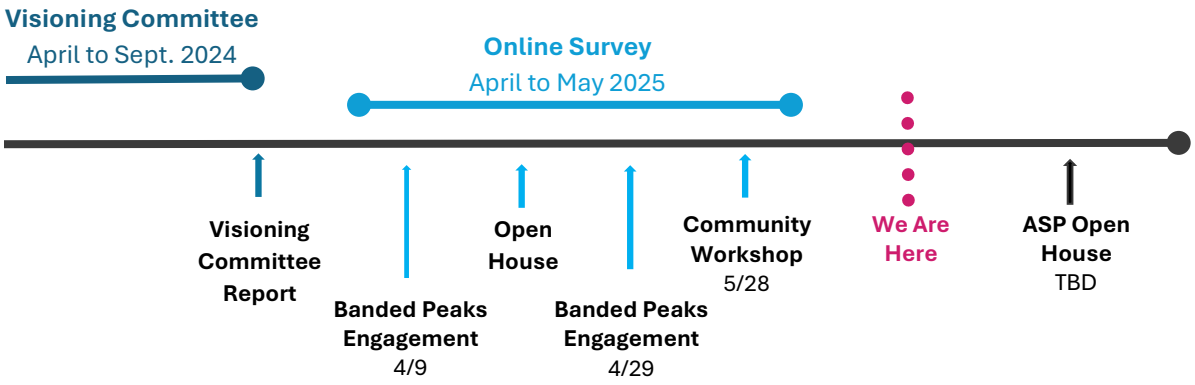
1.2 Engagement Endeavors

In Round 2, the County provided various engagement opportunities to solicit feedback on the ASP project. Engagement materials built on recommendations gathered in Phase 1 from the Visioning Committee Final Report. Specifically, engagement opportunities included presentations to Banded Peak School students, an open house event, and a tailored workshop event for community members. The formal avenues for the public to provide feedback include an online survey, response forms provided within the engagement sessions, and written submissions. This report presents the results of all formal feedback received. Along with other planning policy and technical considerations, this information will be a primary guiding factor in the refinement of the ASP.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Process

Round 2 Engagement events occurred from April to May 2025. This round focused on raising the community's awareness of the project by way of community events, as well as collecting participant feedback through surveys and in-person dialogue.



2.2 Banded Peak School Presentations

On April 9th and April 29th 2025, the project team visited Banded Peak School to deliver presentations to the Grades 5/6 and 7/8 classes. Both days consisted of three separate classes each. The intent of the presentations was to provide an overview of the municipal planning process and to discuss the ASP project with students. Students shared their feedback with the project team via an engagement activity, where they identified aspects of Bragg Creek that make it special, and potential amenities and facilities needed in the community. These responses are included in **Appendix A** of this report.

2.3 Open House

On April 16th 2025, the project team held an open house event at the Bragg Creek Community Centre. The purpose of the event was to provide participants with an update on the project's status, as well as to solicit general feedback on the vision that was prepared in Round 1. Participants were invited to view information displayed on boards throughout the room and were asked to provided their input via survey forms, with questions asked and results discussed thoroughly in **Section 3** of this report. Project team members were dispersed across stations to answer questions from participants.

2.4 General Survey (In-person, Online)

Questions in the survey forms corresponded to information stations at the event and were intended to guide participants as they progressed through each station. The questions were based on objectives identified in the Terms of Reference and key themes identified in the Visioning Committee Final Report. An online survey, which mirrored the questions asked during the open house event, was open on the project page from April 7th to May 12th, 2025. The survey questions are listed in **Section 3** of this report, and encompass topics such as environment, businesses, built form, recreation and so forth. Results from the online survey have been collated with results from the open house and engagement workshop. **Appendix B** is the questionnaire used for the survey while **Appendix C** provides detailed responses to the survey questions.

2.5 Collaborative Workshop

A community workshop was held on May 28th, 2025, at the Bragg Creek Community Centre. The workshop aimed to further investigate the themes from participants' feedback from the open house event. For example, many responses from the open house indicated a need for better fireproofing for future development. One of the questions raised in the workshop inquired as to whether it would be appropriate to include fire-related policies in the ASP. In terms of format, participants were seated in groups, and a moderator guided participants through a series of questions that were prepared by the project team in advance. Responses from respondents were collected through maps, on which ideas were drawn, as well as physical response forms. Findings from these responses have been collated with the findings from the open house and discussed in **Section 3**. **Appendix D** is the collaborative workshop workbook used, and **Appendix E** are the photos of the group responses to the questions from the collaborative workshop.

3. KEY FINDINGS

This section is organized into two parts, one for each method of feedback that was collected—general survey and collaborative workshop.

3.1 GENERAL SURVEY (In-person and Online)

The survey sought feedback on several key topics and included a combination of closed and open-ended questions; both offered during the open house and online. At the Open House, paper copies of the survey were distributed to participants at the beginning of the Open House. These paper copies were collected by the Bragg Creek ASP team, gathering seventy-eight (78) responses from the Open house. The online survey portion received 61 responses. Overall, there were 139 respondents on the survey. A breakdown of those who answered the survey is depicted in the figure below.

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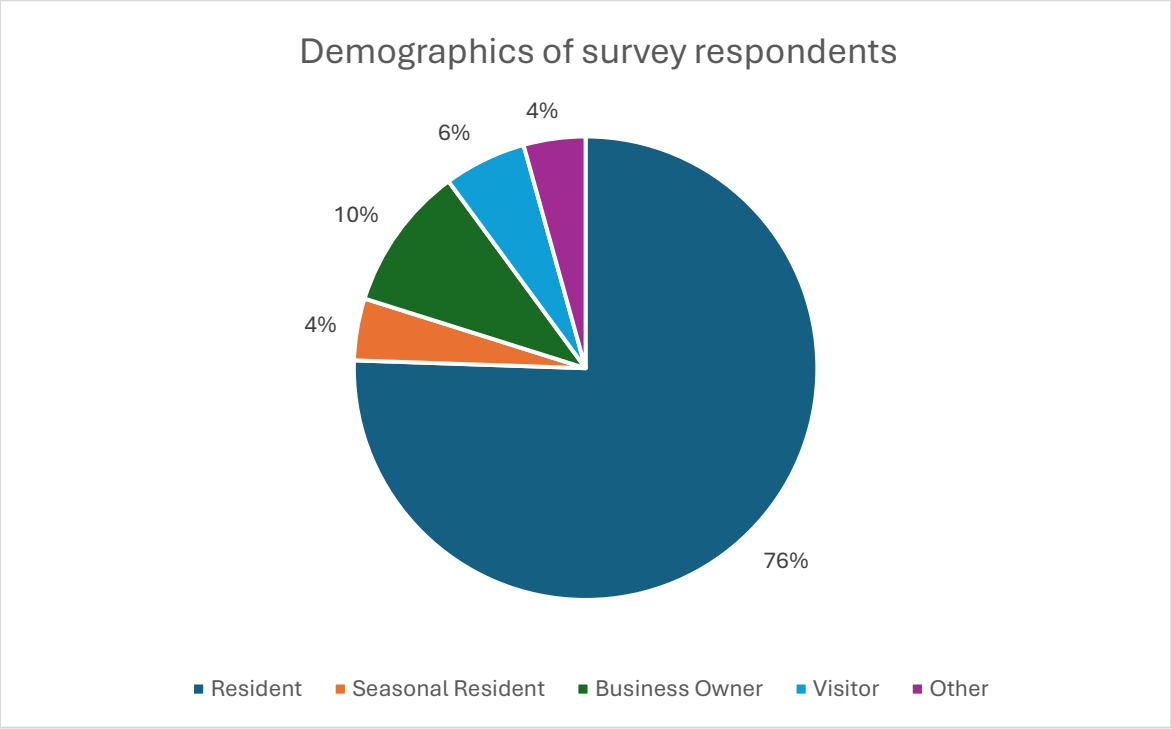
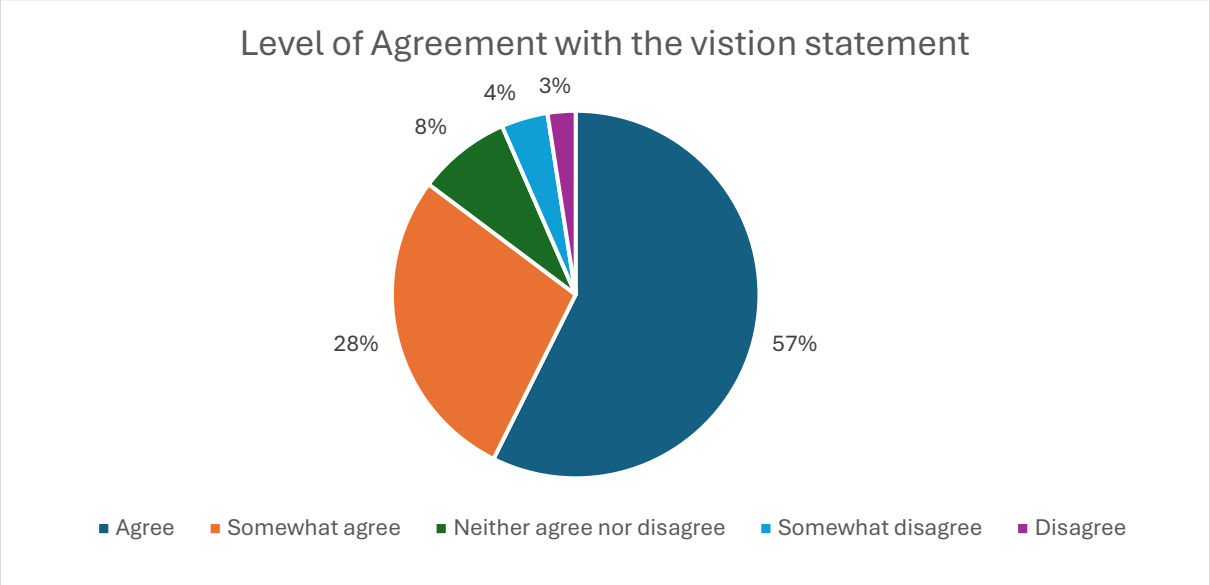


Question 2. Please share your level of agreement with the vision statement below for a revised Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan.

This question sought to understand participants' level of agreement with the vision statement presented in the previous question. It was found that 85 percent of respondents either agreed or somewhat agreed while 7 percent of respondents disagreed or somewhat disagreed with the vision statement.



Question 3. Is there anything you want the County to consider about the vision statement?

Participants were asked to provide suggestions on other considerations not captured in the vision statement. Key themes that emerged are summarized below:

- Building resilience against natural disasters.
- Prioritizing ecological limits, including wildlife and environmental conservation, above development.
- Maintaining the current low-density, heritage character.
- Providing affordable and diverse housing options to enable youth and elderly residents to remain in the community.
- Mitigating the impact of future development on traffic, the environment, and sense of community.

A number of representative verbatim quotes are provided below:

"Country residential homes. Low density."

"Honoring the heritage of Bragg Creek's historical residents."

"Consider forest fires and also flooding. What measures are in place - going forward how will we make consideration for this?"

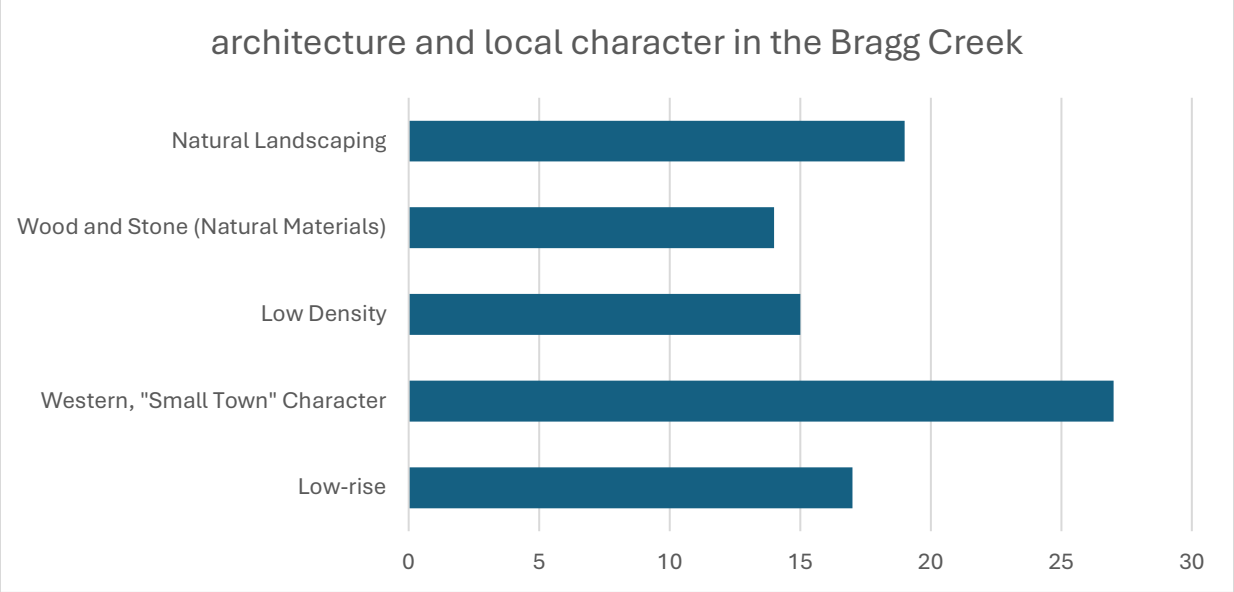
"Choices in many situations will have to be made - there cannot be huge residential and tourist development and maintain a connection to nature and ecological limits. The area is finite - cannot serve all demands."

"Love the sentiment. I do believe it will be difficult to walk the line between development and keeping nature at the forefront."

HOUSING

Question 4. How should architecture in growth area of Bragg Creek reflect a sense of local character?

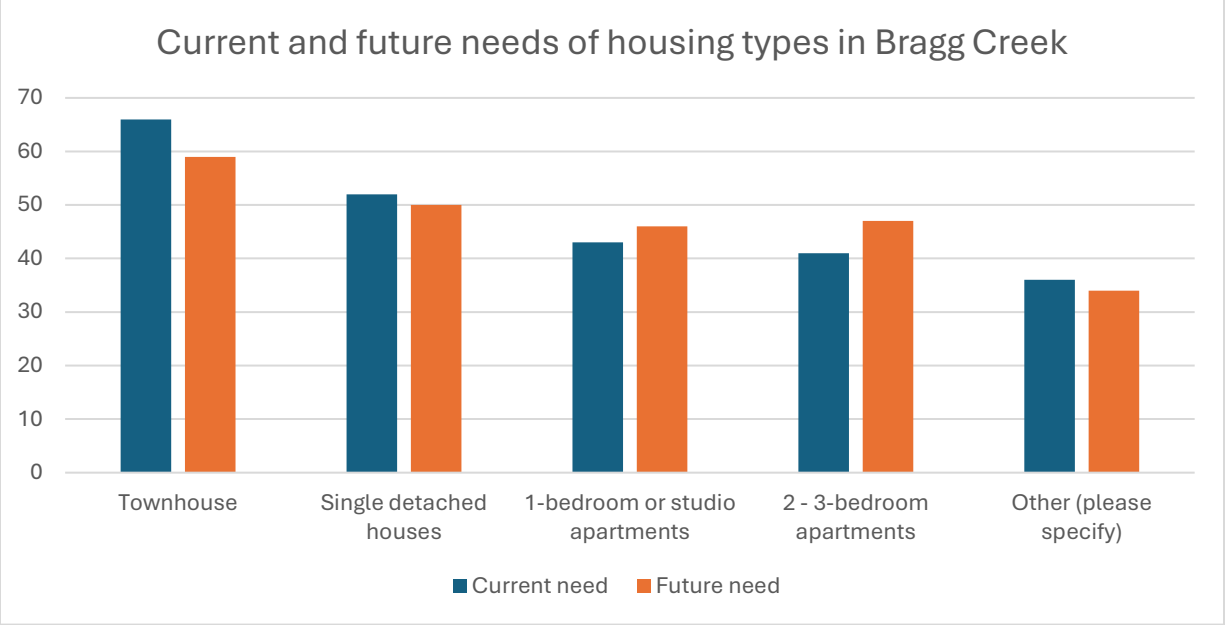
Residents were asked to identify important architectural features to preserve in the context of future development. This is an open-ended question, where responses were codified into different themes. The x axis below corresponds to the number of responses received under each option. Preserving the Western, "small-town" character was identified as the top priority for respondents, followed by low density and a low-rise presentation in the built form.



Question 5. What housing types are currently needed in Bragg Creek (select all that apply)? AND Question 6. What housing types do you think will be needed in Bragg Creek in the future?

These questions sought to uncover current and future housing typologies generally needed in Bragg Creek. For housing types needed currently and, in the future, townhomes were identified as the top need (66 responses -current need; 59 responses – future need) with single, detached houses with the second highest number (52 responses- current; 50 responses-future). Other respondents identified other types of housing as current or future needs below:

- Seniors' housing for long-term residents;
- Cabin and lodge-style
- Affordable housing, which could be at higher density levels.
- Development generally presenting as low-density, caveated by a scale that is demure to surrounding forested landscapes.

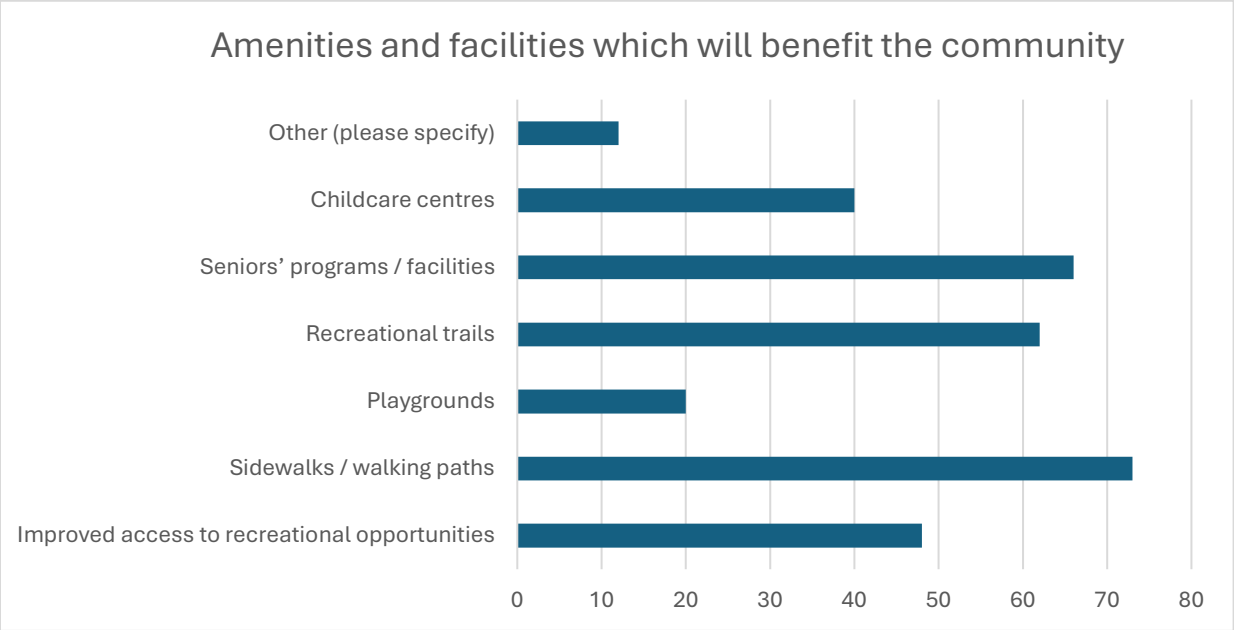

Current and future needs of housing types in Bragg Creek
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
Townhouse
Single detached houses
1-bedroom or studio apartments
2 - 3-bedroom apartments
Other (please specify)
Current need
Future need

RECREATION

Question 7. What types of amenities or facilities do you think would most benefit the community? (select all that apply)

Respondents identified sidewalks as the top community amenity/facility needed (76 responses). Seniors' facilities (69 responses) and recreational trails (65 responses) were identified as the second and third priority, respectively. Although this was only a multiple choice question, the online version of the survey allowed respondents to provide "other" suggestions or recommendations. The following amenities or facilities were identified by respondents :

- Ski Hill;
- Dog park (fenced, off leash)
- Shared space for start-up
- Emergency medical facility



Q8. How do you feel included / involved in your community?

Figure 6 provides the breakdown of the general themes captured from this open-ended question. Respondents feel connected in their community primarily through volunteering for different community groups, and participating in different local programming and services. Captured as 'other' responses, many respondents answered that they already feel included or excluded in the community with not necessarily providing any specific reason.

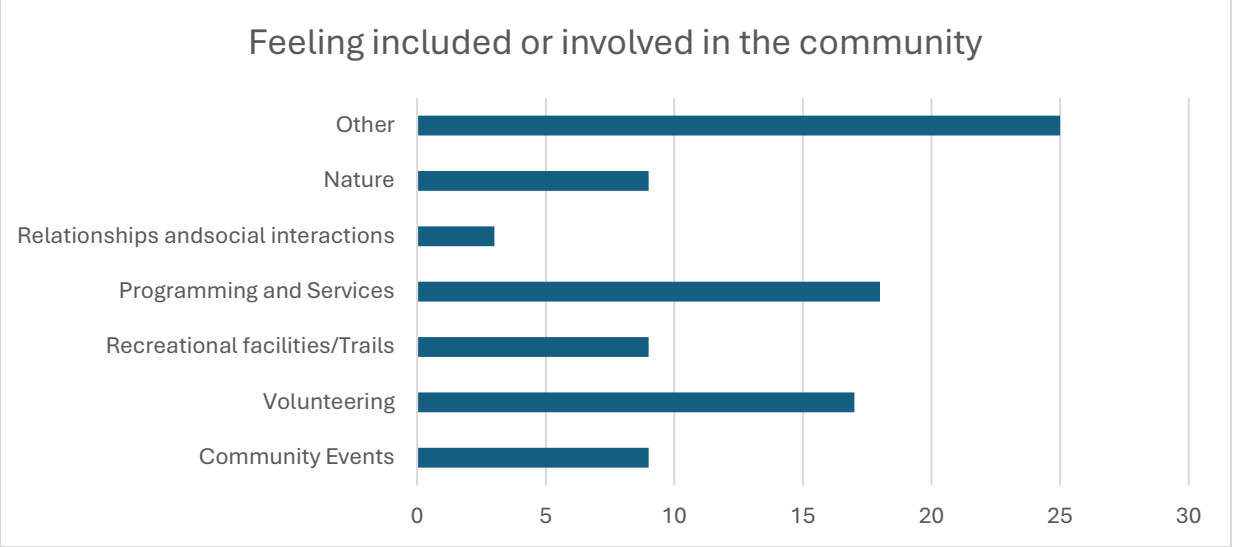


Figure 6 *– Responses to Question 8.*

How could the County best improve access to recreational opportunities in your community?

This question was not included in the open house; however, this was available on the online option of the survey. Many respondents highlighted the need for a comprehensive, connected trail and pathway network linking neighborhoods, the Hamlet, and key destinations such as West Bragg Creek, the Elbow River, and day-use areas, with a mix of paved and natural-surface trails to accommodate different preferences and abilities. Maintaining and upgrading existing sidewalks and pathways for year-round usability and safety was also a frequent theme. Respondents supported better signage and mapping, alongside calls for new or enhanced facilities including off-leash dog parks, bike amenities, seniors and youth programs, and indoor recreation spaces.

"More pathways for all users "

"Invest in existing areas like West Bragg Creek. Build new facilities based on need (swimming pool, hockey arena) "

"A trail more easily connecting to the west Bragg trails. The paved trail should continue on at Range Road 54 to the West Bragg Parking lot. "

LOCAL BUSINESSES & TOURISM

Question 9. How can local businesses achieve positive impacts for the environment?

Responses indicate that residents see local businesses as playing a role in supporting environmental stewardship, while recognizing practical limits tied to scale, cost, and rural context. Common themes included waste reduction and management (recycling, composting, reduced packaging, wildlife-proof garbage, and enforcement of garbage bylaws), energy efficiency and renewable energy (solar panels, heat pumps, energy-efficient buildings, dark-sky lighting), and wildlife and ecosystem protection (bear-smart practices, minimizing attractants, protecting water quality, and reducing litter). Many respondents emphasized the importance of local collaboration and education, including businesses working together, supporting local suppliers, promoting responsible tourism, and leading by example for visitors. On the other hand, others stressed the need for clear, practical regulations and County support, noting that environmental expectations must be paired with realistic standards. Some respondents also indicated that it is not the businesses' responsibility to positively impact the environment.

"Reduce non-compostable waste, employ gray water processes, and incorporate solar or geothermal power or heating strategies.."

"Garbage bylaws, bear smart/wild smart community."

"Consider packaging, waste management, water usage, waste diversion to limit environmental impact. Prioritize reusing vs recycling waste. Come talk to us at the Chamber - we have a lot to discuss about this!!."

"Local businesses and tourism can lend to economic sustainability, but require a supportive and nurturing policy frame work. Environmental sustainability is part of the equation, but not the only factor - needs to be business friendly. "

Question 10. What circular economy strategies would you like to see in the community to ensure businesses are supported to remain sustainable, local, and environmentally responsible?

A dominant theme was the need to prioritize business viability and foundational infrastructure, including affordable rents, reliable water and sewer systems, high-speed broadband, transportation access, and streamlined County approvals before introducing new sustainability frameworks. Where circular or sustainability-related strategies were supported, respondents identified local sourcing and procurement, renewable energy (solar or geothermal), waste reduction infrastructure, reusable systems, shared facilities (such as greenhouses), etc. Strong support was expressed for locally focused economies, including programs encouraging residents to shop locally, resisting box stores, supporting small and seasonal businesses, and fostering year-round activity.

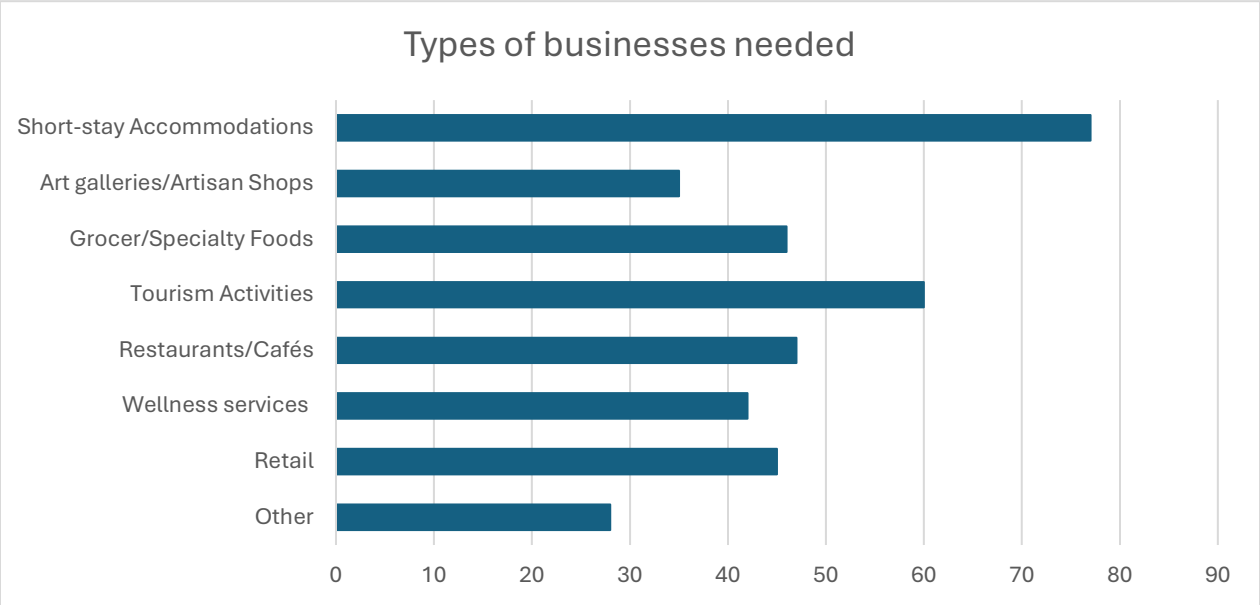
"...most Bragg Creek businesses are small, independent, and struggling with seasonal revenue, rising costs, and basic infrastructure limitations. Before introducing trendy concepts like the 'circular economy,' the County should focus on delivering the basics—reliable services, reasonable permitting processes, and practical support... if circular economy principles are to be taken seriously, they must come with concrete, localized strategies that make sense in a rural hamlet. But none of it will work unless the County clearly defines what a 'circular economy' means in the Bragg Creek context—and provides real support to make it feasible."

"First and foremost: business friendly. Policy framework should stimulate investment; if businesses prosper, they would be more open to meet environmental conditions."

"In wintertime, small business owners are really suffering because no development is coming so we need new development while balancing with nature as well.

Question 11. What types of businesses are needed in the community?

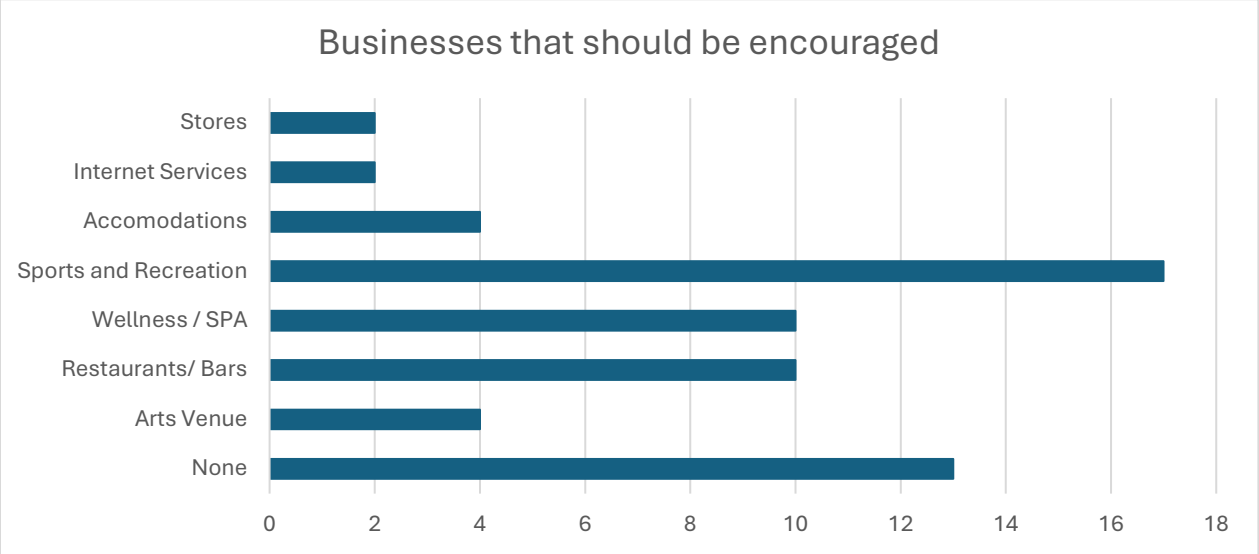
Respondents were able to select more than one response. Short-stay accommodation was identified as the most needed business (77 responses) with tourism activities (60 responses) identified as second. These findings are consistent with the results of previous questions, demonstrating that tourism is an important facet of the local economy. Responses also indicate a need for diversification of businesses for a stable economy. Respondents had the option of providing further elaboration if they selected "other" as a response. While these comments varied, some responses pointed to the need for increased essential services, such as medical facilities, doctors, seniors housing, childcare services and RCMP station.



Question 12. What businesses should the county promote or encourage to diversify the economy during the low seasons, or weekdays?

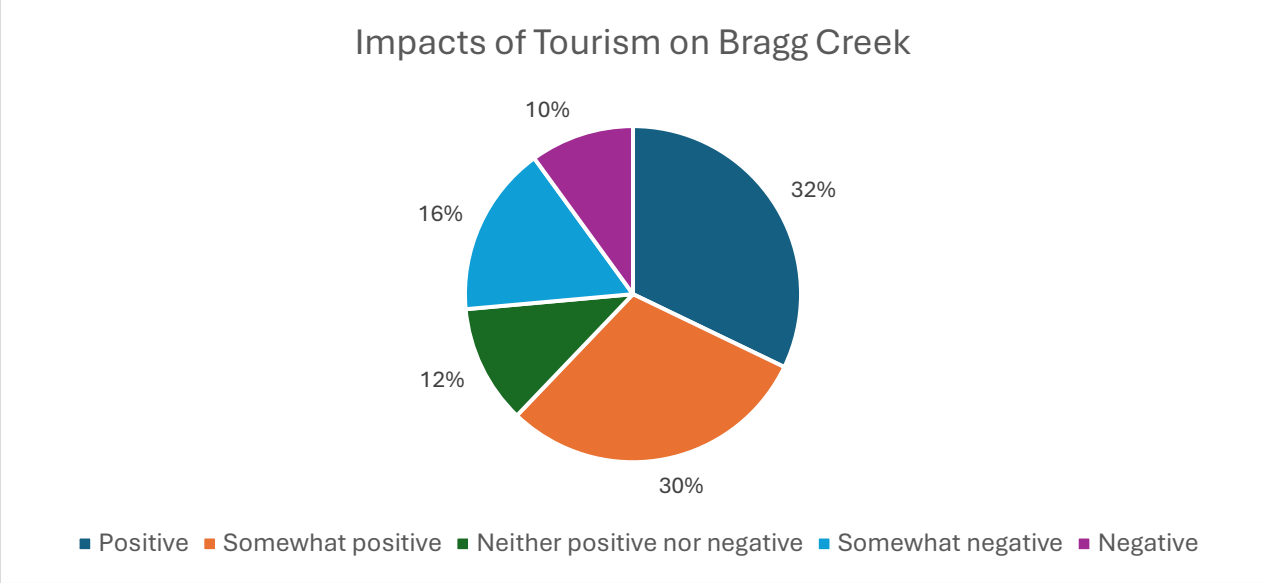
Many residents support year-round, low-impact economic activity that benefits both locals and visitors, especially during winter and weekdays. Commonly cited priorities included sports and recreation such as skiing , wellness services (spas, health clinics, fitness), accommodations (small B&Bs, cabins, and small hotels), arts and cultural activities, and outdoor recreation such as skiing, hiking, and nature-based education.

At the same time, a strong counter-theme emphasized caution about over-tourism, traffic, and environmental strain, with many respondents noting that Bragg Creek is first and foremost a home, not just a destination. Others stressed that County's most valuable role is not promoting specific businesses but reducing barriers to the development supporting local-serving services.



Question 13. How do you feel about the impacts of tourism on Bragg Creek?

The community appears to be predominantly positive about Tourism with sixty-two percent indicated having positive or somewhat positive responses.



How do you feel tourism impacts you?

Overall, tourism was acknowledged as an inevitable and needed component of the community supporting local businesses, services, restaurants, and community vibrancy in Bragg Creek. Residents value that it helps maintain amenities and brings external revenue.

Many expressed concerns that tourism is nearing or exceeding the community's capacity, especially on weekends and during peak seasons. Key negative impacts include traffic congestion, speeding, parking shortages, motorcycle noise, litter, wildlife disturbance, fire risk, strain on emergency services, and reduced resident quality of life. Some residents adjust daily routines to avoid crowds. There is a common sentiment of uncontrolled growth, loss of rural character, and Bragg Creek becoming "another Canmore or Banff".

A dominant theme is the need for sustainable, well-managed tourism supported by infrastructure, enforcement, education, and planning.

"Don't want Bragg Creek to become another Canmore, where it's so busy you can't even drive through town. "

"We live close to downtown and don't really notice it being busy even on the busiest days. Glad our favourite restaurants/stores are getting lots of business. "

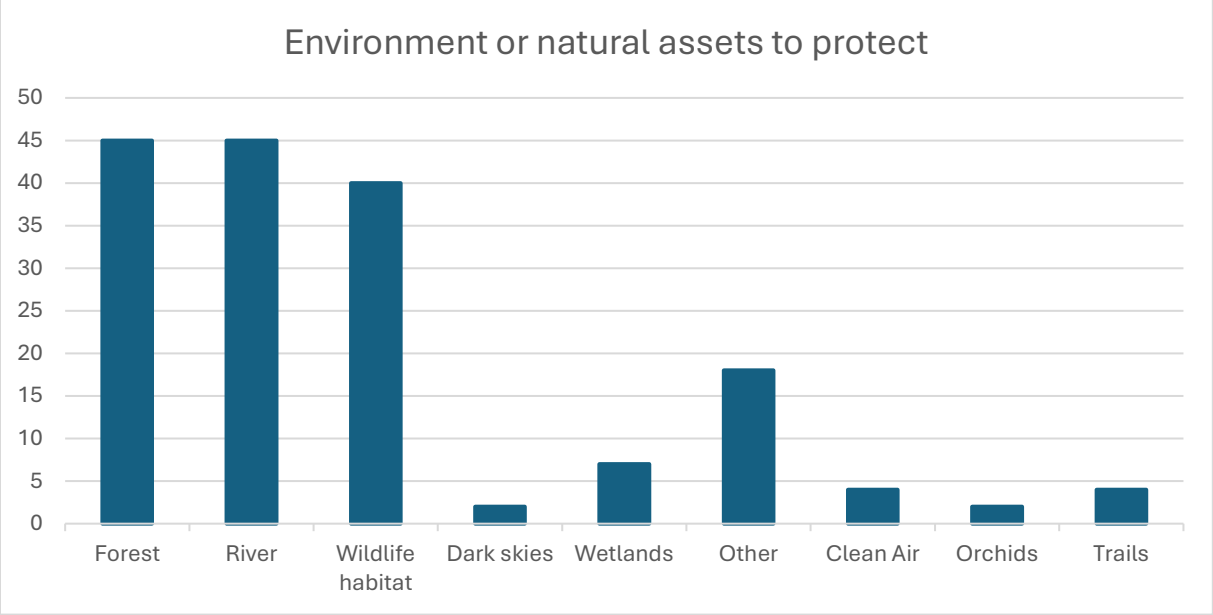
"Motorbike traffic is an issue, noise especially on Hwy 762 and safety issues"

"Although I love local businesses and want them to be sustainable - the garbage on river banks (tossed lawnchairs, food packaging, broken bottles, filled dog waste bags tossed into nature, access traffic) has dampered the desire for tourism growth. "

"Great for the community - we need it! "

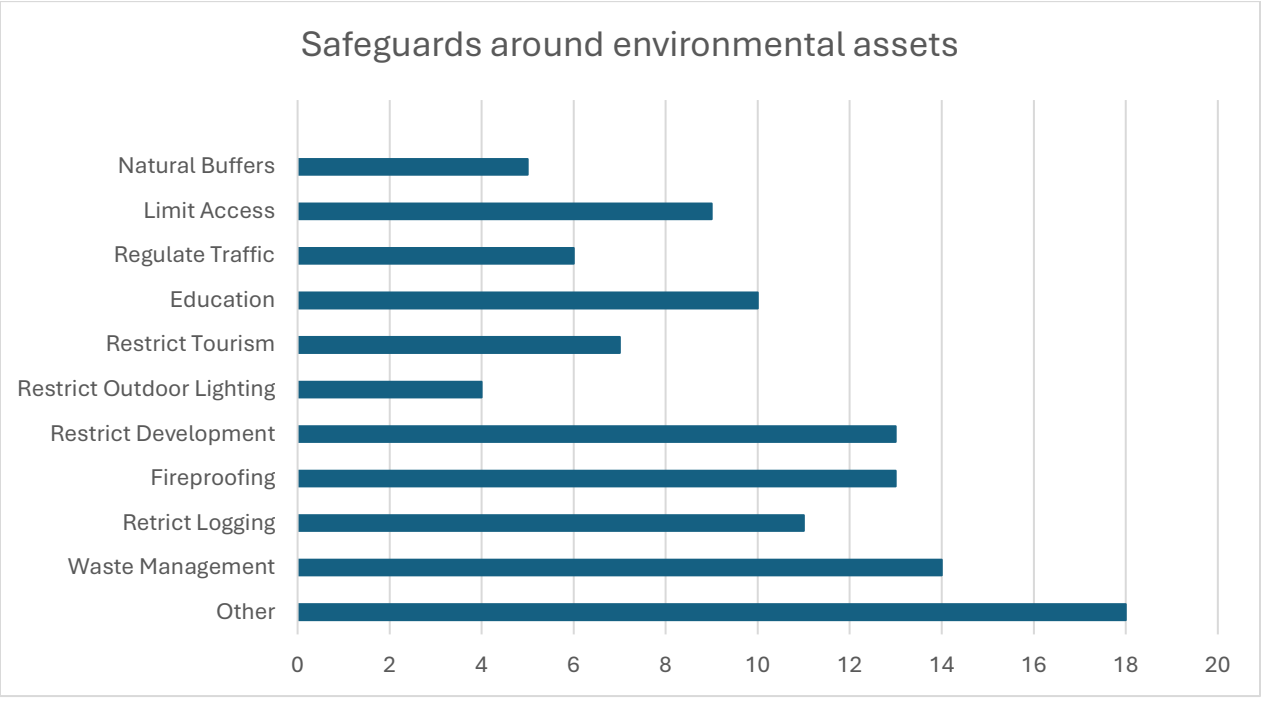
Question 14. What are the environmental or natural assets we would like to protect?

