






INDICATOR

HOW ARE WE DOING?


POLICY AREA 1: URBAN CONTAINMENT AND RURAL PROTECTION

1.1	Rural land rezoned		Doing much better: only 17 hectares rural land ‘rezoned’ to non-rural from 2011 to 2015; the previous five years we rezoned 178 hectares
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POLICY AREA 2: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

2.1	Change in amount of ALR Land		Doing well: +0.04% since 2011 despite development pressure
2.2	Agricultural Employment		Doing OK: down from 8% to 6% of all employment; a slower decline than the Okanagan Valley or provincial averages
2.3	Average Farm Profitability (% profit on each dollar spent)		Doing well: Up from 8% to 11%, 2006 to 2011
2.4	Diversity of farmland under cultivation by crop type		Baseline²: Diversity index: 0.23; 87% of farmland is forage or pasture land
2.5	Diversity of farms by type		Making progress: farm diversity is high and increasing: 0.80 to 0.81, 2006 to 2011

POLICY AREA 3: WATER STEWARDSHIP

3.1	Installation of Water Meters		Doing great: 100% of households, businesses and agricultural operations have meter installed in Vernon, Armstrong, Coldstream, Lumby and 97.4% in Enderby
3.2	Water Quality Alerts		Doing well: From 2006-2016 water quality alerts decreased overall. Large water utilities decreased from 11 advisories to 1.
3.3	Water used per connection for major utilities		Baseline: Much of our regional population and industry receive water from a handful of major utilities.
3.4	Groundwater Levels: % of observations wells showing increase/decrease in annual average levels		Possibly improving: Increased an average of 0.4 metres overall with 78% of wells showing an increase from 2011 to 2016; however, average levels are still down more than a meter since 2001.

POLICY AREA 4: ENVIRONMENT

4.1	Hectares of land categorized as ‘natural’, ‘open-space’, and ESL under protection status		Baseline: In 2015, over 120,000 hectares of land in the Region were under protection through park designation or as an “Environmentally Sensitive Area”.
4.2	Hectares of land in the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (SEI) classified as ‘non-sensitive’		Baseline: As of 2016, we have about 33,000 hectares entered into our SEI; 1.8% of that land is classed “non-sensitive”, or already developed.
4.3	Annual tonnes per capita of waste sent to landfill		Doing great: decreased from 0.68 to 0.47 tonnes (31%) from 2006 to 2015; achieved target (0.55 tonnes per capita) in 2013.
4.4	Air quality: Annual average levels of Particulate Matter smaller than 2.5 microns (PM _{2.5})		Not too well: Since 2012, PM _{2.5} levels have exceeded the BC Air Quality Planning Goal’s threshold of 6 micrograms/m ³ by between 0.8 and 3.3 micrograms/m ³

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4.5 Tonnes of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs) annually	 Doing OK: 2010 levels are +0.1% over 2007 despite a 5% population increase; however, the goal is 15% reduction from 2007 levels by 2020
POLICY AREA 5: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
5.1 Employment growth	 Not too well: Employment decreased between 2006 and 2011 by 1.6% despite population increase of 5.6%.
5.2 Capital investment per land use	 Doing well: Total value of building permits was \$194 million in 2015, up from \$166 million in 2011.
5.3 Amount of vacant employment lands	 Baseline: Approximately 215 hectares of vacant industrial land and 36 hectares of vacant commercial land.
5.4 Median household income	 Doing OK: Median household income increased from 2006 to 2011 by \$6600, at the same rate as household income increased across the province.
5.5 Range of employment	 Baseline: Employment is distributed across a number of sectors including tourism, health care, construction and manufacturing, and agriculture.
POLICY AREA 6: TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
6.1 Mode share	 Some progress: From 2006 to 2011 there was a drop in the proportion of commuters going by automobile – 90% to 88.6%.
6.2 Active transportation infrastructure (bike routes and sidewalks) built as proportion of all transportation infrastructure	 Doing OK: Since 2011, 55% of all transportation infrastructure built was for active transportation (sidewalks and bike routes), which is higher than the cumulative average (51%).
6.3 Transit Ridership	 Doing OK: Annual ridership in 2015 is 565,000 trips, 14% higher than 2010, but lower than the 2014 high of 586,000 annual trips.
POLICY AREA 7: HOUSING	
7.1 Residential housing mix	 Doing OK: Have about the same mix of housing types as 5 years ago; fewer single family detached units (59%) are being built than the current mix (67%).
7.2 Housing availability	 Declining: Since 2010, there have been steadily fewer homes available for sale and rent.
7.3 Housing affordability	 Doing OK: The percent of unaffordable households has remained steady between 2001 and 2011 at 28% but median household prices have increased significantly.
7.4 People in core housing need	 Doing poorly: Overall percentage of households in core housing need has remained the same (~12%) but the number is on the rise, increasing by 125 households from 2006 to 2011.