This question wasopen-ended as to capture a wide range of possible responses. The open-ended responses were codified, as shown below in the graph. The top four assets that respondents would like protected are "forested areas", "river", "wildlife" and "other." Under the "other" category, many responses did not provide a direct response to the question, but expressed related sentiments, such as "all environmental assets should be protected".



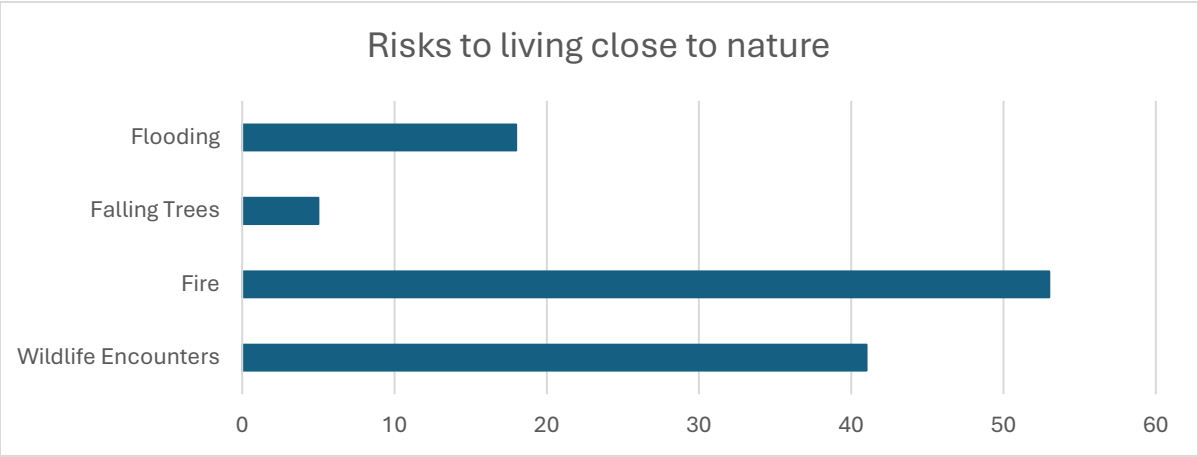
Question 15. What are some safeguards we can place around environmental assets?

This question built on the previous question on environmental assets valued by the community. The question was left open-ended as to capture a wide variety of responses. Common responses from these questions revolved around improved waste management, restrictions around logging and development, fireproofing existing dwellings and structures, education, and reducing access to environmentally sensitive areas and tourism activities. Although the "Other" responses gained more responses, the response were lumped together, where several ideas were identified. This included emergency evacuation plans, better signage on trails, limiting parking and reducing speed limit.



Question 16. What are the safety risks of living so close to nature?

The question enabled open-ended responses, with participants' responses mainly revolved around human-wildlife conflicts, and vulnerability or exposure to wildfires and flood events. Respondents also provided that education and planning are required to mitigate the impacts of these risks.



Question 17. Are there specific areas in which additional natural linkages and wildlife corridors could be placed?

Participants provided a variety of responses, which are captured below.

- Numerous respondents identified a need to provide access to the river across the manmade berm.
    - Riverside access was identified as a problem for deer, as the berm has caused significant injuries.
- Enable existing corridors to continue, avoiding any future development
- Corridors across Highway 22
- A corridor between the provincial park and Elbow River, routed by the Trading Post.

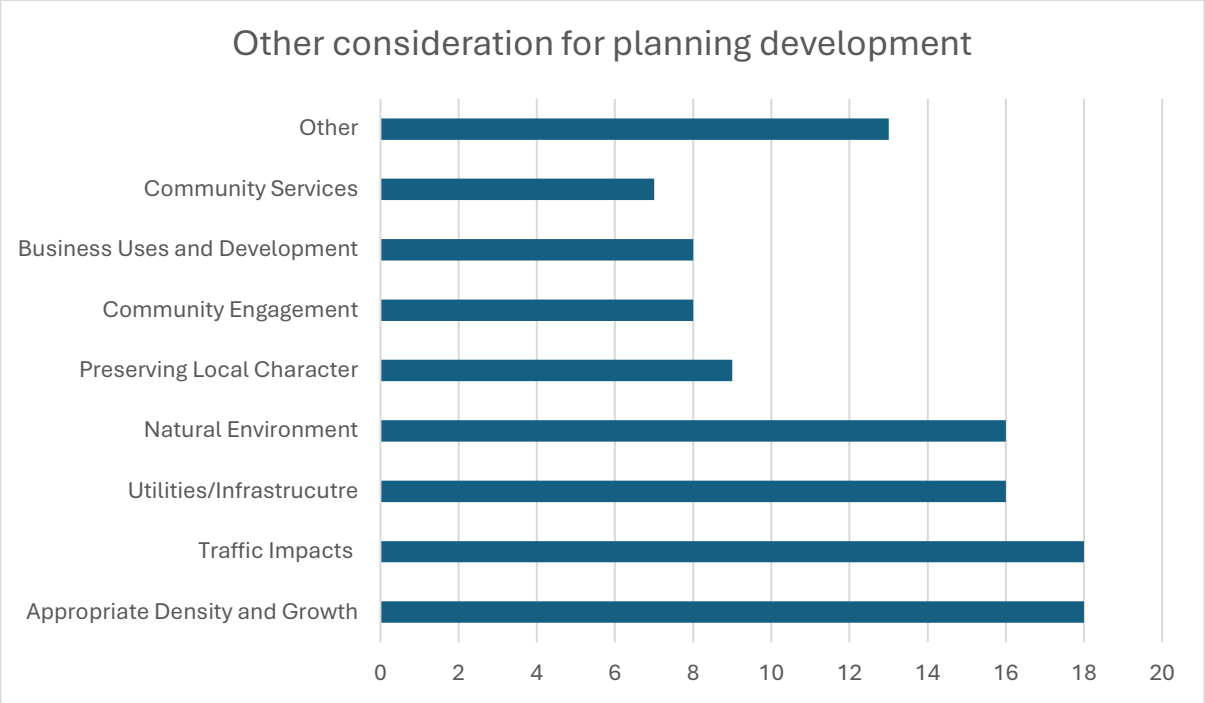
"Twp 232. More signage, more speed enforcement. The whole 232 is stupidly busy with cars. People don't like doing a low speed limit, maybe they can go elsewhere. Not enough attention on 232. Tired of seeing wildlife killed.arrays. Rain gardens. Stormwater ponds. Pathways."

"It would make sense to optimize the west Bragg Creek trails and potentially expand towards highway 66 within Kananaskis. An access from highway 66 would reduce traffic through Bragg Creek and the West Bragg residential communities and would provide an emergency egress from those communities should a wild fire evacuation be required."

THOUGHTFUL GROWTH

Question 18. What should the County consider when planning development for the identified Hamlet growth area?

This was an open-ended question where this was also codified into several themes. In some cases, there were several themes that emerged from the responses, where they were noted in their appropriate themes. Most respondents identified appropriate density and growth, and traffic impacts both as important factors to consider as the Hamlet growth area becomes developed. Natural environment and utilities/infrastructure were also the themes that came out of this questions. The "other" responses included seniors housing, fire mitigation, trails and pathways and garbage collection as factors that the County should consider for the hamlet growth hamlet area.



19. Is there anything else you would like the County to consider for the update to the Area Structure Plan?

This question provided an opportunity for respondents to provide comments about the project that were not captured in previous questions. Some of the common themes that came out in the survey talk about seniors housing or facility, traffic congestion and road infrastructure, fire protection, and protection of natural assets. A representative selection of comments is provided below.

"Already mentioned but worth repeating: The fragility of this amazing land. The need to limit and protect is unpopular - as often doing the right thing is."

"Co-operation with Tsutina nation is unclear to me. There should be active engagement to try and find mutual goals and benefits. Cultural development - Social infrastructure an enhance and preserve the quality of life. Advert art can do much to create an attractive environment and deter graffiti. Sporting facilities - more needed."

"EGRESS ROAD!!! Safe pathways to the Hamlet from Wintergreen."

"Fire protection should be given priority."

"Managing parking and congestion in the hamlet. Making sure that our growth can be sustained and that the existing infrastructure can keep up."

"There is an opportunity to do this right - where it's about community, the local community. Not creating a recreational area that eventually pushes out affordability for locals. Looking to other communities that have dealt with this growth problem and learning what not to do would be valuable."

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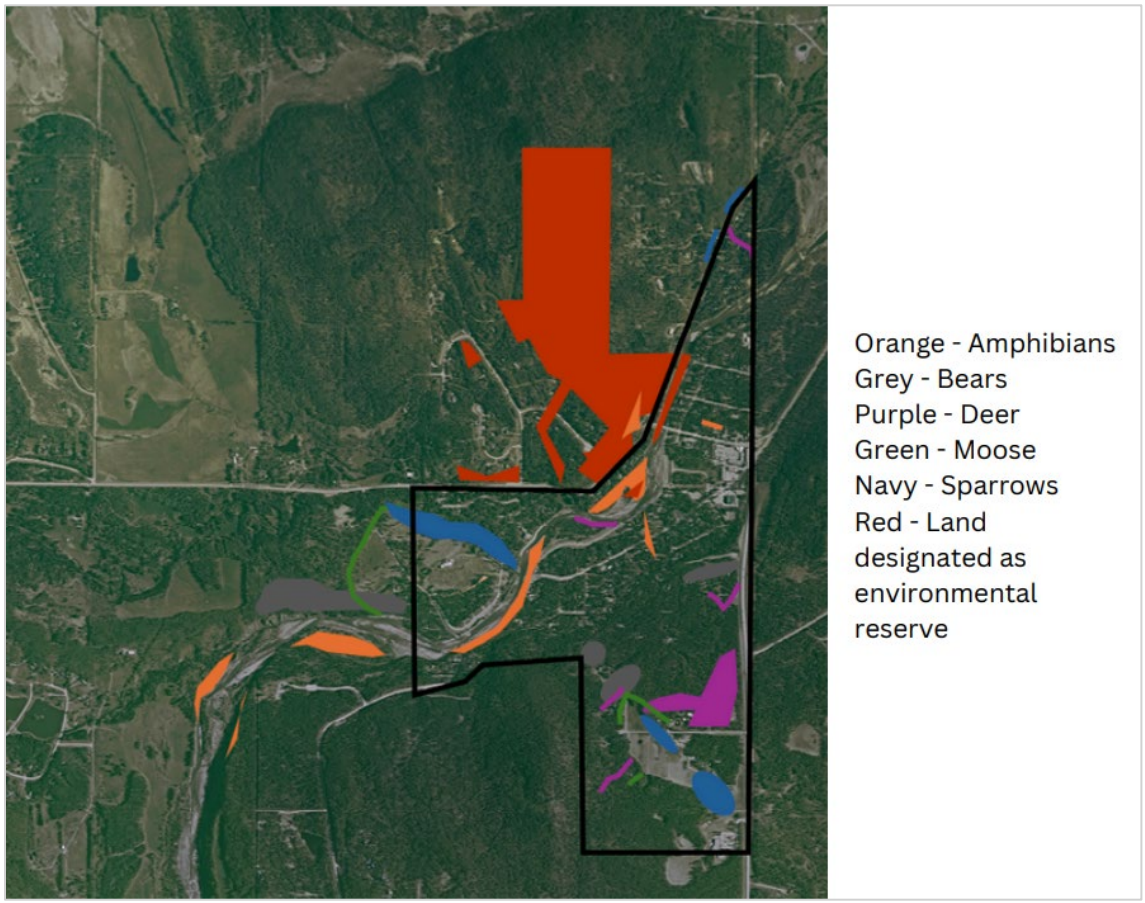
3.2 COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP

The intent of the workshop was to dive deeper into the themes explored during the open house and through the online survey. These questions were refined based on the responses received through these two engagement mediums. Most of the questions enabled open-ended responses, and certain questions enabled participants to draw on maps. The responses reflected the results of group discussion and were collected on physical workbooks individually filled out by participants. The questions have been included below, along with a summary of findings. Responses to the collaborative workshop are located in **Appendix E** of this Engagement Summary, which provides the detailed responses and photos of maps.

ENVIRONMENT: LIVING WITH LIMITS

Question 1. Use the map below displaying wildlife areas as a reference guide for the group activity. Where could wildlife corridors be included within the hamlet boundaries?

Below provides a map reference of the general location of wildlife which was included in the collaborative workshop**.** Participants drew on individual maps, which were then reviewed by the project team and collated into a single map to summarize the responses from the group activity. **Appendix E** provides photos of the responses, and a summary map of the responses.



Question 2. In areas where development is occurring, how else can we support habitat connectivity?

At the workshop, participants suggested different ideas, where they indicated in their workbooks, to better support habitat connectivity within the hamlet of Bragg Creek. These ideas included:

- Minimize the usage of fencing as they limit animal movement.
- Provide openings in the fencing for animals to pass through.
- Implement bridges or tunnels to enable animal crossing.
- Construct trails using dirt, not asphalt.
- Support and utilize local data collection on wildlife tracking.
- Install sensors in key areas that indicate when an animal is crossing the road.

Question 3. How could environmental safeguards be used to protect natural assets around the hamlet of Bragg Creek?

The participants identified several suggestions or recommendations to protect natural assets. Below are the key themes which participants indicated:

- Modify the rocks and boulders on the berm as to enable better access for animals.
- Provide ramp access across the berm for the animals to access the river.
- Strengthen the language in the ASP to mandate environmental protection standards.
- Implement FireSmart vegetation management.
- Have regard for the natural drainage and stormwater management
- Limiting lots size for development
- Tree cutting policy

BUSINESS AND TOURISM: SUSTAINABLE VISITOR ECONOMY

Question 4. Use the map below displaying commercial zones in the hamlet as a reference guide for the group activity. What areas would you identify as commercial areas in Bragg Creek? AND Question 5. Below is a list of services and amenities that one of the technical studies – the Commercial DemandStudy – identified as services that are needed in Bragg Creek. In your group, please identify where you would put these on the map using the number indicated.

For Questions 4 and 5, participants were asked to identify appropriate locations and identified below services on their individual workbooks or large maps. The project team then reviewed the results and collated the responses into one map. **Appendix E** provides photos of the responses, and a summary map of the responses for this exercise.

Question 6. What additional services and amenities would you like to see? If you have a specific area in mind for these services and amenities, please mark it on the map with your group.

With respect to what additional services and amenities would like to see in their community, several have indicated that they want to see more home-based businesses supported especially, along White Avenue. Others are concerned about the capacity of existing infrastructure to provide water, waste water, and stormwater servicing, while some believe that they have everything they need within the hamlet. Participants have also suggested that the following services and amenities should be added:

- Provision of Emergency Services (Fire Station, RCMP)
- Provision of fibre optic connection
- Small information centre with public washroom.
- Nordic Spa

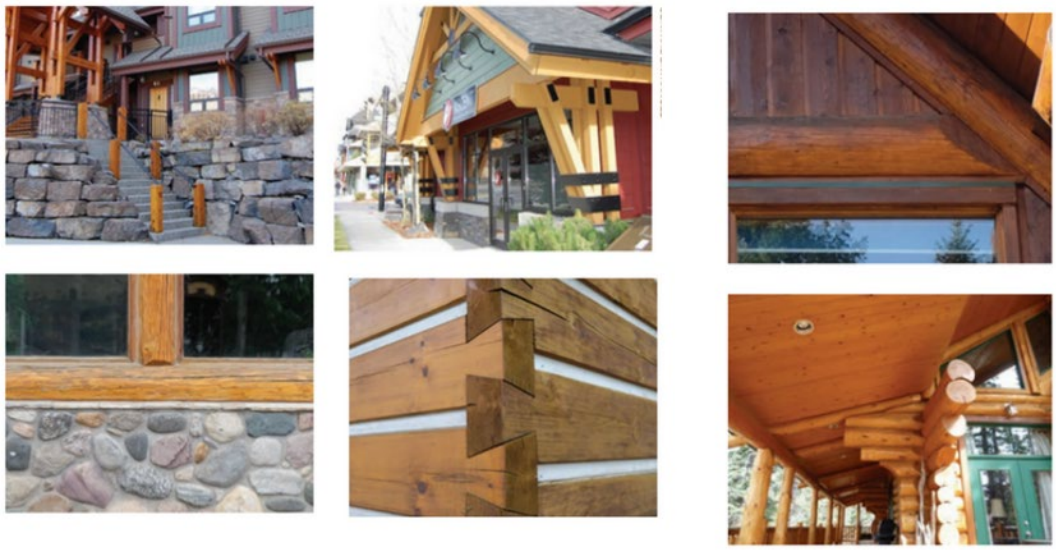
Question 7: Use the example topologies on the previous page and the map below of the hamlet as a reference guide for the group activity. What types of housing would you choose to locate in the hamlet, and where would you place them?

Participants answered that they desire to see top-shop housing with a maximum of two-storey building height, along Balsam Ave where there are commercial uses. Located north of Balsam Avenue, participants provided they want to see more accessory dwelling units permitted, which will help with providing additional staff housing. Additionally, participants see opportunities to provide housing with limited commercial along White Avenue.

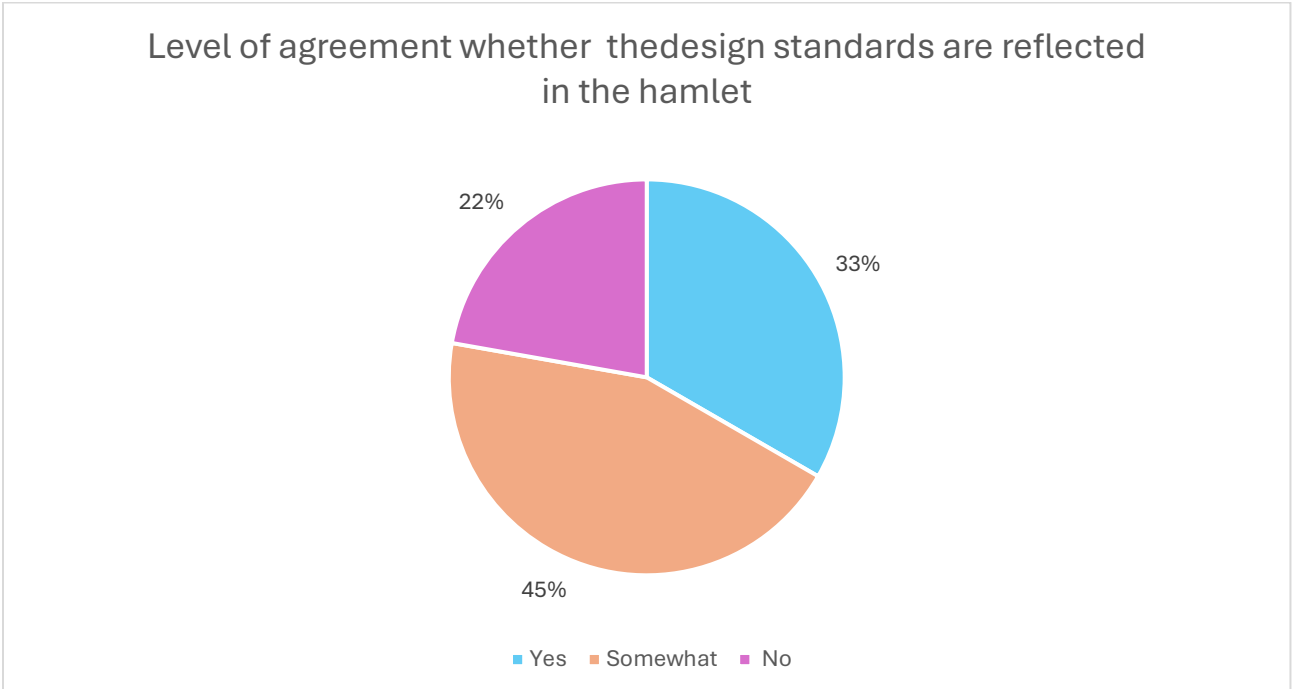
BUILT FORM: COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Question 8. Below are examples of different architectural design features that are in the current Bragg Creek ASP. Do you believe these design standards are currently being reflected in the hamlet?

This section of the workbook provided visual examples of current design standards and architectural features enforced through the current ASP. These images are shown below for context. The design standards corresponding to these images can be found under Appendix A of the *Greater Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan*.



As shown in Figure 15 below, a total of three responses were received for “yes” (33%), four for “somewhat” (45%), and two for “no” (22%).



Question 9. What architectural features of Bragg Creek do you like currently?

Only eight responses were received, with participants referring to the "Old West" theme as a key feature to be retained. Participants also pointed to natural materials, such as wood, stone, slate, and corten steel, as being appropriate for the built form.

Question 10. Are there other architectural features you think should be included? If there are, what architectural features should future buildings in Bragg Creek incorporate? How can these design standards support the existing local character?

Participants want to see new buildings be built with natural materials using wood, stone, lending themselves to the mountain community look. Some of the respondents have also indicated that they want to see future buildings to have the following be incorporated into new developments:

- Solar panels
- Fire suppression and sprinkler systems (vapor domes)
- FireSmart materials
- Limit on storey heights

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Question 11. The map below indicates the current trail system in Bragg Creek. Using this map as a reference please draw places where you think trails should be added to the system on your table map as a group.

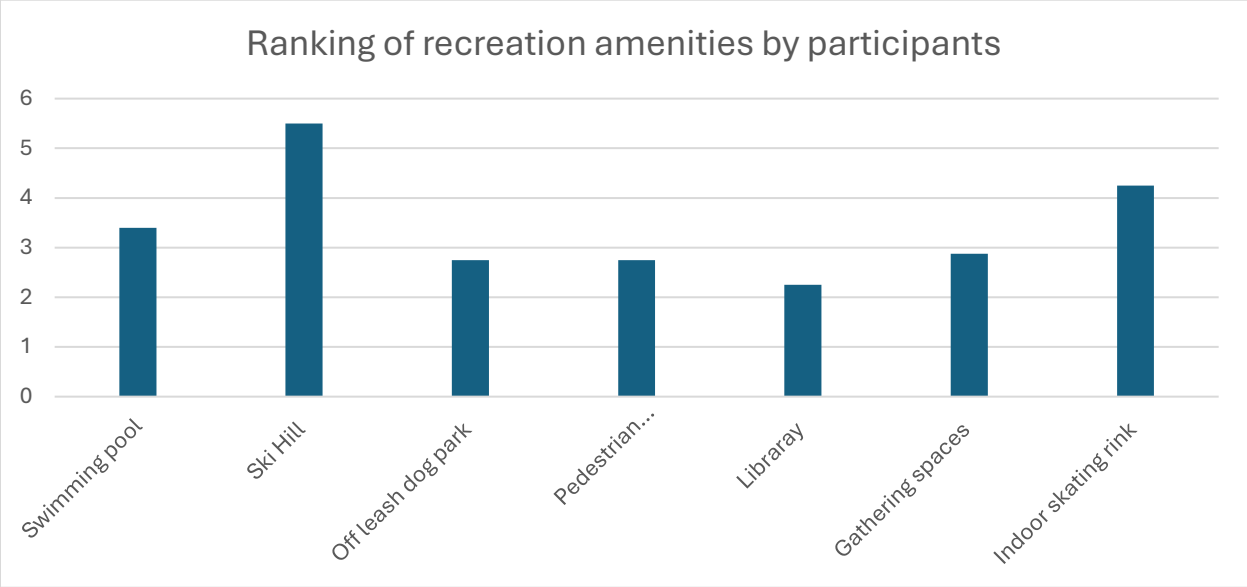
As with previous mapping-related questions, the project team reviewed individual answers and collated these responses onto one singular map, provided in Appendix E of this Engagement Summary.

Based on participants' feedback, there are existing trail systems within the hamlet of Bragg Creek where residents and animals frequently use. They are connected to existing recreation areas such as West Bragg Creek trail. However, there are several areas within the hamlet where the residents have indicated gaps in connection within existing trail system trails, pathways or sidewalks. They have identified that connections to the school, green spaces and other uses will need to be provided to loop trails for recreational uses (bikes, walking).

To increase trail connectivity and accessibility within the hamlet, participants want to see more trails, pathways, or sidewalks proposed or upgraded, especially in areas where there are missing sidewalk connections. Participants have also identified emergency egress in other areas in the hamlet and a pedestrian bridge at the end of White Avenue as solutions for emergency responses.

Question 12. Please rank the following recreation amenities (1 - 7) that were suggested by participants in the prior survey.

The amenities below were provided in a list, and participants provided a ranking (1-7) in terms of importance, with one being most important and seven being the least. The ranking of each amenity was averaged across all the responses received, which is reflected in the ranking below. Participants ranked “ski hill” and “indoor skating rink” as priority for recreation



Question 13. Would you like to see specific policies relating to wildfire mitigation added to the ASP?

The thirteen responses unanimously indicated “yes” to this question.

Question 14. What should the County consider when creating policies relating to wildfire mitigation?

With respect to wildfire mitigation policies, participants want the County to consider the following measures:

- Building fire-proof exteriors through fire resistant materials
- Mandated fire suppression sprinklers on all new development.
- Implement FireSmart principles across existing private properties (i.e.: clearing out flammable materials) and new development.
- Insurance Liability
- Evacuation plan and risk management program
- Emergency egress

FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Question 15. What should the County consider when updating the Bragg Creek ASP?

Similar to the open house and online survey, this question offered respondents an opportunity to provide any further feedback not captured in previous questions. These answers are summarized below.

- The input of Tsuut'ina Nation.
- The provision of adequate essential infrastructure and servicing
- Recognition of the existing, unique character of the community.
- Prioritization of housing for local workers and seniors
- Investment in Local emergency response
- Restriction of big hotels and developments

THANK YOU!

Rocky View County would like to thank everyone who participated in Phase 2 of the Engagement and provided input throughout the process. Residents and community groups within the hamlet of Bragg Creek provided valuable time, input and dedication to the development of the Greater Bragg Creek ASP amendment. The different responses will be incorporated in the drafting of the amendment to the Greater Bragg Creek ASP.

If you have any questions in relation to this Engagement Summary Report, or the Bragg Creek ASP review project in general, please do not hesitate to contact the Policy Team, at 403-478- 8162, or email planning_policy@rockyview.ca. You can also sign up on the project email list and we will send you regular email updates about the Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan review process. Project website: Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan | Your View



Engagement Summary

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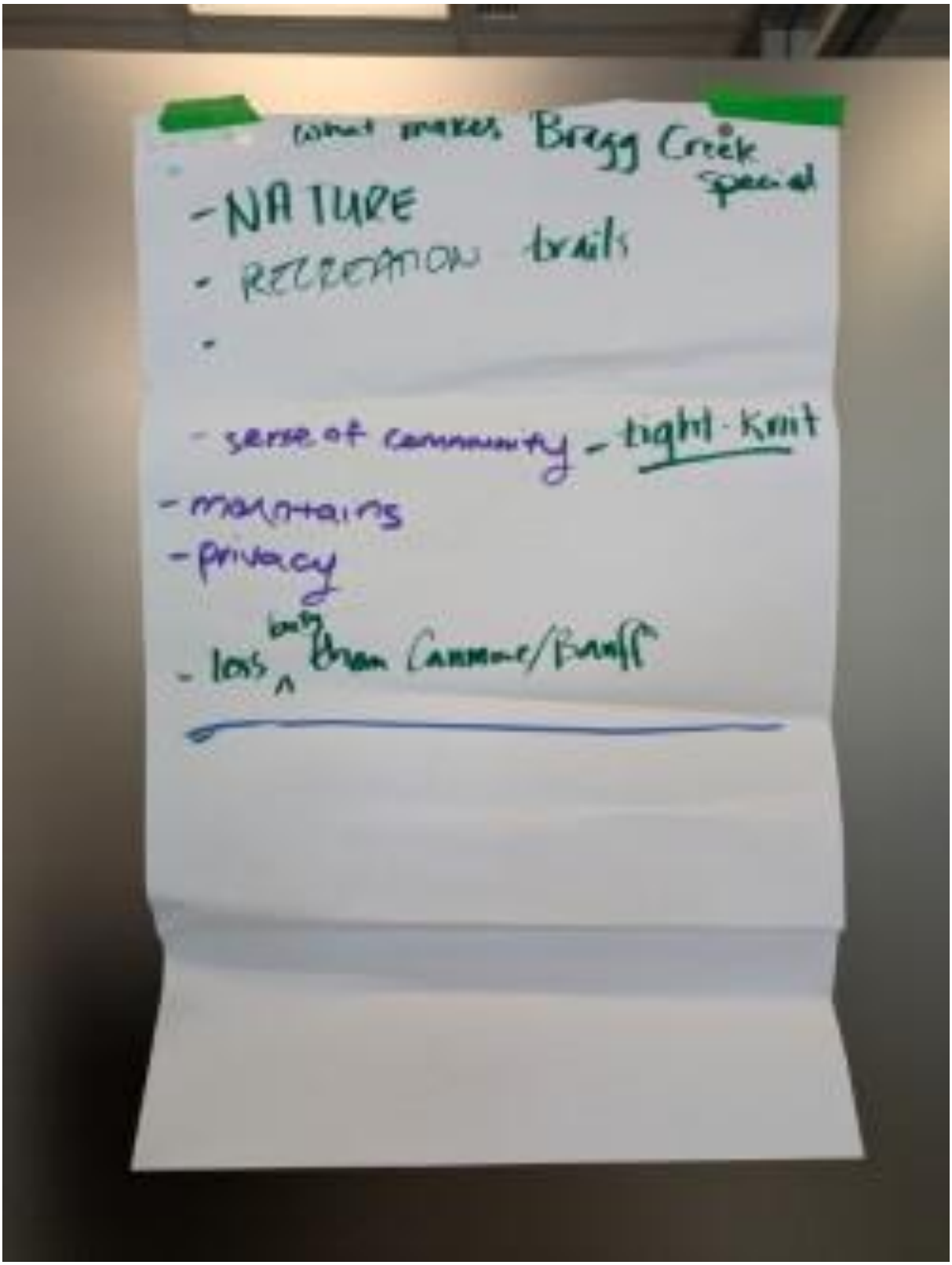
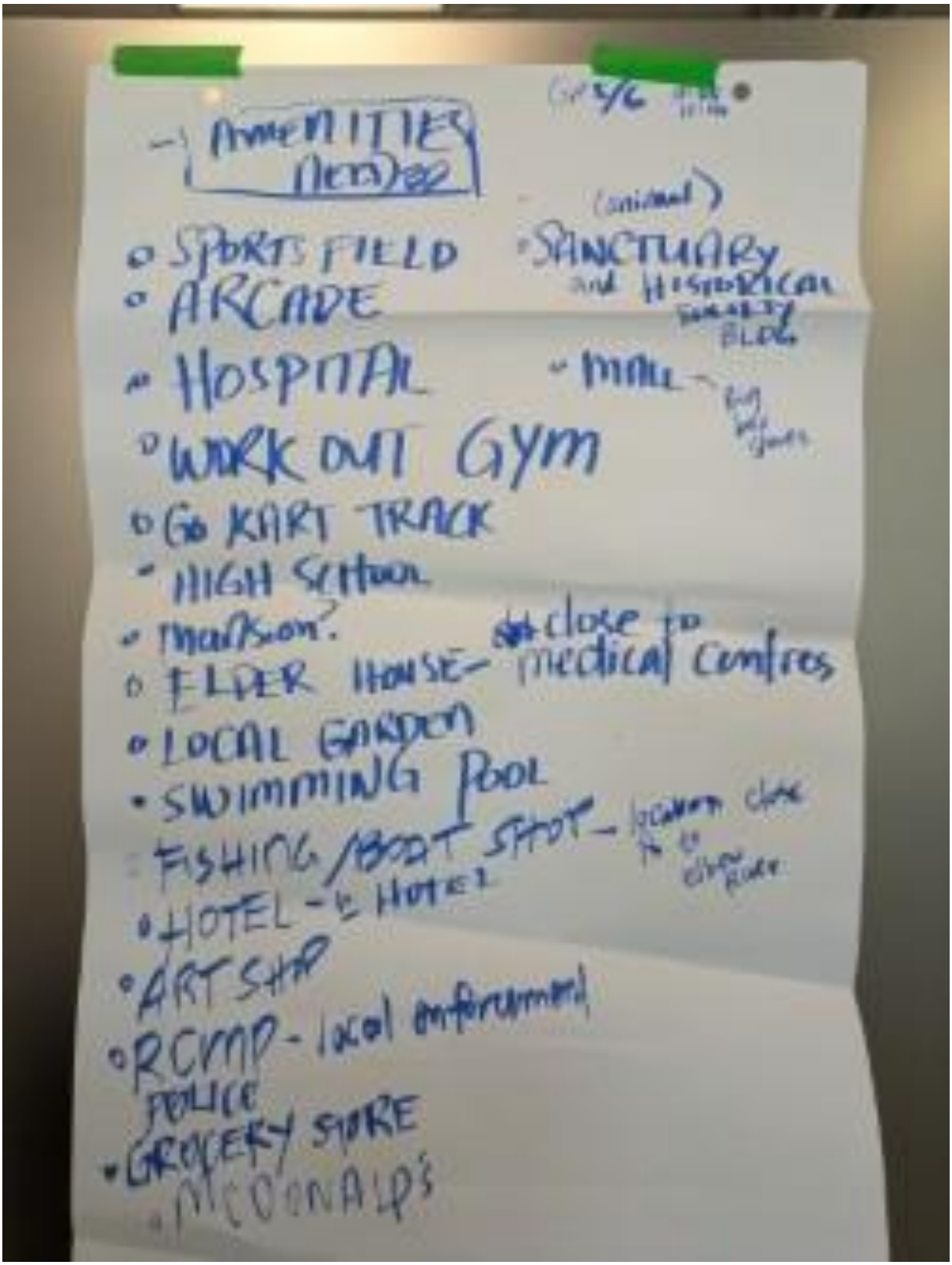
APPENDIX A

BANDED PEAK SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT RESPONSES


what makes Bragg Creek special
- NATURE
- RECREATION trails
- sense of community - tight-knit
- mountains
- privacy
- less busy than Canmore/Banff


AMENITIES
(animal)
SPORTS FIELD
SANCTUARY
ARCADE
HOSPITAL
MALL
WORK OUT GYM
GO KART TRACK
HIGH SCHOOL
ELDER HOUSE
close to
medical centres
LOCAL GARDEN
SWIMMING POOL
FISHING / BOAT SPOT
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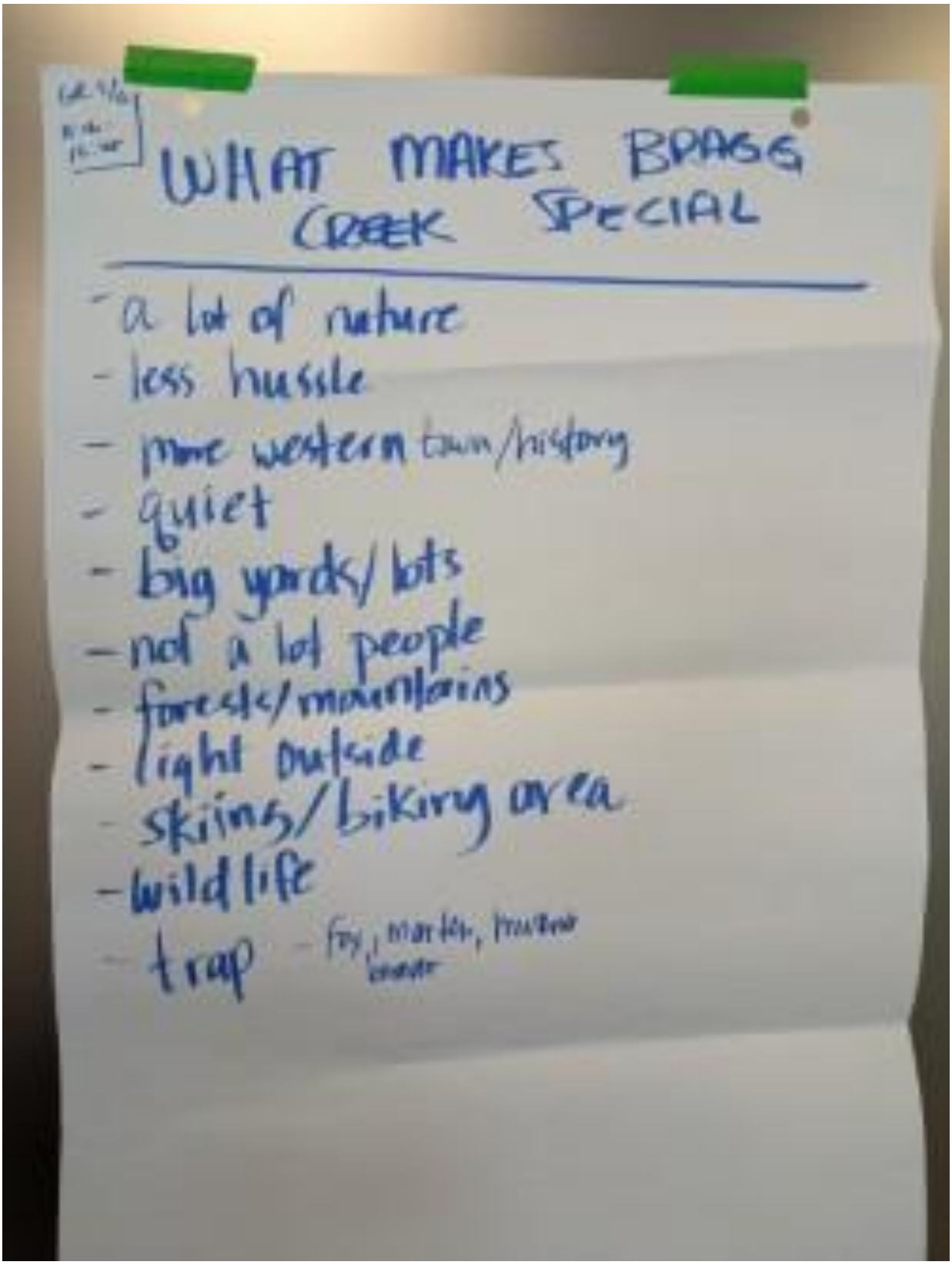
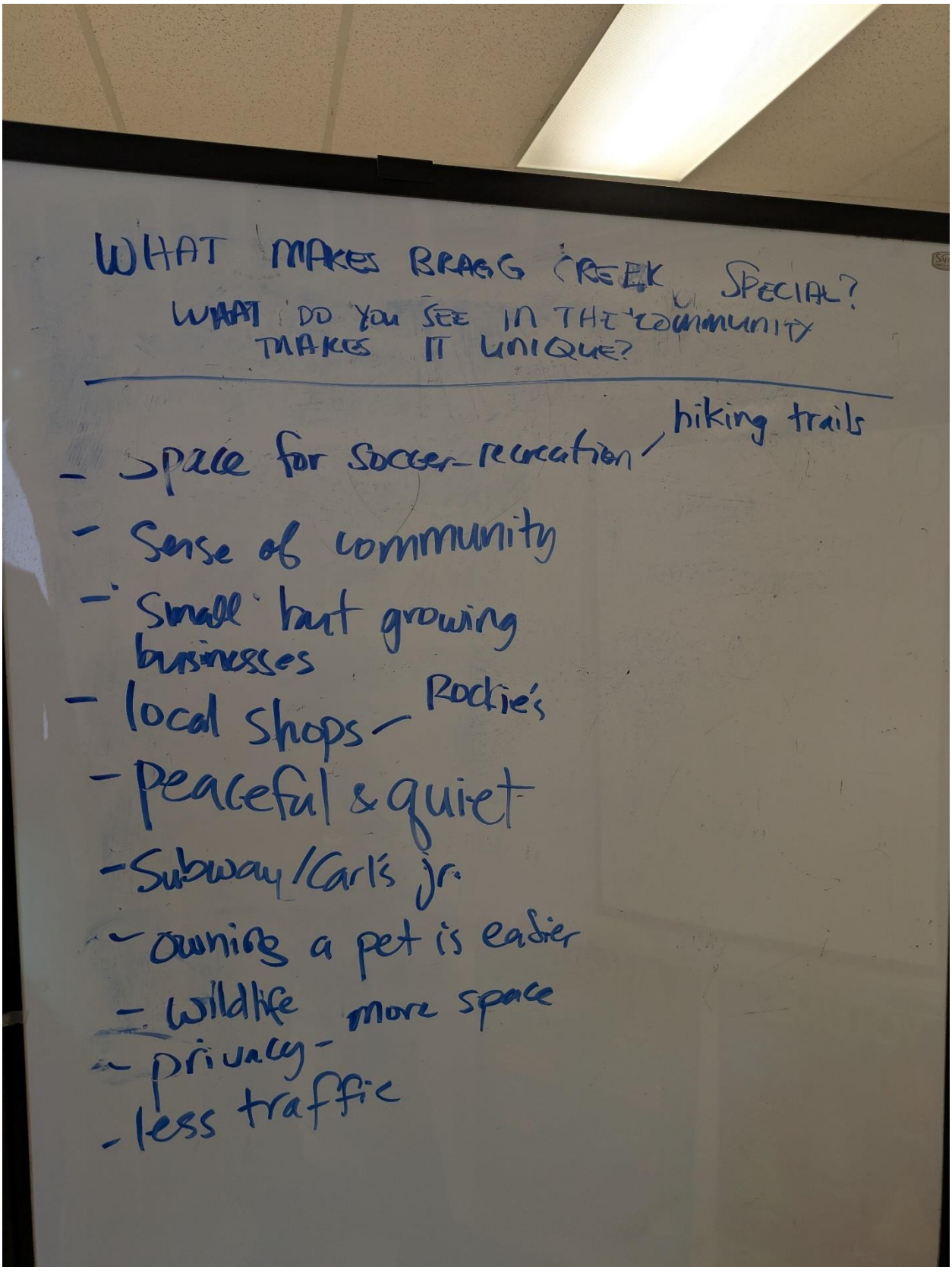
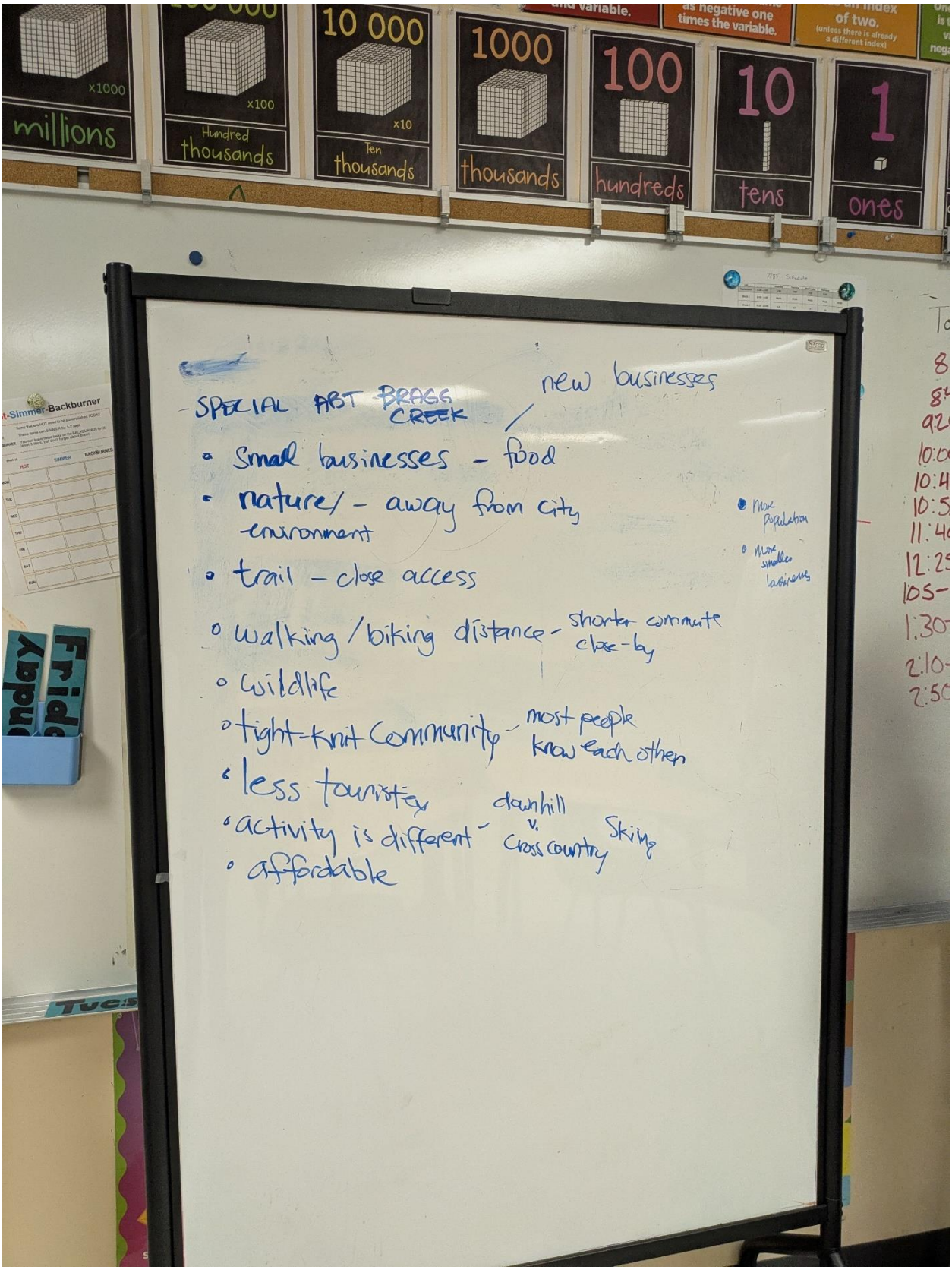
RCMP - local enforcement
POLICE
GROCERY STORE
MCDONALD'S


WHAT MAKES BRAGG CREEK SPECIAL
- a lot of nature
- less hussle
- more western town/history
- quiet
- big yards/lots
- not a lot people
- forests/mountains
- right outside skiing/biking area
- wildlife
- trap - fox, marten, mink


WHAT MAKES BRAGG CREEK SPECIAL?
WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT MAKES IT UNIQUE?
- space for soccer - recreation / hiking trails
- sense of community
- small but growing businesses
- local shops - Rockie's
- peaceful & quiet
- Subway / Carl's jr.
- owning a pet is easier
- wildlife more space
- privacy -
- less traffic


millions
Hundred thousands
Ten thousands
thousands
hundreds
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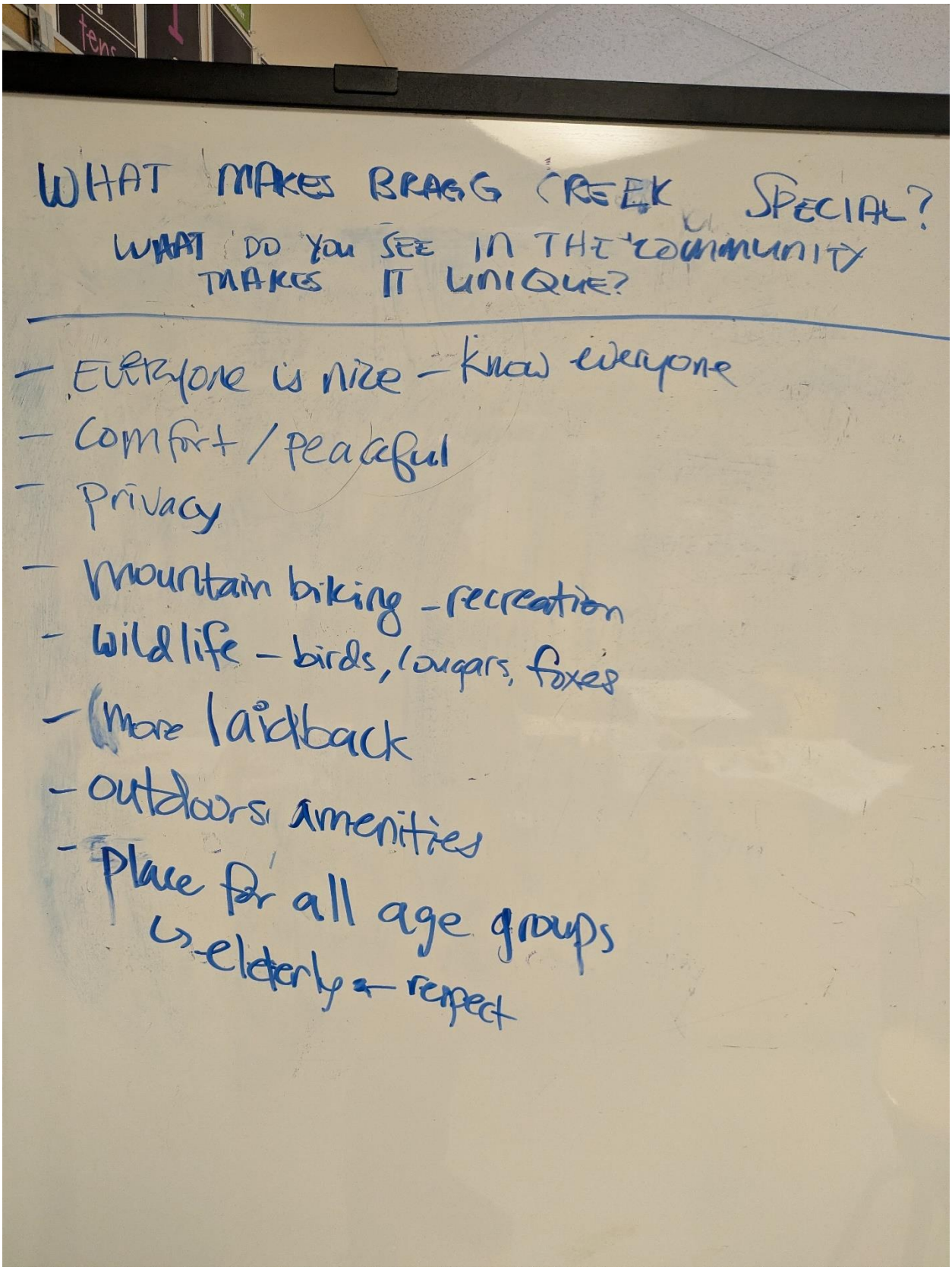
ones
- SPECIAL ART BRAGG CREEK - new businesses
- small businesses - food
- nature/ - away from city environment
- trail - close access
- walking / biking distance - shorter commute close-by
- wildlife
- tight-knit community - most people know each other
- less tourists
- activity is different - downhill v. cross country Skiing
- affordable
- more population
- more smaller businesses


WHAT MAKES BRAGG CREEK SPECIAL?
WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THE COMMUNITY MAKES IT UNIQUE?
- Everyone is nice - know everyone
- Comfort / peaceful
- Privacy
- Mountain biking - recreation
- Wildlife - birds, cougars, foxes
- More laidback
- outdoors amenities
- Place for all age groups
↳ elderly = respect

APPENDIX B

GENERAL SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

BRAGG CREEK AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

Rocky View County is updating the Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan (ASP) to guide thoughtful, long-term growth in the Hamlet and surrounding area.

Q.1 Please select what you identify with most. (please select all that apply)

- ◯ Yes, full-time resident
- ◯ Yes, seasonal resident
- ◯ No, but I visit often
- ◯ I work or operate a business in Bragg Creek
- ◯ Other (please specify)

Q.2 Please review the vision for the new Area Structure Plan

Early engagement for this project involved the creation of a Visioning Committee, which helped guide the project team by creating a vision, and key priorities to guide the project. **Please share your level of agreement with the vision statement below for a revised Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan:**

"*The Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan will uphold the community's core values: living within ecological limits, fostering a connected and inclusive community, supporting a vibrant and innovative economy, promoting an active outdoor lifestyle, and nurturing a profound connection to nature and its surrounding landscapes.*"

- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Somewhat Agree
- ◯ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ◯ Somewhat Disagree
- ◯ Disagree

Q.3 Is there anything you want the County to consider about the vision statement?

HOUSING

Q.4 How should architecture in the growth area of Bragg Creek reflect a sense of local character?

ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

Q.5 What housing types do you think are **currently** needed in Bragg Creek?

- ◯ Townhouses
- ◯ Single detached houses
- ◯ 1-bedroom or studio apartments
- ◯ 2 - 3-bedroom apartments
- ◯ Other (Please specify)

Please explain:

Q.6 What housing types do you think will be needed in Bragg Creek in the **future?**

- ◯ Townhouses
- ◯ Single detached houses
- ◯ 1-bedroom or studio apartments
- ◯ 2 - 3-bedroom apartments
- ◯ Other (Please specify)

Please explain:

RECREATION

Q.7 What types of amenities or facilities do you think would most benefit the community?

- ◯ Improved access to recreational facilities
- ◯ Sidewalks / walking paths
- ◯ Playgrounds
- ◯ Recreational trails
- ◯ Seniors' programs / facilities
- ◯ Childcare centres

Q.8 How do you feel involved/included in your community?

LOCAL BUSINESSES & TOURISM

Q.9 How can local businesses achieve positive impacts for the environment?

Q. 10 What circular economy strategies would you like to see in the community to ensure businesses are supported to remain sustainable, local, and environmentally responsible?

Q.11 What types of businesses are needed in the community?

- ◯ Retail (e.g., clothing, gifts, outdoor gear)
- ◯ Grocery store or specialty food shops
- ◯ Wellness services (e.g., spa, massage, yoga)
- ◯ Art galleries / Artisan shops
- ◯ Restaurants / Cafés
- ◯ Short-stay accommodations (e.g., boutique hotels, cabins)
- ◯ Tourism activities (e.g., hikes, wildlife tours)
- ◯ Other (please specify)

Q.12 What businesses should the county promote or encourage to diversify the economy during low seasons, or weekdays?

Q.13 How do you feel about the impacts of tourism on Bragg Creek?

- ◯ Positive
- ◯ Somewhat Positive
- ◯ Neither Positive nor Negative
- ◯ Somewhat Negative
- ◯ Negative

How do you feel tourism impacts you?

ENVIROMENT

Q.14 What are the environmental or natural assets we would like to protect?

Q.15 What are some safeguards we can place around environmental or natural assets?

Q.16 What are the safety risks of living so close to nature?

Q.17 Are there specific areas in which additional natural linkages and wildlife corridors could be placed?

THOUGHTFUL GROWTH

Q.18 What should the County consider when planning development for the identified Hamlet growth area?

Q.19 Is there anything else you would like the County to consider for the update to the Area Structure Plan?

APPENDIX C

RESPONSES TO SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1. Please select what you identify with most.

I am a resident of Bragg Creek	I am a seasonal resident of Bragg Creek	I am a business owner in Bragg Creek	I visit Bragg Creek often	Other (please specify)
In person				
60	**2**	**10**	**2**	**4**
Online				
45	**4**	**4**	**6**	**2**

Other responses:

Looking to move to the town)
Work from home
Live nearby
Own property and utilize on a casual basis. Thoughts to retire here
live in west bragg creek
out of area resident...

Q2. Please share your level of agreement with the vision statement below for a revised Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan.

Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
In person				
38	**20**	**6**	**1**	**0**
Online				
32	**14**	**4**	**4**	**3**

Q3. Is there anything you want the County to consider about the vision statement?

In-Person
Safety of residents. An emergency egress for West Bragg Creek is required.
Country residential homes. Low density.
Fire safety - egress for West Bragg Creek.
Safety - egress in an emergency (fire)
Don't plan for housing if there is no work here, start with infrastructure to Calgary first. If that is not happening, then devleoping in this area will likely fail.
Effects of traffic on wildlife and city conditions.
More retail and amenities.
Looks okay to me.
Build all amenities to represent the theme in place presently.
Sustainable growth.
Love the sentiment. I do believe it will be difficult to walk the line between development and keeping nature at the forefront.
Add access to clean drinking H2O for all, define ecological limits and profound connection to nature.
Remember: 1) most of the time bigger is not better! 2) Developers can't be trusted.
Consider forest fires and also flooding. What measures are in place - going forward how will we make consideration for this?
Consider night sky curfew. Quiet enjoyment with no birght spots curfew. Infrastructure first - No roads to protect habitat.
The vision statement does not describe what it means, nor reveals its hidden agenda around development - especially urban style development and further business.
With the extra population there should be egress routes given into consideration if this project goes through.
Developing the area while maintaining a small community/rural feel.
Lots of things. We moved here for a specific way of life to raise our kids - clean, paced and respectful - appreciating and respecting nature. We bought an existing home purposefully to limit the carbon footprint in Bragg. In this question, things seem "nice" wording but vague which is concerning. What does that mean exactly? We are terrified to lose this natural fam.
What is an inclusive community? What hamlet has an innovative economy? Define profound connection to a regular connection?
Choices in many situations will have to be made - there cannot be huge residential and tourist development and maintain a connection to nature and ecological limits. The area is finite - cannot serve all demands.
Please note that your wetland mapping is inaccurate - see the habtech wetland mapping done for the last ASP - I think it was presented in the SMDP.
Sounds good, a little vague though. Safety of people and wildlife.
Staying out of the flood zone. Respceting current land owners.
As part of the Vision Committee, we worked hard to find a balance of progressive planning objectives and express a balance of values. Please ensure the inclusion of good urban design and mixed use development principles are a focus, in balance with but not secondary to environmental protection imperatives at the expense of smart growth.

The statement looks good but will be meaningless without tangibloe metrics and limits. Existing research shows significant and adverse impacts on the natural environment. Target is needed to provide meaningful focus and control.
Planting additional area greenery is key in my mind as we look to help the area transition ecologically ie; older trees falling and fire safety is causing dwindling forestry.
As a resident of Wintergreen and having been cut off during the last flood, I would like to know about the plan for an egress road out of Bragg Creek. There was talks of a road but where is that in the planning?
No.
Not sure what this means (the part about the Bragg Creek ASP upholding the communities core values) "Smart city" coming?? Like Jasper and all the others?
Connection to nature is ok but protection should also be mentioned.
Year round - all season. There's no mention of WILDLIFE. This should be included to ensure safe co-existence.
Maybe not all outdoor activities like super loud motor vehicles (ATV's, dirt bikes). Need for noise restriction.
Accessibility and ease of access/egress. Welcome to sustainable growth - growth is not referenced in the vision statement.
Honouring heritage of Bragg Creeks historical residents.
Assimilative capacity of the area.
Online comments
While the vision for Bragg Creek touches on many important values, it's important to recognize that some of the goals are inherently in conflict. You cannot fully commit to "Living with Limits" while also planning for growth and actively encouraging a "Sustainable Visitor Economy." Every increase in tourism, no matter how well-managed, inevitably alters the local reality — impacting both the community character and the fragile environment that makes Bragg Creek unique in the first place. Tourism brings increased traffic, greater infrastructure demands, and environmental pressures that are difficult, if not impossible, to fully mitigate. In small, sensitive communities like Bragg Creek, even "sustainable" visitor growth can quickly erode the natural charm and ecological balance the vision claims to protect. True sustainability would mean recognizing that growth — particularly visitor-driven growth — must have strict limits, and that preserving Bragg Creek's character might require reducing impacts, not expanding them. Without clear prioritization, the vision risks becoming a list of good intentions that, in practice, cancel each other out.
To always put ecological limits ahead of economic growth.
Nurturing landscape is one thing, add protection of watersheds and sensitive habitats.
I think you also need to address "as the growth occurs there needs to be development through diversity for lower income families & individuals that will be needed & become the workers needed in the Business , etc. Don't make Canmore's mistakes
Much of this could be said of ANY community. The profound connection to nature should come first, not last. It is what makes Bragg Creek different from other areas.
There should be specific acknowledgement that this space is shared with wildlife. Their right to live and exist in the shared area of Bragg Creek must be protected. Plans should accommodate the needs of the wildlife in terms of moving through the landscape to feed, mate, den etc. In addition emphasis has to be placed on reducing wildlife and human conflict
I think the last core value listed, should be the first listed.
There are a lot of promises about regenerative development and sustainable visitor economy, but whether these promises will be kept or fully administered is still to be judged...

Our last expansion strategy had several areas that were never completed or addressed And we are worried about whether this new expansion plan has taken the limited water allocation we have with record drought and etc into consideration with the prospect of further business development. That said, the new plan does address and makes notes of important factors that are required for any further development
Can we get something done? The Gateway development seems mired in county problems and nothing is moving forward.
I am writing to express deep dissatisfaction and serious concern with the Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan (ASP) Vision Committee Final Report, dated February 18, 2025. While the document is rich in aspirational, values-based language, it lacks critical substance, planning rigor, and accountability—particularly in the areas of wildfire risk, wildlife-related road hazards, and the very governance challenges it claims to acknowledge.
In addition to what is in the vision, I'd like to see a stronger economic development focus, connection to agriculture. and consideration for our indigenous neighbours.
Ensure county takes steps against transplants moving to area who decide to encroach upon and step away from the Peaceful enjoyment of living in this community by disregarding the rules building unitedly cement planters and storage sheds violating RVC regulations without consequence.
As a friend of many local business owners, I have understood how challenging it can be to get permits in Rockyview. I believe we have to make this process easier and more efficacies as it has become a major point of tension with business owners.
Yes , Considering the limits of the area further increased development should be kept to a minimum and be planned to maintain it's present density not icontinually trying to increase it. The nature of the place is that it is small and spread out on acreage lots this should be maintained to maintain the essence of Bragg Creek. Should smaller housing be required it should be still be on large lots to maintain the true character of Bragg Creek and it's wildlife corridor staying wild.
Wild fire escape route for those that live across the bridge. There isn't anything, there isn't an egress road. Shouldn't that be dealt with before anything else
All business owners should reside here to understand the tourist impacts. Garbage everywhere and not in bear proof containers. Until west Bragg residences have an egress road the hamlet should not expand whatsoever!
Nothing in the vision that speaks to supporting the basic infrastructure needs of the community. In particular: - Fire protection / emergency egress - Fiber optic based broadband communication utility
Addressing geo engineering (chemtrails) of weather instead of focusing on “climate” change issues would be helpful. The use of glyphosate, 2.4.D, round up or any other pesticides should be forbidden. Using goats for weed control is best. Glyphosate dries up forests and soil causing higher fire risk. It’s also carcinogenic and injured people, pets, wildlife, bird life etc.
my first nations business how is it going to effect my jurisdiction Tsuu Tina nation
I hope they follow the spirit of vision and form the ASP around it.
Traffic - noise, safety for people and animals
The hamlet will become busier as time passes. We need to allow for slow expansion while limiting the potential for dense city-like density (faceless rows of homes like city neighbourhoods). Facility for seniors housing so they can stay here is important. Staff housing will become even more important as the hamlet grows.

You do know that you have a whole part of Rockyview east of Chestermere who feel ignore by Rockyview for yesrs except on Tax day or because we are not part of a certain community. Some of us have supported Rockyview for over 45 years and we get nothing. Just a heads up but I know you all don't care.
Fostering a connected and inclusive community needs to be realistically pursued. When I read this statement I agree with it, but only with practical solutions. For example, low-cost housing works for local staff and families that can afford to live in the area. If your income does not allow you to travel to other major centers or to go outside Bragg Creek for services you require, then living in the area is not practical. The reality is, that you require a certain level of income to live in the area, as it cost more than living in a major urban center.
Affordable housing for young people who have grown up here and for elders who do not want to leave.
Preserving nature and wildlife habitat should be the number one priority.
Speeding is out of control. Passing on double solid lines in 40 km/hr zone occurs, or people are tailgating so badly. Change speed limit through hamlet from 40 to 30. Where is the egress road in West bragg Don't develop, perhaps fix up. The problem is we have huge traffic issues such as speeding and where do people park.
I would like to see a note on responsible forest management to keep fire risks to residents and visitors minimal
I want the county to consider not being so difficult to work with. And when there is a discretionary decision that can be made consider the environment and the impact on it instead of the officers making a “control”decision.
I think with it saying " living within ecological limits" is meant to possible capture the importance of the growth being sustainable for the future, but that is what I would like to make sure this plan considers. Thank you
Open Bragg creek up. Resident of 35 years. There is no environmental considerations after they opened up west Bragg creek day use area.
Inclusive Community – Supporting a diverse range of housing, services, and amenities to meet residents’ needs yes for services and amenities, no for diverse housing
Please consider the traffic impacts of the expansion, especially options that route additional traffic through the hamlet, as opposed to routing traffic to appropriately designed major connectors such as hwy. The option that includes routing traffic along Park Rd, which is currently essentially a gravel 'driveway' is not an acceptable option due to traffic, residential and environmental impacts.
I don't think its smart to build any more houses in West Bragg Creek without a sewage system in place as West Bragg is part of the watershed for the Elbow river. Clearly the volume of chemicals & pharmaceuticals going through the septic tanks & fields of houses currently present is already enough for the earth to clean before the water gets to the elbow river!

Q4. How should architecture in the growth area of Bragg Creek reflect a sense of local character?

In-Person
Key to maintaining caveats.
Building should match the rustic character. Buildings need to be fire resistent. Lower height matters!
Refer to revitalization plan 2015.
Western vibe.
Low density, wood/timber (or fireproof materials with the same look/feel), metal roofs, natural landscaping.
Maintaining relationship with nature (no big housing developments)
To not become over crowded.
No big box stores/chains.
Low rise, no apartment buildings.
Space.
Be in line with small town appeal and why people move to Bragg Creek.
Wood and stone elements.
Low density, single family housing.
This is not Calgary.
Keep the theme of the old west and build commercial core to represent the same.
Architectural control on apprearance of buildings. Keeping the forest/nauture theme intact, protection of trees and wildlife with development.
Yes, covered boardwalks/verandas on houses.
Keep buildings low level (2 stories), lighting controls on outdoor lighting, traffic management/traffic calming, integrated pathways.
No row house/cookie cutter subdivisions!
Consider the weather when designing buildings to allow for as many outdoor meeting spots as possible. We need to protect our winter time and assign infrastructure that "bumps" people into each other.
Lots of trees left and a rustic feel.
Be mindful of what currently exists when planning new housing. No high rise - keep a limit on that. We don't have to be another Canmore or Banff. It would be nice to stay the hidden gem that we are.
Keep with the country feel of the area and be mindful of density.
New buildings should look "country" not modern city style.
Rustic within proportion to the community. Growth should be minimal and tie into a unique environment that respects natural way and the nature around us. Hamlet growth area!
There should be a bylaw for housing structures.
No high rises - should blend into areas, not stick out like a sore thumb.
Maintain an alpine resort/western village feel. Allow for improved fire smart materials. Maintain cohesive look.
To respect majority while maintaining local charm. We are concerned about over tourism. Fear of being the new Canmore/Banff.

Not an ASP decision. Hamlet of Bragg Creek "Architectural controls?"
3 storey max - maintain tree level. Maintain the cowboy mile/country architecture consistent with the history and look of a mountain area.
Retrict architectural disasters like the hulking canopy over the Esso gas station in the Hamlet.
Environmentally friendly materials, solar panels on roofs, geothermal enegery/heat pumps, community greenhouse, wind energy. Affordable, tasteful 2-3 stories high max.
Rustic mountain style with a western theme is reflective of the area. Think "Western Canmore".
Fit in with natural look. No more than 3 stories.
Keep the character.
Stay reflecting style of mountain town and maintaining older Western atmosphere.
Please make sure its tasteful "mountain town style" architecture (like Nelson, Fernie, Whistler)
Emulating massing, form, density, height suitable to the Hamlet scale and character. Less than 6 stories. Durable (hail resilient) roofing and cladding materials. Abundance of glazing without sacrificing energy efficiency. Natural materials & colour pallet - stone, rock, wood, hardi-board, metal, concrete panel. Chalet-style, mountain-style building typologies.
Use of natural materials. Landscaping guidance for development to promote biodiversity and to reduce fire risk.
There is huge potential to develop balance community like Canmore and Banff. Lots at surrounding nature with strong growth at local businesses also.
Fit in with the look of trading post which suits the community. No heights above the ESSO. Maintain single level shopping and retail.
I would like to see a style like the mountain villages like Canmore. Also, regenerative green buildings and a community greenhouse and closed loop systems. Farm to table!
I assume that this is on a Hamlet only basis! Local arcitecture should be compatible with the surrounding area. (Eg: no concrete silos or greater than 2 storey buildings)
Absolutely. No monstrosities, like the well disputed ESSO garage on the coern of the entrance to the Hamlet.
Same as Banff.
Some guidelines would be ideal jkeeping in the realm of mountain community and log homes.
Height restriction, density resriction, consistent architectural design with neighbouring structures.
Match the environmental, natural materials. No more "ESSO" like structures. Architectural control!
Low rise. Landscaping based on native plants. Limit NPC looking structures.
Architectural guidelines to define/strengthen local identity & character. Integrated within the local setting.
Livestock on properties is part of the character in many places. Development should not be surprised of "smells."
Serious consideration of how added overburden of structures can alter groundwater flow within alluvial aquifer, leading to impacts of baseflows...

Online comments
To reflect a true sense of local character in the growth area of Bragg Creek, we should encourage increasing the hamlet's density with two-story buildings that mix shops and living spaces. Instead of rigidly controlling construction style and appearance through strict codes, we should relax regulations and let local people decide how and what they want to build. Historically, when municipalities dictate architectural style too tightly, everything ends up looking uniform and sterile — the exact opposite of Bragg Creek's charm. The old Bragg Creek had a natural, eclectic character because individuals made their own choices, and that authenticity is what made it special. To avoid extreme designs while still preserving freedom, a local neighbor council could be set up to give feedback and help resolve disagreements about things like colors or materials, keeping decisions rooted in the community rather than imposed from above.
Architecture should reflect the rural foothills/mountain landscape, similar to Canmore and Banff, ie: stone and timber. The 'old west' theme should not be encouraged. It's passé. Structures should be no more than two stories high.
Support alternative building practices like net zero/ passive housing with materials such as hemp blocks.
You can keep a outdoorsy theme, but don't get lost in regulations & bylaws where only $1mm homes are build & everyone needs a brown door! Avoid creating an enclave for just the wealthy
By NOT looking like the monstrosity ESSO station, a sore thumb that could fit in nicely to ugly NE Calgary. Most of the other mall areas are doing a nice job of looking rural and foresty. Take a cue from them.
The over riding architecture principle in the Bragg Creek area must be to follow the best practices for Fire Smarting in terms of building materials and design. Flood mitigation in applicable areas must also be considered. If there is multi-family type units or clustered housing then the fire smarting and flood mitigation needs to be planned for the entire development.
design and infrastructure should reflect bragg creek history, harmonize with its mountain forest setting and promote tourism and community gatherings
We pride ourselves on local and unique businesses, we are not big fans of chain stores or companies, as they take away from the rural and unique nature of a hamket town like ours.
Like the malls, old western town style is good. The Esso is a blight.
First of all - the key priority should be FIRE RISK. There will be no character and nothing to identify with, if the whole place burns down. Bragg Creek exists within a high-risk fire zone, surrounded by aging forest and heavy fuel loads. Despite this, the Vision document makes only vague references to wildfire under the umbrella of "climate change" and "natural disturbances." There is no mention of FireSmart principles, no actionable plans for fuel load mitigation, and no detailed discussion of evacuation planning or infrastructure hardening. We do not need more poetic language about "regenerative development." We need: * A clear plan for forest fuel reduction *Mandatory FireSmart standards for development *Fire-resistant building guidelines and landscaping requirements *Emergency egress planning, including realistic worst-case scenarios I would far rather prevent a fire than escape one. Until this becomes a core tenet of the ASP, the community remains dangerously exposed.

Indigenous placemaking
Institute a dark sky ordinance, establish committee to oversee permit in is following Wed when structures are permitted and in process, seek permission & approval by immediate neighbors and insist on compliance as well as having infrastructure to support new buildings/housing keeping online with no street parking beyond Bragg Creek bridge.
I think a great starting point would be to look at Canmore. They developed their main downtown to look like a mountain town and I think given where Bragg creek is located we could follow a similar look. Keeping the charm like the old west mall but making it have more modern amenities and ideally giving people a place to stay when they're visiting. The number one complaint we hear in our shop is that there are no accommodations close by.
Having architectural and landscape designs with guidelines that emphasize the local character (eg. Having a certain amount of local trees in plan, some timber accents in builds). Green space given a priority and having a trail system for walking and bikes connecting each community.
By staying in proportion to the landscape and being discrete, No high rises or building more than ground floor and one story high
Architecture that fits in with the trees, river, rocks, etc.. structures like log homes, wooden and more rustic style structures, things like that.
Leave it alone, our character is fine
Should have never approved the Esso station! And again until the infrastructure is here the hamlet should not be expanding.
New architecture should align with the current character of the town.
Please ditch the tired "pioneer" theme - it is holding the community back. Instead embrace a more modern, organic look and feel. Stone, wood and metal. Living roofs. Diversity, inclusiveness in design. Baruch's design for the proposed Laskin - Bragg Creek is an example. There are plenty more such examples in places like Canmore, Fernie, Kimberley...
The townsite should maintain the same western rural character that is seen in most of what has been built to date with the notable exception of the ESSO.
Maintain the western rural hamlet feel in both architecture and landscaping. Architecture that is more like the Shell and less like the Esso. Landscaping that maintains a natural forest feel rather than manicured city park look.
Log structures and outdoor recreation should be key. Fitting in for wildlife etc.
well as plans go redwood is going to start expanding up here with developments along 22
Western/ mountain craftsmanship
Architecture should be in keeping with the existing feel of the community (not including the Esso), enhancing the natural environment and blending in rather than standing out.
Rustic
Limit the number of units and the size of the building. Have greenspace and natural space requirement for new development. The space around the Snowbirds chalet is a beautiful example.
Keep the rustic theme which includes log and wood buildings. Nothing over 3 stories should be allowed in order to allow for natural light and views to be maintained.
Improve what the community currently has. Most things around the community are done poorly. Sidewalks are always under water. The landscaping around the community is done at a very basic level all summer. None of the grass is cut under the trees in the main business area. So many of the roads around town are gravel, WHY?! The other Springbank communities don't have this problem. Bragg Creek is a 10, but shows as a 2 because how it been built out and currently maintained.
Blend in with nature, keep a low profile (very important), connect with western theme?

To maintain the local character and charm of Bragg Creek, it means NOT having new neighborhoods like the ones developed in Cochrane. Small city size lots and multi-family dwellings (other than limited planned condos within the original Hamlet) would destroy the area. Any new developments at a minimum, should have the size of lots as in Redwood Meadows. People come to Bragg Creek for both recreation and for those who want to live here, because of the open spaces.
No more Esso garages
I think materials are more important than architecture. Fire-resistant roofing, stone, and wood sided homes and businesses would be important considerations. I love how new homes in the hamlet and throughout Greater Bragg Creek have incorporated unique and modern architectural designs. Nothing says 'local character' like original and unique architecture that pushes the boundaries of what's 'expected'.
yes - wood frame (with fire resistant construction)
Things that look like the Esso should never be allowed! It is a blight on the Hamlet.
Update current, do not develop. Those that want development and future growth should live elsewhere. I didn't move to Bragg in 2009 just so you can wreck it like Canmore or Cochrane. Development brings too many people in an area that can not handle people.
- buildings 3 stories or less - building materials should reflect the " natural, woodsy" feel of the majority of the town and it's western ranching heritage -green spaces, trees and waterways need to be maintained and encouraged
keep the hamlet in its original shatpe
Exterior of homes should be considered, something that blends in with the environment rather than modern architecture.
I think limiting the height of any multi family dwellings will be important. As well as ensuring the style of buildings encompasses the surroundings of nature in a rustic but modern way. Ensuring the buildings incorporate a connection to the landscapes around them using natural materials and features.
No. The season has station took care of any character we had
Walkable, lots of trees and green space, proper walkways, better road alignment.
retain the current detached housing style
Traffic is a huge issue. The Plan must priortize changes to traffic as those impacts will be very impactful to the community
There should be absolutely no FAST FOOD outlets so that local individual food businesses can thrive. Hopefully we will not see anymore flashy neon signs. All architecture should reflect the current western theme of the local malls on Balsam avenue, which maintain the charm of this area.

Q.5 What housing types do you think are currently needed in Bragg Creek?

Townhouse	Single Detached Houses	1-bedroom or Studio Apartments	2-3 Bedroom Apartments	Other (Please Specify)
In person				
66	52	43	41	36
Online				
59	50	46	47	34

Other Responses:

For seniors who want to downsize. Wouldn't do apartments because it will increase population too much vs. the infrastructure.
Limited demand, few alternatives.
Housing to support people in different economic levels. People can be employed and live local.
Rental apartments for retail staff and young people. Homes for people to downsize, or first time home owners. There is a use for all of the options.
For seniors who want to downsize. Wouldn't do apartments because it will increase population too much vs. the infrastructure.
Cochrane and Airdrie have significant high density options of required. There should not be in Bragg Creek.
Seniors housing.
If we want more services, we need more places for people. Specifically workers and young families who are starting out.
Seniors housing is needed.
Leave the West end of Bragg Creek low density.
Houses with spaces for families.
Workers are hard to come by here. This major change may not help.
No high density housing (single detached homes only).
The expansion of multi purpose housing requires big changes to water, roads, etc.
There are many workers who work on farms and properties. Affordable family living.
Low density (single detached homes ONLY)
Affordability, lower maintenance (for townhomes) vs. detached and acre lots which are not.
Seniors living.
Housing that is accessible.
Don't want the population to grow too much, lots of young couples to move to community.
An assortment of housing is needed, but keep in the style - low profile.
Elder care.
Cabin and lodge style homes, but still on large lots so rural living can be enjoyed - people move here to have space.

Seniors housing is important as many residents who have lived here for years are seniors. Once they can not handle the upkeep they still want to live in Bragg Creek in seniors housing.
Bragg Creek should be a favoured long term area for young families and retirees.
Given the are/lack of services, Bragg Creek doesn't NEED housing. Absolutely no apartments/condos/townhouses. I do not think more mansions are needed either!
Populations density is a PRIME understanding of the aforementioned VISION. (Maybe a few townhouses - MAYBE)
Duplexes, a mix of housing. The key issue is Bragg Creek is a finite area, with many environmental challenges and limits.
NONE.
Low profile - not 4/5 stories. Environmental considerations first then housing considerations - critical to maintain ecological connectivity is essential - healthy setbacks.
Affordability, places for local workers to live.
Staff housing for local businesses.
Mixed use & less than 6 storey multi-family housing. Non market (affordable) housing. Seniors housing! Accessible housing.
Restrictions on vacation properties/AIRBNB.
Strongly support the development plan like Gateway village type.
We own a business in Bragg Creek. Hard to find employees here because they can't find places to live here and expensive for them to come from Calgary. So employee is biggest challenge to run business.
Create a diverse economic access to housing is required.
More to provide for seniors. I am planning on living here my whole life and would like to see some smaller houses/townhouses for seniors.
Single detached, with ADU's.
To conform with existing development, only single detached homes.
A bit of each, depending on the volume of population intended to have. No modular homes!!
Secondary suites.
Higher density - seniors/adult living.
The question should not be the NEED but rather what can be developed in a sustainable way long term. (water, sewage)
Without increase in communial development there is no need for higher density or lower income housing. There isn't employment or ammenities for low-income residence. If there are more businesses requiring an expanded work force, then there might be a need for other types of housing.
I believe added infrastructure will impact alluvial aquifer - adding buildings should not be within this area, so no to more housing.

Online
If we want to expand Bragg Creek's demographic from primarily commuters to a truly living, year-round community, we must create more affordable housing options. This includes allowing smaller accommodations, encouraging small-footprint living, and making it possible for people to legally live in tiny homes. At the same time, we need to update our vision of family structure to reflect more dynamic and flexible living arrangements, not just traditional models. Bragg Creek also faces the growing challenge of an aging population — without affordable options and new opportunities, we risk losing the younger generations needed to keep the community vibrant, creative, and sustainable into the future. Embracing these changes is essential if we want a healthy, diverse community.
Keep density within the hamlet, while allowing for alternatives to detached houses.
Very little rentals, or small housing that people can afford.
Needed accomodation for the people with average incomes
We probably need some of all of these, but in moderation. We need places the folks who work here can live, not part-time homes for billionaires.
Economical housing options for younger people starting out.
There needs to be senior housing for those who can no longer manage their own acreages. There also needs to be a lower cost housing option. Many of the employees in the hamlet are commuting from Calgary and other cities. On the other hand we are not interested in so much development that Bragg Creek simply becomes another suburb.
Bragg creek would benefit from various housing options at various affordable price points now and into the future. A rapid development of monotonous urban style sprawl of large single family homes does nothing for improved affordability or enhanced alignment with the stated vision of a future bragg creek.
We have a large aging community of seniors, who love their town, love being here, but are getting to an age point where they need care, and thebalck of senior housing/care facilities, means they have to leave and go to Cochrane or Calgary, but we have land slotted for a se ironcare center ready to go.
Smaller townhomes are more affordable for those working in town, they could also live here and avoid travel costs to city
Bragg creek needs affordable housing for our workers as well as people who just want to live in nature.
There is limited to no options for people or families to rent in Bragg creek or purchase for a reasonable price tag. Having 2-3 townhomes that allow mid-range families to afford to purchase or rent a property is vitally needed. Currently most options in Bragg creek are all!at least a $1 million dollar price tag and I think it's necessary to have some options in the $500-750k range to keep our community diverse and sustainable.
Cabins were the origins of Bragg Creek and should still be considered as affordable option, not city Urban style homes, Ranch Style and Modern single family homes / no town houses this defeats the aspects of Bragg Creek , those belong in an urban settting not in a rural/wildlife setting like Bragg Creek
I don't think building apartments or condos is the right way to go for Bragg creek. You don't want to become another Calgary that is literally cramming people in like crazy (we moved from the seton area and it's brutal).
Don't want influx of people in an area that has no roads, or wild fire safety plan

I cannot say with any confidence
Opportunities for families that wish to rent and people who work in the community but aren't in the market for an acreage or detached home.
The Hamlet is the place for density. This will fill various niches - retired and downsizing, rental, first home. Should be range of low cost to luxury. In the core the emphasis should be away from detached houses which are better sited at the periphery of the hamlet area.
Senior's housing is conspicuously absent. Few or no opportunities for seniors to remain in the community once they require assisted or supported living.
Young people and seniors. Appartments should not be > 2 levels.
Single affordable log cabins
There is a huge need for affordable housing in the area for both individuals and families. There is also a need for housing that older residents can downsize into.
Seniors would love to stay in their community as their need for support increases as they age in place
Yes housing is expensive in Bragg Creek, however it keeps lower income people out of the community which generally cause issues - theft. Townhouse and Single detached housing should still sell at a high enough price point to attract quality people.
Many residents are long term in the community but have to leave as they get older and can't care for an acreage or large community. Having an independent living housing set up with central areas (lounge, kitchen) but your own apartment would be great.
Why not
Townhouses for staff within the existing hamlet area. Single dwelling homes for new developments within the Bragg Creek area, with minimum lot requirements to maintain the local character and charm, no high city density areas.
Community housing for elders, young people who can't afford to live where they grew up, Servers in restaurants have to drive from Calgary or Cochrane....
Bragg Creek has been, for the most part, a bedroom and gateway (to Kananaskis) community of acreages and larger properties surrounded by beautiful forests. Cutting down the forest to make room for denser housing would run counter to the 'local character' of Bragg Creek. Just look at the mess in Cochrane for a prime example of housing run amok...
visitors can't really find a place to stay in bragg creek
There is very little (or no) affordable housing in Bragg Creek. People who work in Bragg Creek should be able to live in Bragg Creek. More varied housing would also be beneficial for local seniors who want to downsize.
We dont have the roads in town to handle density. We can't even go into Bragg on a sunny weekend because no parking available. Why would you bring more people in. So no housing of any kind. No development. We have all that is necessary in a hamlet to survive.
Need for housing for lower income and singles
I am not sure
Multifamily is needed, and it should be easier for permits to put suites into existing homes. Rockyview is known to be very difficult municipality to deal with when it comes to attaining permits. They need to simplify this process.

We need smaller dwellings to help support the businesses employees constantly looking for rentals around the area so they are close to work. Something for seniors to be able to stay in the community as well.
We need condos for senious
Need a mix of housing to support a wide range of affordable housing and flexibility for singles, couples and families.
No apartments or townhouses!
The footprint of the community should be limited. The priority should not be to increase density or provide for affordable housing. This is not a NIMBY comment, but rather a comment of the viability and sustainability of this small hamlet. Affordable and medium/high density housing should be focused on larger residential centres such as Calgary, which is only a few km away.
The main thing that is needed in Bragg Creek is Senior's housing. Local residents have no where to downsize to when their acreages get too difficult to manage.

Q6. What housing types do you think will be needed in Bragg Creek in the future? (select all that apply) Please explain.

Townhouse	Single Detached Houses	1-bedroom or Studio Apartments	2-3 Bedroom Apartments	Other (Please Specify)
In person				
26	24	21	21	17
Online				
33	26	25	26	17

Other Responses:

In-person
Housing needs to fit the environment. They need to be lower than the surrounding trees. Huge buildings don't fit well.
Opportunity for young people to live in the area, for seniors to move out of acreages.
Higher density/ more affordable housing.
Affordable (townhouses)
Seniors housing is needed.
Seniors, community living.
Affordable housing that isn't high density.
Retirement homes.
No high density housing (single detached homes only).
The expansion of multi purpose housing requires big changes to water, roads, etc.
Low density.
Affordability, lower maintenance (for townhomes) vs. detached and acre lots which are not. Aging population will need less maintenance.
Seniors living.
Making housing and designing communitities to prevent cleanliness and health. Eg: housing and development that incorporates multiple generations and social infrastructure.
Leave high density housing in high density cities.
Don't want the population to grow too much, lots of young couples to move to community.
All of the above if the plan is to expand
In keeping with the integrity of community, Bragg Creek must curtail thoughts on becoming city like.
As before, keep lot size and acreages above 1/2 acre minimum in the hamlet.
More population growth will happen - with all the expansions.
Maintaining a small cohesive community.
Again, this is not a city. The lifestyle and nature do not need mass housing.
Same answer, if you want to live in an apartment - live in the city.
Same, a mix. Growth must take in the fact of what can the land handle without destoying the area.
NONE.

Low profile - not 4/5 stories. Environmental considerations first then housing considerations - critical to maintain ecological connectivity is essential - healthy setbacks.
Seniors housing.
All the hamlet youth will need homes, our workers will need lodging as our business economy grows and there will be more seniors wanting to retire here.
Encourage for environmentally sustainable building and low carbon impact.
Strongly support the development plan like Gateway village type.
Mix housing developments will give opportunity to all kinds of people including low income families or retirement community.
Seniors housing.
I am not a great fan of apartments as there are places like Cochrane to go to. I worry it will get too built up - however there needs to be room but keep it lower to the the ground!
More family housing.
Depending on the level of development, town houses may be required but not more than 1 storey in height.
Depends. Definitely seniors home facility.
Secondary suites.
Staff quarters, recreation facilities.
Condos.
Without increase in communial development there is no need for higher density or lower income housing. There isn't employment or ammenities for low-income residence. If there are more businesses requiring an expanded work force, then there might be a need for other types of housing.
I believe added infrastructure will impact alluvial aquifer - adding buildings should not be within this area, so no to more housing.
Depends on business development.
If there is to be development it will all be needed.
Online
What we need now and what we plan for the future must follow the same path — they cannot be separated. If we are serious about maintaining Bragg Creek's ecological integrity, we must set a clear, realistic plan now and commit to it long-term. There can be no assumption that future decisions will allow for more flexibility or expansion without consequences. Every deviation from the original plan will increase impact, degrade the environment, and erode the very qualities we are trying to protect. True stewardship means having the discipline to act today with tomorrow's reality in mind, not leaving room for short-term pressures to undo hard-won protections.
Same as above.
Small square footage and affordable housing needed now.
Same
While I love living on many acres in a home too big for us with my horses out my front window, which is why we live here (while we can, before ridiculous taxes tied to prices of homes that aren't ours drive us away from our dreams here - we are not rich), not everyone can do that. I would like to see density clustered near the hamlet - no call for 10 storey apartments in the middle of the wilderness, folks. That would be a travesty.
Tasteful townhouses that match the aesthetic of Bragg and allow for more affordable housing.
same as above
We have a large aging community of seniors, who love their town, love being here, but are getting to an age point where they need care, and thebalck of senior housing/care facilities, means they have to leave and go to Cochrane or Calgary, but we have land slotted for a se ironcare center ready to go.

I think with the growth of Bragg Creek and the amount of tourist we get, we really could be a destination or second home town. Canmore is becoming to expensive for people to live so they are looking for other alternatives.
As the town sustainably grows, we will need some staffing to go with the business and having some more affordable housing in the townhouse and studio category right in the downtown hamlet of Bragg creek will be vital.
Cabins were the origins of Bragg Creek and should still be considered as affordable option, not city Urban style homes, Ranch Style and Modern single family homes / no town houses this defeats the aspects of Bragg Creek , those belong in an urban settting not in a rural/wildlife setting like Bragg Creek Cabins could accomodate service staff needs and also business could invest in a lodge style living such as in Jasper Park lodge . Ther eis no room for town houses as these are not the lifestyle BRagg Creek offers neither to staff or seniors both would do very well in a Cabin setting keeping the aspects of their lives intact with Nature . ALSo Cabins are favoured by tourist to experience a more rustic /and delux lifestyle
I think if you were to build higher density housing it would completely destroy what Bragg creek is all about, for many reasons.
Get the basic issues done first. Wild fire plan. We are considered extreme risk
See above answer
As people age in place we will need other housing strategies. I didn't select 1-bedroom apartments as we do not have as much land constraints as other areas and I've seen with my retired parents that these aren't popular
Places for residents who are ready to leave acreage or detached homes.
Senior's housing is conspicuously absent. Few or no opportunities for seniors to remain in the community once they require assisted or supported living.
Don't know
No to high density. Support structures that fit in, log cabins or tiny houses with bit of land, has to be affordable
I think it was town houses I seen in Tsuu Tina's nations drawings now they must be ready to move forward with their plans
As the community develops, there will be a future need for diverse housing.
Seniors housing.
same as above
Only option in Bragg is large lots or acreages with relatively large houses. Not easy for starting families.
Why not.
Townhouses, 1-bedroom or studio apartments and limited 2 -3 bedroom apartments for staff within the existing hamlet area. Single dwelling homes for new developments within the Bragg Creek area, with minimum lot requirements to maintain the local character and charm, no high city density areas.
As above
See above...
temporary housing / air bnb and hotel accommodation visitors can't really find a place to stay in bragg creek
If you want to wreck Bragg creek, then you develop. Dont pile more people in where the roads are limited, space is limited. Again no egress for a wild fire escape. We will be trapped and possibly die . What's more important??
Need for all types of housing as Bragg grows
Allowing properties that are at least half an acre to have multi dwellings on them
Options for residents to downsize into from acreage life would be nice. That way they would be able to stay in the community they love.
We need diversified housing. +55 condos
See above

This is the same question as above
It would be nice if we could leave this little hamlet alone & not destroy it with development like Cochrane, Okotoks etc. Perhaps it could remain a beautiful tourist town featuring wild trails and rich flora & fauna. Whether its Montreal, Toronto or Vancouver, many bed room suburb/towns have been destroyed by development. People need nature to for health (mental & physical). Lets not copy the eastern canadian cities. Lets save our small hamlets & towns.

Q.7 What types of amenities or facilities do you think would most benefit the community? (select all that apply).

Improved access to recreational opportunities	Sidewalks / walking paths	Playgrounds	Recreational trails	Seniors' programs / facilities	Childcare centres	Other (please specify)
48	73	20	62	66	40	14

Online
We need additional access to K country not just 2 roads
Tell the province to can the Kananaskis Pass fee - a travesty and a barrier. It's shameful. Lougheed is rolling in his grave. Keep the trails through the hamlet and area. They are treasures. But try not to make it look like just another series of paved bike paths. May as well be in downtown Calgary. Not all of us want to walk on pavement. Some of us have old joints. Well, many of us. Ouch. Also, we moved here to get away from concrete, yet here it comes on the TransCanada Trail. No, it's not The Great Trail. Not when it's paved.
link various parts of the community with active all weather trail system. Bragg creek should be walkable and connect neighbours by a variety of paved trails and natural pathways. People come and stay for access to nature and a pristine environment. Make it easy and safe to maintain access to the best feature of the Bragg Creek community.
I think just a map in the main lot showing all that Bragg creek has to offer. Many people don't know about the west Bragg creek trail head, elbow falls, or even the Bragg creek provincial park.
I find the sidewalks in Bragg to be pretty good generally but most have low spots that pool water and force you back onto the road
Safe, fenced off leash dog parks help dogs be socialized which reduces potential conflicts and provides a safe location for training. More local activities for children of all ages and adults strengthens the community and promotes a healthy lifestyle.
The transCanada trail going from the Hamlet to WBC trails is a tremendous amenity which should be more promoted as a destination for recreation akin to the Canmore - Banff Legacy trail.
More pathways for all users
we for the first part start including first nation in decisions it effects their rights also
A trail more easily connecting to the west Bragg trails. The paved trail should continue on at Range Road 54 to the West Bragg Parking lot.
Repair existing pathways and sidewalks so they are usable year round. Ensure future paths and sidewalks are thoughtfully designed and maintained.
something to consider is to build a dirt pump track between the playground and the tennis court. with a strong community of biking it would be utilized a lot. There are a lot of trails in West Bragg creek. It would be nice to have a few more trails around the bragg community
Maintain and improve over time access to recreational opportunities, and maintain and improve recreational trails. Parks and recreation areas could be developed along the Elbow River within the Hamlet. Also, artificial rapids could be built in the river for kayaks, canoes and river surfing, that would promote another outdoor recreation activity for the area.
Swimming pool, library, indoor skating rink

Invest in existing areas like West Bragg Creek. Build new facilities based on need (swimming pool, hockey arena)
Seniors programs I think are a big part of what is needed. Also a pathway from RR54 all the way to West Bragg Creek day use area. An off-leash dog park would be great for dogs who would not necessarily have an acreage to run free on would be a lovely option.

Q8. How do you feel included / involved in your community?

In-person
We have most of these (ammenities) The ones we have need to be maintained and supported.
You are included as much as you make the effort to be involved, but creating meeting places would help encourage meaningful interaction.
We are currently very well served.
Community events and gatherings.
Yes, but you have to be proactive.
Very involved.
Spending time in town and walking through nature.
Feel fairly involved. Build bike paths that go somewhere and connect. We have a start, maintenance is an issue though. Could be of more importance to the County.
Meetings in the community centre.
Yes.
We try to volunteer at all of the local events (ie; Christmas/Winter in the woods, taste of Bragg Creek, local music/theatre/shows)
Volunteer.
Great access to recreation and enjoy meeting my neighbours when walking.
Music.
Changing demographic requires more daycare for younger families moving into the region as well as seniors programs/facilities for aging Bragg Creek residents.
We've only been here a year, but there are tons of events to meet other local people and we think it's great!
Very.
Sidewalks are horrible and not a lot of them.
Very included.
Good neighbours.
As a principal, not very included.
I do because my neighbours and the nature around us - its not a town or a village nor even a hamlet, it's a spacious area full of nature that we love and respect.
It is my choice how to be involved. I am becoming more involved due to concerns with development/fire egress routes.
By volunteering.
Through activities that allow us to connect with others through sports, shopping, recreation, cultural events and info sessions like this one and the recent wildfire mitigation one.
Sometimes. We have a beautiful community centre that is too expensive for locals to rent, thus low programs - seem like a waste? I drive to Cochrane for activities/exercise class.
NOT THE JOB OF ROCKYVIEW! Using tax money from the NW corner of Rockyview to enhance Creekers recreation experience is morally wrong. Do better!
Solar panels, greenhouses on roofs - 21st century building materials.
Swimming pool. Organize an outdoor triathalon in Bragg Creek. (wildrose close - swim, mtn bike/road - bike and run)
Ecological access but also maintaining connectivity as a primary objective.

Great walking and hiking. We try and support local businesses.
Nothing.
I am a business owner, Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Director of the Community Association. I volunteer over 100 hours to this wonderful community each year.
Engaged in seniors programming via Bragg Creek Snowbirds seniors fellowship. Members are now 350 or so a group thay could be local resource to contribute to ASP gods. Pedestrian access to river in more places. The berm has created a difficult boundary. Steps could be instilled.
It's tough right now. Outside facebook there isn't clarity on events or ways we can contribute.
I am involved with environmental groups.
N/A.
We feel that this has already been decided behind closed doors with all "stakeholders" involved.
This event is result of a "vision" that I was never asked about - Who, when, how do you get your information?
Ok.
A frequent visitor who enjoys the natural environment of Bragg Creek and area.
Online
not much
I have a large network of friends, having lived here for 34 years. I can't help but feel connected to the community after so much time.
Sidewalks all through Hamlet are a hazard - flood and freeze zones making walking impossible. I got involved in the Community by volunteering on many Boards.
I go to events & I sit on boards
Like many people who moved out here, I moved out to get away from people, business and civilization. My husband was president of the BCCA a few decades back and the old song was how do we get people out? It's a dumb question. Many of us don't want to come out. We moved to the forest to, well, to be in the forest, not in a community centre. If people want to be included, they can stay in bloody Calgary - or Cochrane. Leave us alone. It used to be more wild west here. Suits me just fine.
Community Association does a great job at posting events and notifying the community about farmers markets, winter in the woods, etc. Provides opportunity to be involved as a volunteer or just take in the events.
Going for walks/riding a bike using the pathway and trail system. Meeting up with people at the community centre. The post office, grocery store and coffee places are also important for community connection.
I am on the board of several Bragg Creek groups, from the Bragg Creek Artisans, Bragg Creek Wild, and Bragg Creek Historical Society And I think gettig involved in the community is the best way to feel included.
I don't. The report briefly notes community frustration with top-down governance and a lack of local decision-making power. But beyond this admission, it provides no path to reform, no mechanisms for accountability, and no assurance that the community will have any meaningful say in the actual ASP process. Community engagement without real influence is nothing more than consultation theatre. If Rocky View County is serious about improving governance, then: Local advisory groups must have binding input on ASP decisions. Clear mechanisms for tracking implementation of the Vision are needed. Council must provide regular, public accountability updates

I am Native I don't
I'm a local business owner and resident in the greater Bragg creek area. We feel heavily invested in the area and would love to see it grow to its full potential.
I volunteer as a coach for our local community sports programs and also volunteer as often as I can at the Bragg creek community centre.
I feel involved in my neighbourhood and don't need city facilities , Are neighbourhood is strong and connected. We enjoy an independant life style and expect it to continue so others can experience an independent life
By doing this survey.
Locals are content with the simple life. Those that want more can move. We need egress roads, and wild fire escape plan. Safety first. Do not need more people
We really don't any more. We usually can't drive anywhere on the weekends due to traffic.
I appreciate the community events that offer an invitation to reach out to my neighbours. We're all friendly but generally private
We really enjoy the sports our child participates in, however a dog park would save a bunch of driving. The mountain biking trails are fantastic and Redwood sports are outstanding! This is a great community!
I was up until recently a principle member of Bragg Creek Trails. This organization has now lost its way and needs to re engage with the community thru involvement of new/ younger local members . The potential here is huge but sadly has been recently squandered by close-mindedness and hubris. The potential for Bragg Creek as a Trailhead Community like so many others - Bend Oregon, Cumberland, Kimberley .... is contingent on this connection.
Primarily through involvement in the Bragg Creek Trails association
I use local businesses, trails, events at the community centre, walk, run and cycle around the hamlet and beyond.
how about upgrading power lines from spring bank to Bragg Creek so we are not limited to growth
The Community Centre and local events.
I am involved in many groups volunteering my time and supporting community events and members.
I have joined the Snowbirds and am an active participant. I attend and volunteer at local events like Winter in the woods, Taste of Bragg Creek, etc
without a doubt sidewalks and walking paths need to improve. There are very few sidewalks to start with and the ones we have are build poorly.
Lots of opportunities to volunteer in support of community. High Country News helps keep people informed.
I feel included and involved in the community by knowing my neighbors, attending community functions (such as the Swamp Donkey Theatre) and spending time in the local coffee shop.
I've joined the BCCA and participate in pickleball at the BC Centre. I frequent the restaurants in BC, and will see concerts presented by the BCPA. I have also volunteered for several local groups...
The Community Centre provides many ways to be involved with the community. I love the Community Centre.
Not included, because people keep wanting to push the city amenities into this hamlet. I think. Too many new people that move in the area start complaining about what Bragg doesn't have, well move away then! I moved in 2009, and not once did I ask to have more amenities. Also, Bragg Creek Trails association created a monster in West Bragg. 3,000 vehicles can be at West Bragg on a long weekend. Stupid drivers is one problem.
Community events, concerts, seniors center, school events
I volunteer for the Bragg Creek Trails Association and spend a lot of time in West Bragg Creek.

Being asked our opinions
I'd prefer to see Bragg maintain as much as possible of it's natural attributes with minimal development and protecting it from over tourism.
Open to all developert. West Bragg creek day use area has ruined what Bragg creek had. No going back now. Develop all of Bragg.
Community centre is great as is Snowbirds.
I did not check any of the above, as I do not feel that any are required. The leading question here does not match the selections above, and should have been reviewed to ensure such. This question pertains to involvement, whereas the leading check-boxes relate to amenities/facilities. = poor survey design.
I run a health care business in the community & love Bragg Creek and its population.

How could the County best improve access to recreational opportunities in your community.

We need additional access to K country not just 2 roads
Tell the province to can the Kananaskis Pass fee - a travesty and a barrier. It's shameful. Lougheed is rolling in his grave. Keep the trails through the hamlet and area. They are treasures. But try not to make it look like just another series of paved bike paths. May as well be in downtown Calgary. Not all of us want to walk on pavement. Some of us have old joints. Well, many of us. Ouch. Also, we moved here to get away from concrete, yet here it comes on the TransCanada Trail. No, it's not The Great Trail. Not when it's paved.
link various parts of the community with active all weather trail system. Bragg creek should be walkable and connect neighbours by a variety of paved trails and natural pathways. People come and stay for access to nature and a pristine environment. Make it easy and safe to maintain access to the best feature of the Bragg Creek community.
I think just a map in the main lot showing all that Bragg creek has to offer. Many people don't know about the west Bragg creek trail head, elbow falls, or even the Bragg creek provincial park.
I find the sidewalks in Bragg to be pretty good generally but most have low spots that pool water and force you back onto the road
Safe, fenced off leash dog parks help dogs be socialized which reduces potential conflicts and provides a safe location for training. More local activities for children of all ages and adults strengthens the community and promotes a healthy lifestyle.
The transCanada trail going from the Hamlet to WBC trails is a tremendous amenity which should be more promoted as a destination for recreation akin to the Canmore - Banff Legacy trail.
More pathways for all users
we for the first part start including first nation in decisions it effects their rights also
A trail more easily connecting to the west Bragg trails. The paved trail should continue on at Range Road 54 to the West Bragg Parking lot.
Repair existing pathways and sidewalks so they are usable year round. Ensure future paths and sidewalks are thoughtfully designed and maintained.
something to consider is to build a dirt pump track between the playground and the tennis court. with a strong community of biking it would be utilized a lot. There are a lot of trails in West Bragg creek. It would be nice to have a few more trails around the bragg community
Maintain and improve over time access to recreational opportunities, and maintain and improve recreational trails. Parks and recreation areas could be developed along the Elbow River within the Hamlet. Also, artificial rapids could be built in the river for kayaks, canoes and river surfing, that would promote another outdoor recreation activity for the area.
Swimming pool, library, indoor skating rink
Invest in existing areas like West Bragg Creek. Build new facilities based on need (swimming pool, hockey arena)
seniors programs I think are a big part of what is needed. Also a pathway from RR54 all the way to West Bragg Creek day use area. An off-leash dog park would be great for dogs who would not necessarily have an acreage to run free on would be a lovely option.

Q9. How can local businesses achieve positive impacts for the environment?

In-person
Encourage unique home based businesses.
By being consulted during the process.
They need to have a very light ecological footprint. Sewer, water, garbage, reasonable parking for clients.
Recycle, sustainability, solar panels, support for fire-proofing the community.
Using space effectively.
Be mindful of their impact, garbage, energy, light and noise.
Offering a wide range of products and services.
Solar panels.
Promoting positive tourism.
They can't really. People have to drive here, transports have to deliver goods. Nothing they can do to reduce that.
Protect wildlife and the environment.
Working together to not step on other businesses toes.
Employ locals when possible, support local businesses (work with each other first), events like Taste of Bragg Creek (bring businesses together)
Trash, composting and recycling facilities in the Hamlet
Lighting in consideration for dark skies.
Education.
Garbage bylaws, bear smart/wild smart community.
Very easy. "Leave no trace."
Don't put effluent into the Elbow River. (Not sure if this is occuring today?)
Be mindful of their products and what they are using for packaging. Promote clean environment.
Use on build structures that match the western small town theme.
Be mindful of waste and prices.
By limiting the amount of businesses that are non-essential. There are already plenty of businesses in the community as is.
Don't feed deer! Recycle. Proper garbage bylaws.
Lock up waste bins.
By carrying more local products.
Less packaging, waste and recycle all packaging, be it stock or packaging for customers. More recycle and garbage bins.
Really dumb question. Local businesses sell ice cream, beer, food, etc. NOT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT.
Garbage bylaw enforced, solar panels, bear smart containers for garbage, use heat pumps, supplement gas when needed.
Solar panels on the roofs of all the buildings, heat pumps.
Being wild life smart and controlling attractants. Solar power. Monitor impacts to water quality in the Elbow.
Work on eliminating litter of all kinds.

Promote sustainability.
Follow practical guidelines to protect the environment.
Being accountable for their actions.
Densify and support mixed use developments. Building above AB Code (40% above for example). Using fire and hail and flood resistent building materials. Come talk to us at the Chamber - we have a lot to discuss about this!!
Local businesses represent the Bragg Creek unique servicement and fulfill every resident needs. There are no businesses making any harmful environmental impact.
As a business owner I heard so many times from locals that they are glad we are here. Even without local business, people will have a harder life. So there will be no bad impact for the environment by local business.
Access to resources.
By investing in growing a lot of their own things locally in a shared greenhouse.
In order for businesses to survive in Bragg Creek, they cannot be hardened with additional costs associated with any ASP adapted!
Keep it local. Preferences to honey should be given to local residents first.
Expand businesses.
Garbage bylaw!
Create events that promote awareness of this special place. Bird count, catch release fish, bike tune up clinics (bike trail cleanup).
Consider packaging, waste management, water usage, waste diversion to limit environmental impact. Priositize reusing vs recycling waste.
Local businesses and tourism can lend to economic sustainability, but require a supportive and nurturing policy frame work. Environmental sustainability is part of the equation, but not the only factor - needs to be business friendly.
There should be no logging in areas of established recreation. West Bragg Trail system is world class and it makes no sense for it to be logged (clear cut) when there are other forest areas that could be logged. Selective, fire smart logging in highly utilized areas like this.
By advocating to retain the current natural environment respecting the assimilative capacity of the area and in light of impacts with climate change.
Manage garbage - from what I have heard from some other business owners this is not always done. Food waste discarded and bears drawn in.
Create visitors that care about it.
Online
Local businesses can achieve positive environmental impacts by making small but meaningful changes in their operations. For example, businesses in Bragg Creek could stop providing plastic bags altogether and instead promote a locally branded, reusable bag that reflects the community's identity. Restaurants and cafés can commit to using washable, reusable plates, cups, and cutlery rather than disposable items, reducing waste at the source. These practical steps not only protect the environment but also strengthen Bragg Creek's image as a forward-thinking, eco-conscious community — something that both residents and visitors can feel proud to support.
I'm not sure environmental stewardship can ever be balanced with economic and residential expansion. Let's be honest.
Create signage so tourists and RV's can park in the parking lot that Gateway developments created. Businesses would appreciate people not parking in Hamlet parking for day use people going to the Trail Head. Local business tried to get a compost and recycle initiative going, I don't know what happened with that.
I think they're doing fine now

This is the biggest joke of all. They can't. And if I hear the Bragg Creek Trail group say one more time that they have to devastate K-Country in order to bring business for the merchants in the hamlet, I will kick a tree, not hug one. It is ass-backwards. Businesses arise to fill a need, not the other way around (if we make trails people will come and support businesses - that's the Bragg Creek Trails folks' broken mantra). You don't open a business and then cut down trees and make more trails and put more pressure on wildlife to bring in more people to buy your baubles and shit, most of which are bad for the environment. If this plan is so great, how come we have so many more trails chopped all over hell's half acre than we did 15 years ago while businesses keep tanking in the hamlet? There have been so many stores open next to the post office that I've lost count, but it's nearly 10 over the past 20 years.
People not messing with people when they are parked at local businesses. Speed control in parking lots at Bragg Creek shopping center.
First review how they interact with the environment, then determine impact. If positive, keep going. If negative, consult others to reduce negative impact. Consider community association for guidance.
Ensure that they are not providing attractants for wildlife. Along with the Bragg Creek area residents, the businesses should be making sure that their buildings and property are fire smart and flood mitigated. Keeping businesses clustered in a retail area for those that have customers visiting their location.
Turn off lights at night to decrease light pollution. Provide bear proof garbage bins.
encourage businesses that support services to and reflect the needs of the local community. integration of tourism related opportunities that respect the local environment are better suited to bragg creek community than light or heavy industrial type facilities
Having bylaws that lower the risk of attracting predators like bears with garbage bylaws Having curfews (when parks or trials are shut down) and time allotted to allow wildlife open corridors to cross roads without over traffic and freedom from noise and disturbance such
Before answering how, the County must answer what regenerative development actually means in practice. As it stands, the Vision uses the term as a placeholder for good intentions, without offering businesses any clear targets, frameworks, or incentives. If the County is serious about environmental responsibility, it should stop leaning on buzzwords and start delivering: *Clear, measurable environmental standards for commercial development (e.g. energy efficiency, stormwater management, dark sky compliance) *Incentives for green retrofits, waste reduction, and low-impact operations *Technical guidance, not just moral pressure, to help small businesses adopt sustainable practices without bearing unreasonable costs Most local businesses in Bragg Creek are already small, seasonal, and operating on thin margins. They care about the environment because they live here—but without practical support, this vision risks becoming just another layer of bureaucratic language with no operational value. In short: if the County wants local businesses to support environmental goals, it needs to stop preaching and start partnering—with clear definitions, realistic expectations, and real support.
amenities built with human/animal conflict reduction in mind; build up instead of out; appropriate district-level alternative energy (geothermal, wind, solar, etc.).
Recycle for one Form a chamber and work together toward common community goals recognizing lifestyle choices are reason residents move here. We aren't tourists looking to pay tourist prices. Know their customer base and perhaps have local resident participation days/nights with prices specifically for local residents only!

BY reducing the number of Business and being of top quality with respect for nature and the character of Bragg Creek
Well having all the stores in walking distance more or less is one way it's better for the environment. Perhaps making it easier for people to get around would be good too.
Don't know
Bear proof garbage bins. More places to dispose of cigarette butts.
Reduce non-compostable waste, employ gray water processes, and incorporate solar or geothermal power or heating strategies.
The guidelines need to be in place and then followed. It's not hard. What is needed though is action. To my knowledge this process has been percolating since at least 2014 with the "Recreate the Creek" initiative, then the McElhany lead Hamlet Revitalization Plan. It is now past time to start moving on this. RVC needs to move more quickly with its regulatory and approval process.
Energy efficient building codes.
Stop selling single use containers. This would reduce the trash on the roadsides. Educate customers on proper disposal of their trash.
Composting, recycling where possible. Banning pesticide use. Never allow use of masks again! The amount of extra garbage created by these masks!
lots of teaching and not from books and signs real grass roots people that still live that way there are many of us
Encourage visitors and locals to respect the environment and reduce their impact by leading by example.
Keep the building exterior in context with the natural environment. Include greenspace on any developing property
What kind of question is this?!
Use solar power, encourage customers to use own mugs, reduce paper/packaging
As if you all care
Reasonable growth and business that are aliened with the community.
That depends on the goal of the business. For example, someone trying to sell OHV equipment/parts will be supporting an activity that is very harmful and damaging to the environment...
support from county on garbage and recycling. Sustainable sourcing for disposables like tourist needed plates, napkins, garbage receptacles etc.
Wildlife proof garbage containers.
They currently are to a degree
No suggestions
In many ways, buy bringing people to Bragg Creek, awareness of the area will be better, and opportunities will be available to educate people.
Choose local and sustainable suppliers when able. Possibly have Building landlords install solar panels on businesses in the Hamlet mini malls.
Electric car charging stations
Don't care. And people that say they do should not be driving to Bragg creek
Proper water and sewage facilities.
No comment.
Local businesses can try & encourage customers to use recyclable mugs. There are far to many paper/plastic coffee mugs in the garage pails of this town!

Q10. What circular economy strategies would you like to see in the community to ensure businesses are supported to remain sustainable, local, and environmentally responsible?

In-person
This question uses unexplained buzz words. The county needs to spend money on needed infrastructure and maintain it.
The gateway project would be a wonderful anchor for Bragg Creek - creating a hub for people to meet and create more community engagement. I am quite disappointed that this project hasn't been supported by Rocky View or rather seen some progress.
Local improvement levies.
Create an environment, physical and business wise that people desire and want to stay for.
Many smaller businesses.
They can move if they don't like it, no one seems to care about my business, so I can't make it my job to make sure they can make it here in Bragg Creek.
More housing and tourism.
Sustainability, more fire protection
Working together to not step on other business' toes.
Affordable rent, bonuses for supporting local sellers and local products.
No box stores.
Tough question guys.
Be nice to promote a locals program like 10% off of the bill for locals or a restaurant or even a shop card for locals to entice locals to buy in Bragg Creek.
Focus on locals and environment, not on being a tourist destination.
Locals support businesses particularly in low seasons.
Encouraging the establishments to support/carry local rural living such as equipment, materials, groceries and services.
Reasonable rent fees.
Really, really, really, really dumb question. Goals of business people today are to try to keep their doors open and not go bankrupt.
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I don't know what this is.
I don't know what you are asking.
Solar energy.
Regulate landlords to keep rental costs down.
N/A.
Procurement strategies that support local bsuinesses and manufacturing, trades, etc. Provision of proper 3-stream waste mgmt infrastructure as a bylaw (recycling, compost, waste) for all businesses. Creat connections to reduce trade barriers and support seasonal staff.
Close monitoring of surface and groundwater flows and quality avoidance and overattraction and pollution.
Only sustainable devleopment and growing community development with balance at nature.

In winter time small business owners are really suffering because no development is coming so we need new development while balancing with nature as well.
Systems to facilitate their ability to participate that aren't another taxation on them economically or sacrificing efficiency (ie; time, head count, space/ square footage.)
As previously stated, I am from the Netherlands and they are pioneers in vertical farming and circular systems. Regenerative housing, geoothmeral heating.
No "green deal, green energy or green whatever." Noticing that increases more taxes after you burn it all down first.
More doctors. Old age homes (senior living)
Does Rocky View County have anything like an "explore" option for someone thinking about developing business in Bragg?
Think about water usage - how to collect, we reuse water. Especially is there is going to be a conference centre/hotel in the area.
First and foremost: business friendly. Policy framework should stimulate investment; if businesses propsper they would be more open to meet environmental conditions.
Figure out an effective water and sewer system that can accommodate growth.
Don't live outside the doughnut. Follow doughnut economics.
Online
I'm not sure what a circular economy strategy is.... I wish I did because sustainable, local and environmental responsibility is very important.
I do not know what circular economy strategies are. A reference here would have been nice.
Be more competitive & we need a larger local population
I have no idea what this question is asking. I love our local businesses and make a point of supporting our grocery store, and, when I used to drink, our liquor stores. I also do much of my gift shopping at the Christmas Market and at local shops. I buy about half my horse feed at Moose Mountain General Store and use the excellent local vet. I try to avoid filling up here as gas is several cents per litre higher than in Cochrane or Calgary and that adds up over the year, but I still do occasionally to help keep them handy. Okay, I still have no idea what this question is asking.
Feels like we have a spike economy. Weekends flat out, and weekdays are much more quiet. I would like so see local businesses consider weekend pricing and mid-week pricing.
Put in some of the practices from Banff and Canmore such as reusable takeout containers
What are circular economy strategies?
The Bagg Creek board of Commerce should be leading the framework for these strategies and they should be relying on the local groups who deal with wildlife, the environment and etc to help guide their framework.
Let’s start with a reality check: most Bragg Creek businesses are small, independent, and struggling with seasonal revenue, rising costs, and basic infrastructure limitations. Before introducing trendy concepts like the “circular economy,” the County should focus on delivering the basics—reliable services, reasonable permitting processes, and practical support. That said, if circular economy principles are to be taken seriously, they must come with concrete, localized strategies that make sense in a rural hamlet. But none of it will work unless the County clearly defines what a “circular economy” means in the Bragg Creek context—and provides real support to make it feasible. Otherwise, this just becomes another feel-good buzzword that puts more pressure on local entrepreneurs without giving them the tools or clarity to deliver real environmental gains. Sustainable businesses need more than principles—they need practical help.
Make building and business costs affordable for local businesses. Have pathways connecting local businesses together in future growth and involve outdoor space into business concepts.

What is circular economy ! Keep up the quality of goods offered and the uniqueness of them . Bragg Creek is not a Town!
Again if you improve the walk ways and maybe a bit more signage letting people Know where the stores are that would help visitors know what Bragg creek has to offer
Don't need anymore businesses.
It's up to the business to ensure they are viable.
Solar or geothermal power or heating strategies would reduce business cost making Bragg Creek a desirable place for businesses to operate. A local greenhouse that provides / sells fresh produce to residents and businesses would be a great addition.
Not sure what this is - a definition should have been provided. Bottom line is RVC needs to start enabling businesses to fulfill their plans . Currently RVC is too much of an impediment to progress. Set clear guidelines and be pro active in helping businesses achieve their goals.
One of the significant impediments to developing businesses in rural communities today is the lack of effective high speed broadband infrastructure. Fiber deployment to homes and businesses as was defined by the federal and provincial governments as a critical public service needs to be supported.
Incentives, tax breaks for not using toxic chemicals
Not sure I understand what you are looking for here. Allowing development while maintaining restrictions is pretty straightforward.
Quit focusing so much on environmental stewardship and focus on sustainability. So many business's come and go due to not being profitable. Either the the individuals leasing the spots need to lower monthly rates or Bragg needs to attract more people coming into the community to spend money.
Define circular economy and provide example.
You will give the 103 of their tax base back to them any way
Businesses that are aliened with the community values.
Transport from Calgary and Cochrane would be very useful , elders could remain here , using local shops and amenities , but be able to get to appts in city. Otherwise they have to move away.
Businesses need to be able to project to the final purpose of what they are selling, or service they are offering, to assess their ultimate effect on the environment.
none
The businesses that fail, just don't get it. Alot has to do with the product, the other is atmosphere.
No auggestions
year-round community events to help businesses, not just in peak seasons. have toures to introduce them to the area, and make them respect it.
I think installing solar panels would be one way
Don’t care about environment. People are driving out to Bragg so clearly they do t care about the environment. Stop putting this I. As a thing. No one really cares. If they did they would not drive.
Need to keep the community an attractive place to stop after a recreation day.
No comment.
Good question. I'd have to think about it.

Q11. What types of businesses are needed in the community?

Retail	Wellness	Restaurants / Café	Tourism Activites	Grocery Store	Art galleries	Short-stay accomodations	Other
In person							
22	22	24	35	20	20	39	15
Online							
17	17	20	9	37	23	35	10

Other Responses:

Senior housing
Youth hostile, co-op artist spaces, outside music venue
Childcare - more kid activities
Free enterprize
Equipment purchases or rentals
Accessible doctor/ND
Whatever business thinks they can flourish
We have all this now and do not need more currently
Bike shop and bike mechanic
Trauma centre, RCMP station
Optometrist, another medical centre - more doctors
Gyms, studios, ampitheater, bowling, environmental
Squash courts/gyms, bed & breakfast
Music performances
Ski area in Wintergreen

Q12. What businesses should the county promote or encourage to diversify the economy during low seasons, or weekdays?

In-person
Performing arts venues.
Ones that drive the slow season.
There does need to be seniors housing for aging residents of the area. Make options for housing tourists, that also allows for parking that is adequate.
The gateway has opportunity to create year round economic value. This is a project already approved by the County. I appreciate the effort it takes, but hope I'll be able to see things come into action soon.
More restaurants (French, chinese food)
Hiking, nature focused businesses.
Year round tourism. Daily shopping (grociers, necessities, etc.)
Services that embrace tourism and that locals want to partake in as well. Education, skills, leisure and accomodation.
Restaurants.
Worried about over tourism.
Business will use opportunities. Not a big County responsibility.
Not the County's proble to promote business. Businesses should support themselves by spending money on advertising.
Better internet services for remote workers.
Tourism.
Bring back wintergreen winter skiing facility.
Wellness services, tourism, restaurants, recreation, chiro, massage, cross country skiing, tours.
Construction services, gym, bowling alley, bingo hall, lawn bowling.
Wine bars, high end pubs.
Businesses that full time residents need without the "Bragg Creek tax", so we don't drive into Westhills.
Day spa that would entice people to visit for the day. Be nice to have the ski hill open, maybe have an art walk or a home tour?
Accommodations, BNB's, etc.
Limit tourism of the consumer style. Direct traffic to highway and away from residential acreages.
Restaurants.
Ski hill at Wintergreen was a great draw for business. West Bragg Creek trail system is an all-season draw for tourism.
Equipment, materials, groceries, services.
None - not their job. Why is Rockyview even asking this? Can't be a part of ASP. Butt out.
Businesses - offer courses and seminars.
Winter triathlon races in West Bragg. Skiing days or lessons in West Bragg Creek to help fill B&B and hotels.
I don't know enough to say.

Enjoy the breaks.
Bragg is year round. Promote more.
Open education campus - wilderness survival.
Small scale/family operated short-term housing and experienced businesses.
Integrated health clinic - spa, medical, naturopath, etc. Specialty grocer - healthy, vegan, celiac-friendly. Tourist information centre. Environmental education/interpretive centre. Home improvement store (Home Hardware)!
Winter sport, activity, simple add more sustainable housing/visitor attractions will definitely improve local businesses ecmonomy during low seasons or weekdays.
All businesses need support in low seasons. County can support by new development and tourism.
Wellness services and short stay, activity centers. Community center adjusted to serve the community, not just a building w/ space. It should support bringing the community together.
Wellness, restaurants, cafes, wedding venue, activities for seniors, performing arts center.
Mountain bike tours and stays.
Short stay accomodations or corporate retreat facilities.
Shouldn't this already be sustainable and attractive enough? (Wellness services) Farmer's craft market. Public gm, racquet ball, badminton court, squash court, etc.
Outdoor sport.
Wildlife photography, wildlife identification - tracks, winter bike race - hamlet circuit, topographic map reading, live entertainment.
Programs for seniors/semi-retired/retired businesses. Programs for young families (preschoolers, parents with toddlers/babies). Many of these groups feel isolated - way to build community. Tea and talk at the café/ toddler friendly activities.
Tourism - compete for business with other locations surrounding Calgary, identify niche and pursue it.
Businesses build off of one another, so tough to say where the inertia is going. Wintergreen ski area could use it, parents drop off kids and then go into town to browse. Stop, hang out.
NONE. Current businesses reflect the beauty of this small and wonderful community. So, is this really necessary?
Online
Focus on slow, authentic, nature-connected activities. Avoid anything too flashy, big, or "theme park" — stay true to Bragg Creek's soul: quiet, creative, rustic, and deeply connected to the land.
The county should not promote businesses but rather streamline process so that it's easier for businesses to get going in the first place. Also, with greater density in the hamlet, low seasons/weekdays will be less so.
The County, Travel Alberta, Alberta Tourism, Foothills Tourism and local Chambers could meet to brainstorm this- something unique that supports all the towns around.
Until local population growth occurs, we have sufficient local business, as they strife presently for limited sales. Majority being weekend traffic
The previous question is worded in an interesting manner. Needed means you must have. Art galleries as a must have? Clothing places here, rather than in the city? Nope. Not must haves for in the hamlet. Nice to have, sure. That's a want when it's nice to have. You see where I'm going here, Folks? Okay, I checked off grocery store because

while I buy about half my monthly food there to support these folks and this store (by the way, they do a LOT for the community, the family that owns and runs it), it is good to have there even if I didn't as all of us run out of eggs or cream at some time over the months. The rest are wants, not needs. However, I think all are great to have here. I put tourism activities as well because these help folks value the nature of the area.
All businesses. RVC planning and building services need to stop being an impediment to development and start being a part of the solution.
See above. Mid-week deals would encourage more to dine out and shop local. Concerts, plays just before the weekend, wed-thurs.
We really don't want people coming out everyday. The crazy of the late spring/summer/fall weekends is enough. We stay out of the hamlet on weekends and go to the restaurants in town during the week. Given the growth projections, we will likely be overrun by traffic in the not so distant future. This won't be sustainable for the wildlife or the environment. The trails are overused in the peak times as is and the fact that we haven't had a serious incident between large predator and a trail user is more to good luck than planning.
It would be wonderful if the ski hill at Wintergreen were reestablished.
Cater to technical service economy businesses that can support a resident workforce, develop facilities to enable remote workers, and prioritize connectivity to highly reliable high-speed internet access. Develop access to affordable community services - sewer/water
The hardest season for business is the winter when tourism and travel are limited and slow As such having businesses that cater to the community as well as tourists, is essential for sustainability and to get community support. Gear and general stores, restaurants, and hobby stores that cater to multiple tastes have done quite well here.
There are constant requests for referrals of skilled trades, services, transportation and child care posted to local bulletin boards. The County's current framing of "needed businesses" reveals a disconnected, tourism-first lens. A truly regenerative, sustainable community must first serve the people who live here—not just cater to those who visit. Bragg Creek isn't just a destination—it's a home. Start treating it that way.
connectivity to local agri-business; area dark skies designation; collaboration with Calgary Economic Development;
Bragg creek has a great diversity of restaurants and retail stores. I think we could greatly benefit from tourist activities, ideally a spa, the trees have such a calming effect on a person I think it could be a massive draw for the town. For example, look at the Nordic Spa. People no come from all over the world to visit and even locals from Calgary visit there regularly. I also think the town would greatly benefit from a short term accommodation. As previously discussed many people love Bragg creek but they can't find anywhere to stay, so they often only make it a day trip from Calgary, which again reduces the amount of time and money they spend in our town.
We need a boutique hotel option in Bragg creek to give the calgary day-trippers a reason to stay overnight and/or weekend and help support local business. We could definitely use more wellness services like a hot yoga, functional gym, and spa type service. This is a sentiment shared by many locals who I talk to who have to travel to the city for these services.
No further businesses , there are already plenty and their quality should be assessed. The business you are proposing are not for the people who live here , People who live here do not want any extra business, there are plenty of Restaurants and Cafés. Cabins for overnight stays could be a good idea it limits the amount of people but does provide for overnight stays if loals do not have room for their friends to stay with them, A Jasper Park lodge style accommodation might be acceptable, but it would have to remain rustic
Perhaps highlight the restaurants in the area more.... Or have more activities in the area like u do with the horse drawn carriages and hay rides... things that would attract families to come out and spend the day
Don't know
Locals could be offered a local discount during slower periods.

I welcome all of them. Bragg should support the local residents and also those out for the day
Tourism activities, family friendly festivals, senior day trips.
We currently have a good grocery store which only needs hamlet development/population growth to thrive. The trail system is already there and has good funding . Same for Yoga - already 2 studios. The bike shop closed likely because the owners got tired of waiting for Hamlet growth and development to occur. Big shame. More RVC support is needed for businesses.
Local businesses, local farmers markets
Promote trades and home based businesses that do not rely on tourism. Encourage collaboration between businesses.
I feel we are well serviced
outside of Airbnb there are no places for people to stay in Bragg. Tough to attract people to spend time and money in the community if they can't stay here. Wouldn't hurt to have a spa as well. I'm sure it would be quite busy.
Have a fair to promote local home-based businesses Have special events to encourage Calgarians to come out ie Fall Festival/ Scarecrow Festival,
Leave our hamlet alone we are good the way we are.
Nothing, local residents need less busy days to get a break for the overcrowded weekends an holidays. Just look at the parking on weekend or holidays when the weather is nice.
Tourist information
Art galleries, restaurants, and the grocery store. Wintergreen Ski Hill (had it remained open after 2003) would've added immensely to the local economy in the wintertime.
Craft beer, and pubs
Arts and entertainment during the week
I do not live there, so I am not sure about the rest
The county should promote all businesses. A business owner would be best to answer this question.
I think a small boutique hotel, that is affordable, not luxury would be a benefit year-round for all seasons activities.
No comment.
I think Bragg Creek is perfect how it is! We've just added a beautiful pottery studio.

Q13. How do you feel about the impacts of tourism on Bragg Creek?

Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neither Positive nor negative	Somewhat negative	Negative
In person				
26	18	6	12	3
Online				
13	21	7	8	8

How do you feel tourism impacts you?

In-person
We ran Airbnbs and we are looking for more tourists.
I am able to go out and utilize the trails. Though some tourists are very impolite on roadways.
Larger stock on groceries is needed, feels like after the weekend there isn't a lot left for local residents. When there were cut backs to provincial garbage pick up, the provincial picnic area became so overrun we had to stop going.
Is it favourable - supports local businesses.
Supports the community but also there is increased traffic and gongestion.
Aside from the increase in traffic, the increase in ammenities and services are welcomed.
Too many people causing damage.
Over tourism, litter and traffic. The main mall is overflowing in high season. Example: Not able to check mail on Friday's because the lot is too hectic.
Litter, loss of wildlife.
Sometimes can be a bit busy, but not a big problem. I think the positives outweigh the negatives.
Right now it doesn't. I moved here to escape the city. I love the nature and quietness, that's why people come to Bragg Creek.
No impact now, perhaps in the very long term.
I think it helps the businesses.
Don't want Bragg Creek to become another Canmore, where it's so busy you can't even drive through town.
Needed to support small businesses.
Cross country skiiers, mountain bikers, hikers are great. Motorcyclists are not.
I believe its important for local business.
Tourism supports local businesses and allows them to be successful and prosper.
We live close to downtown and don't really notice it being busy even on the busiest days. Glad our favourite restaurants/stores are getting lots of business.
Concerned that this will be done without intentionality or thoughtfulness. I recognize we need to show and am deeply concerned with quick growth, people only vacationing here and not building our community with us. The lack of health services, school spaces, sewer threat to our water are issues. How do we protect the Eastern Slopes?
I love that people come here, it's so peaceful. Only thing is if we grow to fast without planning we will suffer the consequences. Not enough infrastructure to handle the growth. Plan, plan, plan!
Supports local businesses and makes community more vibrant.
Encroaches on quiet enjoyment as community grows.

Tourism that's done on a sustainable manner, not with the vision of becoming another "Banff".
Noise, garbage/litter, too many cars on rural roads.
Traffic, particularly those who don't respect speed limits or wildlife in area. Some days Balsam Ave looks like Glenmore Trail in rush hour. Makes it hard for those trying to access the main road.
Although I love local businesses and want them to be sustainable - the garbage on river banks (tossed lawnchairs, food packaging, broken bottles, filled dog waste bags tossed into nature, access traffic) has dampered the desire for tourism growth.
Positively.
We have a city of 1.6 million around the corner. We are overrun during good days, holidays and weekends. You cannot move - noise, congestion, traffic is a nightmare.
Tourists do not understand or respect the etiquette. West Bragg Trail usage has created traffic constantly.
Its become quite busy since Covid.
Speeding and litter are big problems. Good trails.
Great for the community - we need it!
Home - creates garbage clean up, noise irritation (loud exhausts)
Too much traffic - speeding - resulting in injuries and death. Even in 40km/h zones, people drive over double the limit.
(+) My fellow Chamber members benefit greatly, which makes me happy. (-) I do feel our community is more at risk for fires, refuse/garbage, human/wildlife collisions and traffic impacts.
Currently the level is acceptable but reaching an upper limit. I have a major concern that a mini Canmore situation could develop with excess seasonal traffic, parking pressures and impacts on road safety for all.
Very positive with local businesses grow and overall community growth including positive increase in property value. Look positive way like Canmore development.
Make tourism support lots of small business.
Garbage and dog poop is an issue, but overall I appreciate the economic contribution. I do worry about the environmental impact.
It has become too busy. We need tourists to support our community as long as they spend their money. They just use and trash the trails and then go home.
Worried about speeding, increased property taxes, pollution and litter.
A lot more West Bragg road traffic in the past few years - not great.
Keeps some businesses operating (grocery store) but increased traffic and disregard for reduced speed is a negative impact.
Parking challenges on weekends. Parking considerations are crucial.
Huge increase in numbers of tourists coming to visit. Not all of them are informed about how to safely interact with wildlife. Parking can be an issue, increased amount of waste, demands on water, traffic congestion, traffic speeding/parking issues. Curious to know percentage of tourists/visitors that spend $ in the Hamlet.
Tourism contributes to a vibrant economy, it brings in external revenues to compliment local growth.
Curious how much users of West Bragg Trail system stop in the Hamlet and how much money they spend.
Visitors should be made aware of this unique "Hamlet in the woods" and respect what its residents want.
Traffic noise further intensifies the need for West Bragg Creek Egress. Very important that Egress not be a road that is permanently opened as that would only increase.
Online
I often feel overwhelmed by it — especially on weekends. The heavy traffic, crowds of ice cream buyers strolling without much connection to the town, and the constant noise and pollution make Bragg Creek feel less like a

community and more like a tourist stop. Many of these visitors do not contribute meaningfully to the town; they bring little economic benefit but leave a big environmental and social footprint. The noise from motorcycles in particular is disruptive and should be more strictly enforced. Because of this, I tend to avoid going into town on weekends altogether, which is a real loss for those of us who live here year-round.
I don't like the noise in the hamlet due to the large numbers of motorcycles, especially at the weekends in spring/summer/fall, the lack of parking at the shopping centre during those busy times, nor the increase in traffic and difficulty getting in and out of Bragg Creek, the volume of vehicles and frequent speeding along the West Bragg Creek Road, plus the amount of garbage thrown from cars or deposited in overly-full bins, particularly in Bragg Creek Provincial Park which becomes a dangerous attractant to wildlife.
I built and then sold a successful vacation rental business and tourists LOVE coming here.
Tourism presently drives a lot of commerce but it also creates havoc on weekends
It's a pain in my ass. I don't go to the hamlet on weekends unless I was really stupid and forgot to get something important. If it's a long weekend, yikes! I try to keep my cussing at dumbass drivers who stop plumb in the middle of the road to gawk while they block traffic under my breath. Sometimes I even succeed because I tell myself "Smile, you're a tourist attraction, c'mon Alberta smile" (yeah, I am old enough to remember that commercial). It makes it hard to get out of the front gate of the area where I live because traffic on West Bragg Road is waaaaay too much. Sure, I try to remind myself that I am blessed living here where everyone wants to be. But watching a bunch of suckers pay to eat an ice cream cone while surrounded by cars and concrete in a mall parking lot really tests my faith in humanity.
Property value up - positive. Taxes up - negative. Tourism allows the local businesses to remain. Love that the hamlet has just enough restaurants and a couple of coffee spots and bakeries. The markets are a nice touch as well. I want the local shops to do well. West Bragg is amazing to have for hikes, bikes, and skiing. Getting out on trails is therapeutic for all. The trail to West Bragg is great, but it would be better if it was wider allowing for both those biking and those walking. Consider an area for those to park in town and hop on a bike to venture out to W. Bragg or toward hwy 66,
Tourism changes our life patterns. We make sure we have everything we need before weekends so we aren't forced to head out. We do not shop or go to restaurants during tourist peak time. We do not use the trails when the tourists are out but go on off hours or in less than ideal weather conditions. Increasing this to a higher level all the time would have a severe impact on the quality of our life. At the moment it is all workable since we do not live in the hamlet or immediate adjacent area. Our work allows us flexibility and work from home options so we are not tied to being out specific days or times. We can recreate during non-peak days/time. I am not sure how the hamlet people tolerate the noise during the summer weekends.
It helps to keep open many businesses that also serve those who live here. It adds to crazy traffic in the summer. It contributes to the vibrancy of this hamlet. I am very happy that, for the most part, tourists are not attracted to the residential neighbourhoods in the hamlet. I would hate to see recreational trails built in residential areas.
to provide a positive experience for all, tourism needs to support the community and add value, not overwhelm or negatively impact finite community and natural resources.
Having a good tourism industry is great for our local businesses as well as giving importance to our community, which gives us leverage for our economic and social development That said, the issue is that too much tourism can make life harder on people who live here, by clogging up our streets with vehicles, and scaring away or affecting our wildlife, which impacts the quality of our biological environments. No one here wants to be Banff or Canmore.

Weekends at mall starting in April through to October are nuts if weather is nice. I avoid going into town
The impact of tourism on Bragg Creek has become overwhelmingly negative. The community is being treated like a recreational playground, with little regard for the long-term strain placed on residents, infrastructure, and the environment. We see: *Chronic traffic congestion on weekends and holidays *Litter and animal waste along trails and public areas, with insufficient waste infrastructure *Strained emergency services—ambulance sirens are now a weekly occurrence due to injuries from recreational activities like biking, skiing, and hiking *Uncontrolled fire risk, brought on by inexperienced or careless visitors unfamiliar with the hazards of a dry, aging forest *Domesticated deer becoming habituated to tourists, turning into photo ops while compromising their natural behaviour and increasing road hazards And unless the growing fire risk is taken seriously, with proactive fuel load reduction and County-supported mitigation strategies for residents, the entire area is growing more ripe for a disaster. Tourism in its current form is unsustainable, poorly managed, and increasingly dangerous. Bragg Creek is not a curated rustic experience—it is a real, at-risk community that deserves planning and policy based on safety, ecological integrity, and year-round livability. Until that shift happens, tourism will remain a liability—not an asset.
I would like to see more education around river use; increased education from GoA at the WB recreation area would be great; continue signage (i.e. wildlife awarness) and potentially
Without proper infrastructure the impact doesn't improve local lifestyle choices.
I lived in canmore for 6 years and witnessed how tourism can really impact a town. I moved away from canmore (as did a lot of my friends) when the tourism became too much for many of the locals and the town suffered from long waits and poor traffic flow and congestion issues. I feel Bragg creek can support tourism but it needs to be done slowly and sustainably. Currently on weekend between April and October, the hamlet is getting quite busy and avoided by locals due to congestion in the mall and parking lot. The gateway project which has been on the shelf for many years now and is in a prime location in town, needs to be developed asap to help provide more options for locals and tourists alike and also allow for better flow and more parking options in town.
Far too many people and even worse Traffic ! , this is an area of Rural living and not a Canmore style place that is now overun with tourists
Well for the most part I think it's nice because people like to come and enjoy the beauty here. I just don't want it to become so busy that it destroys the area.
Quality of life has gone downhill since we moved here 15 yrs ago. Tourists can be inconsiderate on the roads speeding. There is motorcycle parking in a specified area but motorcycles park in regular car parking instead, and they drive around parking lot on their noisy bikes and it's hard to sit on a patio and enjoy. So noise pollution. Crotch rocket bikes are complete assholes, crazy speeds. The last time we enjoyed Bragg Creek was during covid lock down, the west bragg road twp 232 was pleasant to be on for a change. We could ride our bikes, we saw horse back riders and people were happy. I would love to see west bragg recreation closed. The twp 232 is like a mini hwy 1. It's stupid idiots who have no respect for speed limit and others that live along there. Please shut it down, access should be from hwy 66 or 68, not a tiny twp road.
We can't park in our own hamlet most summer weekends. West Bragg creek traffic is unbearable at times. On a busy weekend getting in and out of here is terrible. We don't even encourage our friends to visit us on a

Saturday or Sunday. Motorcycle traffic is out of control. We need a police presence.
Because of the visitors I get more stores and restaurants than would otherwise make sense
Tourism promotes the development and maintenance of the facilities or trails that we all enjoy. It also sustains local businesses.
Encourages local businesses which I support to thrive.
Helps support the businesses that we all benefit from.
Used to be a huge problem with traffic now solved by the traffic lights. Houses in my street becoming short term rentals reduces the Neighbour relationships we have.
Motorbike traffic is an issue, noise especially on Hwy 762 and safety issues
just crowds in summer it takes me anywhere from an hour from redwood to west Bragg Creek lol
Sometimes make traffic. and it can become difficult to find parking in town on busy weekends
Tourism helps keep the Bragg Creek economy alive. The negative impact of this is the increase in the amount of traffic, littering and noise. Some of this could be mitigated by education and perhaps a remote hub with transit to and from the trails and Hamlet.
It is busier in town with traffic. The traffic lights have helped a lot.
Doesn't directly impact me. Selfishly I like our little community and don't want it to grow.
Helps support the local businesses which keeps them in our community.
Additionally traffic makes it dangerous for my children playing
I think it is great that people can come out and enjoy what Bragg Creek has to offer. However, this becomes a huge negative when too many people come here and compete for the same services. Also the large number of motor cycles and cyclists (both road and mountain bike) that come out and do not respect the area and the rules of road and hamlet greatly negatively impacts tourism.
Motorbikes are very noisy, especially at weekends. Can’t park in parking lot at weekend.
It doesn't, except for traffic and more cars and noise on the weekends. It's good to see local businesses busy when the tourists stay and enjoy what BC has to offer.
its wonderful to use Alberta's natural advantages.
I like to see tourists enjoying the Hamlet and the Provincial Park. However, they are very disrespectful of nature and wildlife and residents by leaving garbage EVERYWERE. The garbage is a significant problem. Parking can also be a problem with tourists parking on the grass in the Hamlet. There is now a large parking lot in the Hamlet so there is no need to park on the grass along Balsam Avenue.
Too many people visiting where my quality of life is negatively impacted. Too many motor bikes, and crotch rockets flying down a center line into on coming traffic. Lots of speeding. Not enough attention to the wild life and wild horses. People behind the wheel just don't get it, or they don't want to slow down, or they don't care what wildlife are out there. Well I do, we grow up with wildlife . More signs have to go up for people coming to bragg about wildlife. Why do t we keep a number toll of how many animals have been killed... please do the speed limit, not 20 or 30 or 40 km/hr over. So no more people, if so, then maybe make signs you are not welcome. It's too much for little Bragg
It helps the town and the businesses
Bragg Creek has a 1.5 million city 20 km to the east; tourism is inevitable
Tourism used to impact us because of the traffic and trying to get in and out during the weekends. However, the traffic light has definitely helped that it was many many years overdue. The other way tourism impact is with the parking at the mall on the weekends, there should be some kind of alternative parking facility for tourism.

It increases garbage that gets left behind for wildlife. Directly affects me traffic wise on the weekends, but that is when I stay close to home.
Tourism is I think pretty maximal right now. There is no sign of it abating. I don't think we want less because our businesses need it, but we cannot accomodate more.
Bring it on. Take the cuffs off and turn Bragg into canmore
Positive until it is over crowded
overcrowded parking lots
Traffic
The one concern I have is: Can we keep the tourists on the West Bragg Trail system. Recently the 'trails apps' have started listing little community trails like '2 Pine' & more & more Calgarians are parking in the neighbourhoods & using these little trials that creekers enjoy. I think that this could go seriously wrong if the amount of people coming into our quiet streets increases any more. It would be great if West Bragg trails & the Provincial park were the main public trails.

Q14. What are the environmental or natural assets we would like to protect?

In-person
Valley and forests - trails.
Forest and accompanying trails. Waterways - beauty, access and recreation.
Wild spaces, river/creek side.
Forested areas - feels like a fire is imminent in the area.
Natural feel, embracing nature.
The nature and residents.
Need another road out of West Bragg for fire.
Trees & river. Don't want more dense devleopments. Wildfire risk - emergency egress needed for West Bragg Creek.
Clean water, spaces for wild life, dark skies.
All of them.
All of them.
Forests, waterways, etc. Winter ski trails.
As much as possible.
Keeping the vegetation full and nurtured.
Trees, rivers, wildlife.
Green corridor along river.
Trees, natural pathways, sight lines to the mountains, riparian buffer to areas along the river.
River, riparian buffer to all waterbodies.
Keeping lots of trees in the townsite.
Water, landscapes - continuous landscapes, big animals and all the others.
Trees and water bodies.
The land, the countryside, the lifestyle.
Water, streams, views, trees, all of it. Birds, undergrowth, natural landscape not cultivated, animal pathways.
Animals, wildflowers and natural habitat. Beavers.
Do not spoil the natural area by over-development or over use. K-Country And West Bragg Trails. Wetlands. Wildlife.
Protecting the trees, river banks and wildlife.
Literally the land - capping residential growth and having convinents - like Jasper compared to Canmore/Banff. "You can only live in Jasper if you work there" type of thing. Limit hotels/no condos or apartments, air bnb's or rentals, etc. We are already taxing the environment at this level.
Water and affluent. Protect homes and forests by properly logging them.
Wildlife corridors - habitat (what people come to see), Natural vegetation, trees - we can firesmart, remove fuel. People need to move lots that have space to include trees, open space.
River banks and rivers.
The forest, the mountain biking and hiking trail system. NO LOGGING!
Water quality, wetlands, ecological systems that support the amazing diversity of life that exists here - we should make sustaining this diversity a priority.
Water, trees, wildlife, quiet living.

All surroundings, trails, etc.
K-country - desperately needs fire smart progra, to protect K-country, homes and businesses. Up stream dams on Elbow River and creeks to save water and keep water table up.
Dirt bike and off road vehicle areas.
ALL OF THEM. Weltands, riparian areas, streams, river, forest, grasslands, transition zones, floodways (natural drainage), swales, berms, orchid area, all habitat and nesting, breeding, migration areas, all biodiversity, all pollinator species and the plants they need.
Wildlife - A phenomenal asset that is under stress. Clear wildlife corridors need to be ensured. Bragg Creek wild has good ideas. Trees - A planned diversification away from the large spruce dominence and the associated fire risk. Changing climate should help more deciduous trees.
Elbow river and wildlife.
Wildlife, river.
The rare orchids that grow in this area, the wetlands, the forests! I am very worried about the clear cutting of areas and the licenses that are being handed out to the logging companies. The trees will not grow back in our lifetime.
Bike trails.
The river and associated tributaries flowing into the Elbow.
Wildlife, western culture, unique diversity.
Our forests - Fire smart.
This really is the biggest feature to this community. The feeling in this area is the proximity to the forest, wildlife, river.
Clean air, clean water, trees, night skies, all the animals that live in this area.
Most of the forest (75% +), all water ways and water shed, wildlife corridors!, roads near paintball see huge impact/collisions with wildlife.
Wildlife corridors - this will limit negative human/wildlife interactions. More public education.
Natural assets are a resource to support sensible economic growth.
Elbow river, Bragg Creek, wet lands - marsh areas. Provincial park, Kananaskis. Game reserves.
Water, wildlife, forests, wetlands, alluvial aquifer, rivers, creeks.
Wildlife, rivers & creeks, forest.
Online
water and forest and wildlife
The natural green space, the dark sky at night, clean air plus peace and quiet.
Watershed Wild Orchids in Hamlet
Obviously our watershed, wildlife, boreal forest but we can't have growth without impact. Eg. We need sustainable forest management or just like Jasper we'll have uncontrollable fires. If not already to late. You can't have growth without impacting wildlife
All of them.
Clean water. I like that people can swim in the elbow, but want to ensure the river isn't overwhelmed by increasing the number of access points. Clean air. - Unfortunately, off gassing from the treatment plant is gross. Heading to Wintergreen, often smell the sewage from the plant.

Wetlands, environmental reserves must be kept as they provide for the managing of the water on the landscape. They also provide needed habitat. We need to make sure there is connectivity between wild areas so that the wildlife can move throughout the area without having conflict with humans. I really question why we are even considering developing in the flood plain and flood risk area. Certainly we should be preserving the creek and river shorelines for both flood mitigation and habitat preservation.
Forests, public access to the river, clean water, wildlife, public pathways and protected areas
resilient forest, water and wildlife resources
Wildlife is key, but also we can't be logging the heck out of here, as that ruins soil quality and takes away our natural defenses from flooding and landslides
Mountain trails. Cycling, horseback, hiking and XC ski trails all vital. Mountain views.
The forest itself is one of Bragg Creek's greatest natural assets—but right now, it also represents one of our greatest environmental liabilities due to the escalating fire risk. Years of accumulated deadfall, dense undergrowth, and aging tree stands have created a volatile fuel load surrounding homes, trails, and infrastructure. If we're serious about protecting our natural assets, then fire mitigation must be the first priority. That means: *Active forest management—not passive admiration *Aggressive county-supported programs for fuel reduction on public and private land *Incorporating fire risk into every development and land use decision *Banning open fires in high-risk periods and enforcing compliance *Treating the forest as a living, dynamic system—not a static backdrop for recreation We cannot "protect" the forest by pretending it's fine as-is. If fire risk isn't addressed head-on, we won't have anything left to protect.
river; limited human/animal conflict
Promoting harmony with nature, local cultural respect for wildlife and protecting same.
Natural creeks and estuaries Local trees Wildlife corridors
All of them
Water is a big one. The trees and natural areas.
Wildlife and trees
Protect our green spaces. Get bear bins for garbage. Traffic and speed enforcement to protect wildlife.
We want to prevent wild fires, ensure that trails are used to reduce the impact of tourists, waterways, and protect resident's privacy and security.
The trees and water, wetlands and wild animals.
The WBC trail system is constantly under threat by logging. Instead of a logging plan perhaps we need a "real" fire protection plan.
Natural landscapes and wildlife. Access to areas that have minimal human impact.
River bank, Forests, prevent pesticide use in the area, use goats, protect water from chemtrails and glyphosate

my part of elbow river I have protected it since I was a child that's what fed me thru the younger years catch and release I am still cleaning up debris from 2013 flood from river rebar still in river
I would like to see as many of the existing trees and scrub protected during construction to preserve the character of the area, rather than stripping the whole area and then trying to replant.
The land, animals and waterways
Forest and wildlife
All forests, animal pathways, the waterways
the open space by limited high density buildings.
Forest and wildlife
Forests (contiguous and small stands), river and creek, wetland, and mountain vistas.
trees, shorefront, scene scape
Natural landscapes including native plant species. Biodiversity. Wildlife. Wildlife habitats and corridors.
Wildlife
Water, forest, green spaces
All of the environment and the natural assets need to be protected
OUR WATERAYS and the banks of our waterways
Global warming is with us. Cutting down trees to create new development is something we have to weigh very carefully and offset. Personally, I'd like to see more planting and less cutting.
Absolutely none
Water, trees and wildlife.
Elbow river
All natural environment features and functions
Clean air, clean water, wild life and QUIET. We should NOT make any more roads. We do not need any more houses. The beauty of this wild hamlet comes from its outdoor recreation. This would be marred badly by anymore cars or houses....Its already crazy busy on the main roads compared to 15 years ago.

Q15. What are some safeguards we can place around environmental or natural assets?

In-person
Install enough waste bins and manage collection.
Protect natural assets from development.
If logging is allowed in West Bragg it will greatly harm the environment that is so much a part of Bragg Creek today. Logging might be considered if it is used to create a fireguard and not destroy waterways by being too close.
Fire proof our properties. Proactive programs to encourage residents.
Don't make it a concrete jungle, keep the essence of Bragg Creek as natural as possible.
I welcome any safeguards to protect natural assets. Stopping West Frazer logging.
Limiting lights outdoors, preventing waste ending up in the water, accessible garbage cans for trash.
Install upwind, a few dozen super sprinklers/jets to fight wild potential fires from the West. The last time this area burned to the ground was 120 years ago. Trees are now getting old with a lot of dead fall. Fair chance it will happen again. This solution was proposed for Jasper, but never executed.
We are human, we can't put safe guards in place. We are the earths worst enemy.
Regulated access.
Protect wildlife and the environment. More fire protection.
More fire protection and another exit across the elbow river from the West.
Restrictions on cutting trees, protect types of trees, no clear cutting properties, small town country feel.
Limit building footprint to percentage of lot size, limit lawn size to protect trees.
Pathways with rock, shrubs and a meandering pathway amongst the trees and the river.
Riparian buffers, eco-education, no over-tourism.
Bylaws on cutting down trees.
Garbage control, light pollution (dark skies), traffic and speed, trails expansions, listen to Bragg Creek and BCEC.
Make sure there is enough info to prevent damage - market in a positive way.
No building.
Reduce tourism - less people - chamber of commerce seem to carry too much weight in the decisions that are made. This should be a quiet natural community.
"Planned logging"
Special areas need to be closed off from masses of tourist invasions, particularly in Spring when animals are protecting young.
Fire smarting, providing facilities for visitors (like garbage disposal), constructing flood prevention improvements.
Limit park passes or trail #'s - to site a wise enviro guru who presented in Bragg over the years... "We cannot do all the things, everywhere, all the time." We need to be proactive not reactive as damage to this already confirmed unique and fragile ecosystem has been done and continues on many fronts.

Bragg Creek should have a few of the "fire suppresion" water cannons that were displayed at the fire smart seminars.
Limit access to environmentally sensitive areas. Provide transporation outside the hamlet with buses - corner of #1 and 22 where people car pool to go to Banff.
Hard limit on housing and commercial growth. Small boutique hotel is 25 rooms.
Encourage car pooling to Bragg Creek day use area from the HWY 1 & HWY 22 area. Perhaps provide bus service on busy days. Do NOT allow peple to park on the TWP RD 232 when parking lot is full. Speed limit should be 50km/hr all the way to West Bragg Creek.
Leave large areas of contiguous habitat - not much different to what we have today especially in the greater area.
West Bragg needs an emergency egress - the sooner the better.
Education.
More enforcement staff. Education of how to act for tourists.
More managed access.
Natural buffers - berms, stone/boulders, water features. Fencing of appropriate materials. Photo vottaic panel (solar PV) ground-mounted arrays. Rain gardens. Stormwater ponds. Pathways.
Baseline metrics with clear targets for improvement and mandatory reporting to inform build and tourist development.
Flood mitigation, etc.
More clear walkways, additional trash support, gating in key areas for preservation.
Stop clearcutting! Invest in regenerative building.
Fire is the biggest risk! There needs to be some provision for clearing timber to minimize the impacts of a wildfire.
Flood, fire mitigation, emergency egress.
Emergency evacuation plans. Warning sirens (very important!)
Garbage bylaw & better control of business waste solutions in town.
Signage to safeguard trails. Limit vehicles parking - designate better parking.
Wildlife crossing (like over Trans Can in Banff), bear bins.
More public education. Limit development to a specific area, develop certain trails and provide ammenities in targeted areas encourage visitors to gravitate towards those places. Consider offering public transportation during peak times - weekends/summer.
What makes Bragg Creek unique/attractive in the region in the long term? Limited growth opportunities will drive investment elsewhere.
User fees that go towards noticeable improvements and safe guard to environment.
Public awareness.
Firesmart has been promoted (well) recently, however - the provincial park has many downed trees from blow down 3 years ago. WHO addresses this? It is increasingly dry and flammable material - hard to access if a fire starts within it. And it is right by (within) Hamlet area.

Online
To truly safeguard our environmental and natural assets, we need to take stronger, more decisive actions. First, we should end the outdated and harmful tradition of Christmas tree harvesting, which damages young forests and wildlife habitats. Park access should be shut down at night to give animals undisturbed time to move and feed safely. Speed limits and traffic enforcement must be taken seriously to reduce wildlife deaths on the roads, and strict enforcement of leash laws is necessary to protect sensitive species from domestic dogs. Beyond local actions, we must push for larger protections, such as turning Kananaskis into a full park where logging and industrial activities are banned — industry cannot coexist with the conservation of our watershed. Finally, Bragg Creek must have a strong voice in opposing coal exploration, which threatens the entire ecosystem we depend on.
Limit street lighting and set standards for residential property lighting to keep the sky dark as well as surrounding areas. This is extremely important for wildlife. Impose, and consistently police, noise bylaws on vehicles. Crack down on speeding. Place bear-proof garbage bins in the hamlet and make sure they get emptied.
Speak to Dave Klepecki our local expert
Selective logging with adequate access left behind for fire suppression if needed; human/wildlife interaction legal power; unfortunately everyone wants corridors but animals don't know that & development is always to late & inadequate size
Education - Bragg Creek Wild is doing a super job of this. Signage and closures. Proper handling of garbage and attractants. Fewer paved areas, more natural ones. Avoiding streetlight and light pollution.
Place something in pipe to remove the smell of sewage. Limit access to elbow.
We need to follow the scientific driven solutions for protecting habitat and natural areas.
Fire smarting, paths for people and wildlife over the flood-mitigation rocks, bylaws to deal with wildlife attractants, an on-leash dogs bylaw
improved access and trail development - give people a place to go to avoid damage to more sensitive locations
Have areas and times for wildlife to recuperate and access the roads or areas without disturbance Such as limit ATV activity and heavy tourism, provide curfews for when parks should shut down or when trials are open to the public Put in conditions and restrictions in the amount of logging and more importantly development give our water shortages

If we want to safeguard Bragg Creek's natural assets—especially its forests, homes, and the surrounding watershed—from fire, then we need to treat wildfire risk like the environmental emergency it is. This requires real, enforceable policy, not just education campaigns or aspirational planning language. Key safeguards should include: *Require mandatory removal of debris piles, waste wood, and garbage from properties—these are preventable fire accelerants hiding in plain sight *Annual inspections and enforcement of property-level fire risk standards, with real consequences for non-compliance *FireSmart bylaws applied to all residential, commercial, and undeveloped properties—not just suggestions or voluntary programs *Prohibition of open burning and outdoor wood storage near structures, especially during high-risk seasons *County-supported cleanup programs to assist residents in fuel load reduction *Development restrictions tied to demonstrated fire mitigation on adjacent land Without enforcement, policy is meaningless. The County must commit to regular monitoring, clear penalties, and funded enforcement capacity. Protecting natural assets in Bragg Creek means actively managing the risks we've been ignoring—and supporting and then holding every property owner accountable.
education; design that encourages desired behaviour and culture
Public education so that we can help educate locals and tourists about our wildlife and how to coexist
keep too many people away
Access to garbages in areas where people Tend to go. Access to bathrooms for the same reason. Education around wildlife
No building of any kind. Do not add any more people. The wildlife are already affected by tourists stupid driving, motorcycle groups by the 100, and crotch rockets.
Public access to the river is a must. If we develope the river without public access we will have killed most of our potential
Utilization of designated areas and trails a safe distance from residental locations.
Discourage removal of trees (other than for fire smarting which is very important), ban draining of wetlands. Ban development in environmentally sensitive areas - wet, wooded, slopes... The biggest risk to wildlife is excessive speed on the WBC rd. Permanent radar speed indicators should be installed in both directions. Speed limit should be dropped to 60 km/hr - keep in mind that the Three Sisters Parkway in Canmore is 50km/hr.
Establishing an effective wildfire mitigation plan in collaboration with provincial forestry.
Limits to construction such as low housing density, no tall buildings, thoughtful architecture and landscaping. Maintain low speed limits.
Create crossing paths for wildlife, esp on Hwy 22x
keep farms from upstream from polluting water when a flood happens my field is full of noxis weeds now from 2013 flood
Preserve areas close to waterways, avoid clearing steep slopes, develop sensibly while maintaining existing wildlife corridors.
Pathways and limit fruit trees and berry bushes
Don't overdevelop

Access to clean drinking water. Proper waste and sewage disposal.
minimize tree cutting.
Have set limits to how close you can build to a waterway, forest, animal pathway. Control noise
Minimum lot sizes for any new builds.
Ban vehicles!
Limit development and type of access to these sensitive areas. End all OHV usage in K-Country.
pockets of protected reserve land around the water and trees
Native plant species, wildlife and wildlife habitat should be considered, and should be a priority, for any type of development or change. This would include any new buildings or infrastructure, trails or other recreational activities, and things such as the berm. The berm is a good example of something that was needed, and is beneficial in many ways (a nice walking path), but the use of non-native grass and big boulders with little access to the river did not take into account the environment and wildlife.
Less people, so no development. More speed traps. Reduce speed limit in hamlet from 40 to 30
No suggestions
Limit building close to water edges
Don't care
Fire block.
Identifying, avoiding, mitigating and compensating for potential negative impacts.
Absolutely NO new houses without a proper sewage system. You cannot have density with septic tanks. Most of us get our water from wells. There is extreme danger in putting in more houses as this may affect the cleanliness of our ground water. The wildlife is already quite hemmed in. It will be destroyed if Rockyview trys to develop Bragg Creek.

Q16. What are the safety risks of living so close to nature?

In-person
Cougars attacking pets and kids.
Open garbage attracting wildlife.
Fires. Deadwood. Property wildlife proofing.
Fire - there is no egress other than Balsamare. Another must be planned ASAP. A detailed plan for evacuation from West Bragg must be made and then shared with residents and available to tourists.
Wild fires are the biggest hazard these days.
Fires, wildlife, wind - falling tree risks.
If you think you should be as safe as you are in the city to the perils of nature then do not move to Bragg Creek. Safety risks are weather, wildlife, being stranded due to weather.
Fire and not enough protection services.
Fire.
Wild fire.
Wild fire.
Fire. 100 year floods. The present measures are ok but not sufficient enough. We have had 4 in the last 150 years that were bigger. The bridge can not handle max potential flow.
Eaten by a cougar or a bear. Hitting deer or horses or dogs on the road.
Fire. Need better community planning to have equipment nearby.
Protect the wildlife.
Fire.
Wildlife, fires, floods, risks of trees falling on house, snowed in, cut off from amenities (service).
Fire and flood.
Wildlife.
Fire, flood.
Fire without and egress, flood without an egress.
Impacting wildlife.
We have critters in our backyards! Lol
Fire and wildlife.
Nothing, they were here first.
Really there are very few if you understand and respect the nature around you - a good reason to move here is to be amongst the nature and natural environment and respect it.
Nature will leave us due to growth.
Fire. Aggressive wildlife (deer).
Wild fires and wildlife.
Mostly risks on nature/wildlife. Hence my dislike for more housing developments. Humans are encroaching - animals are trying to survive. NOT a new issue.
DUH!
None - if we plan properly it is an absolute privilege.

Wildfires - Fire smarting needs to encourage.
Fire.
Ignorance.
Fire, flood, animal encounters.
Stupidity of people. Lack of formal education and planning of home owners and visitors.
Garbage.
Fire, flood, animal encounters.
FIRE - this is a huge risk without adequate plans for the risk with climate change. The Hamlet needs a dedicated firehouse and hydrants.
Fire!
Fire/flood. I am not worried about wildlife. It is why I moved here.
Bears, tourists.
None.
Fire (planned or "natural") Flooding and other "natural disasters".
Fire.
Garbage bylaw! Such an important item.
Fire - No plan to evacuate for all from north side of river. Bear/cougar encounters.
Collisions, predators (low risk cougars/bears.) Please leave wildlife alone and create wildlife corridor protections.
Negative interaction with wildlife & people with pets. Wildlife visiting businesses & properties if garbage is not properly dealt with.
Wild fires, flooding.
Forest fire, wind storms (fallen trees), surface flooding. Egress from West Bragg.
Risks come with respect of the natural environments.
Human wildlife conflict regarding domestic animals and predators - requires more attention and protection on part of owners. Risks of bear/cougar attacks (rare here). People need to manage their garbage (food contact). Education. The transfer site has provided good opportunity.
This area is vulnerable to fire with continuity of fuels, inadequate infrastructure, lack of access (secondary) and egress.
Online
Living close to nature means accepting that we are part of it — not separate from it. In a less modified environment, we must understand that natural forces like fire, floods, and wildlife interactions are not anomalies, but part of the reality we choose to live within. We should not be surprised when these events occur; instead, we must be diligent and educated in how we coexist with nature. This means practicing fire-smart behaviors, managing pets responsibly, building in appropriate and safe locations, and respecting the natural processes that govern the land. Safety comes not from trying to control nature, but from understanding and adapting to it.
One needs to be bear aware and cougar cautious.
I've been here ~70 years. There's lots

Getting diseases from ticks, getting killed by a cougar, getting stomped by a deer, having a tree fall on you, drowning in the creeks and ponds. Hey, c'mon, you know all of this. Getting lost and freezing to death. Getting hit by a vehicle speeding on West Bragg Road while said vehicle is rushing out to slow down and commune with nature,
Wildlife encounters and wildfires.
Wildfire is the major risk factor in this area. I question the wisdom of increasing the human density of areas that are firmly in the urban wildfire interface. With the number of people in the west Bragg area currently residing and with the large number recreating there during the wildfire season, it would be very difficult to evacuate on short notice. The wildlife is at higher risk with our living out here, more so than the other way around. New development should be along Highway 22 as at least there is easy egress at that location
Forest fire, wildlife conflicts in natural areas and also on the roadways, flooding, drought, overuse by tourists
flooding, fires, wildlife interactions
Fire, flooding, and urban development
Aggesive wildlife can be an issue. Fire is the biggest risk for the few weeks it's dry and hot in these parts. July/August.
The biggest safety risk is wildfire. Bragg Creek is surrounded by dense, aging forest with severe fuel accumulation. One lightning strike, unattended campfire, or careless visitor could trigger a fast-moving wildfire with limited evacuation routes and no meaningful fire buffer around the community. This isn't a theoretical threat—it's a growing reality, and right now, we're underprepared. Next is road safety, especially in winter. Icy, winding and uneven roads with poor maintenance, combined with a high, increasingly habituated wildlife population—especially deer—create year-round collision risks. Visitors unfamiliar with local driving conditions make it worse. These aren't "natural inconveniences"—they're life safety issues, and they demand real investment: Fire mitigation planning, fuel reduction, and emergency response capacity Improved road maintenance and de-icing and sanding, especially on key access routes Wildlife hazard mitigation, including fencing, signage, and population management Living near nature doesn't mean living with unmanaged risk. It means being responsible stewards—and right now, we're behind.
mostly for the animals
None. It is a lifestyle choice!
None. Most of us who have moved to Bragg creek know and understand the risks when we moved there. Even though we have wild animals that can create fear, there are many risks in the city that are likely much worse and much more likely of occurring (crime, theft, motor vehicle accidents. Etc) We shouldn't try and control nature by fencing and mitigating risks. Public education and coexistence is a great way to help us understand our environment and teach our residents and guests about the wildlife and potential risks in the area.

You look after them and have an appreciation for all that is offered , it's at your own risk and common rural sense to live here you learn from others who live here and take care of things naturally ! the riska are far more minimal than living in a city
Exposure to wild animals.. either big predators like bears or cougars or even just keeping an Eye out for deer while driving
Too bad the animals suffer
Over tourism is disrupting wildlife patterns bringing bears and cougars to our homes. Fire is our biggest concern now. No proper egress and amount of cars has increased dramatically. Residential break ins due to no police presence.
I do worry about a fire coming in through the provincial park. I fear it will move fast and be devastating
Wild fires, encounters with wildlife, trampled fauna, exposures to insects like ticks, fleas, and potential stings. Increased pollution to local groundwater, waterways, and the landscape are risks to the local environment.
Wildfire and flood are the 2 biggest risks.
Fire & wildlife encounters
Wildfire.
only cougars and sometimes a grizzley wonders thru
Flood, fire and human/wildlife conflicts.
Without education wildlife encounters
Humans don't understand the natural environment. The danger is as much to the animals and the environment as it is to humans.
Keeping wildlife away from garbage. Therefore more bearproof garbage bins should be installed in and around the hamlet. Signage should be posted to aware people of the risk of garbage and wildlife connect.
forest fire.
Fire, flood, dangerous animal encounters
Wildlife encounters, rural crime, and nature disasters like flooding and fire.
Fire is the most obvious...
fire risk, wildlife exposure
Trees falling on our houses. Forest fire. Dog encounters with wildlife.
Live with wildlife or move.
Wildlife encounters Forest fires Water pollution
Fire mitigation is crucial with responsible forest management
That’s obvious
Impacting wildlife negatively, and also affecting our water supply
People from the city
Fire
FIRE
People that don't know how to deal with/avoid/mitigate potential interactions.
We do have cougars & bears. This is part of the charm of our hamlet. In order to safely live with these big predators, it is important that they have A LOT of space.

Q17. Are there specific areas in which additional natural linkages and wildlife corridors could be placed?

In-person
Current wildlife migration routes.
Bridge across 236.
Yes. These need to be identified and appropriately signed. There are many within communities and along every road. Some are on private land.
Beam linkage for wildlife crossing.
Unsure, this would depend on migratory patterns and wildlife studies. Base decisions on science, not fear.
Highway 22X.
No, just don't build there.
More wild life corridors are needed.
Across the West Bragg road.
Two-pines to Wintergreen.
Between provincial park, the river, by trading post.
West Bragg to Tsuutina to Wintergreen to Redwood. We have data and need to use it to serve humans and land.
Sure, but how?
Don't know.
Best to allow the current corridors to exist as they are.
More wild life corridors are needed.
Maybe additional rural pathways not paved ones.
Look where game trails are to get area where wildlifes natural corridors are.
Unknown.
Good question - maybe a study needed.
Need to identify where the animals are, where they are going - include better animal access from the river to the berm.
Just protect the ecological connections and habitats at patches that already exist.
Flood wall restricts river access to deer.
Hamlet. Inform visitors.
Everywhere feasible, practical and beneficial.
Riverside areas need to be conductive to wildlife use.
West Bragg Creek side.
Across the river.
Not sure. However, I am concerned about the amount of wildlife (deer) walking around with broken legs from the boulders on the side of the river.
N/A.
Not sure. Don't destroy nature and animal habitat.
West Bragg Creek.

Was there not going to be berms as part of the flood mitigation - allow deer to more easily cross the river.
Rocky View County could address fall/spring migrating elk are all identified. These areas should not be developed or blocked.
Hwy 22 - paintball area NE of Redwood.
Don't know...
Don't know, would require studies.
Assurance that wildlife can have access to right bank within bermed area - wildlife bridges?
Online
Yes, additional natural linkages and wildlife corridors could and should be placed, especially along the riverbanks, near busy roads like Highway 22, and between existing forest patches around Bragg Creek and West Bragg Creek. However, I am not an expert, and believe that organizations already working in conservation and wildlife management should be involved in this process. Real data should be collected and analyzed — possibly using simulation software — to better understand animal movement patterns and to design corridors that will actually be effective. Unfortunately, the fragmentation of the land is already so extensive that proper planning will be very difficult. Still, protecting and reconnecting what we can is critical if we want to maintain biodiversity and healthy ecosystems in the future.
Not sure but it's a really good idea if those areas can be located,
Read above, as said they're usually too small & uncontrollable
Everything north of West Bragg Creek Road, way back up the muskeg towards Sibbald. Anywhere there are game trails.
Probably, but haven't studied.
Ask the biologists. Not my area of expertise.
West Bragg and up around 22x and 762 have good areas to create wildlife corridors
Before identifying new wildlife corridors, the County needs to get serious about managing the risks posed by existing, poorly planned human-wildlife interaction. We already have a high wildlife population—especially deer—moving freely through residential roads and commercial zones, creating daily road hazards and encouraging habituation through uncontrolled human contact. If new linkages or corridors are proposed, they must: Be paired with wildlife exclusion fencing and road-crossing infrastructure to keep animals off the roads, not funnelling them toward them. Avoid routing through or too close to high-traffic recreation areas where wildlife already faces stress and overexposure. Be informed by science-based mapping of actual movement patterns and habitat pressure—not just feel-good green design concepts. Let's be clear: additional wildlife corridors only make sense if they are part of an integrated wildlife and public

safety plan. That means population management, vehicle collision mitigation, and education—not just more passive space for animals to wander into town.
line up with existing research and initiatives - I'm not sure what those would be but it should be based on partnership with post secondary, research and existing successful initiatives rather than a stand alone approach
Respect what is currently in place and do not try to divert corridors as guise to enhance growth.
Yes, the animals will always be close to watersheds and there is lots in Bragg creek so those should priority for wildlife corridors. Engaging with local residents who have lived in the area for many years should be an important priority as know one knows better than them when it comes to understating the local wildlife population and their trends.
Can't think of any particular areas right now
Twp 232. More signage, more speed enforcement. The whole 232 is stupidly busy with cars. People don't like doing a low speed limit, maybe they can go elsewhere. Not enough attention on 232. Tired of seeing wildlife killed.
Not to our knowledge...although since 2 pine in upper elkana has become a know hiking area it's displaced many cougars. It was there natural area!
It would make sense to optimize the west Bragg Creek trails and potentially expand towards highway 66 within Kananaskis. An access from highway 66 would reduce traffic through Bragg Creek and the West Bragg residential communities and would provide an emergency egress from those communities should a wild fire evacuation be required.
Yes. Ask Bragg Creek Wild as they have identified some of these.
no comment
End of the berm path to the provincial park. Beyond the top of two pine...? The area that used to be the ski hill. Connect the two sections of berm pathway.
Yes, on roadways Hey 762 could use rumble strips to slow motorbikes down saving lives of people and wildlife Stop using pesticides, herbicides etc
yes between paintball and redwood meadows there is an elk corridor runs thru that area
Access to the river.
The top of the hill near the school is a busy corridor
All along Bragg Creek (the creek itself)
Yes, between the hamlet and the Banded Peak School.
Wintergreen to the hamlet and to West Bragg Creek.
don't know
Don't develop any land, and shut down west bragg recreationarea, as there are too many people going out in that land, wildlife are squeezed out. Pushes them into our acreges.
No suggestions
Nope
No comment
I think West Bragg is already full of enough trails. Lets let the wild animals have the rest.

Q18. What should the County consider when planning for future development?

Accomodations for the staff of the local businesses. Currently most of staff commutes from Calgary as they can't find rent.
Maintain existing caveats.
Communities opinions and thoughts.
This identified area needs to be thoughtfully designed for needs of people who will live there. Density should be controlled and lots of green space available.
Looking back to the Revitalization Plan of 2015 - where the community gathered and there was an excellent guide produced for thoughtful growth. The template exists, it would be wonderful if it was utilized.
Road access limits impact to current residents services.
Road access and egress, strain on utilities, using space already cleared and not deforesting.
Be vertical when possible (2-3 stories) high density where appropriate.
Seniors housing.
Keep in character.
Over tourism, lack of parking, noise, egress in West Bragg Creek.
Road access.
Don't expand on the expansion lands, without putting sufficient work and thought into the process of it. Nobody needs cheap housing here.
What do they want Bragg Creek to be? A) a small town or B) tax revenue for the County.
Keep to County guide as to property size.
Maximum density.
Keep it rural.
Minimal replacement of natural habitat.
Traffic flow, parking, don't lose the magic of the forest.
Consider some multi-family to encourage young families to move here. Also need some folks to work in area businesses and to start businesses.
Low density.
Balance between growth, nature is tough.
Community connection, health - mobility, access to services, creating community spaces, access to social supports, variety of housing.
Reliable utilites (ie: sewage)
Plan everything before you start, not just making it bigger. How much water do you need, for how many people? Maybe cap the population, only let it grow so big.
The entire community consensus.
Keep lots at a bigger size. 0.29 is way too small to maintain a cabin style community. Reduce size of homes on these smaller lots. Build more cabins.
Egress routes, traffic.
What about those who already live there? Their opinions are important too. Fit architecture into the environment. Preserve natural areas.
Maintaining consistency of architecural look and charm while improving fire smart qualities.

Reality. This is a small community "developing more housing" seems irresponsible - to wildlife, nature, people who do not have adequate mindset/resources to sustain rural living.
Population density, water and affluent, intelligent traffic (not like Cochrane or Calgary).
Stormwater drainage - it is part of the river bed and drainage trees - hold soil, etc. Roads cannot bring massive traffic to the 2 roads in the Hamlet.
That Bragg Creek is different from the majority of Rocky View County - it should be more like a "mountain town" than Airdie (no insult to Airdrie).
Growth needs to be limited to sustain the natural beauty.
Parking!
Access and safety.
Public tourist-destination infrastructure such as look-out towers, bike pump track, sauna.
I'd like to have a lil discussion on this - it's too detailed for a survey. I can provide you my unfiltered input from my ASP vision committee involvement. Let's start with : SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES and NEW URBANISM STRATEGIES.
Set realistic population limits which avoid sudden growth and distortion to services. Medical support locally is inadequate.
There are two potential growth areas. 1) Bragg Creek shopping mall (Gateway village). 2) South Bragg Creek near School area, 22X
Short stay accomodations like hotels, cabin, restaurants, tourism activities. All kinds of housing. More retail businesses like clothes.
Fire hydrants, please. Internet - fiber optic. Garbage collection. My children came and have clear hopes for their community so they can stay. They suggest small boutique hotel, sporting center, small business stimulus to help build the community (he wants to open a shop here in the future). More stuff for kids, wildlife preservation, activity facilitation (gymnastics), bike park.
Environmentally friendly housing and greenhouses for community purposes.
Keep the Hamlet at the same size.
All of the above. Fire service.
Senior homes facilities, sport activities - gyms.
Slow growth is what everyone I know wants - we like it as is.
More discussion - contact with residents and business owners.
Logical access to subdivisions, parking will be a challenge. Round about where stop lights are. Make most of commercial malls. Add parking on east side of Hwy 22 with pedestrian bridge to main shopping area.
Water, sewage, infrastructure. Don't increase speed limit or widen roads to support higher numbers as this would harm the safety and character of the area. Rather higher walkability by improving pathways, building ammenities closer together. Being very thoughtful about parking and traffic.
An alternative access/egress route, widen servicing capacity, water and sanitary.
Clean up dead fall in provincial park area to West of Hamlet expansion area (firesmart). Water, sewage, surface drainage. Must consider vision and plan for commercial development before increases in density.
Keep its character, as per vision statement. Infrastructure required for larger developments before approval. (ie: Will water & sewage as they currently exist support larger development?) EGRESS - more development, more pressure.
The internal road should decend from South Bragg (school) to East Park Place.
Online
I believe I already explained this in my earlier answers.
The impact of traffic and noise, whether the waste transfer site can handle more business, if there's enough water available (the Elbow River is getting smaller each year....).

Help Gateway Developments by providing the necessary infrastructure under the ground to get the project going. Provide dollars. If County put in too small of infrastructure to begin with be accountable for your error and make it right by supporting growth through capital investment.
We need substanable growth for all incomes. Eg. Banded Peak school population is on a declining curve do to upper income families making up a large portion of Bragg Creek & many go to private institutions. We need diversity in the development
That this area has the most biodiversity outside of Africa, and that it will never, and should never, bear the same exposure and density as areas around Calgary. No matter how much of a tax cash grab those big homes bring in.
Be helpful to businesses starting up. RVC can stop employees who are on power trip from being impediments to development.
Canopy, over usage for those just visiting. Garbage collection and larger bins. Noise pollution is bad in Bragg. Motorcycles, etc are quite loud and can be heard throughout the river valley as they come and go from the hamlet. Often, speeding, passing on solid lines. Vehicles too. Reduce speed earlier and enforce.
Bragg Creek is a unique area in North America. We have a great variety of flora and fauna which still are able to live in this area. There are very few areas like this left in the world. We are at great risk of being loved to death. I do not believe that the area can sustain high tourist traffic year round. Dramatically increasing the full time resident population would also put pressure on the viability of the area.
-the people who live here -forest management -balance between promoting tourism/businesses, and the natural environment/residents' desires -the fact that Bragg Creek would benefit from some bylaws that apply to other population centres of the same size and density, even though we are a hamlet: e.g. on-leash dogs, garbage storage and disposal
avoid house farm, clear and grub style of housing development
Water allocation, we don't have a lot of water, that's why we are anti coal, we don't need our limited ground water and water allocation being contaminated And when you are developing the area you can't develop beyond the water allotment, otherwise our community loses our water and we have to pay to have it brought in.
Time and delays. Nuff talking, let's start building Gateway!

First and foremost: carrying capacity and public safety. Future development must be tied to hard infrastructure limits, emergency response readiness, and fire risk mitigation—not visionary slogans or abstract “sustainability” language. The County must consider: Fuel load and wildfire exposure—No development should be approved without proven fire mitigation on surrounding lands. Road capacity and egress in emergencies—We already have limited escape routes. More density without upgraded exits is reckless. Water and wastewater infrastructure—Current systems are already strained. Growth without services is irresponsible. Qualified input—Future development planning should involve qualified fire, wildlife, and infrastructure experts, not just internal planning staff, consultants and well intentioned but untrained resident opinions. Resident-first governance—Development must reflect the needs and consent of full-time residents, not seasonal users or external interests. Bragg Creek isn’t just a postcard. It’s a real community with limited capacity, real safety risks, and zero room for planning mistakes. If the County can't manage growth responsibly, it shouldn't be promoting it.
build up perhaps; best practices from other jurisdictions; fire smart / fire safety; protection of river
This is a land of peace and nature where wildlife and human coexist. Future growth should not disturb this and every effort must be made to ensure the Land & Environment remain such - county life u piquets city life. A respite from the fast paced city slowly cost way of life. County MUST work to maintain character of Bragg Creek & not over build!
Engagement and open and honest communication with the community is a key principle to develop thoughtfully and sustainably.
They should be very careful and become far more creative and innovative compared to any development that has happened in other places. Creative for a rural /wildlife living places such as Cabins and Smaller homes with capacity for workshops . Develop their imagination in line with a unique and different place.
Access to water, how wildlife will be impacted.
No development. Why is this a discussion?? Bragg is fine. Why must we always have to build, that's when everything becomes ugly!!! Like I said quality of life sucks when too many people are around. Love the covid days, not the covid, but being able to enjoy the beauty with getting stressed on a 8 minute drive into the hamlet without someone tailgating, passing and speeding.
Infrastructure and all of the above comments!
Water, fire, roads and access with emergency evacuations in mind. Maintaining the tranquil lifestyle that residents currently enjoy.
As much as is reasonably possible preserve the natural landscape with every project.
No major expansion should be planned until a plan for emergency egress and fire mitigation are developed for WBC.
More consideration for pedestrians in the hamlet. The current state of the pathways poses a safety hazard much of the year due to ice build up and flooding forcing pedestrians into the road. Poor layout of crosswalks. Off leash dogs on the berm pathway are a concern. Increased signage/enforcement and/or create a fenced off leash park.

Support local farmers, food, water. Don’t build beyond capacity for water, etc keep it natural as possible. Save as much parkland as possible and create more
wildlife corridors I myself use to be a hunter in the Bragg Creek area but I stopped for the better of Bragg Creek
Reduce development impact as much as possible by selective clearing for construction and careful reclamation of sites post construction.
Roadways that are safe and away from residents
Communication. The County has a reputation as being 'difficult' and somewhat slow in response and communication
After the floods hit Bragg Creek in 2013 I was disappointed to see how Whyte Avenue and parts of Bragg Creek were restored. For instance Whyte Avenue was repaved but the grade is horrible and allows for water to collect on the roadway after a rain or in the Spring time after the winter thaw. Also a sidewalk with a nicer boulevard should have been constructed from the townsite to the river. I find parts of Bragg Creek ‘esthetically’ look scrappy or unkempt. It was nice to see the Pig/Rabbit roast eatery gone at the main intersection at Highway 22. This area should be used to construct a roundabout for better flow of traffic to allow people into Bragg Creek and allow traffic for better access to Highway 66.
Instead of depoying money in growth, fix whats already here. Roads, sidewalks, landscraping
Is it necessary in a hamlet of 500 people? Can this low population support this business/development?
Don't turn Bragg Creek into a high density location. Reasonable planed growth that is consistent with the community. If you want to live in a area like the high density communities in Cochrane or Canmore, just move to Cochrane or Canmore.
Many of us like to walk to keep vehicles off the road. However the sidewalks in place (balsam ave) are ice rinks in winter so we have to walk in the road, upsetting the truck drivers. We have been promised improvements to wintergreen rd, with a pathway into the hamlet. Very hard to walk along there, especially young families with push chairs. Even cycling is dangerous. Wednesday and Saturday are especially bad as the transfer station is open. Also people racing to the golf course in the summer are very inconsiderate of pedestrians.
That it doesn't disturb the forest, river, or wetland ecosystems that already compete with too much development in the hamlet and Greater Bragg Creek.
hotels, restaurants, parks, conference and event space, outdoor theatre for the arts
Preserving wildlife, wildlife habitat, wildlife corridors and biodiversity should be the main priority and consideration.
Easy, don't develop
See above
The county needs to consider another way of people on the other side of the bridge getting out safely in a natural disaster that should be first and foremost on their list to consider
Please consider climate change and the special responsitibilities we have as a community with abundant nature. Many of us came here for the quiet and closeness to nature. It is heartbreaking to see so much development.
None. Open it up
Manage growth
Do not develop wintergreen
Cumulative impacts
I think the county should not plan more development unless it is the seniors housing project. A small community like Bragg Creek thrives because it is NOT over developed. Please let our kids enjoy the natural world around them. Development leads to depressed kids playing video games in their basements. Please stop developers from destroying this hamlet. Please refer to comments above on WELLS & SEPTIC Tanks.

Q19. Is there anything else you would like the County to consider for the update to the Area Structure Plan?

In-person
If you build more houses, you will need to build more roads and a bridge between Wintergreen and Redwood and then another bridge between West Bragg and Hwy 22.
Consider controls on tree removal.
Fireguard instead of blind logging. Warning siren for emergency. Emergency egress - probably not only one but several even if the roadways are rougher. Balsam bridgeprobabl needs to be reinforced.
There is an opportunity to do this right - where it's about community, the local community. Not creating a recreational area that eventually pushes out affordability for locals. Looking to other communities that have dealt with this growth problem and learning what not to do would be valuable.
Cochrane is close and has significant high density options. Keep this out of Bragg Creek please.
Managing parking and congestion in the hamlet. Making sure that our growth can be sustained and that the existing infrastructure can keep up.
Parking and maintaining wildlife habitats.
Study the past proposals and read my comments from that time.
Yes, we would like to know what the main goal is for Bragg Creek. A) a small town or B) tax revenue for the County.
Fire protection should be given priority.
I would like to see some proposals.
Pro active fire control.
No.
Keep houses back from road visibility.
A kids pump track would be a cost effective project and it could be done between playground and tennis court.
Don't go overboard! Don't rush! Make sure you have everything in place before you start. (Infrastructure) Listen to the residents! What happened to the Gateway project? Who did you survey for this project ASP? Cause I never got info?
Be more open to local opinion.
Well being of current residents and the future of their lifestyle so residents stay a long time in the community and love it.
Fire/egress routes.
Listen to what residents want, not just developers who leave issues for residents to cope with after they move on.
Supporting residents with infrastructure and fire smarting.
Already mentioned but worth repeating: The fragility of this amazing land. The need to limit and protect is unpopular - as often doing the right thing is.
Yes, intelligence on decision making. (Keep emotions and how you "feel" out of decisions.)
Maintain growth at the level the limited space can accommodate and still have some open space and no feral habitat.
Senior facility.
Services for an aging population.
Seniors home.

Enforcement of speed limits, especially South of trading post.
Let's discuss further for a more fulsome conversation.
Co-operation with Tsutina nation is unclear to me. There should be active engagement to try and find mutual goals and benefits. Cultural development - Social infrastructure an enhance and preserve the quality of life. Advert art can do much to create an attractive environment and deter grafiti. Sporting facilities - more needed.
Local businesses need strong growth and fast development to sustain. It had been delayed many projects since a long time. Area structure plan needs to consider easyness of community development plan with many basic services like sewer drain. Road network sufficient with future growth.
Really need to develop Bragg Creek by balancing nature.
Please talk to contributors like Telus or Rogers where we need their services. Consider the economic growth so we can serve additional families and keep our seniors safe. Less reliance on volunteers to keep the community running - we don't have the time and are getting too big. Our volunteer base is aging out. We need infrastructure in hand and humans.
EGRESS ROAD!!! Safe pathways to the Hamlet from Wintergreen.
No.
Does it actually matter? The "stake holders" have already decided.
Expand the natural asset map to the entire ASP. Expand the focus on natural assets and wildlife - it's a bit light.
There does not seem to be any plan, even though Rocky View County wants to increase tax base through development.
Growth in Calgary and surrounding area is huge and these population pressures will inevitably affect and change Bragg Creek. We must acknowledge what is unique about Bragg Creek and maintain this with some acceptance that it will change. Residents need to be informed and educated on the best ways to handle the change. Consider if development intensifies in Hamlet expansion area, Tsutina may consider piggy backing on in, therefore applying more pressure to area. Tsutina doesn't need to do the same community engagement that Rocky View is doing, so there may be a new Buffalo run commerical area on the west side of Tsutina, adjacent to Bragg Creek.
How the current wastewater treatment plant can be upgraded to meet the needs of proposed growth - within the limits of the elbow river and maintaining water quality of water treatment plant.
Did I mention EGRESS?
There needs to be a full road (not gated emergency) utilizing the only remaining right of way located at the western boundary of Rocky View M.D abd Bighorn to Highway 968, 5 1/2 miles North.
Online
I hope the County will allow the community more freedom to address local issues without being overly constrained by rigid rules and regulations. A healthy, resilient community should be trusted to manage its own growth through proper democratic processes, where residents have a real voice in shaping their future. Empowering the people who live here every day will lead to better, more thoughtful decisions than a one-size-fits-all approach imposed from above.
A pedestrian bridge should be built across the Elbow River from the berm path near the Bragg Creek Trading Post over to the other side to encourage walking. The bridge could also act as an emergency exit for vehicles.
Don't allow a Canmore scenario where only elitists exist. Also change is inevitable some existing people (not in my backyard philosophy) want the old ways to stay the same, that only pushes problems down the road & creates havoc later
I'm just curious how much of the old ASP was honoured. I moved into West Bragg as that one was in its final stages. What is driving this one? And, really, the big question,"Cui bono?" Who benefits, or stands to gain?
Consider opening ski hill. Keep it simple, county run maybe if no one wants to run it.
We have lived here for over 20 years. We used to have elk. We use to have more moose. There are fewer birds. Climate is having its impact but so is increased human activity.

Growth in business, housing and tourism opportunities is hinged on solid infrastructure. Access to sewer, water, firefighting services, communications systems, beautiful, natural, accessible and protected public spaces are important early investments that will drive long term sustainable investment in the bragg creek community.
I think I was able to convey my thoughts, thanks for giving me the opportunity.
Expect growth, encourage growth and let's proceed. Avoid the Tsuu Tsina. It'll just be delays and more wasted time talking and nothing happens.
Yes—stop treating this as a branding exercise and start treating it as a real planning process with real consequences. The current "vision" document reads like it was designed to sound good in a public meeting, not to address the critical challenges we face on the ground. The updated ASP must include: Enforceable fire mitigation strategies—including fuel load reduction, defensible space requirements, and emergency planning tied to actual risk assessments. Clear infrastructure thresholds—especially for water, wastewater, and roads. If capacity isn't there, development should be paused. Real governance reform—Community frustration with top-down decision-making is well documented, yet completely unaddressed in any meaningful way. A shift in focus from tourism to livability—Bragg Creek is a community, not just a commercial / recreation attraction. Plan for those who live here, not those just passing through. Lastly, replace abstract buzzwords with clear, measurable standards. "Regenerative," "resilient," and "circular" sound good, but without hard definitions, they're just rhetorical cover for more of the same. We deserve better planning, better accountability, and better outcomes for the tax dollars we invest. Start delivering.
Lifestyle, dark skies, public restrooms, local businesses only not fast food chains and remembering why residents chose to move here to begin with, to getaway from cities and the suburbs. Let's not work to recreate that! A community co-op garden for all residents to maintain the small county life community we all came here for.
I just ask that you don't build too much or make it high density.
Think of jasper fire, and realize that bragg is sitting in the most vulnerable position. It's been a decade and not one stupid politician is doing anything about our lives if we get a wildfire in West Bragg. No egress! Politicians are not worth the money tax dollars are paying. So no development until we get some basics sorted, period!!!!
Fire breaks and an egress road for west Bragg creek.
Please consider a fenced off-leash dog park for residents. Please. More indoor sporting infrastructure such as an ice area, maybe a curling rink, swimming pool, and exercise facility would be fabulous!! Also, please keep residents privacy and security in mind. Provide tourist access to recreational areas away from residences.
Get going on this. The process of Hamlet redevelopment is taking way too long.
Fiber optic based broadband communication should be available to every home and business in the Bragg Creek area.

yes keep us natives informed especially the ones that it is going to effect because the reserve does not speak for me I am an individual David Onespot onespotcrossing campgrounds
I fully support development in Bragg Creek. It is desperately needed to keep the Hamlet sustainable and diverse.
Just protect our ecology. That's what drew this population and there is a grave danger of becoming a mini-me of city neighbourhoods. Small home business and individual and unique buildings help us maintain our unique personality
It is ok to have some places that have low growth (like Bragg) and some that have high growth (like Balzac) — we don't have to try and encourage every place to grow more and more.
Bragg Creek is a very unique area. It is not like Langdon or Harmony, that were developed in an open field with little or no environmental barriers or considerations (trees and wildlife). High density is conducive to these locations where as it is not in Bragg Creek. Infra structure (traffic alone) becomes a huge problem with development and high density development in Bragg Creek.
Maybe actually do something more than plan. We have been here 20 yrs and we have attended endless planning meetings, but..... And make walking more accessible to all. When the bridge barriers were damaged last year when a car skidded and wrecked them, it was so much easier to cross the road . We requested that they be replaced differently (it's hard to climb over them with a pushchair or wheelchair) but they were eventually replaced exactly the same. A marked crossing at the three way at the bridge would be nice so that people in vehicles can see that we are allowed to cross there, rather than driving straight at us.
This is the second (or third) time an ASP for Bragg Creek has been discussed and a plan proposed. No progress was made from the last ASP and there were many, many months of work that went into crafting that plan. I hope that this ASP has 'teeth' and actually implements the environmental protections and oversight that make Bragg Creek such a unique and natural place to live in the Greater Calgary area.
parking away and with drop off and/or shuttle bus to key areas
Do not develop anything. There is no egress road, no fire escape plan for west bragg. Safety is most important
For the area structure plan, they need to consider everybody within the hamlet having access to water and sewage. They also need to consider another way of anybody on the other side of the bridge getting out in a natural disaster.
Bragg Creek is different. It is a wildlife sanctuary. Building more houses and bringing more people in will turn it into another crowded canadian town and destroy the things the tourists like best about it!

APPENDIX D

COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP WORKBOOK

ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

Bragg Creek ASP

Collaborative Workshop

May 2025



What is an ASP?



An Area Structure Plan (ASP) is a long-term plan that guides how land in a specific part of the County can be used and developed in the future. It includes maps, goals, and policies that show where things like homes, parks, businesses, schools, and roads could go. The ASP also looks at how services like water, sewer, and utilities will be provided. It helps make sure growth happens in a way that's organized, safe, and reflects the community's vision.

This engagement builds on the work on the Bragg Creek Hamlet Expansion Strategy and responds to key challenges identified through background studies — such as servicing limitations, high infrastructure costs, environmental sensitivities, and intermunicipal coordination needs.

This project will update the ASP's framework for the development of the Bragg Creek Hamlet to align with the community's vision, planning best practices, environmental protection, economic development, tourism opportunities and management, and future sustainability.

ENVIRONMENT: LIVING WITH LIMITS

Guiding Vision Principle:
"Living with Limits – Respecting the ecological and infrastructural limits of the community to ensure future growth matches the hamlet's capacity and protects its natural assets."
— Bragg Creek Vision Committee

As we move into collaborative design for the Area Structure Plan (ASP), protecting Bragg Creek's natural systems is central to this work. Here is what we have heard from residents:

In Phase 1 engagement, we heard a strong call to:

- Safeguard wildlife corridors, particularly near the West Bragg Creek trails, Hwy 22, and natural crossings.
- Preserve riparian buffer zones—the vegetated areas next to rivers and streams that help filter water, reduce erosion, and provide habitat.
- Take a science-informed and community-rooted approach to where and how protection happens.



WORKSHOP ACTIVITY: LET'S DEFINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TOGETHER

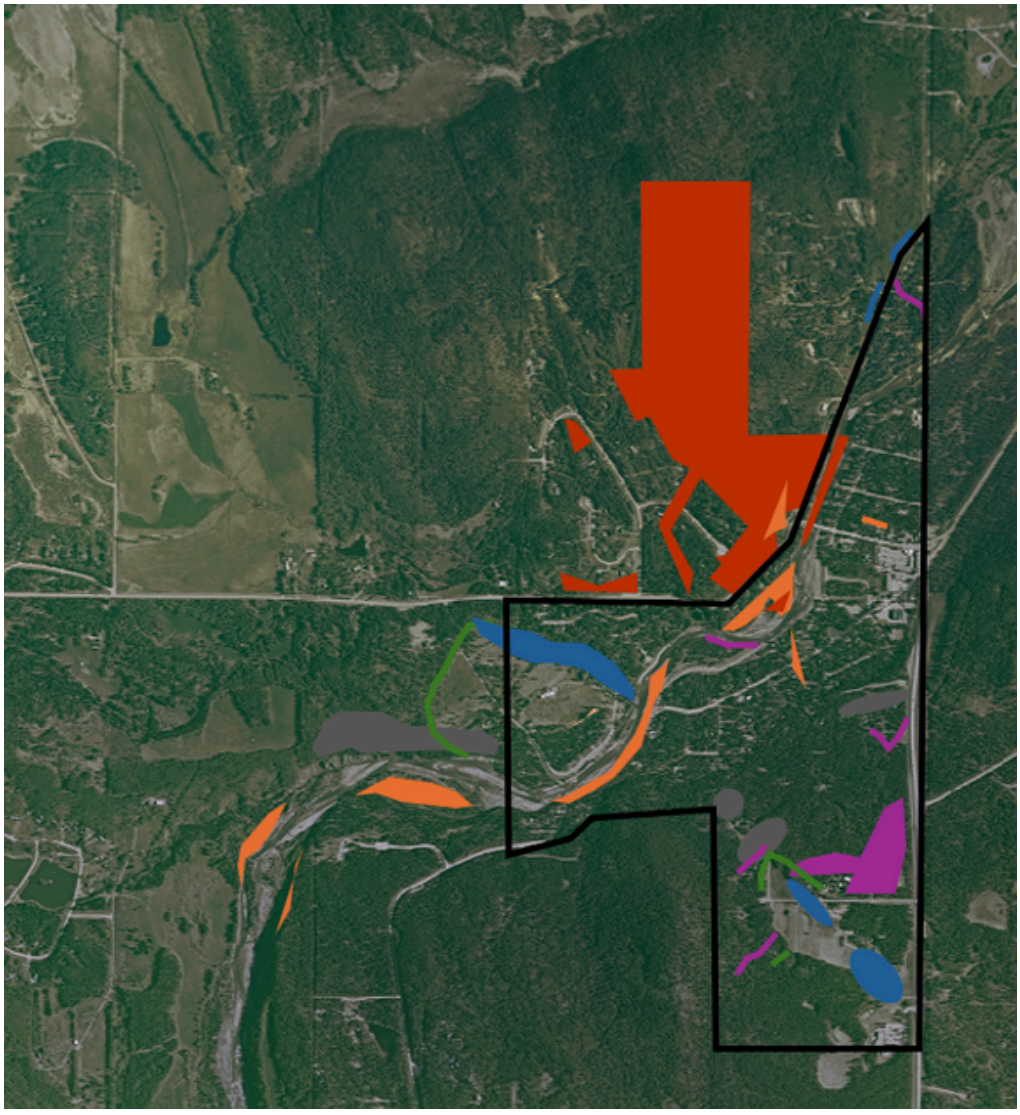
This section of the workshop will help us to:

- Identify ecologically sensitive areas that need protection.
- Integrate community knowledge of wildlife movement and natural features.

Shape ASP policies that reflect both scientific recommendations and lived experience.

Group mapping activity. Please direct your attention to the front of the room to participate in the activity.

Q1: Use the map below displaying wildlife areas as a reference guide for the group activity. Where could wildlife corridors be included within the hamlet boundaries?



Orange - Amphibians
Grey - Bears
Purple - Deer
Green - Moose
Navy - Sparrows
Red - Land designated as environmental reserve

Q2: In areas where development is occurring, how else can we support habitat connectivity? *Think: fencing, landscaping, speed limits.*

Q3: How could environmental safeguards be used to protect natural assets around the hamlet of Bragg Creek?

BUSINESS AND TOURISM: SUSTAINABLE VISITOR ECONOMY

Guiding Vision Principle:
"Sustainable Visitor Economy – Recognizing Bragg Creek's appeal to tourists while mitigating potential impacts of overtourism."
— Bragg Creek Vision Committee

As we move into collaborative design for the Area Structure Plan (ASP), protecting Bragg Creek's hamlet feel, while also expanding the community for tourism, is central to this work. Here is what we have heard from residents:

In Phase 1 engagement, we heard a strong call to:

- Expand business opportunities around the hamlet.
- Increase variety in business types in the hamlet.



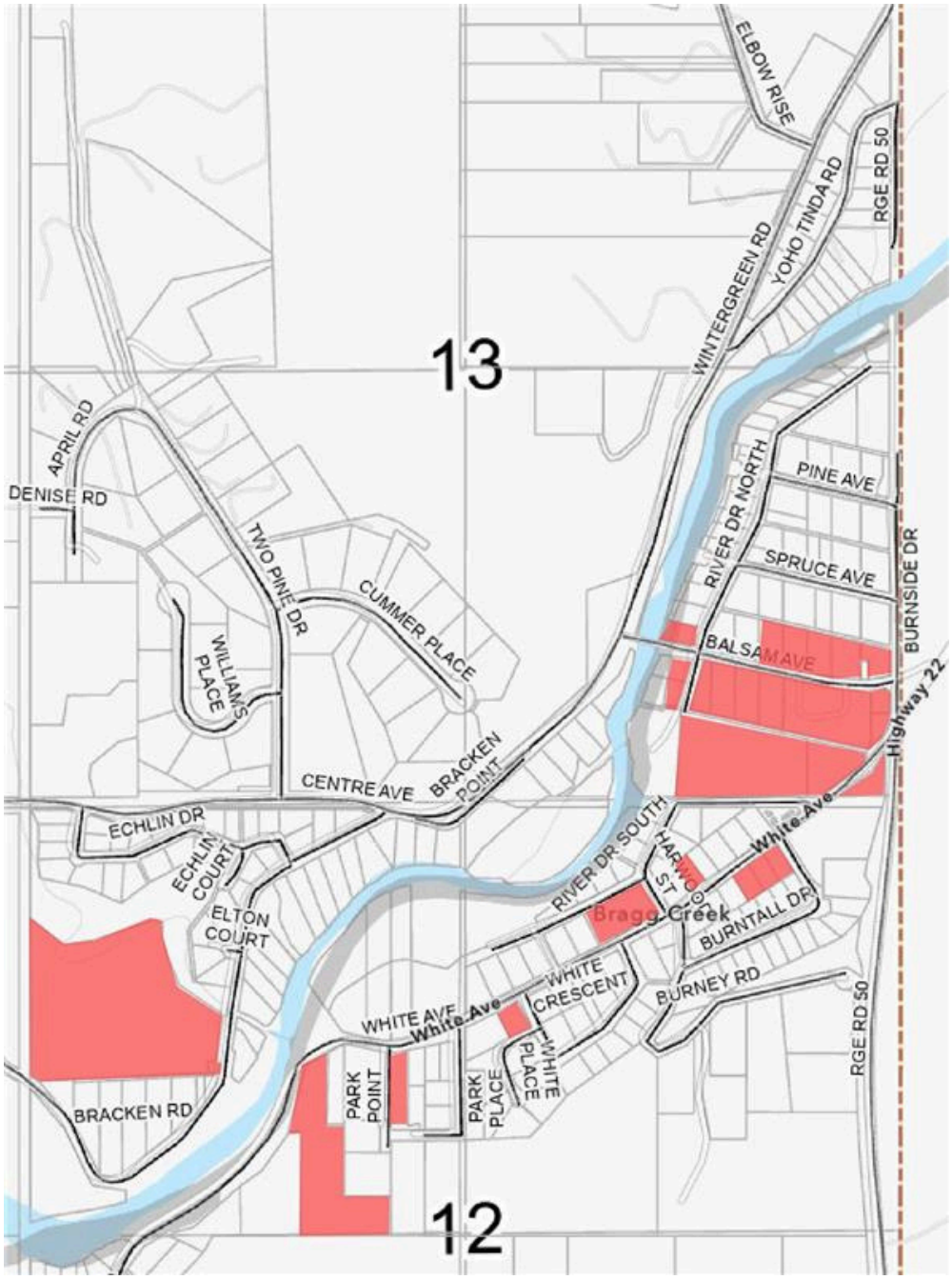
WORKSHOP ACTIVITY: LET'S BUILD TOGETHER

This section of the workshop helps us:

- Identify what services should be prioritized as the Bragg Creek ASP is updated
- Learn about home businesses in Bragg Creek

Group mapping activity. Please direct your attention to the front of the room to participate in the activity.

Q4: Use the map below displaying commercial zones in the hamlet as a reference guide for the group activity. What areas would you identify as commercial areas in Bragg Creek?



Q5: Below is a list of services and amenities that one of the technical studies – the Commercial Demands Study – identified as services that are needed in Bragg Creek. In your group, please identify where you would put these on the map using the number indicated.

1. **Seasonal Pop-up Markets**
2. **Artisanal Uses** (ie. art galleries, maker spaces, hand crafted goods, coffee roasting, alcohol production, glass blowing)
3. **Connecting with the Outdoor experience** (ie. sporting goods store, tour guiding, outfitting, hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing)
4. **Overnight Accommodations** (ie. short-term rentals, hotels)
5. **Restaurants and Dining**
6. **Specialty Food Shops** (ie. bakery)
7. **Pharmacy**
8. **Grocery Store**
9. **Convenience Store**
10. **Fitness Centre** (ie. gym, yoga studio)
11. **Personal Services** (ie. nail salon, physiotherapy, massage)
12. **Amusement Facility** (ie. arcade, escape room)

Q6: What additional services and amenities would you like to see? If you have a specific area in mind for these services and amenities, please mark it on the map with your group.

BUILT FORM: COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Guiding Vision Principle:
"Community Identity – Maintaining the local character and charm of Bragg Creek while planning for future growth."
— Bragg Creek Vision Committee

As we move into collaborative design for the Area Structure Plan (ASP), maintaining Bragg Creek's local character is central to this work. Here is what we have heard from residents:

In Phase 1 engagement, we heard a strong call to:

- Design a new architecture that reflects the character of Bragg Creek.
- Ensure that new architecture harmonizes with the surrounding natural landscape by using specific building materials such as wood and stone.
- Limin the height of new buildings and avoid tall structures.



WORKSHOP ACTIVITY: LET'S DESIGN TOGETHER

This section of the workshop helps us:

- Understand what kind of architectural design is wanted in Bragg Creek
- Learn what residents would like the County to know when expanding Bragg Creek

Group mapping activity. Please direct your attention to the front of the room to participate in the activity.

Example Topologies



1. Low/mid-rise apartments – Can range from 2-4 storeys



2. Shop-top housing - Residential apartments on top of commercial use. May be 3-4 storeys in height

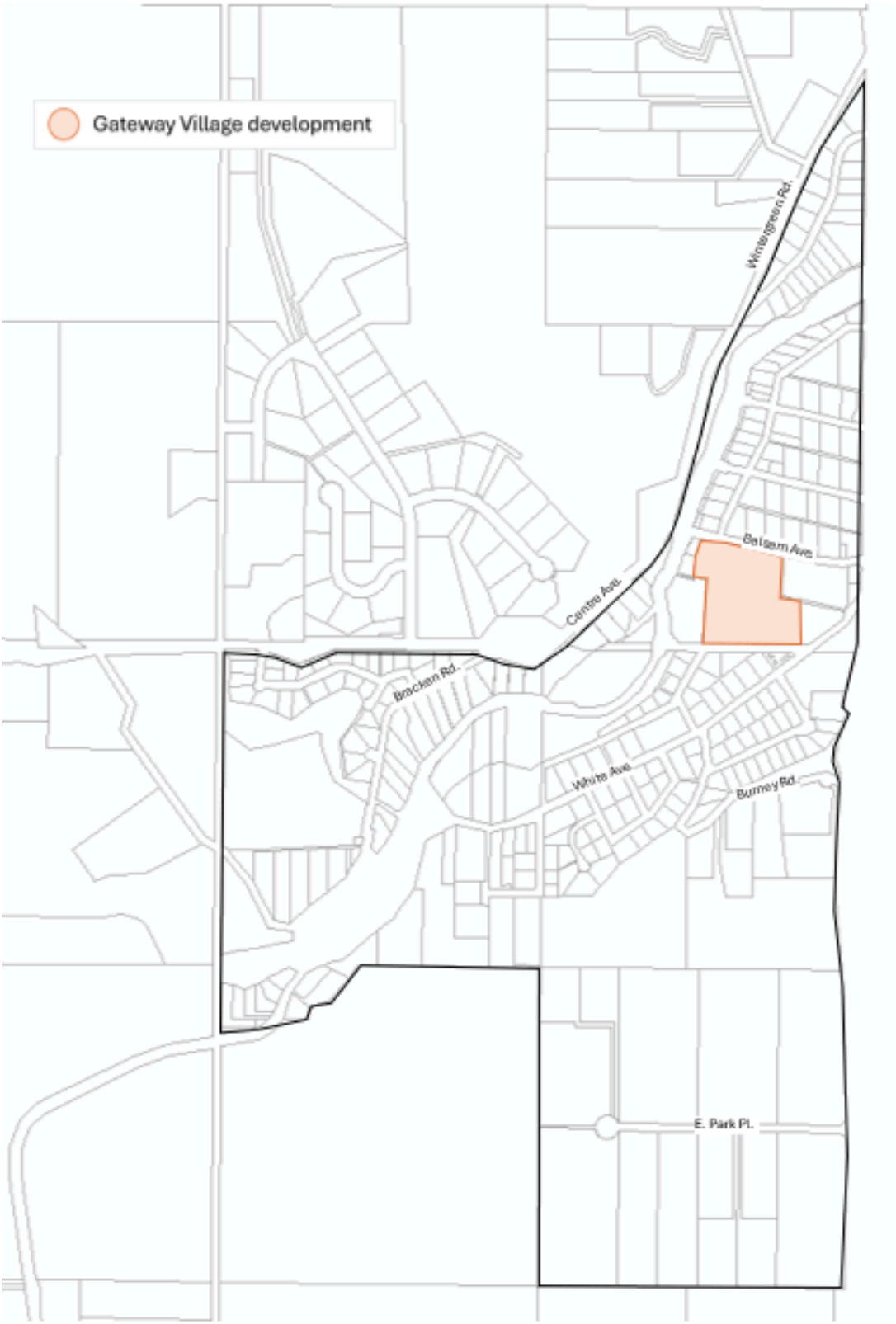


3. Single-detached dwelling - Approximately 5 units/acre



4. Large lot, single-detached home - Approximately 0.5 units/acre

Q7: Use the example topologies on the previous page and the map below of the hamlet as a reference guide for the group activity. What types of housing would you choose to locate in the hamlet, and where would you place them?



Below are examples of different architectural design features that are in the current Bragg Creek ASP.








Q8: Do you believe these design standards are currently being reflected in the hamlet?

Yes **Somewhat** **No**



Q9: What architectural features of Bragg Creek do you like currently?

Q10: Are there other architectural features you think should be included? If there are, what architectural features should future buildings in Bragg Creek incorporate? How can these design standards support the existing local character?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Guiding Vision Principle:
"Inclusive Community – Supporting a diverse range of housing, services, and amenities to meet residents' needs."
— Bragg Creek Vision Committee

As we move into collaborative design for the Area Structure Plan (ASP), ensuring Bragg Creek supports a variety of aspects is central to this work. Here is what we have heard from residents:

In Phase 1 engagement, we heard a strong call to:

- Enhance and expand the existing trail network.
- Provide improved recreation amenities and services.
- Utilize fire-smart practices.



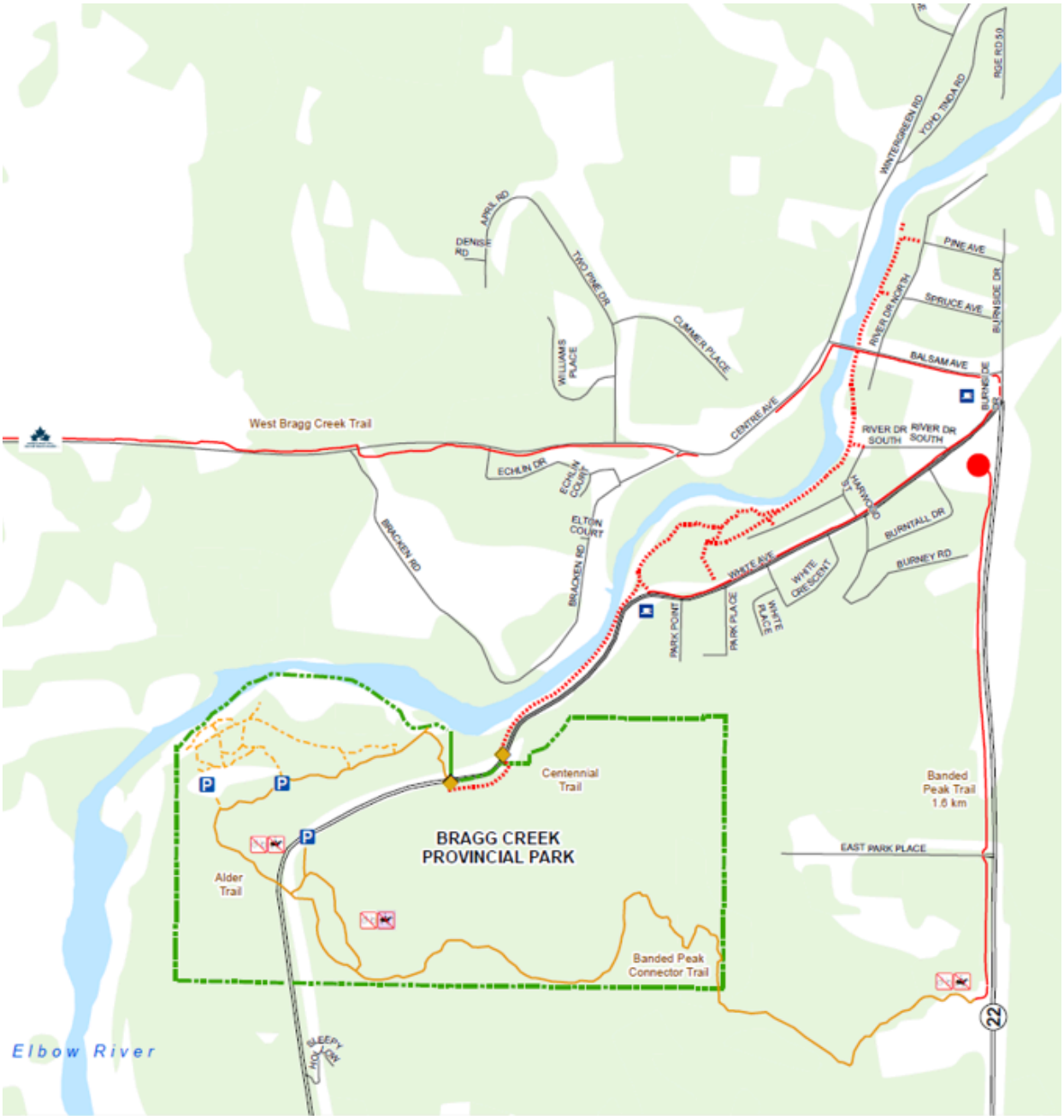
WORKSHOP ACTIVITY: LET'S LOOK AT LOCATIONS TOGETHER

This section of the workshop helps us:

- Identify where trails should go in and around the hamlet of Bragg Creek.
- Understand residents' desire for different recreational amenities.
- Learn about fire-smart practices residents wish to utilize.

Group mapping activity. Please direct your attention to the front of the room to participate in the activity.

Q11: The map below indicates the current trail system in Bragg Creek. Using this map as a reference please draw places where you think trails should be added to the system on your table map as a group.



Q12: Please rank the following recreation amenities (1 - 7) that were suggested by participants in the prior survey.

___ Swimming pool

___ Off leash dog park

___ Library

___ Indoor skating rink

___ Ski hill

___ Pedestrian pathway/recreational trails

___ Gathering spaces

Q13: Would you like to see specific policies relating to wildfire mitigation added to the ASP?

Yes **No**

Q14: What should the County consider when creating policies relating to wildfire mitigation?

Further Considerations

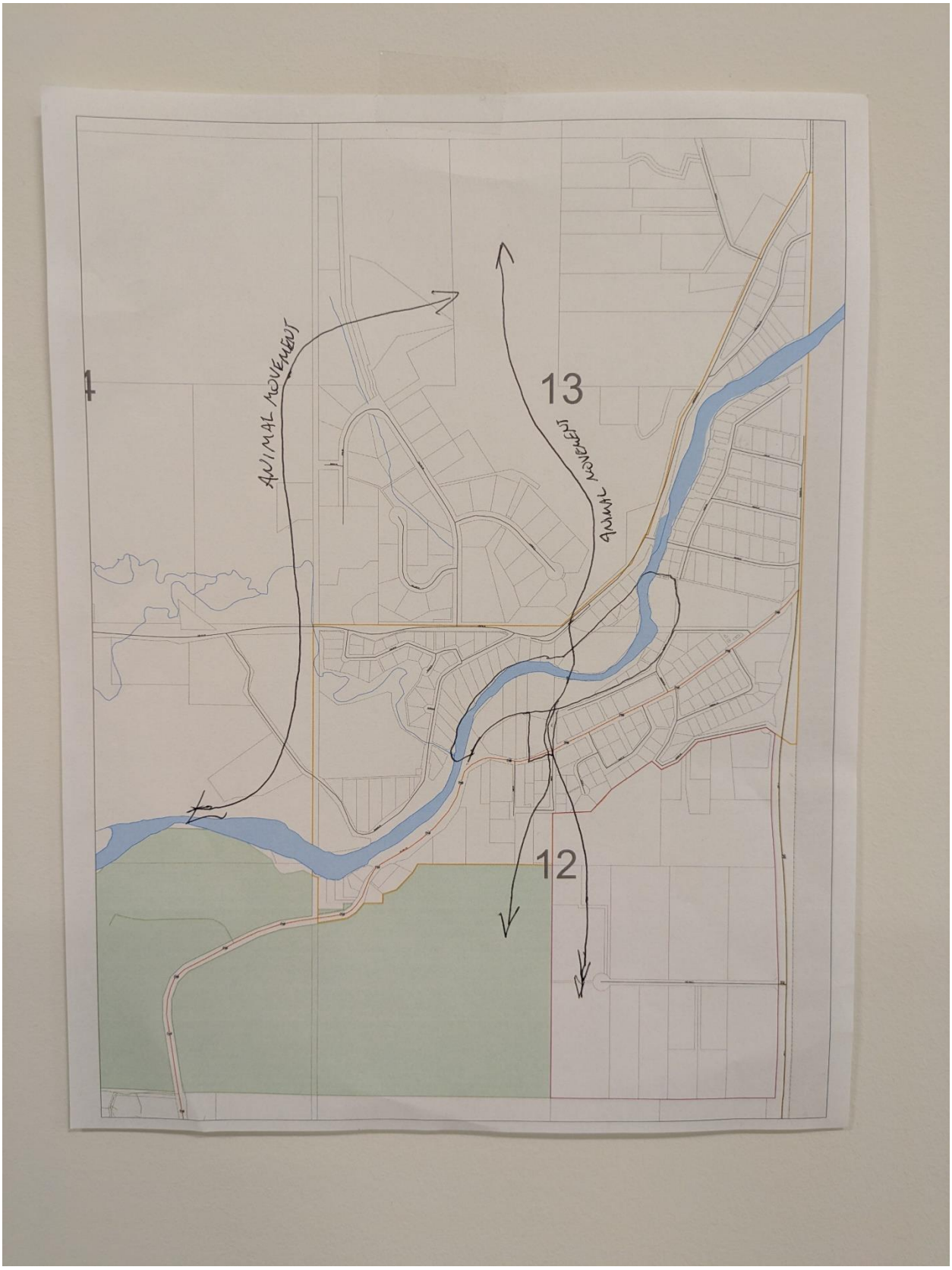
Q15: What should the County consider when updating the Bragg Creek ASP?

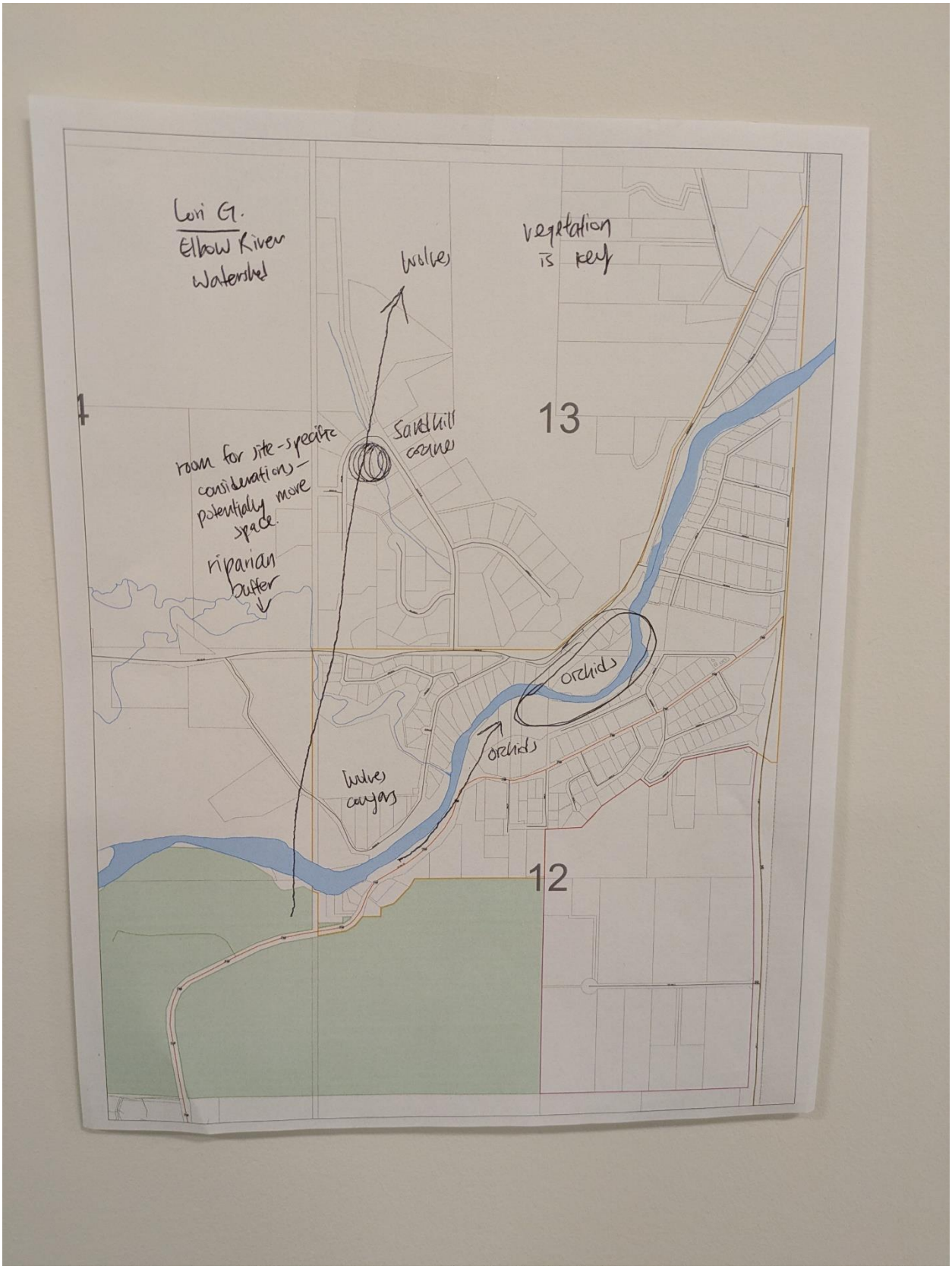
All the questions you've been asked today are also available online. To visit the page, and to find out more information about the Bragg Creek ASP, please scan the QR code above or visit engage.rockyview.ca.

APPENDIX E

RESPONSES FROM THE COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP WORKBOOK

Question 1: Use the map below displaying wildlife areas as a reference guide for the group activity. Where could wildlife corridors be included within the hamlet boundaries?

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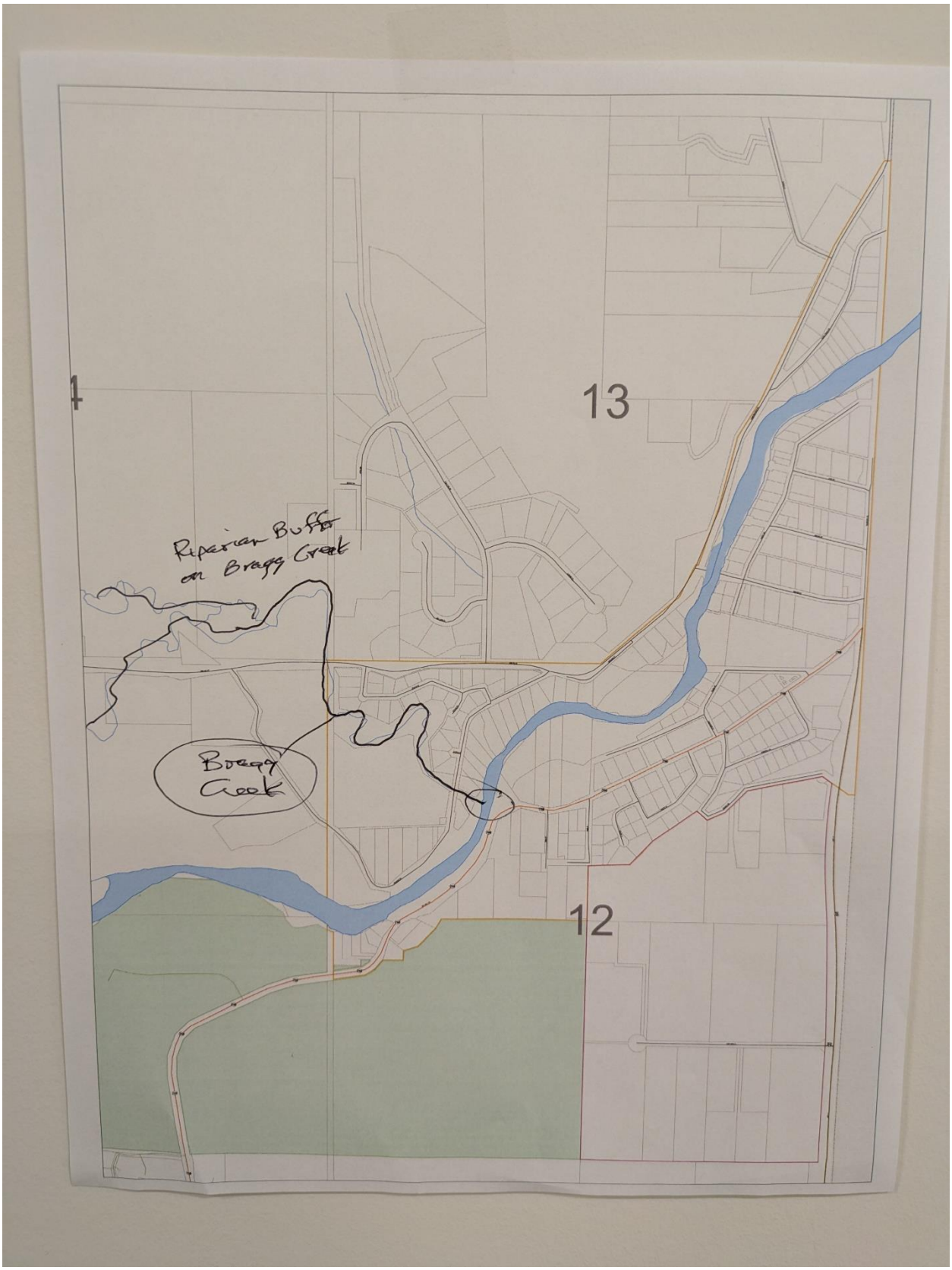
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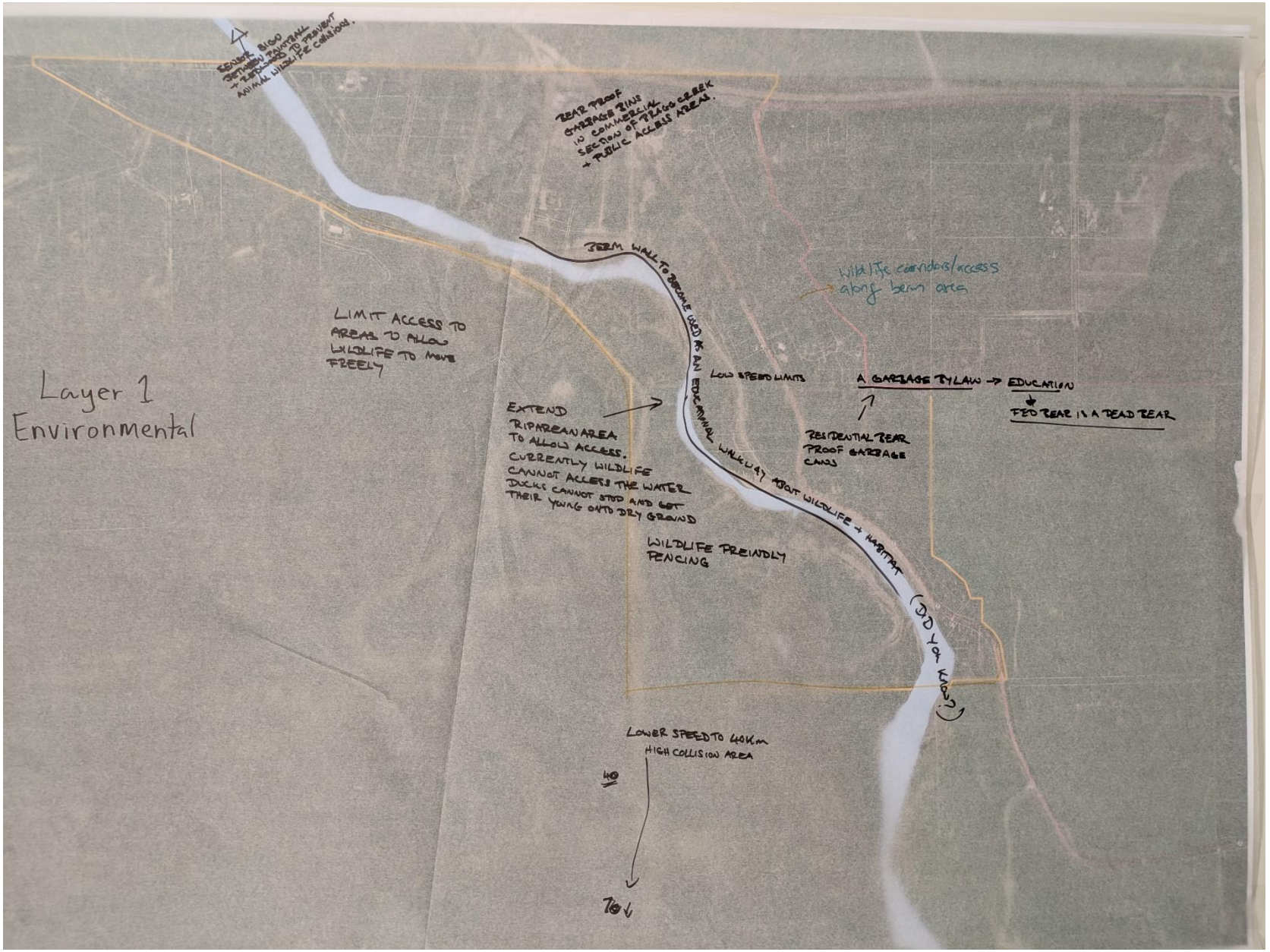
- Wildlife corridors/access across/near Riparian areas, berm
- Wildlife friendly fencing.
- Signage (w/ flashing lights)
- Restricting public access in sensitive areas
- ~~toss~~ Restricting development near riparian areas
- Connectivity of pathways
- Limiting short-term rentals
  - Hotels/motels
  - "Azure Ridge"
    - Keep it within areas commercial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SENSOR SIGNS BETWEEN TRAIL + ROADWAY TO PREVENT ANIMAL WILDLIFE COLLISIONS.
BEAR PROOF GARBAGE BINS IN COMMERCIAL SECTION OF FLAT CREEK + PUBLIC ACCESS AREA.
PERM WALL TO BECOME USED AS AN EDUCATIONAL WALK WAY ABOUT WILDLIFE + HABITAT
Wildlife corridors/access along berm area
LIMIT ACCESS TO AREAS TO ALLOW WILDLIFE TO MOVE FREELY
LOW SPEED LIMITS
A GARBAGE BYLAW -> EDUCATION
FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR
EXTEND RIPARIAN AREA TO ALLOW ACCESS. CURRENTLY WILDLIFE CANNOT ACCESS THE WATER DUCKS CANNOT STOP AND GET THEIR YOUNG ONTO DRY GROUND
RESIDENTIAL BEAR PROOF GARBAGE CANS
WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCING
(DD for Kids?)
LOWER SPEED TO 40Km HIGH COLLISION AREA
40
40

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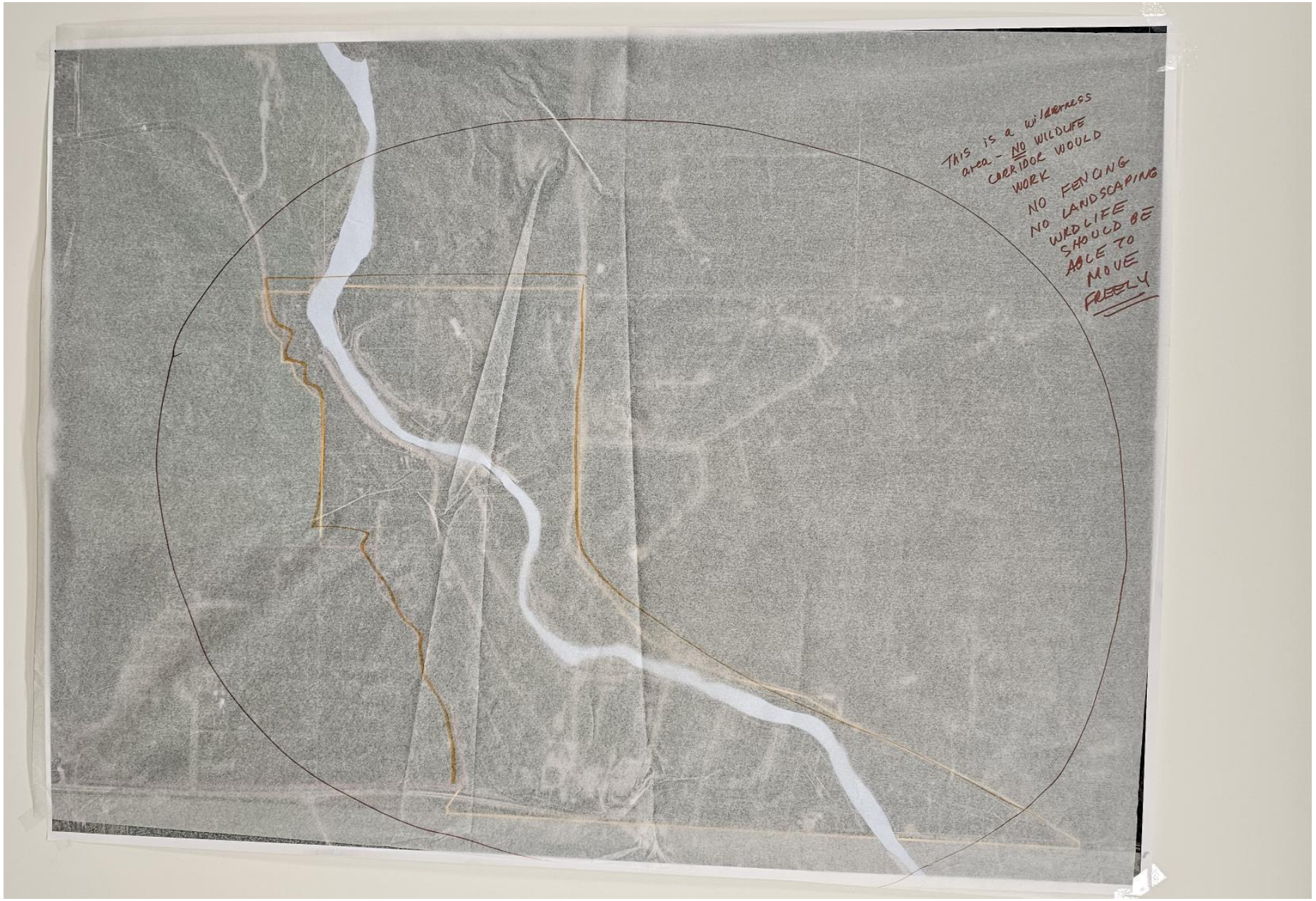
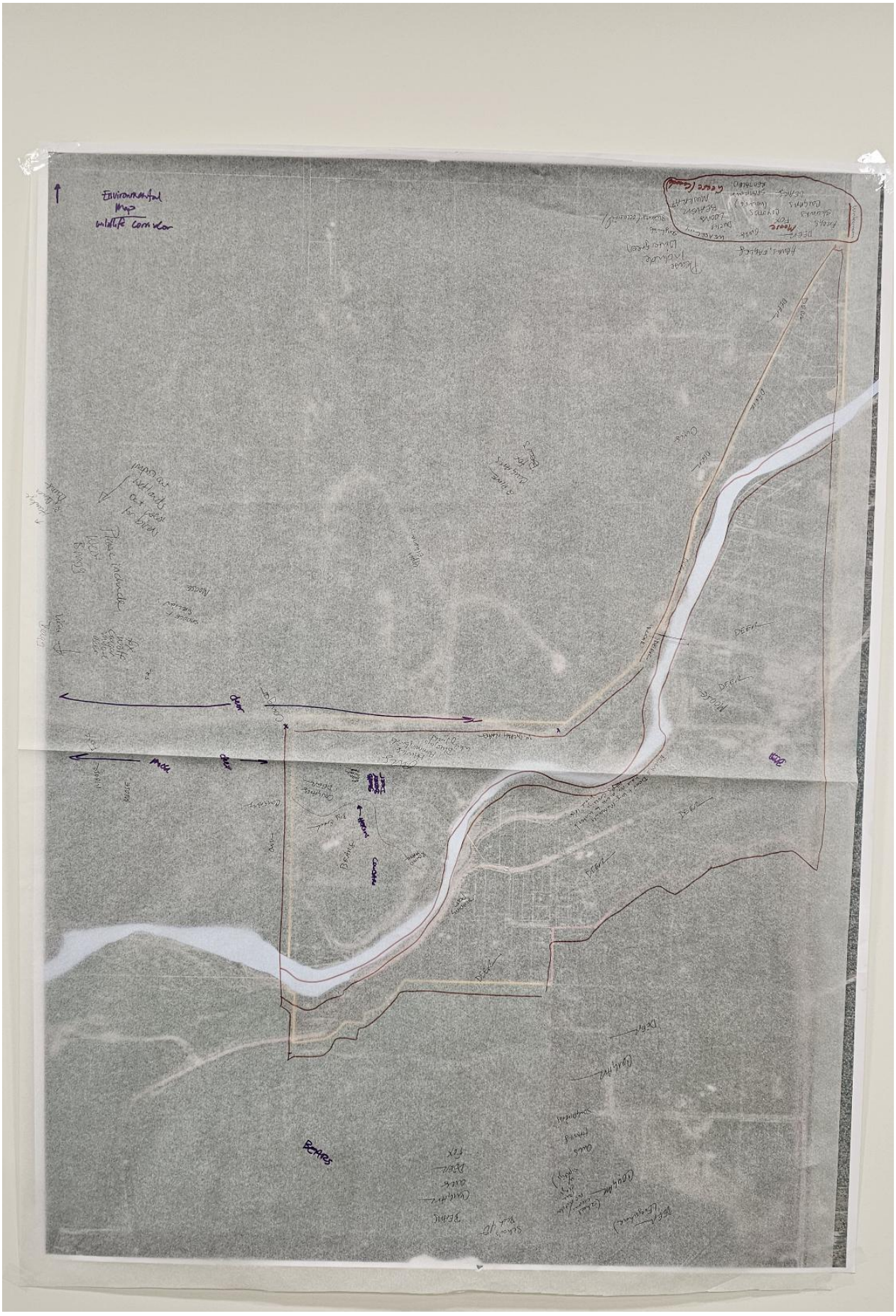
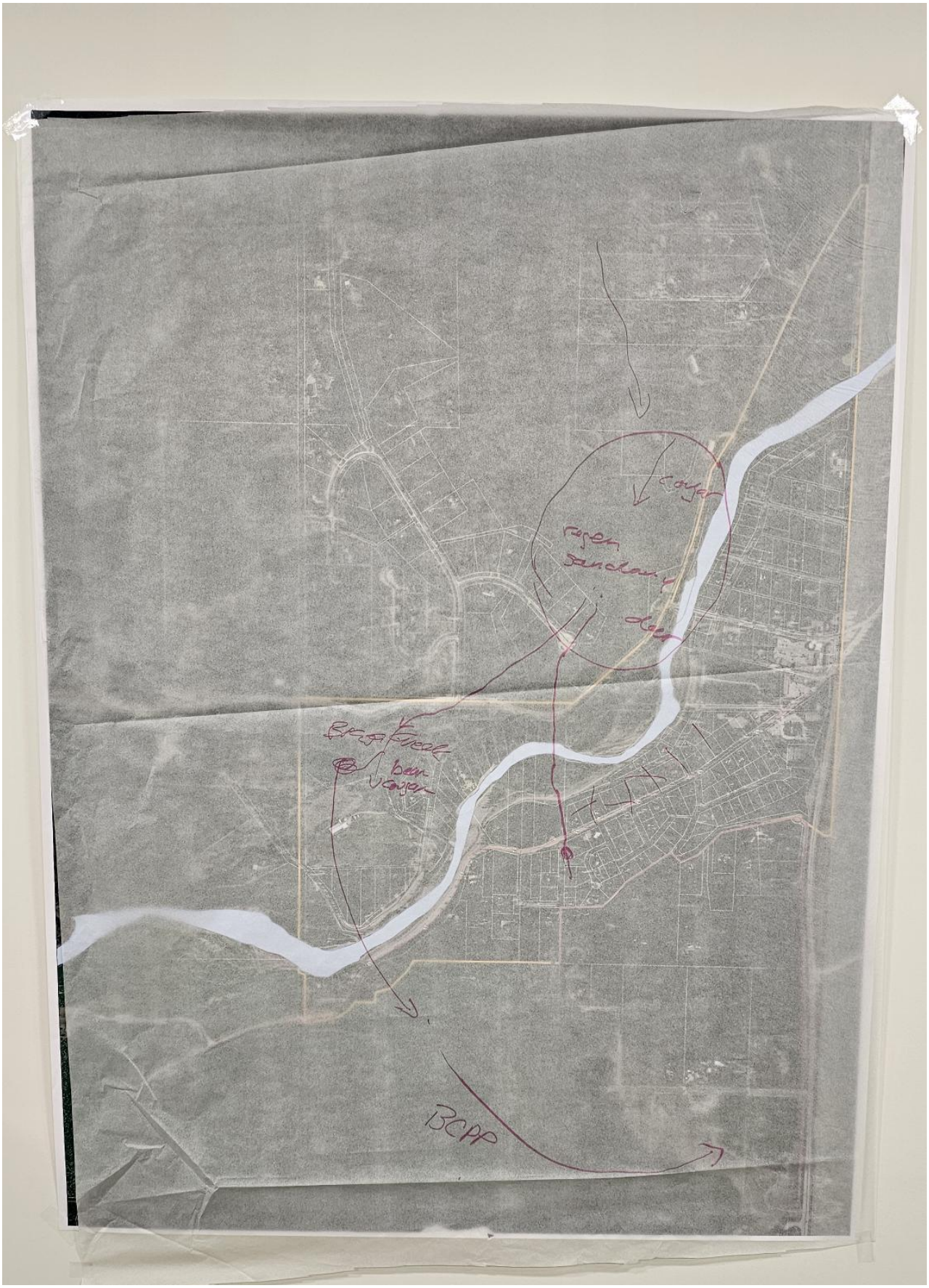

This is a wilderness area - NO WILDLIFE CORRIDOR WOULD WORK
NO FENCING
NO LANDSCAPING
WILDLIFE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE FREELY


Environmental Map
wildlife corridor
deer
moose
bears
DEER
MOOSE
BEARS


BCAP

Question 2: In areas where development is occurring, how else can we support habitat connectivity? Think: fencing, landscaping, speed limits.

Less /no fencing enables movement. Consider can animals and humans share corridors and pathways or should they be separate?
When building trails, do not use asphalt, use dirt, rocks. Not too much lighting either
Leave right away corridors with trees bushes to deter
No fences as in Red Wood Meadows
Dirt, not asphalt trails
Redwood & Elbow Valley do NOT allow fences around your yard - a great idea!
If paths, less sidewalk & more natural and wider, dirt or grass trail (not paved)
less or lower lights, lights dimmer (no bright signs or lights, dim is OK)
Strict regulations to manage fences - Best e.g., Redwood Meadows
Dark Sky policy
Pets are known to run free through neigbourhood, chase wildlife - Have dog pens/fences/ pet policies
Speed limits
Possible animal crossings - but with that we would need fences along the road, it will be costly and you would need lots. Also, could trap animals in zones.
Wild Friendly fencing
Sensor signs to show an animal is crossing the road, esp. key areas such as Paintball to Redwood. - Same as HYY 93 used for Elk
Wildlife Bridge or tunnels to allow wildlife to move without causing collisions and death
Case studies "How do other communities define themselves with wildlife"
Municipal reserve = environmental reserve
Less general fencing or at least openings in fences for animal crossing areas.
Speed limits are essential, and having reminder signs with notification of holes.
Speed limits.
Fences are problematic for wildlife.
Indigenous landscaping (bunnies)
Signs that flash with sensors.
Wildlife friendly fences.
Natural bridges.
Remapping factor, to existing data by Bragg Creek environmental Coalition, Bragg Creek Wild, Mistakis, Connely Report.
Consider County repair study.

Use the recommendations of the Vision Committe for the wildlife connectivity.
Use local mapping & data collection. Consult BCEC, BCW, ERWP, ALCES
Flashing animal presence signs.
Educational signage.
Actively close certain areas after a specific time.
On County lands - municipal reserves are a fire hazard.
County talks about firesmart but does not remove dead wood/fallen/falling timber.
One fire with wind push, we are the next Jasper.
Infrastructure-water-sewer-gas
Use existing maps ad studies as a guide - don't just do high level assumptions.
Dark skies policy - absolutely no street lighting please.

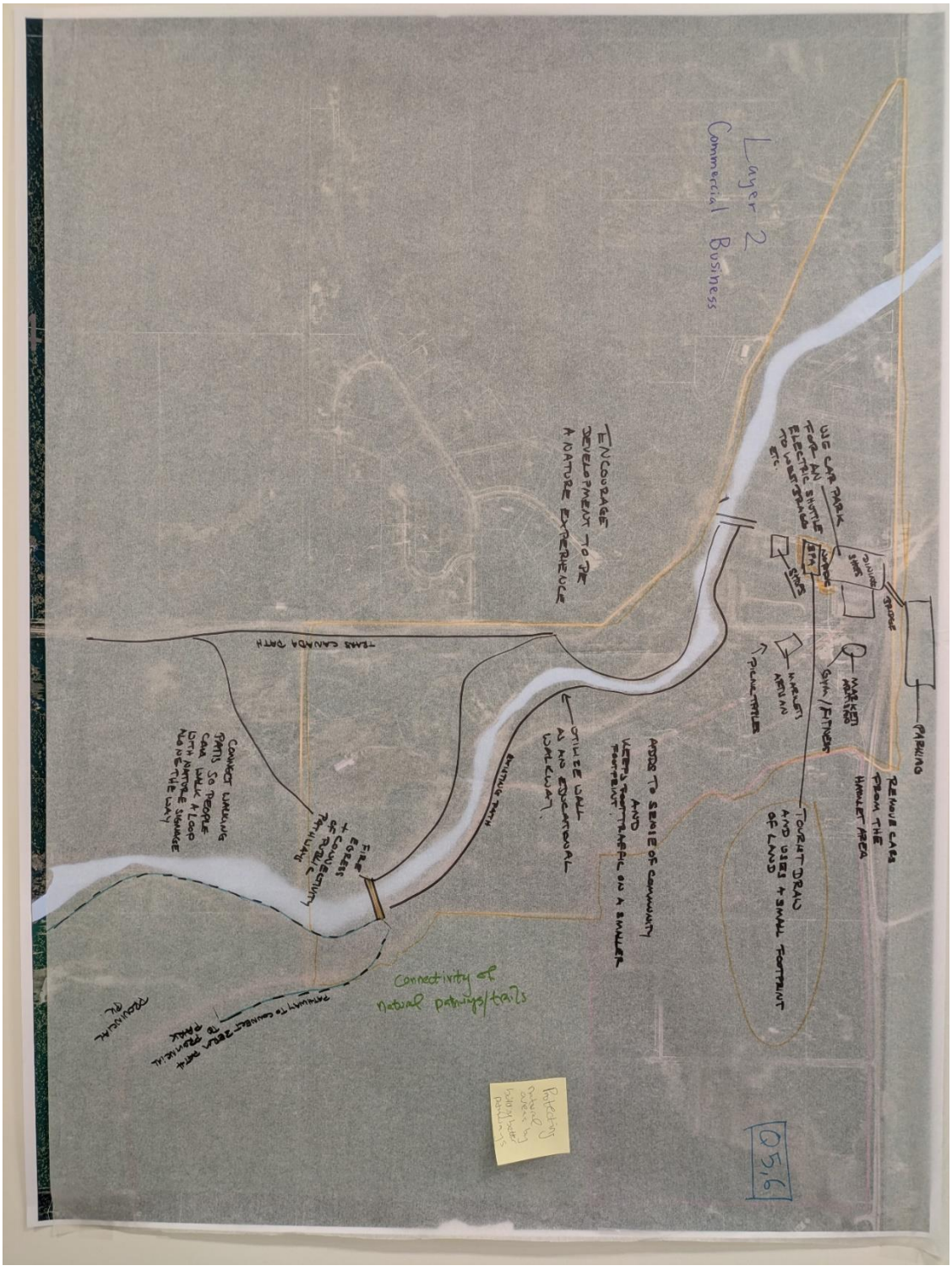
Question 3: How could environmental safeguards be used to protect natural assets around the hamlet of Bragg Creek?

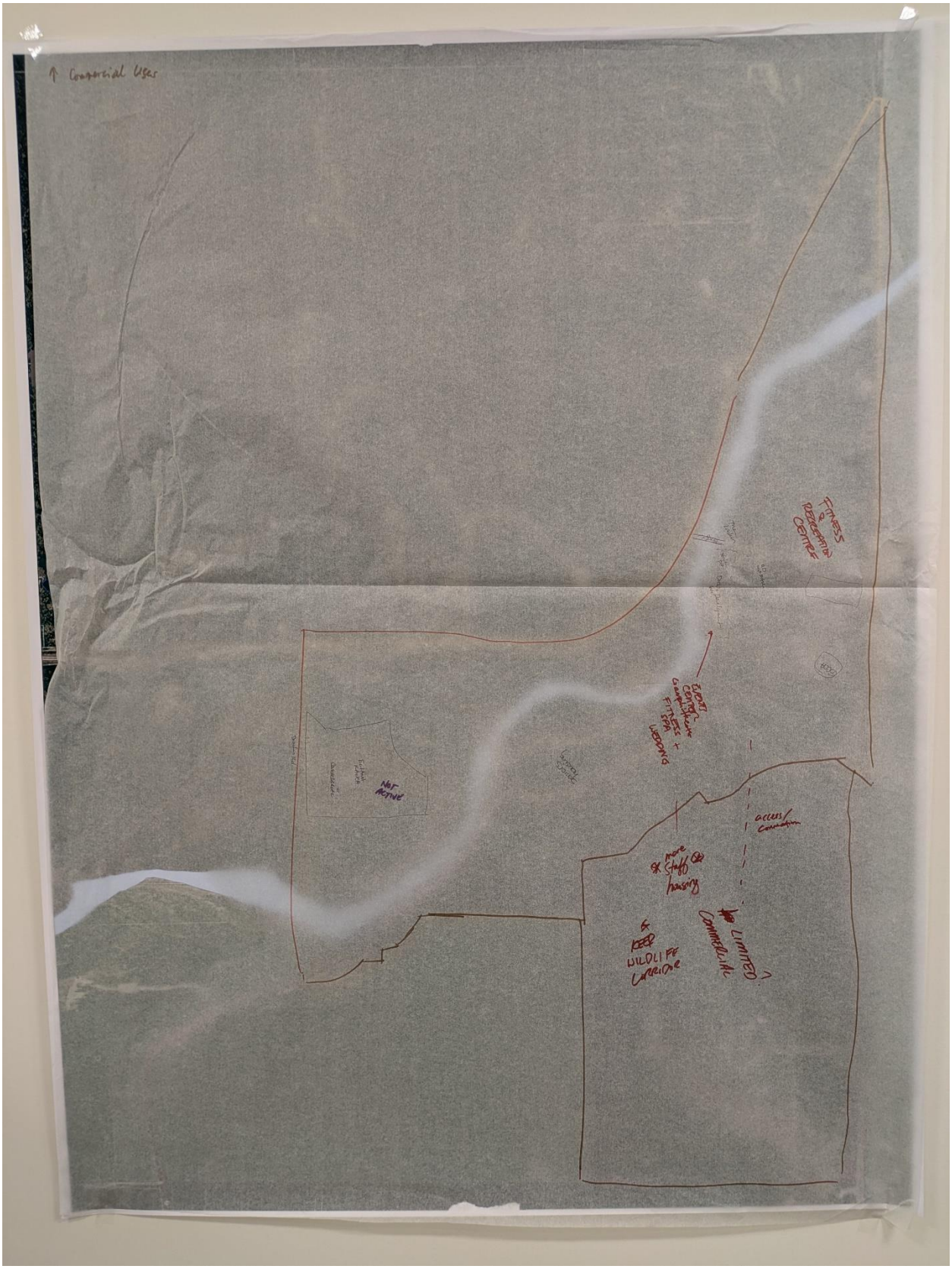
Think about natural drainage (or flooding, ponds) and keeping those capabilities
Rocks/boulders on the berm are hazardous, how can we modify this to enable better access for deer, animals, humans.
I don't know. Speed limit is important
Types of plants but we want animals not get rid of them.
Access to water from the berm, paths for deer to get to the water, places for ducks to stop with their young.
Extend riparian areas
Plant fire retardant trees and vegetation
Limiting lot size for development
Garbage, mgmt., bird feeder, landscape road
Ramp access for animals to the berm and river (for water).
Limits on deforestation.
Tree cutting and brushing policy (FireSmart).
Provide river access to wildfire.
Bird feed policy. Canmore check.
Sustainable vegetation management.
Garbage bylaw.
Permeable roads and parking lots.
Bird friendly window coverings.
Berm/rock.
Animals moving from pile south get injured.
Redwood.
Tree cutting policy.
Sustainable mgmt.
Garbage bylaw/bear-proof container.
Permeable roads.
Expand the Riparian Buffer.
Clearly identifying environmental services.
Restore development on flood plan and flood bridge.
Bird safe window coverings.
Dark skies concept.
Fencing that doesn't harm wildlife.
Access for wildlife to river for drinking. Rocks flood mitigation is currently a barrier.

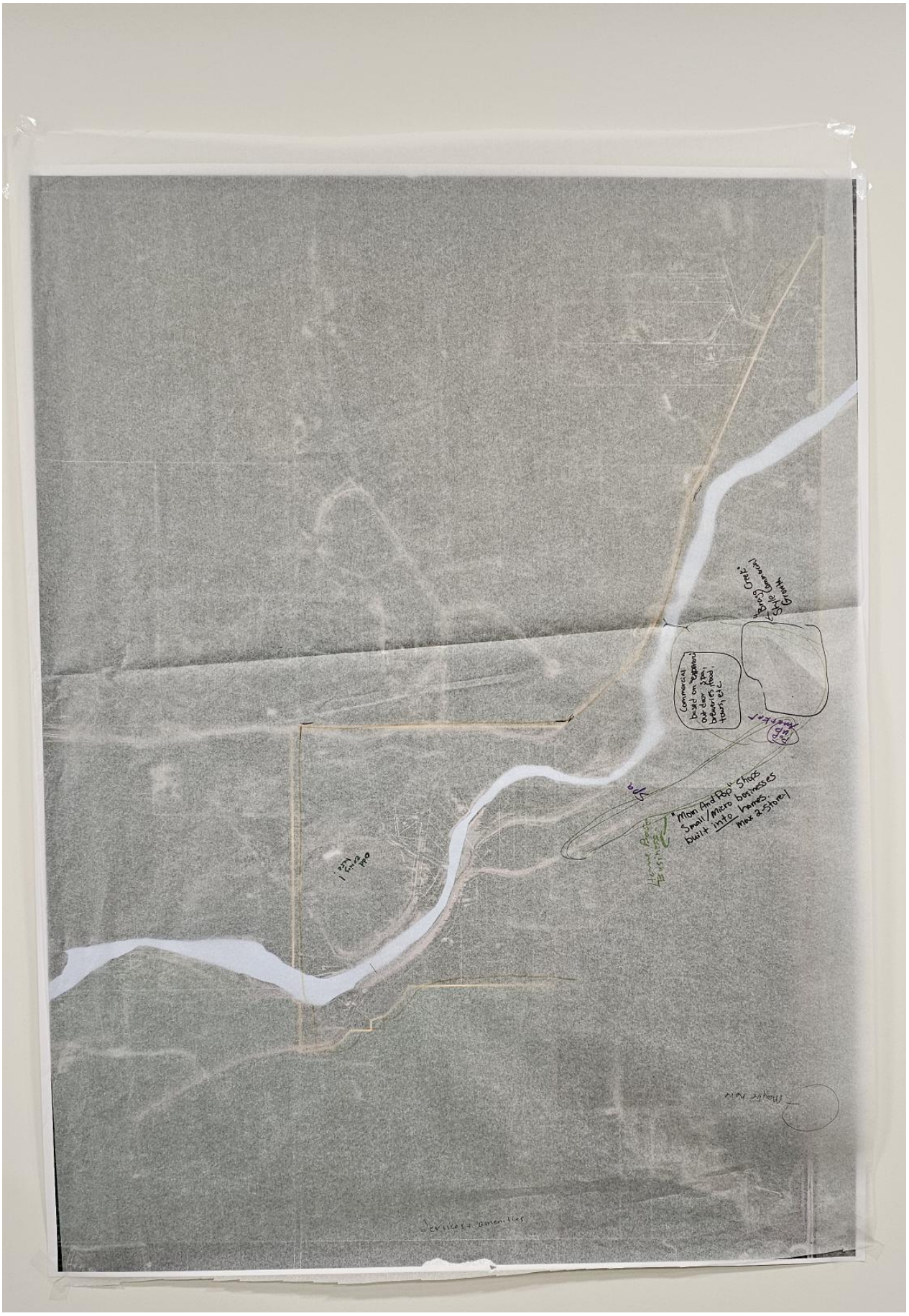
Make firesmart mandatory. Provide fire fighting resources in advance. Provide training for managing all risks.
Do not accept environmental assessments contracted and paid for by the developers as the gauge of whether there is environmental risk.
Establish & safegaurd the orchid preserve proposed for the Elbow River watershed in Bragg Creek.
Accommodate stormwater management. Land needs to be set aside to absorb flood water.
All language should be "must and shall" to protect the environment, the wildlife, architectural standards rather than suggestive language like "may and should".

Question 4: Use the map below displaying commercial zones in the hamlet as a reference guide for the group activity. What areas would you identify as commercial areas in Bragg Creek? AND

Question 5: Below is a list of services and amenities that one of the technical studies – the Commercial Demands Study – identified as services that are needed in Bragg Creek. In your group, please identify where you would put these on the map using the number indicated.



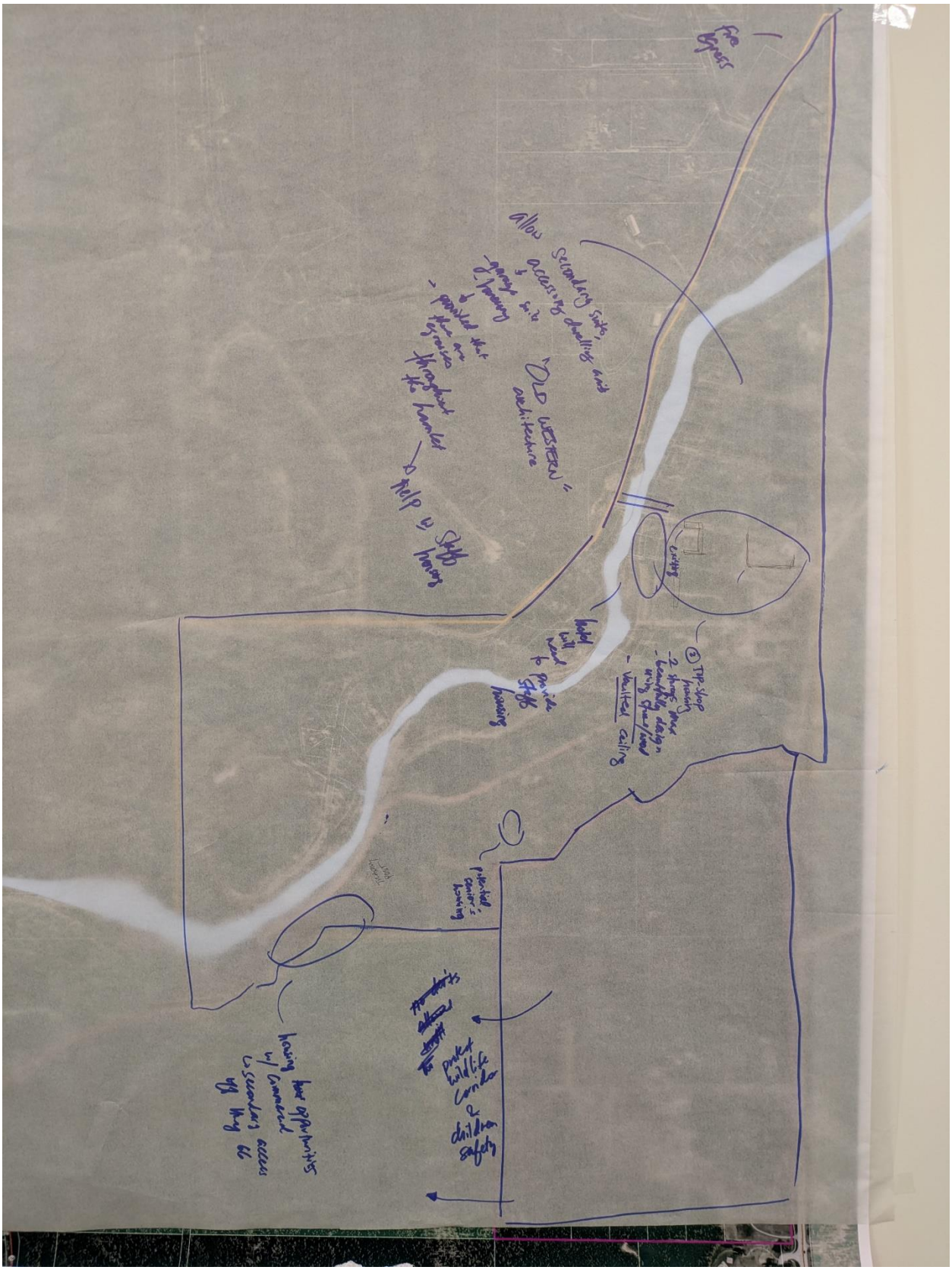

↑ Commercial Uses
FITNESS & RECREATION CENTRE
EVENT CENTER Complimentary FITNESS + SPA WEDDING
NOT ACTIVE
access/ connection
more Staff housing
KEEP WILDLIFE CORRIDOR
LIMITED COMMERCIAL ?


"Brazg Creek" Style Commercial Growth
Commercial based on "expansion" out door spa, breweries, food, tours, etc.
Spa
"Mom And Pop" Shops Small/Micro businesses built into homes. Max 2-Storey
Services + amenities

Question 6: What additional services and amenities would you like to see? If you have a specific area in mind for these services and amenities, please mark it on the map with your group.

What if White Ave (also known as "Heritage Mile") was all home-based business, but built/re-designed in a way that "mom and pop" or micro shops are built right into homes. Think unique, a totally different feel than the commercial centre of town.
Recording studio, spas, home based professional services
Overall more is not really needed, we should support what we have (e.g., a second pharmacy is not needed)
Spa, Fine bakery/deli - - Let's support what we have first
Professional Home Based - Insurance, Legal, Investment, Artistant, Woodshop, Music, Teachers, Recording studio
Between Redwood & Bragg emergency services? Or bring more people you will need more emergency services.
Does this take into the development between Redwood & Bragg by the Tsuut'ina Nation
A nordic spa to use a small land footprint and at the same time enjoy being in nature.
THOUGHT - Provide the experience without overuse and erosion of natural areas; the reason people come in the first place.
Fire Station , Emergency Services, RCMP
Waste water treatment limitations that will impact amount of development that is possible.
Fiber optic internet.
Allow / encourage secondary suites/granny suites to add affordable housing while maintaining a ken space that is protected.
The common (Europe).
Fiber optic connection.
Taxi.
Outdoor stage.
Small info centre with public washrooms.
Worried about not enough water for ore growth, especially in summer.
Concerned about stormwater management. We need to allow space for this infrastructure.
Worried about emergency egress (lack of)
Public transit with bike racks.
Storm waste management.
Benches along the berm.
Paved pathway loops.
Gravel parking lots (along White Ave).
We have everything we need. Please don't turn us into Cochrane or Canmore.

Question 7: Use the example topologies on the previous page and the map below of the hamlet as a reference guide for the group activity. What types of housing would you choose to locate in the hamlet, and where would you place them?



Berm create challenges for wildlife corridor.

Transportation be addressed prior to additional commercial uses.

Servicing for development is lacking
→ carrying capacity - water.

To maintain hamlet characteristics, commercial should not be expanded.

Articultural Control w/in the ASP shall be enforced.
→ policy reqs

The Pitch ER - Bragg Crew Wild ← to be consultated.
- Env.

West of hamlet area is important to the ASP.

Contrast b/w tourism vs. env.

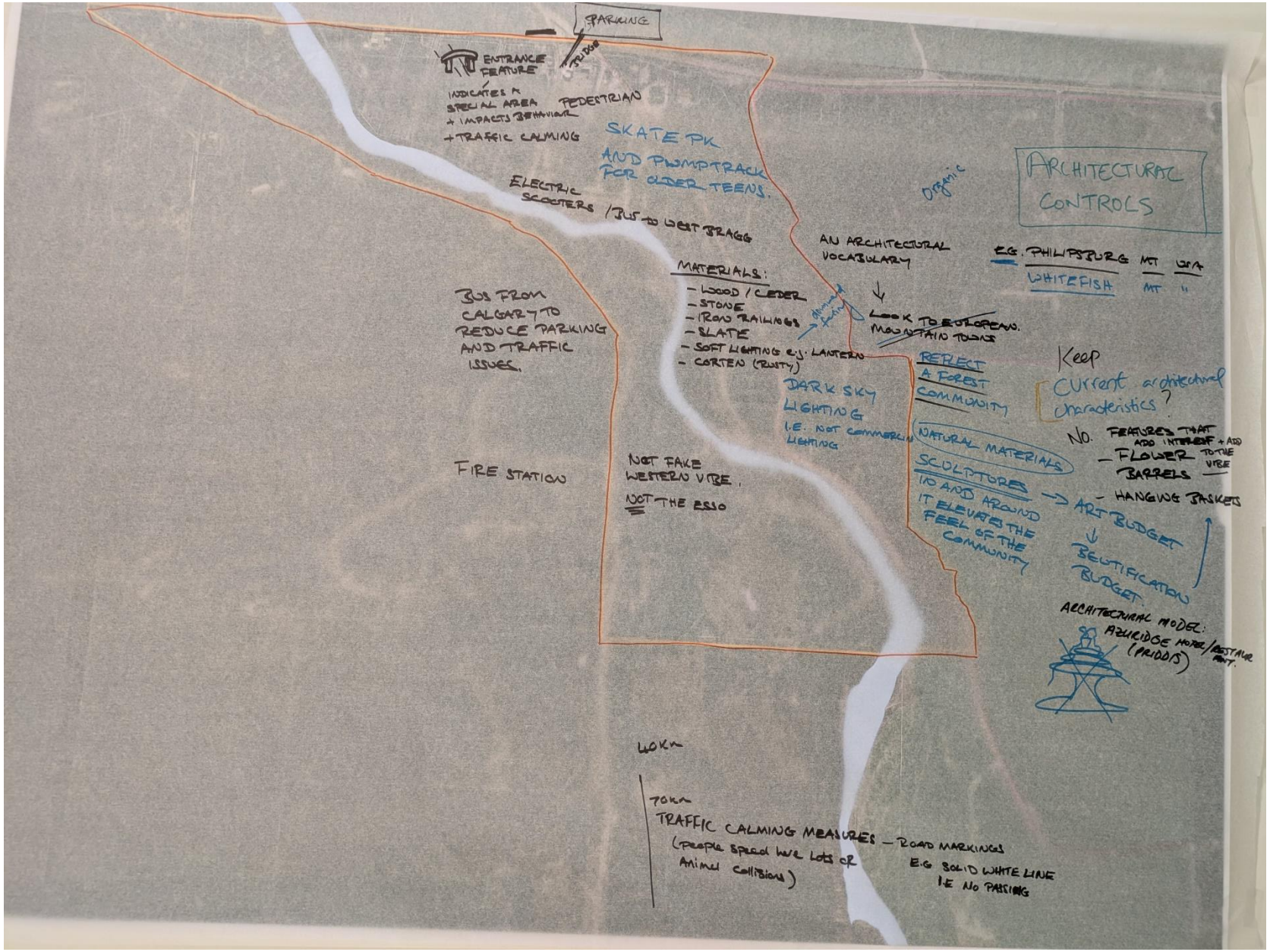
Shall statement for Articultural Control.

Question 8: Do you believe these design standards are currently being reflected in the hamlet?

Yes	Somewhat	No
3	4	2

Question 9: What architectural features of Bragg Creek do you like currently?

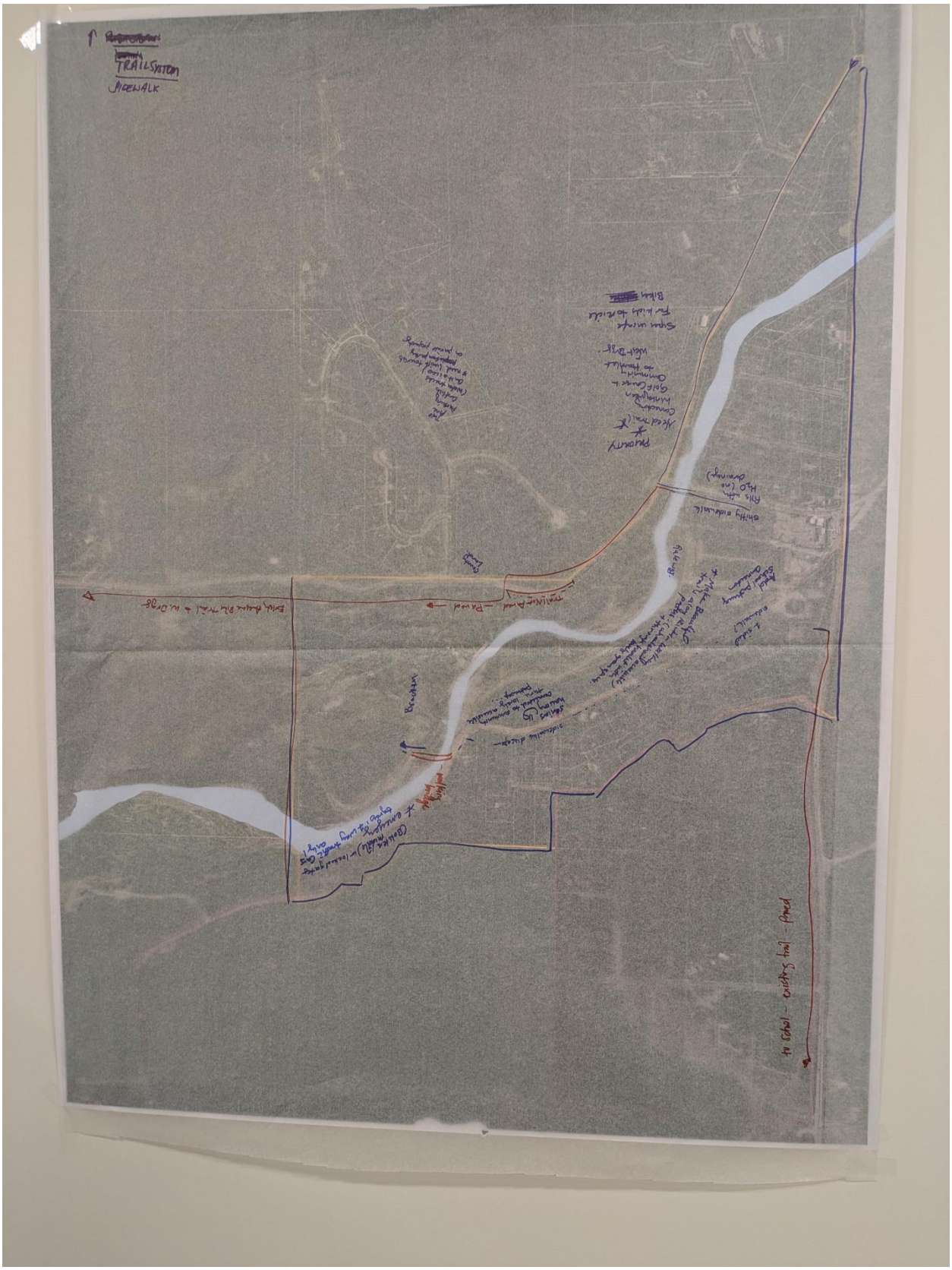
Old West! Keep the theme of old west and a Heritage Town.
None - Fake western vibe. Should move to sophisticated community living in the woods.
Wood/Stone/Slate/Corten (rusty metal)
Max the height to avoid shadow areas like downtown Calgary
Do not like the Esso gas station
Natural materials, stone, stucco, hard board, tile roots.
Follow previous design guidelines.
Old timey-small scale western character.
The architectural standards for the new ASP needs to have teeth and be strictly applied.

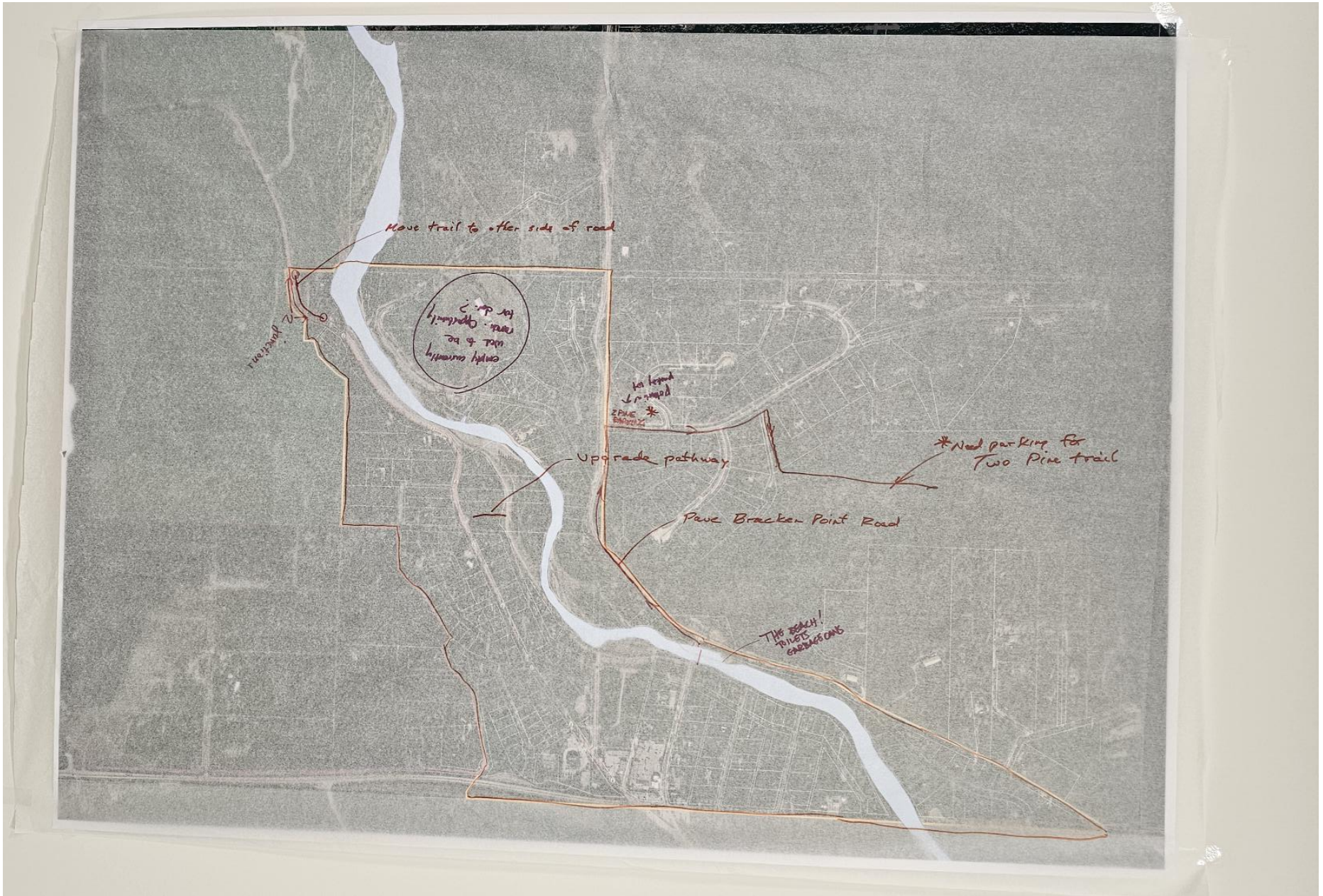

PARKING
ENTRANCE FEATURE
INDICATES A SPECIAL AREA + IMPACTS BEHAVIOR + TRAFFIC CALMING
PEDESTRIAN
SKATE PK AND PUMPTRACK FOR OLDER TEENS.
ELECTRIC SCOOTERS / BUS TO WEST BRAGG
BUS FROM CALGARY TO REDUCE PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES.
FIRE STATION
NOT FAKE WESTERN VIBE.
NOT THE ESSO
MATERIALS:
- WOOD / CEDER
- STONE
- IRON RAILINGS
- SLATE
- SOFT LIGHTING e.g. LANTERN
- CORTEN (RUSTY)
AN ARCHITECTURAL VOCABULARY
LOOK TO EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN TOWNS
DARK SKY LIGHTING
I.E. NOT COMMERCIAL LIGHTING
REFLECT A FOREST COMMUNITY
NATURAL MATERIALS
SCULPTURES IN AND AROUND IT ELEVATES THE FEEL OF THE COMMUNITY
ARCHITECTURAL CONTROLS
E.G. PHILIPSBURG MT USA
WHITEFISH MT "
Keep Current architectural characteristics?
NO.
FEATURES THAT ADD INTEREST + ADD TO THE VIBE
- FLOWER BARRELS
- HANGING BASKETS
ART BUDGET
BEAUTIFICATION BUDGET
ARCHITECTURAL MODEL: AZURIDGE HOTEL / RESTAURANT (PRIDDIS)
40km
70km
TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES: (people speed here lots of Animal collisions)
- ROAD MARKINGS
E.G SOLID WHITE LINE I.E NO PASSING

Question 10: Are there other architectural features you think should be included? If there are, what architectural features should future buildings in Bragg Creek incorporate? How can these design standards support the existing local character?

Mountain Community look & feel, NOT so urban looking
Have new buildings take advantage of natural materials, stone, logs, etc.
No, like the wood based architecture
Fire proof exteriors.
Sprinkler systems (to create vapor domes).
Firesafe materials.
Solar panels.
Sprinkler systems.
Vapor domes.
Cowboy mile-county
To hold the current designs as the required looks.
The proposed Laslin doesn't follow this on the Esso.
To keep building to 2 storey max. 3 storey in some locations.
Compatibility with existing development.
Fire suppression/sprinkler system.

Question 11: The map below indicates the current trail system in Bragg Creek. Using this map as a reference please draw places where you think trails should be added to the system on your table map as a group.




Move trail to other side of road
Upgrade pathway
*Need parking for Two Pine trail
Pave Bracken Point Road


Building height limit to tree height 2-3 stay max
more trails!
trail loop!
trail loop! connector to existing
trail
trail

Question 12: Please rank the following recreation amenities (1 - 7) that were suggested by participants in the prior survey.

Workbook Response	Swimming pool	Ski Hill	Off leash dog park	Pedestrian pathway/ recreational trails	Library	Gathering spaces	Indoor skating rink
1		5	3	1		2	4
2			1	2		3	
3			1				
4			1	1			
5				1	1	1	
6	1	3	7	5	2	6	4
7	4	7	5	6	1	2	3
8	2		1	4		3	
9	4	7	3	1	5	2	6
10	6		1	2		3	
11				1		2	
12					1		
Average	3.4	5.5	2.75	2.75	2.25	2.875	4.25

Question 13: Would you like to see specific policies relating to wildfire mitigation added to the ASP?

Yes	No
13	0

Question 14: What should the County consider when creating policies relating to wildfire mitigation?

Tree species limit some. Not pushing plantings that burn too well, instead focus on aspen and less on spruce.
Encourage fire resistant building material for houses
Implement nature base features that prevent fire: wetland, introduce Beavers, encourage planting of aspen type trees
Create a committee to recommend natural approaches
Ask Jasper
Second Road out
Walking bridge over river between round hall and trading post, put barriers that can be removed for emergency exit
Need to avoid cutting down trees!
Can they instead be trimmed to a very high height
Fire proof roofing and sprinklers
Those that live out here need to be aware of cleaning their properties, burning garbage

Firesmart
Insurance liability (or lack of insurance coverage) due to threat of wildfires.
Evacuation plans for community.
Winter rescues/management.
Fire proof exteriors.
Sprinkler systems.
No wood shingles or vinyl.
Should have five suppression sprinkles on all new builds.
Emergency egress.
Building standards.
Establish risk management program with Provincial support.
Any new building proposal should be required to have fire suppression/sprinkler systems.
No cedar shakes on roof for any future building or roof replacement.

Question 15: What should the County consider when updating the Bragg Creek ASP?

Prioritize housing for local workers and seniors
County Investment in Emergency Response - Fire (egress) Smoke (clean -air buildings)
Tsuut'ina Nation - What are their plans?
Water, sewer & emergency services
No big developments and big hotels, small hotels are ok.
More information on transportation - I am very concerned at how this will be built out.
Geographic features
Waste water treatment capacity.
Consult Bragg Creek Historical Society on Historical Information Centre.
The 2007 GBC ASP is excellent so keep it and add to it for the hamlet.
Ensure alignment with MDP.
Water - river flow is declining.
2009 bylaw.
Bragg Creek Historial Society - Tim Kemp.
Glacial feature up the hill to school - pumps are busy, stuff ends up downtown.
Include mandatory riparian uffers along the river and Bragg Creek.
Recognize Bragg Creek is unique.
Recognize environmental restrictions.
Recognize water and sewer restrictions.
Recognize sustainability of exisiting businesses.